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IS IT RED OR GREEN?...Police stand by last Friday at the intersection of East Broad and Elm Street after the traffic signal was apparently struck by a motorist. Pedestrians also an adventure trying to walk around the signal.

COMMITTEE TO MAKE FULL REPORT TO COUNCIL, REC. COMMISSION

Ad Hoc Committee Reviews Options On Spending 'Pocket Park' Funds

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Many Westfield residents were present at a special ad hoc committee meeting last Thursday, called by Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, to discuss options for using the \$100,000 matching funds grant specifically given to improve and create parks in Union County.

These dollar-for-dollar grants, which were awarded to all 21 municipalities in Union County, were given to representatives at the Union

County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting that same night.

Originally, the money for Westfield was to be used to create a pocket park on the former Excellent Diner site, located on North Avenue.

Recently, Stella Lekas, the owner, had come forward with her plans to create a three-story building on that site. Plans for the building include retail space on the first floor and office space on the upper two floors.

First Ward Councilman Gregory

S. McDermott told the audience that the evening's meeting was designed to give all Westfield residents a chance to give their opinions about how the money should be spent.

He said it was a forum for the people of Westfield to present their ideas and that it was "not intended for discussions and not a place where decisions would be made."

Mr. McDermott said that the ad hoc committee would then share all of the ideas presented with the Westfield Recreation Department and the full council.

Among the ideas discussed was the prospective replacement of the overlook at Mindowaskin Park which, according to Nancy Priest, a member of the Friends of Mindowaskin Park, is a designated historic spot.

Marty Silverman, Vice President of the Optimist Club, suggested that the money be used to obtain better playground equipment. He proffered that the current equipment doesn't offer much to children over five years old.

He said he thought it would be a good idea to put together a "community-built play structure that stimulated imagination." He also emphasized that the design of the tentative play structure would be based on children's ideas, with members of the community supplying the labor to build it.

Mr. Silverman cited a Bridgewater model as the latest example of a community-made play structure. He stated the 37,000-square-foot play area cost a total of \$85,000 and included such features as a fire station and police station for imaginative play.

George Giresi, from the Westfield Police Athletic League's Football League, Nick Gismondi from the Westfield Baseball League, Bob Lynes from the Westfield Soccer Association, Mark Sollar, Head Umpire from

the Men's Softball League, and other concerned citizens all stated that the playing fields in Westfield were in desperate need of maintenance.

They told members of the ad hoc committee that soccer fields needed to be regraded and baseball fields required the planting of sod. Those who spoke on behalf of the fields stated that they wanted to make these areas presentable and safe.

Former Westfield Councilman Donnell Carr, who represented the Paul Robeson Centennial Committee, asked that funds be used for creation of a memorial park in honor of Mr. Robeson, a singer, actor and civil rights leader who lived in Westfield from 1907 to 1910.

He stated that the Robeson family lived on the corner of Watterson Street (then called Spring Street) and Rahway Avenue, and suggested that a marker, bench and some greenery be placed at that location.

Former Third Ward Westfield Councilman Kenneth B. MacRitchie also stated that a park in honor of Mr. Robeson would be a good idea. He added that the Lincoln School playground should replace its horse swings with toddler swings because of safety issues.

Representatives from The New England Village and Tamaques Park Association, who recently celebrated their 50th anniversary, suggested that funds be used to dredge the pond at the park, as well as the brook adjacent to it.

Many other citizens voiced their opinions concerning improvements to area parks, including Noreen Lund, who is running for a Third Ward council seat in the upcoming General Election.

Finally, Michael La Place, Director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, expressed concern about using the grant money for any project other than preserving space in the

Council Appropriates \$200,000 for Storm Cleanup; Teens Rip Council Over Demolition of Dirt Mounds

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

In response to the Labor Day storm which knocked out power to most of the town, the Westfield Town Council Tuesday night approved a \$200,000 appropriation for storm-related expenses sustained by the town.

Costs incurred by the town include overtime for employees and the lease of a grinder at the town's Conservation Center for grinding storm debris.

Officials said the appropriation will be offset by state and federal funds.

In fact, State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, a Scotch Plains resident, has submitted a request to the state Department of Transportation (DOT) for aid to communities that sustained storm damage, including Westfield.

These towns have submitted storm damage expenses to the DOT totaling a half million dollars.

At last week's Union County Freeholder meeting, John A. Griffith, Regional Public Affairs Manager for the Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) company, told the board that the power outages caused by the storm were the worst in PSE&G's territory in 30 years.

Matt Riego, Business Performance Leader with the public utility, said over 200 primary power lines were downed in the county from the storm.

While some residents have been critical of the response from PSE&G, officials said utility company personnel were out on the road right after the storm hit to assess damage and

prioritize where crews were needed. Several trucks were dispatched to Westfield the day of the storm.

The utility called in help from out of state in addition to crews from around New Jersey. More than 300 hotel rooms were booked in the area for PSE&G crews.

While town officials last week noted the damage was widespread, the south side of town — particularly in the area of Shadowlawn Drive, Shackamaxon Road and Scotch Plains Avenue — was hardest hit.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim noted in a town-wide letter sent out Monday that 1,000 trees were downed or damaged. Some homes were still without telephone or cable television service as of Monday.

Town Engineer and Director of Public Works Kenneth B. Marsh told *The Westfield Leader* Tuesday that DPW crews have been working from early morning until dusk, seven days a week, since the storm occurred. This will be the last weekend that crews will be out cleaning up.

In other business, teenagers who set up an obstacle course in a wooded area off of Dunham Avenue were critical of the town's decision to demolish dirt hills and ramps they had created.

Matthew Borchin of Cowperthwaite Place said he and his friends were "confused" and "surprised" by the town's bulldozing of the dirt mounds.

Mayor Jardim, who took responsibility for the town's action, said the teenagers were entitled to a "fair hearing" before the Recreation Com-

mission.

He later said, at the request of council members, that Recreation Director Glenn Burrell will be con-

tacted to meet with the youngsters to see if the sport can be organized as a Recreation Commission activity.

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William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader

HARD HIT...Coleman Place was hard hit by last week's storm with a number of trees blown down by the high winds from the Labor Day weather crisis. The winds were clocked in some areas of the county at 100-miles-per-hour.

Realty Company Gains Approval for Expansion Of Former Honeywell Building on Springfield Ave.

By BOBBIE BALDASSARI TURSI
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Planning Board granted two site plan approvals and a variance for a minor subdivision

Monday night following thorough presentations by the applicants.

Etnor Realty Company, Inc and Conjoy Realty Company, Inc. had each requested a mix of variances along with site plan approval.

Etnor Partners, LLC, the owners of Etnor Realty Company, Inc. located at 574 Springfield Avenue, sought approval to construct a two-story addition to an existing two-story office building, along with parking lot and driveway modifications. The Planning Board approved the application contingent on the satisfaction of some minor conditions.

Steve Santola, a Westfield-based attorney representing Etnor Part-

ners, LLC, opened by explaining to the board the applicant's intention. "Our plan is to expand, renovate and improve the erstwhile Honeywell Building," said Mr. Santola, who then displayed a rendering of the proposed building, which would be used as professional office space.

"You have done a very nice job in enhancing this building," stated Kenneth B. Marsh, Town Engineer and a member of the board.

Mr. Santola then introduced expert witness Lance Blake, a licensed New Jersey architect. Mr. Blake outlined the applicant's reasons for the planned major renovations.

"This building was originally built

in the 1970s, and was specifically designed for Honeywell's own purposes back then," he explained. "The building is not conducive to our needs as a professional office building," he added.

"We are proposing additional square footage of approximately 45,000 square feet, which will require major structural changes," Mr. Blake continued.

"We will be gutting the building and bringing it down to its skeletal structure," the architect stated. "We will be constructing new stairwells, elevators, bathrooms and major aesthetic changes such as a dramatically

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FestiFall Street Fair Scheduled For Sunday in Downtown Area

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the ninth annual "FestiFall" Street Fair in downtown Westfield for this Sunday, September 20, from noon until 6 p.m. The rain date will be Sunday, September 27.

The festival will offer family fun, with art, crafts, food, music and children's activities. Admission is free.

Entertainment will include two jazz bands, a storyteller for children and a performance by an electric violinist. Musical entertainers will also stroll the streets of Westfield during the day. Entertainment will include singer Bob Mele, who will serve as entertainment host at the stage. Jazz groups Positive Rhythmic Forces and Perception, South America contem-

porary music performer Raices del Viento and instrumentalist and Irish music entertainer Tim Janis will be featured.

A petting zoo will be erected in the PNC Bank parking lot at North and East Broad Streets. There will be a moonwalk, temporary tattoos, face painting, making sand art creations and other family activities.

More than 20 food concessions will offer menus of Chinese, Cajun, Greek and Italian foods. Local restaurants are planning street fair menus, as well.

Exhibitors from all over the Eastern United States are scheduled to participate as well as over 30 local businesses. Local churches and community groups also plan to participate. Over 40 local non-profit and

service organizations will be featured at the street fair.

Fine artists, photographers and woodcrafters will show their prod-

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School Bd. Reviews Citizens' Committee Findings Regarding Proposed \$11.7 Mil. Bond Referendum

By MICHELLE H. LePOIDEVIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

During the regular meeting of the Westfield Board of Education Tuesday night, members analyzed the findings and opinions of the Superintendent of Schools' Citizens' Advisory Committee on Capital Projects regarding the \$11.7 million proposed bond referendum.

The committee, which met for the first time on September 12 at Westfield High School, was supplied with a "tentative" list of the proposed projects under the referendum. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. William J. Foley said, "I think we're off to a good start."

"We want to save money by looking for alternatives," stated Dr. Foley, "but we don't want to shortchange the education of our Westfield students today or in the future."

Dr. Foley summarized some of the issues raised by committee members

during last Saturday's meeting. Committee members suggested installing curtains instead of replacing movable, motorized walls in the school gymnasiums. This would deduct approximately \$375,000 from the total referendum cost.

Committee members also recommended that seat replacement in the Westfield High School auditorium be purchased at \$150 each through volunteer efforts of music and theater groups. This would deduct approximately \$125,000 from the cost of the referendum.

The committee suggested that the proposed addition of 25 to 30 diagonal parking spaces at Franklin Elementary School should not be included in the bond. Due to the estimated \$30,000 cost of the project and the busy area around the school, Dr. Foley said that this project required further analysis.

The superintendent also noted that

the necessity of replacing old windows at the front of the high school remained a vital issue. He observed that windows should also be replaced

around the gymnasium and the auditorium.

Board Secretary Robert Berman

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Storm Cleanup Information

The Westfield Department of Public Works announced that cleanup efforts are continuing following last week's severe thunderstorm.

Public Works crews are expected to finish curbside pickup of storm debris on the south side of town this week and then begin on the north side. Residents can help speed up the process by parking all vehicles in driveways, off the streets.

Residents may bring storm debris to the Westfield Conservation Center on Lamberts Mill Road from 8:30 a.m. until dusk weekdays and weekends. No permit fees are required during the emergency cleanup period.

Persons who sustained property damage should first contact their homeowner's insurance company. Those who believe they may have a property damage claim against the town may contact the Town Administrator's Office at (908) 789-4404 for the necessary forms.

Other important phone numbers are as follows: Public Service Electric and Gas Co., (732) 353-7000; Bell Atlantic, (800) 275-2355; Comcast Cablevision, (732) 602-7400; Westfield Police Department (non-emergency), (908) 232-1000.

Residents may also reach the DPW by calling the 24-hour Leaf Hotline at (908) 789-4120 and leave a message.

Through the use of a tub grinder, which is being leased to the town, residents are invited to pick up free mulch that has been created from grinding storm debris. There is no charge for the mulch.



WELCOMING THE PRESIDENTS... Pictured above are the various presidents of the Westfield school district's Parent-Teacher Associations and Parent-Teacher Organizations at a recent meeting of the Parent Teacher Council. Please see a story on Page 12.

Parent-Teacher Council Welcomes PTA Presidents

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Parent-Teacher Council (PTC) welcomed the 1998-1999 elementary, intermediate and high school Parent Teacher Association (PTA) presidents at its opening meeting on September 3.

The meeting was held at the school administration building on Elm Street.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley and Board of Education President Danielle Walsh addressed the officers of the PTC and the 15 parent volunteers who head the nine different PTAs at the Westfield

schools. New Business Administrator Robert Berman was also introduced to the council.

The Westfield PTC is a group of volunteers which promotes liaisons between Westfield parents and schools. Among the activities for which the PTC is responsible are Youth Art Month, in which downtown businesses showcase student art; Night Place, intermediate school student gatherings with disc jockeys, and scholarship awards for graduating seniors.

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added that the board is still awaiting an estimated cost for wiring the schools for computers. Dr. Foley added that additional adjustments would be made for projects proposed under the bond.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee is made up of parents, senior citizens, local business representatives, teachers and other interested residents. Among the members are Daria Bonavita, Cyndi Cocken, Sherri Cognetti, Lucille Davy, Faye DeGoff, Susan Dodge, Edna Edelman, Jane Fietkiewicz, Michael Fox, Eri Golembow and Lee Hale.

Other members include Cindy Heinbach, Susan Jacobson, Gary McCready, Deborah McCullam, Deborah Montick, Eileen Passananti, Kimberly Rhodes, Anne Riegel, Warren Rorden, Jill Siteer, Glenn Tucker, William Wallace, Stuart Williams, Merry Wisler, and Marty Zervas.

The Committee also looked at the district's enrollment with Dr. Foley, who said that redistricting cannot solve overcrowding on the elementary level now, or in the future.

He noted that there was adequate space at Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools overall for the projected student population.

Although the enrollment crunch at the high school can be temporarily alleviated by transforming a former auto shop section, graphic arts classroom and office space into four classrooms and a storage area, the board is considering leasing space at the Westfield National Guard Armory by the year 2003, or utilizing the former Lincoln School building as a solution.

Dr. Foley explained, "If projections of 1,600 to 1,700 high school students becomes a reality by 2003, we may need as many as 11 additional rooms."

He said there are at least 10 fewer classrooms in the high school today due to the expansion of the library and the addition of computer labs, and special education classrooms.

If Lincoln School was converted into a regular elementary school, Dr. Foley remarked, it would cost an estimated \$3 million. Operating costs for such a conversion would cost \$400,000 to \$500,000, he said.

Resident Charlie Mierswa suggested that the board reach out to the community to explain to resi-

dents that there are also non-instructional costs included in the referendum.

"We've got one shot now at getting the bond issue through," he stressed, "I don't want to go through this four years hence."

"I'll be comfortable when it (the referendum) is passed," he concluded.

The advisory committee will meet on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Franklin School, where technology issues will be discussed.

The committee will meet on Sunday, September 27, at McKinley Elementary School, and the final meeting will be held on Sunday, October 4, at Roosevelt School.

The board will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, October 6, at 8 p.m. The board also voted to meet on Thursday, October 8, at 8 p.m. to discuss Citizens' Advisory Committee reports and the proposed projects suggested under the referendum. They will also vote on whether or not the board should proceed with the referendum.

This meeting will be solely devoted to the bond referendum issue, and the board will not vote at that time on the projects involved in the bond, simply whether or not they should proceed with it.

The board also voted to move the official voting day for the referendum from Tuesday, December 8, to Tuesday, December 15, because the earlier date is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics.

Finally, the board reported that, beginning Monday, September 28, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., the Westfield High School Library will be open for computer research and Internet access.

Trained librarians will be available to assist parents and students on 10 computers in the library. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult, and this service will be available only on Monday nights.

Board President Danielle Walsh reported that the Sunday, June 21, high school graduation date had been well received by both parents and staff members at a recent meeting of the high school's Parent Teacher Organization. The time of the event has been tentatively scheduled for 4 p.m.

Tuesday night's meeting will be broadcast on TV 36 tonight, Thursday, September 17, at 10 p.m., and this Monday, September 21, at 9 p.m.

Realty Firm Gains Nod To Expand Building

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different front entrance," he noted.

Mr. Blake pointed out to the board that "the existing building does, in fact, have many non-complying issues simply because of the age of the building. He emphasized, however, that "all our renovations will totally comply with all ordinances."

Because the project calls for an additional two stories on the building, the board expressed concern over the height of the structure once the work is complete. Mr. Blake assured the board that the building would not exceed the local ordinance which establishes a maximum building height of between 40 and 43.5 feet.

Adam Slater, a consultant to Etnor Partners, LLC, spoke to board members on behalf of the applicant. He stated that "we want to enhance this building in order to bring it to Westfield's standard."

Lastly, expert witness Mike Lanzafama, a licensed New Jersey professional engineer and planner, took the stand and walked the board through a lengthy and technical description of the actual site plan and its proposed changes, all within ordinance requirements.

He mentioned issues, as per the board's request, which will be met. Landscaping, parking space widths, loading zones, the redesign of the parking lot and granite curbing around the building all meet ordinance requirements as per the site plan, according to Mr. Lanzafama.

The future monument sign for the building is to conform with Westfield ordinances and outdoor lighting surrounding the parking lot and loading areas will require SL2100 watt fixtures. Granite curbing and additional parking areas will also be required.

Another condition of the approval is that paved walkways be placed in the parking area as per local ordinance. Overall, board members indicated that they were quite pleased with the proposed plan and looking forward to the renovated site.

In a second case, the Planning Board passed a motion for final site plan approval for an application submitted by Conjoe Realty Company

Inc., which plans to lease a three-story building it owns at 530 South Avenue. The future tenants plan to operate an antiques mart, known as Westfield Circle Antiques Center, at that location. It is tentatively scheduled to open in mid-October.

An adjoining building on the property which had housed Andrea's Furniture was razed last month. The space where that building stood will serve as parking for the antique business. Conjoe Realty received preliminary site plan approval from the board last month.

The first and second floors of the remaining building will be used for the antique mart, while the third story will be for storage.

Attorney Arthur Attenasio, representing Conjoe Realty, submitted approved documentation from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for curbing and curb cuts to be made on the site. This documentation was necessary since South Avenue is a state highway.

Since the east side of the building is exposed to westbound traffic, the board set as a condition that Conjoe revise the facade on the east side of the building by creating a neater looking appearance of the stucco and brick.

"We will sandblast the brick and stucco to clean up the cement to create a more appealing look," stated Donald R. Guarriello, who created the site plan.

Board Chairman Martin Robbins stated that "from an aesthetic point of view, we will enjoy looking at this building."

Lastly, town resident, Roberto Olivares and Denise DiBlasi Olivares of 407 West Grove Street and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones of 409 West Grove Street, sought a minor subdivision with a variance from the board.

The applicants requested permission to reposition the property line between their two abutting lots in order to make the Olivares' driveway approximately one foot wider.

The board unanimously granted approval since Mr. and Mrs. Jones were in complete agreement with the request.

Ad Hoc Committee Reviews Options for \$100,000 Grant

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"downtown area," which he stated "was the original intention of the grant that was applied for."

He stated that since the town has no "town center," he felt money should be used to improve the Mindowaskin overlook. He said the area "falls outside the parameters of downtown, but will enhance the downtown area."

Representatives from the Recreation Commission were also on hand, including Chairman Seymour Koslowski, who stated that the money

should be used for currently budgeted projects, including revamping fields and upgrading parks.

He also stated that he did not see a need for an ad hoc committee because the Recreation Department takes ideas from Westfield citizens on an ongoing basis.

The ad hoc committee consists of Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh, Vice Chairman of the Recreation Commission Sal Antonelli, Recreation Director Glen Burrell, and Councilman McDermott.

Town Council Appropriates \$200,000 for Storm Cleanup

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Heather Marks, 16, of Fanwood, told the council that the activity is "something we can all do together."

Kyle Davidson of Lincoln Road accused the council of "going behind our backs" and destroying the mounds after the youngsters had pleaded just last month for the governing body to leave them intact.

Officials had explained that the activity, on town-owned land, is not sanctioned by the municipality. Thus, the town could be legally liable in the event a serious injury occurs as a result of the activity.

Greg Buntain, 14, of Scotch Plains Avenue questioned why bike jumping has been singled out as a dangerous activity, when youngsters get hurt in town playing organized sports.

First Ward Councilman Gregory S. McDermott said the other sports in question are approved by the Recreation Commission. He also questioned why the youngsters do not wear protective equipment such as helmets when doing their jumps.

Blair Richardson of Sinclair Place said the teenagers did not have the resources for equipment.

Mayor Jardim, following the recommendation of council members, told the teenagers to take the issue up with Mr. Burrell. The Mayor said he will be in contact with Mr. Burrell and the Recreation Commission to ensure that the issue is brought before that body.

The council adopted a revised and updated land use ordinance for the town.

According to the ordinance, the new code has been "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...the processing of minor development applications, and to implement numerous desired procedural and substantive policies concerning the use and development of land."

Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman noted that, except for adopting the town budget,

the revision of the town's zoning ordinance is the most important document worked on by council members.

Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan described the zoning ordinance as a "living, breathing document" that continues to be updated over time. Copies of the document are available for sale from the town in book form or on diskette.

FestiFall Street Fair Scheduled for Sunday

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ucts at the fair.

The following streets will be closed on Sunday at 6 a.m. for the activities: East Broad Street from North Avenue to Central Avenue, all of Quimby Street, Elm Street from North Avenue to the Texaco Station, and Prospect Street from North Avenue to Ferris Place.

Parking is prohibited in the FestiFall area all day on Sunday. Downtown businesses in the area should remind employees not to park in the activity area or in the municipal lots surrounding the activity area.

Downtown residents are reminded to use municipal lots for parking, opening before 8 a.m. and after 7:30 p.m.

Pets, skateboarding, and roller blading are prohibited in the FestiFall area. This rule is for the safety of attendees of all ages, and also for the safety of the animals.

FestiFall attendees are encouraged to park in the train station lot on South Avenue. This will provide the closest access to the activity area, with easy access to North Avenue through the new train underpass.

Admission and parking are free, according to Chamber Executive Director Debbie Schmidt. She urged all residents to bring their families for a day of fun.

For further information, please

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
 • Lillian Strowbridge, 35, of Plainfield was arrested on theft charges at the South Avenue convenience store where she works, according to police, after she allegedly pocketed money meant for the cash register. She was issued a summons and released on her own recognizance.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
 • Ari Asin, 32, of Westfield was arrested at Central Avenue near Park Avenue and charged with possession of suspected cocaine, authorities said. Asin posted \$1,000 bail and was released.
 • A gas grill was reported stolen from Over Hill Street.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
 • A ladder valued at approximately \$30 was reported stolen from a side porch on Prospect Street.

• A 10-speed bicycle valued at \$370 was reported stolen from the front porch of a South Avenue residence.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
 • A cellular telephone was reported stolen from a motor vehicle which was parked in the rear of a Genesee Trail residence.

• A bicycle was reported stolen from Mindowaskin Park on East Broad Street.
 • Matthew Garton, 23, of Brooklyn was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana after he was stopped for speeding at Pearl Street and Central Avenue, police said. Garton was released on \$500 bail.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
 • A gold wedding band valued at approximately \$4,000 was reported stolen from a Highland Avenue residence.

• A 16-year-old Westfield resident was arrested and charged with shoplifting a bottle of cough syrup from a South Avenue pharmacy, according to police. The youth was released to the custody of his grandparents.

• Michael White, 34, of Staten Island was arrested on East Broad Street and charged with driving with a suspended license, authorities confirmed. White was released after posting \$225 bail.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
 • Byron A. Lisardo, 21, of Plainfield was arrested at South Avenue and charged with being an unlicensed driver, authorities said. Lisardo posted \$200 bail and was released.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
 • A resident of a local care facility reported the theft of \$471 from a

nightstand drawer in her bedroom.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
 • Gabriel Guerrero, 26, and Xenia Pereyra, 20, both of Elizabeth, were arrested and charged with theft by deception at a North Avenue department store, according to police.

Authorities said Pereyra, a cashier at the store, and Guerrero allegedly attempted to steal \$1,287 worth of merchandise. Both suspects were released on bail.

• A resident of the 500 block of West Broad Street reported that someone punched out the driver's side window of his vehicle, which was parked in front of his home.

• A Westfield Avenue resident reported that someone smashed the front right window of her vehicle while it was parked in front of her house.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
 • A New Jersey license plate, bearing the number 8D5TL, was reported stolen from a moped which was parked at a bicycle rack at Westfield High School on Dorian Road.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
 • A 13-year-old Westfield resident was arrested and charged with shoplifting a black leather belt valued at \$18.95 from an East Broad Street clothing store, police said. The youngster was released to his parents' custody.

• Police reported that six pairs of denim pants and two sweaters were shoplifted from a Central Avenue clothing store. The suspect was witnessed entering a vehicle which then left the scene.

• A Lawrence Avenue resident reported the theft of \$12,000 worth of jewelry from his home. There were no signs of forced entry and no suspects in the case, authorities confirmed.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
 • A Clark Street resident reported that her home was burglarized after someone pried open a rear door on the first floor. Police had not received a list of stolen items from the victim as of press time.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
 • A Sandra Circle resident reported the theft of a bicycle valued at \$225 from the corner of Elm and East Broad Streets.

• Police received a report that someone forcibly entered a Central Avenue restaurant and stole cash.

• Cash was reported stolen from a safe at a Windsor Avenue business, according to police.

WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
 • Two hundred and twenty-five storm related calls were answered by the Fire Department — calls consisted of downed trees, limbs, public service wires, poles and cable lines.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
 • Six hundred block of South Avenue West — brush fire.

• Four hundred block of Everson Place — electrical short.

• Seven hundred block of Lenape Trail — carbon monoxide detector activation.

• Two hundred block of Cowperthwaite Place — system malfunction.

• Two hundred block of Orchard Street — system malfunction.

• Four hundred block of Springfield Avenue — wires arcing.

• Five hundred block of Dorian Road — system malfunction.

• One hundred block of Marlboro Street — lock out.

• Four hundred block of Springfield Avenue — power line down.

• One hundred block of Cardinal Drive — service call.

• Eight hundred block of Summit Avenue — power line down.

• Westfield Avenue and Shackamaxon Drive — service call.

• Birch Place and Forest Avenue — power line down.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
 • Five hundred block of Downer Street — carbon monoxide detector activation.

• Two hundred block of Watchung Fork — system malfunction.

• Three hundred block of Orenda Circle — carbon monoxide detector acti-

vation.

• Ten hundred block of Columbus Avenue — service call.

• Nine hundred block of Irving Avenue — removed large branch from roadway.

• Seven hundred block of Boynton Avenue — removed branch from driveway.

• Four hundred block of Wychwood Road — unintentional alarm.

• Eleven hundred block of Summit Avenue — removed tree limb and branches from sidewalk.

• Seven hundred block of Fairacres — power line down.

• One hundred block of Cottage Place — service call.

• Three hundred block of First Street — power line down.

• Seven hundred block of Bradford Avenue — power line down.

• Four hundred block of South Euclid Avenue — service call.

• Three hundred block of Windsor Avenue — odor investigation.

• One hundred block of Tudor Oval — power line down.

• Eleven hundred block of Tice Place — wires arcing in tree.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
 • Fifteen hundred block of Lamberts Mill Road — system malfunction.

• One hundred block of East Broad Street — traffic light down in street.

• Three hundred block of North Avenue West — brush fire.

• Twelve hundred block of Rahway Avenue — automobile accident.

• Three hundred block of Clark Street — system malfunction.

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

• One hundred block of Park Street — wires down.

• One hundred block of Plymouth Road — wires arcing.

• Seven hundred block of Norman Place — lock out.

• Three hundred block of Tuttle Parkway — telephone wire down.

• One hundred block of Summit Court — wire down.

• Four hundred block of Montauk Place — arcing wire.

• Seven hundred block of Summit Avenue — odor investigation.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
 • Tamaques Park — secured electrical service.

• Eight hundred block of Shadowlawn Drive — smoke odor investigation.

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

• One hundred block of Ayliffe Avenue — removed tree from driveway.

• Two hundred block of Terminal Avenue — unintentional alarm.

• One hundred block of North Cottage Place — good intent call.

• Four hundred block of Hillside Avenue — brush fire.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
 • Shackamaxon Drive and Scotch Plains Avenue — power line down.

Victoria Geller Earns Degree in Nursing

WESTFIELD — Victoria Geller of Westfield earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Wilkes University on May 16.

Ms. Geller, who was granted her license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of New Jersey on July 22, is currently employed at Hackensack University Medical Center.

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SUDDEN IMPACT...A car parked on Coriell Avenue in Fanwood was crushed by a tree which came down during the high winds from the Labor Day storm. Despite 100 reported incidents involving downed wires and trees, no injuries were reported as a result of the weather emergency.



A COMPLETE LOSS...This mini-van, parked along Coriell Avenue in Fanwood, was destroyed during the Labor Day storm when a power line fell on it, thus setting the vehicle on fire. Most of Fanwood and Scotch Plains was without power from the storm, with some residents not getting electricity back until last Friday night.

RESIDENTS COME TOGETHER AS BOROUGH REBOUNDS FROM CRISIS

Fanwood Officials Recap Storm's Impact; Okay Library Agreement With Consortium

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

The devastating effects of the Labor Day storm which swept through the region, and the ways in which neighbors pulled together in the wake of nature's fury, was the focus of last Thursday's regular meeting of the Fanwood Borough Council.

Fanwood was among those communities hardest hit by the storm, which toppled trees and power lines, left houses damaged and cars crushed

by fallen tree trunks, disconnected traffic signals on Martine Avenue, and knocked out power to 80 percent of the borough. It also delayed the opening of schools for the new year until last Friday.

Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G) company workers were aided by 50 crews from South Jersey and surrounding states who worked 16-hour shifts in an effort to restore power as quickly as possible, according to Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly.

"This has been a disaster," said Mayor Connelly, who declared a state of emergency in the borough at 4 p.m. on September 7, less than two hours after the storm raged through the area with tornado-force winds,

lighting and hail stones.

A state of emergency puts the municipality's emergency management plan into effect, including the cordoning off of streets where hazardous conditions exist due to downed trees and electrical wires, according to the Mayor.

Mrs. Connelly projected that the storm took a \$1 million toll on the borough. Among the areas particularly pounded was Farley Avenue, where seven utility poles had to be replaced. Officials expressed gratitude, however, that no injuries were reported in the community.

Fanwood Police Chief Robert Carbo, Public Works Director Raymond Manfra and Superintendent of

Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye in turn recapped the storm's powerful impact on the community during last week's meeting of the governing body.

They also recounted how Fanwood's emergency management team joined forces with residents and Public Service crews to help the borough rebound from the storm, which marked the most extensive power outage in the region in 30 years, according to PSE&G.

The emergency management team, headed by Chief Carbo, includes the Mayor and borough administrators, police, fire and rescue squad personnel, and the Department of Public Works.

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Drug Store Dropped From Park Place Site

Owners of a Scotch Plains eatery seeking to add a drug store at the restaurant site on the corner of Raritan Road and Martine Avenue, hinted last week that they would withdraw the request before the township Board of Adjustment.

Reportedly, an attorney involved in the case notified members of the township Board of Adjustment last week that it was likely Park Place Restaurant owners Mr. and Mrs. George Filippatos would drop the application for two additions after hearing overwhelming objection from residents at a March 12 public hearing.

The owners had proposed enlarging the existing restaurant by 6,480 square feet and adding 12,200 square feet of retail space for a Drug Fair.

Many residents at that time, cited the potential for increased

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SP-F Teachers' Contract Hinges On Differences Over Pay Scales

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

Negotiators are close — but not close enough — to resolving the contract dispute between the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association (SPFEA) teachers' union.

Negotiators have met three times this month, on September 1 and 2, as well as this past Monday. One of those sessions was with a state mediator.

Prior to Monday's meeting, SPFEA President Barbara McGuane said, "We're so close, I hate to see job

action...and the district in disarray." Job action generally refers to methods the teachers' union would endorse that are just short of actually striking.

One stumbling block in negotiations continues to be pay scales. According to the union President, two of the district's three salary guides remained unsettled going into Monday's meeting.

The board seems willing to work through this stumbling block, judging from the report of Board Vice President Theresa Larkin during

Tuesday's agenda meeting.

"Our negotiator is reconfiguring the district's salary guides," explained Mrs. Larkin. "It could take a week. These will be passed out and, depending on the teams' schedules, we may or may not meet before Tuesday, October 5." A mediation session is scheduled for that day.

On September 1, the board proposed a three-year contract spanning 1998 to 2001, which includes salary increases of 3.7 percent the first two years, and 3.5 percent after that. As

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SUBDIVISION RESIDENTS QUESTION BOND RETURN

SP Council Proposes Five New Ball Fields; Storm Clean-Up Continues in Township

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

Two Scotch Plains Township Council members revealed a proposal Tuesday to add five more athletic fields in the township

within the next five years.

Republican Councilmen William F. McClintock, Jr., and Robert Johnston released a statement saying they had worked as a sub-committee with the township's Recreation Commission in developing a plan for five new baseball and soccer fields by the year 2003. Councilman Martin Marks dubbed the plan "Five in Five."

The township recently reached an agreement with the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools on Raritan Road to lease space in front of the building for a ball field.

Councilman McClintock called the spot the first new field under the plan. "That field will be in place by March 1999," he said.

There were no new fields created in the township over the last 20 years, Mr. McClintock said, and he claimed that the demand for field space in the township had doubled over the past 10 to 15 years.

Mr. McClintock took up Governor Christine Todd Whitman's banner of preserving open space in the state while planning for the ball fields, saying, "Open space in New Jersey is disappearing. We will probably not be able to fully implement this plan without finding additional property.

"It's an aggressive plan, but doable," he added.

The proposal asked the Recreation Commission to look at possible field sites behind the South Side Fire House and in Kramer and Brookside Parks.

Township Issues Storm Update

As a result of the Labor Day storm, the Scotch Plains Township Department of Public Works (DPW) will be picking up debris at curbside from residents on a continuous basis. Although the regular branch-and-brush pickup was scheduled for Monday, September 21, it will now be incorporated into the storm clean-up.

Items need not be cut into four-foot lengths or tied in bundles. DPW Director Walter DiNizo said there are several tractor trailer trucks and DPW crews picking up debris every day of the week, except Sundays.

Mr. DiNizo said the department will be grinding and disposing of the organic material. The result-

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The township is also in the midst of court action to acquire the former Scotch Plains Zoo property for over half a million dollars, after condemning the property when the zoo was shut down last year. Council members have indicated the property would be retained for a park.

The councilman said he will look at grants and possibly a bond issue to fund the purchase of property for fields.

In other business at Tuesday's coun-

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Fanwood Submits Storm Update

Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly of Fanwood issued a Storm Recovery Bulletin for residents last week to advise them of safety issues, cleanup of debris, and property damage related to the Labor Day storm which struck the region.

According to the bulletin, residents can aid in the storm recovery process by:

- Removing vehicles from streets to enable the Department of Public Works (DPW) to pick up brush freely.
- Keeping sidewalks clear for pedestrians and students.
- Reporting sign obstructions (traffic or street) to (908) 322-5000 or (908) 322-7404.

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WHAT'S THE SCORE?...The score is that a tree measuring two feet in diameter crashed right through the middle of the football scoreboard at Perry Tyson Field in Scotch Plains on Labor Day. The scoreboard was only five-years old. Efforts are being made to expedite a replacement in time for the opening football game on October 10 with Cranford, however, replacements of this nature usually take six to eight weeks.



GIDDY-UP...This youngster gets a hand in climbing on top a pony during last weekend's Jersey Jazz Festival in Nomahegan Park in Cranford. Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the event featured entertainment throughout the weekend.

William B. Burke for The Times

Weldon Expert Says Townhouses Would be Detrimental to Area

By BOBBIE BALDASSARI TURSI
Specially Written for The Times

Members of the Scotch Plains Planning Board successfully made their way through the remains of Labor Day's storm wreckage September 9 to hear the seemingly endless testimony on an application by developer K. Hovnanian for a development proposal known as The Reserve.

The developer is seeking site plan approval to build The Reserve, a 116-

unit residential townhouse complex, on 7.7 acres of property on the north side of Route No. 22. The property is located off of Meadow Avenue in Scotch Plains, behind a McDonald's restaurant.

The plot of land is owned by sisters-in-law Frances and Angeline Donato of Scotch Plains.

Westfield attorney William Butler, representing Weldon Materials, which opposes the plan, spent most

of the evening questioning Dave Zimmerman, an expert witness and professional planner for the company.

Mr. Zimmerman was queried about an analytical report drafted for testimony and submission as evidence to the board. Weldon Materials, based in Westfield, owns the stone quarry adjacent to the proposed development site.

Mr. Zimmerman's report, dated July 24, reflects observations and conclusions about the overall planning and the possible detrimental effects of the project.

Part of Mr. Zimmerman's report maintained that the land is in fact not suitable for residential use, nor is the zoning. "I strongly recommend rezoning indicating alternative non-residential uses such as business or professional, or even scientific labs," he stated.

In turn, attorney Robert Schwartz, representing K. Hovnanian, strongly objected to the submission of the material since it is not a zoning report, but a planning report.

He demanded that the subject of alternative uses for the property be excised from the report before the document was submitted as evidence.

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Proposed Day Care Center Meets With Objections From Neighbors

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

Raritan Road residents in Scotch Plains raised numerous objections to a proposal for a new child day care center in their neighborhood during a Board of Adjustment meeting last Thursday.

Dr. Gail Siber and her husband, Ilya, testified that they own a narrow, 1,000 foot deep lot at 1650 Raritan Road and that they want to replace the house on the site with a child day care facility that Board members said was capable of serving 120 children.

The site plan shows seven bathrooms. The Sibers application for a "use variance" in the R-1 residential zone states that between 40 and 50 chil-

dren would be cared for at the site, according to the Siber's attorney.

Former township mayor Gabe Spera, a resident of Rahway Road, angrily asked Mr. and Dr. Siber, "Aren't you looking to run a major business in a residential zone?"

Mr. Siber said his intent was to enroll between 40 and 60 children for care, and he added that a total enrollment of 40 youngsters would cover his business costs. No fee per child for the program was revealed.

At least another 15 part-time employees would be at the site, which would be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., according to Dr. Siber. Residents pointed out that truck deliveries of food and other supplies would also be

a part of the whole traffic picture. One resident said a public school bus stop is in front of the proposed day care lot.

Dr. Siber, who said she had a pediatric practice in the township for the past five years, testified that she was driven to open a day care center after seeing many parents who returned to work several months after the birth of a child and fretted over finding care for their infants.

"There are no day care centers

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Township Council Proposes Five Additional Ball Fields

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cil meeting, homeowners in the Berwyck Chase section of Scotch Plains turned out to protest the township's return of a performance bond worth \$331,391.91 to the subdivision's developer, Saugatuck Associates, Inc.

Residents of the 120-house subdivision complained that common areas were unkempt and pipes in a detention basin proved insufficient for drainage.

The council unanimously voted to okay return of the funds after assuring residents that three conditions must first be met by the developer.

Saugatuck must remove dead trees, complete a detention basin and finish lawns, according to a township engineer's report.

In tandem with the return of the performance bond, which tends to deal with the construction phase of the project, a two-year maintenance bond worth \$92,962.16 must also be posted by Saugatuck before any money is returned.

The subdivision was begun in 1992 and the last section of homes, residents said, were finished in December of last year. One resident estimated a house in the subdivision costs \$325,000.

An attorney for the Berwyck Chase Homeowners Association told council members that "We are uncomfortable with a release of this bond on a promise of the developer to complete these items."

One subdivision resident said there had been no "good faith" on the part of the developer, saying telephone calls to Saugatuck had resulted in "flip" answers or no response at all. He asked whether there would be any punitive action against the developer if the conditions were not met.

A lawyer for the township, Henry Ogdin, said, "I'm sure the township would share you concerns." He said land use laws allow 45 days after the completion of a project for a town to either return performance bond money or present evidence as to why the bond should not be returned. It has been nine months since the last house was completed, according to residents.

The development also has tennis courts, a pool and other common areas. These are maintained through a collective fee from homeowners.

Mr. McClintock, who is Acting Mayor

for two weeks while Mayor Joan Papen is out of town, summed it up for Berwyck Chase neighbors, saying, "They (Saugatuck) don't get their money until these three things are done, to Mr. Harrington's satisfaction."

Dennis Harrington is the township's principle engineer.

On a separate matter, a statement from Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins' office lauded the municipal staff for its contributions in the aftermath of the Labor Day storm. Many department directors returned early from out of town, when news of the extensive wind damage hit.

Mr. Atkins said the township will institute an Emergency Ordinance as soon as it gathers dollar figures on the amount of damage due to the storm.

Public Works Director Walter DiNizo estimated cleanup costs to the township at \$250,000 so far. Employees worked 639 hours of overtime and 1,000 regular hours to date, he said.

Although power was off at the Municipal Building until the Wednesday morning after the storm, staff fielded telephone calls in the dark throughout Tuesday.

While the Municipal Building does not have a backup generator, the township's police department used its own generator to provide service throughout the power outage following the storm. Township officials said another generator could cost as much as \$50,000.

Police officers directed traffic at street intersections where traffic lights were knocked out by the storm. Recreation department staff joined the Department of Public Works in cleaning up after the storm, according to Mr. DiNizo.

Construction Official Robert LaCosta served as Storm Response Coordinator for the township and was found answering telephones at municipal offices.

Many officials worked long hours to clear roadways, officials said. Six residents had trees fall on their homes, which Public Works employees cleared, and no serious injuries to residents were reported.

"He'll be doing a lot in the next few weeks," Mr. Atkins said of Mr. DiNizo. "It's a massive undertaking." The township has over 100 miles of road, according to Mr. DiNizo.

Officials Recap Storm's Impact on Community

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Chief Carboy revealed that 100 incidents of felled trees and wires were reported to police after the storm passed through. He said barricades were set up to block streets where dangerous conditions existed as a result of storm damage.

In addition to members of his own department, the Chief cited volunteer firefighters, rescue squad and Public Works personnel for their efforts during the storm's aftermath, and also gave a nod to county officials for providing fuel to Fanwood's emergency vehicles after power was lost at the Public Works Department, as well as additional blockades.

Chief Carboy told *The Times* on Tuesday that power had been restored to all neighborhoods by the previous Friday, though he speculated that certain people may have still been without power. He said the traffic signals were working again by last Thursday morning.

All downed wires had been disconnected, the Chief confirmed, and Public Works crews were continuing this week to clean up debris which was scattered throughout the municipality by the storm.

In addition to no injuries being reported, Chief Carboy said there were no reports of traffic accidents or thefts in the borough during the three days following the storm.

Mr. Manfra reported during the governing body's meeting that all but a couple of roads which had been closed in Fanwood had been reopened. He additionally commended his workers' "tremendous job" in dealing with the arduous cleanup task. All borough streets are now open, the Public Works Director confirmed on Wednesday.

Reflecting on the ways in which residents helped each other out during the emergency, Mayor Connelly observed, as an example, how Joe Nagy of Fanwood's Channel 35 ran extension cords from his house to the homes of two neighbors who had lost power during the storm.

"I'm so privileged to be part of a community where neighbors stepped up to help neighbors," echoed Dr. Choye, who said she spent the week touring borough streets to determine when it would be safe for schools to open for the start of the 1998-1999 year. She also thanked Chief Carboy and Scotch Plains Police Chief Thomas O'Brien for their input regarding the school safety issue.

Dr. Ingeborg Bossert of Forest Road questioned why she had not seen utility company trucks in her neighborhood when some residents were still without power that day, adding that she had seen a worker sleeping in a parked truck in the vicinity.

Mayor Connelly said restoration of power to the entire borough could not be

accomplished right away. She explained that grids had to be prepared indicating the worst areas of damage, after which an assessment had to be given to the county. The Mayor also revealed that PSE&G engineers had to survey the area and report back to the company on damage areas.

She added that some repair efforts, such as the replacement of utility poles, had to be done in several phases involving multiple work crews. Mrs. Connelly speculated that the sleeping workman might have been waiting for other workers to show up at a job site.

Richard Young of Midway Avenue, who himself helped direct traffic from Midway onto Russell Road after the storm, lauded emergency response personnel and others who turned out to aid their fellow residents.

"Everyone who could lend a hand seemed to be out there doing their best, helping out," he remarked. "People did a wonderful job considering the amount of damage. I don't see how, without bringing in an army of 50,000, you can get it done any faster," he added.

In related business, the governing body introduced an ordinance to amend Chapter 93 of the Borough Code dealing with the restoration of non-conforming accessory structures on residential properties, a number of which were reportedly damaged by the storm.

The code currently states that if 50 percent or more of a non-conforming accessory structure is damaged, the property owner must get site plan or variance approval in order to restore it in the same location.

According to the ordinance, a non-conforming structure may be rebuilt on its original spot, regardless of the percent of damage, providing that the structure's foundation remains and the destruction occurred within the 1998 calendar year.

Borough Attorney Dennis Estis explained that the ordinance is in compliance with a state statute covering damage to accessory structures. He said the governing body's goal was to save families who sustained property damage from the storm the time and expense of having to present appeals before the Planning Board.

The ordinance is expected to be voted on by the Planning Board next Wednesday, September 23, and given a public hearing by the council during a special meeting on Wednesday, October 7.

Under other business, officials approved a resolution authorizing an agreement between the Fanwood Memorial Library Board of Trustees and the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium (LMxAC).

Membership in the consortium, as outlined by Fanwood Library Director Daniel Weiss at the governing body's August 5 agenda session, will allow the library to become automated at less cost than it could independently. He explained that the consortium would benefit the library in its administrative functions and patron services as well.

Council members also supported a resolution approving an interlocal agreement with Scotch Plains for the services of a matron for the municipal jail.

Resolutions were also approved authorizing Mayor Connelly to request a \$25,000 transportation development district grant from the county; adding Sovereign Bank of Scotch Plains as an official depository for borough funds, and accepting a \$12,000 bid from Twin Construction of Scotch Plains for an extension to the municipal building.

The project will provide additional space for the borough's Construction and Tax offices.

Mayor Connelly displayed the check she had received at a Union County Freeholders meeting earlier that evening, representing a \$125,000 grant awarded to the borough through the county's Project Pocket Park Program.

Finally, a resolution was presented to Tricia Nering of Fanwood, the founder of Heart for Humanity, recognizing her efforts in collecting food, clothing and furniture for needy families in the area.

A proclamation was also issued by The Chelsea at Fanwood, an assisted living facility which opened a year ago on South Avenue, in tribute to Assisted Living Week, September 13-19.

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

The theft of a GT Performa bicycle was reported from a residence in the 2300 block of Mountain Avenue.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

A windshield was broken out on a vehicle on Bell Atlantic property at the Westfield Avenue substation.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

A 1988 Honda Accord was reported stolen from in front of a business on Route No. 22. The vehicle was parked and listed for sale when it was discovered missing.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

A cellular telephone and vehicle documents were stolen from a vehicle which had been left for service at a North Avenue business.

Recent Home Sales

SCOTCH PLAINS

Michael Cornacchia to Leonard and Amy Beth Riemer, 1254 White Oak Road, \$230,000.

Jean Apoquette to John P. and Jean T. Bagdonas, 2019 Hill Top Road, \$265,000.

Rickey Fuller to Phillipa and Patricia Williams, 522 Beverly Avenue, \$109,250.

Aromat Corporation to Michael M. and Patricia A. Cornacchia, 1414 Graymill Drive, \$359,000.

Karen F. Wilkinson to Thomas J. and Debra J. Merriaman, 323 Roberts Lane, \$260,000.

Verni Chavarria to John F. and Melissa Luby, 2342 Monica Place, \$232,000.

FANWOOD POLICE BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Two bicycles were reported stolen from the Fanwood Train Station, one from the south side and the other from the north side, according to police.

An attempted bicycle theft was reported at the south side Fanwood Train Station.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

A bicycle was reported stolen from in front of a business on South Avenue.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

A juvenile was arrested on South Avenue and charged with possession of a stolen bicycle which had been taken in Scotch Plains earlier that day, according to police. The youth was released to parental custody.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

A motor vehicle on Second Street was sprayed with shaving cream, authorities said.

A Belvidere Avenue resident reported the theft of an extension ladder.

Pedals for Progress Collects Used Bicycles for the Needy

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD

Pedals for Progress (PfP), an organization that collects used bicycles to provide transportation for needy people in developing countries, will hold a used bicycle collection this Saturday, September 19.

The event is being sponsored by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.

Bicycles should be in repairable condition and may be dropped off from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to Children's Specialized Hospital, 324 South Avenue in Fanwood.

To date, more than 23,000 bicycles have been shipped to 16 developing countries in Latin America, Africa, and the Pacific islands, according to PfP spokeswoman Karin Dreixler.

The average cost is \$35 to collect, process, ship, rebuild and distribute a

bicycle. A suggested donation of \$10 per bicycle, or a minimum of \$5 per bicycle, is requested for shipping costs.

All cash and material donations are fully tax deductible. Receipts will be available to all donors at the collection.

The organization also seeks donations of tools, especially wrenches for their overseas shops. PfP also collects working sewing machines for its Dominican project, used baseball equipment for the group's Nicaraguan projects, and used soccer cleats for its Namibian and Honduran projects.

For further information about overseas projects and a current schedule of bicycle collections, please call Ms. Dreixler at (908) 889-8880, or visit the PfP Internet Web site at www.p4p.org.

Storm May Add Days Onto SP-F School Year

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN

Specialty Written for The Times

During the September 15 agenda meeting of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye reported that once schools opened on September 11 in the wake of the violent Labor Day storm, "it was business as usual" across the district.

The only damage to district property was a downed scoreboard on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's (SPFHS) Harry Tyson Field. Insurance will pay to replace the scoreboard.

Eleven large trees were felled in the storm, and Business Administrator and Board Secretary Matthew A. Clarke commended the efforts of district crews who worked diligently to remove the trees for the opening of school.

The board recognized the district's newly-tenured teachers as the first order of business during the meeting. They are: Debra Fern, Ella Greenberg, Lisa Herbert, Dorothy Miller and Margaret Murray (Brunner School); and Kathleen Herrmann and Lisa Frye (Evergreen School).

Also tenured were Lynne Grimmer and Eileen Raszka (Coles School); Sondra Chernoff, Diane DiBella and Connie Salisbury (McGinn School); and Dawn Farella and Joan Miller (School One).

At SP-FHS, newly-tenured teachers are Maryann Degnan, Paula Gray, Durand Thomas and Randy Young.

During the meeting, board members discussed how to communicate concerns regarding the state's so-called School-to-Work structured learning experience to the public, as well as to the New Jersey State Board of Education, Garden State Coalition of Schools and Union County Board of Education.

Board member Richard R. Meade suggested a simple resolution for starters, in "urging that the program be made voluntary, based on incentives rather than mandatory." He acknowledged that while the language does not address all the board's concerns regarding the "workplace readiness" mandate, it does provide a starting point.

Board member Jean McAllister indicated that board representation at the hearings with the state Department of Education on this subject, would be appropriate.

In other business, Dr. Choye outlined changes to the 1998-1999 school calendar to satisfy the 180-day requirement for a complete school year. Three days were lost last week as a result of downed trees and lost electricity after the Labor Day storm.

"I hate not to have a safety in place this early in the year," Dr. Choye said.

Her proposal to cut the four-day weekend in February to three days, and extend the school year by two days to Friday, June 25, would give the district two "snow" days with which to work, she indicated.

In another matter, Personnel Specialist Robert Raiford fielded questions about the state's revised criminal history background check procedures for newly hired staff in the district.

Under the new procedures, the onus for thorough checks on prospective employees shifts from the state to individual districts, a process which could take up to three months.

In an emergency situation, the district must obtain county approval before hiring a new employee.

Under the old procedure, districts were allowed to hire employees on a

six-month temporary basis while the state conducted the background check.

Board member Thomas Russo questioned why it takes three months to complete an investigation "when a county prosecutor can do it in 20 minutes." The administration will look into options to expedite the district's criminal background check during the hiring process.

The board tabled a motion assuring the county board that the district would no longer adhere to the equivalency and waiver process in place under the state's prior special education regulations.

Members felt it was prudent to delay action regarding this matter until a presentation on special education changes is made by Director of Pupil Services Eleanor McClymont during next week's regular meeting.

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ing woodchips can be used for mulch in the garden and may be picked up at Public Works on Plainfield Avenue during the week, free of charge.

Other important telephone numbers are as follows: Public Service Electric and Gas Company, (732) 353-7000; Bell Atlantic, (800) 275-2355; Comcast Cablevision, (732) 602-7400; Westfield Police Department (non-emergency), (908) 232-1000.

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Reinforcing bicycle safety with children and discouraging them from playing in debris.

Treating any downed wires as active.

Informing private contractors to remove debris from property for disposal in a safe manner.

Residents should also not mix brush with bulk materials when placing items at the curb for pickup.

The DPW has confirmed that pickup of bulk materials is being done on schedule. Pickup began in the northwest quadrant of the borough on Monday, and will continue in the northeast, southwest and southeast quadrants through Monday, October 5.

Public Works Director Raymond Manfra said that the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Center is processing storm debris, adding that landscapers interested in wood chips may call him at (908) 322-7404.

He also advised residents that DPW crews will be canvassing the entire borough again to pick up additional brush.

Property damage reports may be obtained from the borough's Administration Office weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or at the Fanwood Police Department 24 hours a day. Both are located at 75 North Martine Avenue. These reports should be filed with the Police Department.

Weldon Expert Maintains Townhouses are Detrimental

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Although Mr. Butler felt this was pertinent information, the board granted Mr. Schwartz's request and will accept instead an adapted version of Mr. Zimmerman's report.

Board attorney Lawrence A. Woodruff stated "This will not dilute the purpose of Mr. Zimmerman's report."

Mr. Zimmerman, who was allowed to continue with his report analysis, stated that "the applicant does not reach any ordinance requirements." He said the actual complex would involve 7.3 acres which, placed on 7.7 acres of land, "will indeed cause major over-development and over intensification of the property."

The planner remarked that, "in my analysis, there can be reasonable (practical) use of 6.3 acres of property that would conform to ordinances; this would mean building a much lesser number of units."

Mr. Zimmerman suggested to the board "that if the applicant would build 80 units (which would include the state standard 20 units designed for moderate-to low-income housing), "this would reasonably alleviate variance issues for the applicant."

In one of many frosty rebuttals, Mr. Schwartz argued his claim that "land use ordinance permits 16 units per acre times 7.7 acres, which equals to 123.36 homes, not to mention that the Council on Affordable Housing allows 116 units, with an additional 16 allotted for low- to moderate-income housing."

"We are, in fact, complying with the zone plan; the subject of 80 homes instead of 116 is immaterial," Mr. Schwartz stated. In response, Mr. Butler proclaimed, "there are many other ordinances you must comply with. You need to get approval of the site plan first."

Mr. Zimmerman further declared that this is merely an "economic hardship" for K. Hovnanian in the applicant's request for greater density housing.

"I define economic hardship as this: is the applicant making more or less profit?" he said. "In my analysis, this is a function of economics versus reasonable, practical property development."

Mr. Zimmerman further stated that "the environmental condition of the proposed property does not inhibit reasonable development of the property."

He proceeded to identify the following reasons why he believes the applicant's site plan is in conflict with land use ordinances, and why he feels the granting of variances to the applicant present more detriment than benefit to the community, as well as to future residents of The Reserve.

Currently, seven of the nine proposed buildings require variances. Based on the design and the number of units being requested by the applicant, there would be an overcrowding of the site, according to Mr. Zimmerman.

A number of proposed retaining walls, some almost 20 feet high, present safety as well as aesthetic issues, he main-

tained. One of the walls, proposed for the northeast side of the site, would be within 10 feet of the rear of the building, providing no yard or landscaping, Mr. Zimmerman argued.

It would also create parking inadequacies due to narrow streets and poorly designed garages, he claimed. "Overall, this causes an uncomfortable living space," Mr. Zimmerman remarked.

He also projected a major lack of open light, space and recreation. Due to the very close proximity of the planned buildings to Route No. 22, there is a lack of visual environment, he said.

Flooding is also a major issue, according to the planner, and has been the subject of much controversy during past board meetings.

Since the development is to be built in the natural flood way of the neighboring Blue Brook, future residents would potentially be placed in harm's way, Mr. Zimmerman said. He noted that the situation raises major evacuation issues.

Lastly, Mr. Zimmerman mentioned The Reserve's potential traffic impact at the already busy intersection of New Providence and Bonnie Burn Roads.

He cited a 1996-1997 traffic accident report memo he requested from the Watchung Police Department. The report listed 24 accidents, resulting in 20 injuries, which occurred at the intersection in 1996, and 39 accidents, causing 17 injuries, in 1997.

In conclusion, Mr. Zimmerman said "It's a no-brainer to me; granting of these variances would have substantial detriment to the general public because of improper use of the proposed property."

"Building this enormous project of 116 townhouses on such a restricted piece of land is an overabundance," he argued. "This project does not promote the general welfare of the municipality. The only public good I see is the provision for low-moderate income housing," he said.

Drug Store Dropped From Park Place Site

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traffic congestion at the corner.

The restaurant is currently a "non-conforming" commercial structure in a residential zone. Any additional changes to the property requires a variance from the township.

In March, a Drug Fair spokesman suggested there was a need for a drug store in the area, but neighboring residents rejected the claim.

Board of Adjustment Chairwoman Gail Iannatempo revealed the possible withdrawal of the request, in response to questions from residents during a regularly scheduled meeting of the board, last Thursday.

Contract Hinges On Pay Scales

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proposed, there would be no changes in medical benefits.

Ms. McGuane called the three-year 3.5 percent increase "the lowest settlement offered in Union County."

She further defined job action as "anything up to and including withholding services." Things like attendance at Back-to-School Nights or working beyond the 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. school day would likely be eliminated under a job action.

In addition, school employees may, under the law, choose not to work on public holidays such as Election Day, when school is traditionally in session.

The likelihood of a strike depends on the union's action committee. "The vote is already there," emphasized the union leader.

District administrators remained optimistic that the contract settlement is not far off. They are, however, recommending to the board that Back to School Nights be postponed until later in October.

"This increases the likelihood of having a real Back to School Night of true benefit to parents," stated Board President August A. Ruggiero. In the absence of a settlement, the board is scheduled to vote on the recommendation during its Thursday, September 24, regular meeting.

Proposed Day Care Center Meets With Objections

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around us that will accept infants," Dr. Siber claimed. She later said her proposed center would also accept pre-school age children up through age five.

The Sibers said they purchased the Raritan Road property a year ago with the idea of creating a day care center and another resident said it sold for \$145,000.

Dr. Siber explained that she toured other child care centers and hoped to improve on what she had seen, at her own center.

She described how in her experience, many children eat dry cereal for breakfast, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch and cookies for snacks. "Then a mother says to me her child will not eat dinner," Dr. Siber said her center would serve at least two hot meals each day. "Children need hot, nutritious food," she added.

Dr. Siber also said she would provide a playground in the rear of the lot. Dr. Siber pointed out that, in her mind, a day care center in a residential area was preferable to one located in a commercial neighborhood. "Kids deserve to see trees, not a parking lot. Many [centers] keep the child inside the whole day," she said.

A residential neighbor directly across the street from the proposed site indicated he objected to the potential noise from a playground. The Sibers said the lot was so deep and wooded that neighbors would not be disturbed by its use. They also revealed that they had tried to buy a lot next door to the property, but that the owner rejected the notion.

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COUNTY COOL... Union County residents await the sweet tunes of the Gully Low Jazz Band from the stage at the first annual Jersey Jazz by the Lake in Cranford's Nomahegan Park last Sunday. Thousands, like Tim Evans and Marie Constantino of Roselle, pictured here, attended the two-day event, which included performer Lionel Hampton. Union County Freeholders organized the happening.

Interfaith Conference to Focus On Security in Sacred Places

Union County Sheriff Ralph G. Froehlich and the Reverend James Reisner of the First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth will present an interfaith seminar on "The Safety and Security of Sacred Places."

The conference will be held next Thursday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Parish Hall, 42 Broad Street in Elizabeth. All religious leaders are invited to attend.

Security specialists from the Union County Sheriff's Office will present suggestions and recommendations to enhance security at houses of worship.

There will also be an opportunity for open dialogue among religious leaders during the program,

according to Sheriff Froehlich.

Anyone wishing to attend is asked to call the First Presbyterian Church at (908) 353-1518.



KEEPING SANCTUARIES SAFE... Union County Sheriff Ralph G. Froehlich, left, and the Reverend James Reisner of the First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth will present an interfaith seminar on "The Safety and Security of Sacred Places" at the First Presbyterian Parish Hall, 42 Broad Street, next Thursday, September 24, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All religious leaders are invited to attend.

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Register to Vote"**

Union County Clerk Elected President of Political Caucus

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi recently was elected to serve as President of the New Jersey Women's Political Caucus at the group's annual conference.

The WPC-NJ is a bi-partisan organization dedicated to increasing women's participation in the political process through election and appointment to local, county, state and national office.

Previously, Ms. Rajoppi served as the statewide organization's First and Second Vice Presidents. She is a member of WPC National Steering Committee, the national parent organization of the state caucus based in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Rajoppi is the 1997 recipient of the Mary Philbrook Award from the WPC-NJ, a prestigious award given to a woman who is a role model. She also has served as President of the Union County Caucus.

"I am honored that the state membership," Ms. Rajoppi said, "has endorsed my candidacy as President."

She said her plans for the organization include an aggressive outreach program to assist women in training for elective and appointive office.

"With skills and techniques, greater numbers of women will succeed in the political arena," she said.

Previously, Ms. Rajoppi served as Mayor of Springfield, Union County Freeholder Chairwoman, Union County Register of Deeds and Mortgages and New Jersey Assistant Secretary of State. She was elected as Union County Clerk in 1995. She is also an adjunct lecturer at Rutgers University in the Political Science Department.

Other officers elected to the Women's Political Caucus of NJ for the coming year are Marie Flynn of Bernardsville, First Vice President; Marianne McConnell of Ironia, Second Vice President; Gilda Morales of Piscataway, Secretary; Claudine Leone of Mt. Laurel, Treasurer; Linda Anselmini of Princeton, Political Action Committee Chairwoman, and Christine Stearns of Lambertville, Political Action Committee Treasurer.



GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS... Admiring the festive hats donated by Clark Chapter 3733 of the American Association of Retired Persons, pictured left to right, are: Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan; Charles Grunder, Chapter President; Marion Connolly of Westfield, Volunteer Coordinator of Runnells projects; W.L. Seach of Elizabeth, chapter volunteer member; Patricia Scott of Union, Runnells' Director of Activities Therapy, and Runnells resident Hildegard Gehr, modeling one of the hats.

Clark A.A.R.P Donates Hats To Runnells Hospital Patients

Clark Chapter No. 3733 of the American Association of Retired Persons (A.A.R.P.) recently donated

colorful, hand-decorated hats for residents and patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights to wear while enjoying outdoor activities in the hospital's courtyard area and taking summer day trips.

The donation was the idea of Marion Connolly of Westfield, the group's Volunteer Coordinator for all Runnells projects. Designed for both men and women, the hats are decorated with silk flowers, trinkets, ribbons and happy faces. Some are adorned with sports memorabilia.

The chapter also donated almost 40 gift baskets filled with toiletries such as hand cream, lotion, soap, shampoo and hair products.

"The summer hats project is a most welcome one, and we appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness of Marion and the Clark A.A.R.P.," remarked Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, who attended the presentation at the hospital.

The Clark A.A.R.P. has other planned projects to benefit Runnells Hospital, including the knitting, crocheting and sewing of wheelchair lap robes, shoulder shrugs and tote bags, and the collection of jewelry, trinkets, small picture frames, note paper and books to be awarded as prizes for the residents' bingo games.

Union County Rolling Out Computerized Machines

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

Voting will enter the high tech world this November when voters in Westfield, Fanwood and Mountainside begin using the county's new computerized and barrier-free machines.

The county purchased 500 machines last year at a cost of \$2.8 million through the approval of a bond referendum. The AVC machines, manufactured by Sequoia Pacific Voting Equipment, Inc. of Jamestown, New York, allow persons in wheelchairs to easily vote. Also, write-in votes will now be done electronically.

In order to familiarize voters with these new machines, the Union County Board of Elections has announced that sample machines will be available during Westfield's annual FestiFall street festival this Sunday, September 20.

Dennis Kobitz, of the Board of Elections who is working with Westfield to

get the town familiar with the machines, said all voting districts in the town will receive the new machines.

Voters will no longer pull a curtain or levers when voting. Instead, one just walks into the booth and pushes a button. The machines are also hand-capped assessable.

When the machines are turned off they will release a tape, similar to a supermarket receipt, and a computer disk.

Mr. Kobitz noted that when popped into the computer, workers in the office of the County Clerk will quickly be able to tabulate the results. Under the old system, workers had to key-stroke in results from around the county.

While the system will not save much time in getting out election results in local races, they will speed up the process for tabulating county-wide and state races within the county.

Currently one of the last counties to release election results, Union will now be one of the first under the new machines, Mr. Kobitz explained.

The machines are currently in use in Ocean, Somerset and Bergen Counties.

Mayors Collect 'Pocket Park' Checks Totaling \$1.7 Million

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

In what might have been the most money distributed at a Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting, mayors or their representatives collected checks totaling \$1.7 million last Thursday night in Elizabeth.

The money has been designated for the creation of parks and to upgrade existing parks, fields, playgrounds and recreational facilities as part of the Freeholders "Project Pocket Parks" program.

The program was first unveiled in January by board Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan as part of his initiatives for this year.

Although the program originally totaled \$1 million, the Chairman said the board decided to award all requests — which totaled \$1.7 million.

In Westfield, Mayor Thomas C. Jardim's ad hoc committee on Parks and Recreation met last Thursday to begin the process of deciding where Westfield's share — totaling \$200,000 including the county portion and town match — would be best spent. The funds were originally to pay for a park at the site of the former Excellent Diner on North Avenue in the downtowns.

However, the owner of the property received approval over the summer from the town Planning Board to develop the site for an office building with retail space on the ground floor.

Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, who picked up a check for \$125,000, said the borough could not have come up with the funds to develop a piece of land on Watson Road as a park.

The land, the former site of the borough's firehouse, has been vacant for 11 years, she said. In describing the parcel as "blighted," Mayor Connelly said the pocket park funds will enable Fanwood "preserve the little open space we have."

Like Westfield, Fanwood's elected officials have yet to decide how to use the funds. The Democratic majority is seeking the Watson Road project while Republicans and some members of the community wants to use the money for upgrading existing recreational facilities.

Scotch Plains, which was represented by Township Councilman Robert Johnston, will use the \$125,000 county and township matching funds to acquire

and create a pocket park at the former site of Scotch Plains Zoo and the renovation of Green Forest Park.

In addition to the \$100,000 for park funds, Westfield received an additional \$7,500 for the playground at the former Lincoln School.

The town has agreed to lease the playground from the Board of Education for 25 years.

"This program is going to upgrade 40 Parks in this county," said Freeholder Sullivan, noting the total amount of money including town matching funds

have the funds for a technology program, those who do, will use the funds to speed up the process, officials said.

Freeholder Linda d. Stender of Fanwood said the program "is really a good step in the right direction" for students throughout the county.

In other business, the board awarded a one-year, \$3.4 million contract to Correctional Health Services, Inc., of Verona, to provide health services to inmates at the Union County jail and detainees at the county's juvenile detention center. The firm will help the county switch

from public to private management of the two facilities.

According to a report from CHS, the firm helped Hudson County save \$6.9 million from 1991 through 1997 for medical services at its jail and \$5.5 million at the Essex County facility from 1990 through this past March.

Mercer County's costs dropped \$3.9 million from 1992 through this past April, according to CSH.

CSH has reduced medical costs through implementation of inmate medical co-payment systems, agreements with

hospitals to reduce inmate inpatient costs and instituting expert medical and administrative program management systems.

When contacted Monday by *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*, Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla said he predicts the CSH will save the county at least \$350,000 over the next two years.

"I think in the first year we will save \$100,000," Mr. Lapolla predicted.

He said the firm is looking to work on an agreement with St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Elizabeth which currently operates "locked" units for Essex County inmates in need of medical attention. Given the fact prisoners are detained at the hospital, Union County would see savings in overtime needed to guard them.

The county manager projected that private medical service at the two facilities will "exceed a quarter of a million dollars" in the second year.

The board approved a 12-year lease of property owned by Smith Motors in Elizabeth. The \$30,000 per month lease will be used for servicing county vehicles, presently done at the county's Westfield complex on North Avenue.

comes to \$3.4 million.

Garwood Mayor Michael Crincoli said his small community, sandwiched between Westfield and Cranford, will use its \$20,000 to renovate the borough Little League field.

Mountainside will use the \$25,000 it received for the renovation of Sawmill Road Field.

In other business, officials announced the county's Access 2000 program, which provides funds to schools to ensure all students will have access to computers and the Internet in their classrooms, will be fully funded this year.

County Manager Michael J. Lapolla explained that the county had originally planned to appropriate \$1 million over three years. However, those funds will now be given to districts this year.

"This plan will really accelerate what children of this county need to reach the next century," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo of Westfield.

Freeholder Louis Mingo of Plainfield emphasized that the money to be distributed to districts will include a wide range of uses from computer hardware and software to wiring and Internet connections.

While some districts simply do not



Mountainside's Lieutenant Osieja Sworn In; Squad Update Given

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

On the night of his 40th birthday, Detective Sergeant Richard J. Osieja, a 20-year member of the Mountainside Police Department, was sworn in as a Lieutenant during Tuesday's Borough Council meeting.

His wife, Dona, and three daughters, Ashley, Kimberly and Courtney, stood by his side as he vowed to uphold the Constitution of the United States, as well as the constitution of New Jersey.

Afterwards, his father, Gene Osieja, a retired 31-year member of the Irvington police force, and his mother, Lois, pinned on the new Lieutenant's badge.

In other business, Dan Falcone and Bill Biuno of the Rotary Club presented Police Chief James Debbie, Jr. and Lieutenant John Olock with two bicycle helmets for the borough's new Police Bicycle Patrol, which is scheduled to begin sometime in October.

According to Chief Debbie, the patrol will start in the fall, run until winter and then resume in the spring. The two officers who are assigned to the patrol are Officer Michael Perrotta and Officer John Philippakos.

In other business, the council announced and approved the appointment of Michael K. Dwyer to the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department. Councilman Thomas Perrotta told the audience that Mr. Dwyer had recently moved into Mountainside, and that he "will be a fine addition to the Fire Department."

Officials also approved the appointment of Heather Theissen, a trained Emergency Services Technician, to the position of Administrative Assistant. Ms. Theissen will help with paperwork in the borough's offices, as well as be on hand to respond to calls for the rescue squad.

According to Mayor Robert F. Vigilanti, the appointment of Ms.

Theissen is part of the borough's ongoing effort to help resolve the problem of a lack of daytime volunteers for local emergency service units.

In response to questions regarding the status of the squad's recruitment process from Michael Krasner of Old Tote Road, a candidate for Borough Council this year, Mayor Vigilanti asked Maggi Benninger, the squad's President, to update the audience.

Ms. Benninger announced that, to date, the recruitment effort has brought five additional volunteers to the squad. She also stated that, right before the official recruitment drive began, the squad had received applications from four other individuals — bringing to nine the total number of volunteers.

Prospective squad members must go through a 120-day training process.

She added that the squad is in the process of seeking state approval to run official emergency training sessions within the borough. Currently, volunteers must receive their training from state-approved local colleges.

Ms. Benninger reported that she wants to make it easier for Mountainside residents to become members of the rescue squad.

Louis Thomas of Friar Lane asked about seeing monthly records from the squad. Ms. Benninger invited Mr. Thomas to come to the squad at any time.

Finally, Scott Schmedel of Old Tote Road asked the Mayor about the status of volunteers for the Fire Department. The Mayor stated that "while the need for volunteers in the Fire Department is great, it is not as urgent as the need for volunteers at the rescue squad."

He added that the suggestion was made through meetings with current members of the department that firefighters' clothing allowance be raised as an incentive for members to stay and new personnel to join the de-

partment.

The department currently has 30 volunteers. Mr. Schmedel also inquired about the availability of emergency services in the event of a blackout like the one which occurred last week.

Mayor Vigilanti assured Mr. Schmedel that such services were available because there was a natural gas generator in the basement of Borough Hall to take care of all of the vital services.

Seventy Classic Cars Expected for Display At Classic Car Show

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, will hold the 4th Westfield Classic Car Show on Thursday, September 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Quimby Street in downtown Westfield.

Somerset Tire Service and Thomas Lincoln Mercury of Westfield will co-sponsor the event. "We enjoyed the show so much in August, that we had to come back in September," said John Lauricella of Thomas Lincoln Mercury.

The Westfield Classic Car Show offers free admission for both cars and attendees and 70 cars are expected to be on display. DJ Stickshift Eddie will play his "Oldies" collection of classic tunes throughout the evening.

Quimby Street will be closed to traffic from 5 to 9 p.m. to allow easy and safe viewing of the cars. For information, please call (908) 654-4100.

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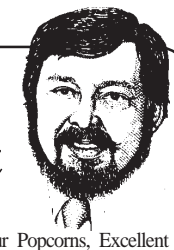
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Simon Birch: Tall Tale Comes Up Short

By Michael S. Goldberger



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You first become suspicious when you hear the title. Simon who? And then you learn the movie is based on John Irving's *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, that wonderfully quirky and sage saga from the writer who penned *The World According to Garp* and *The Hotel New Hampshire*. Then why the name change?

The diminutive 12-year-old with a Christ complex was named Owen Meany, wasn't he? Was there a Simon Birch in the novel? What's up? Someone trying to pull a fast one? But then, maybe we're being just a little paranoid. After all, what's in a name?

Well...certainly not very much if you go by Mark Steven Johnson. Alas, your skepticism is justified. The writer-director's much-compromised *Simon Birch* has veered so drastically from the original temper of novelist Irving's best-selling book that the author has all but disavowed the film; instead of a "based-on" to describe the source material, the credits must inform that *Simon Birch* is only "suggested by" the novel.

Whatever his name, he is played by 3-foot-eleven-inch newcomer, Ian Michael Smith, a real-life 11-year-old noticeably suffering from a growth-hampering disease (in the book, Owen's curiously small size is exotic, not sickly). It is related that the title character is so little at birth that his arrival goes virtually unnoticed, especially by his surprised mom, who happens to painlessly deliver him as a consequence of sneezing. The doctors say he won't make it through the night. Then they inform he won't make it through the week. Fast-forward 12 years.

Of course, the smallest child ever born at New Hampshire's Gravestown Hospital lives to be the marvelously unlikely hero of the tale. Certain that God has a grand plan for him, Simon is forever declaring he is bound for glory. His parents regard him with a deadpan lack of interest that barely masks their disdain. But, like the miracle of his survival, Simon has unshakable faith.

The argumentative 12-year-old's egocentricism has the unfortunate effect of annoying some folks. Particularly rankled by Simon's spiritual pluck and his penchant for debunking authority is David Strathairn as the rigid Reverend Russell. Also at her wit's end at the hands of this infant philosopher is his teacher, Miss Leavey (Jan Hooks). When typecast Simon portrays the baby Jesus at a humorously ill-fated Christmas pageant-turned-fiasco, her worst fears are realized.

Happily, the vertically-challenged youth has two very loving allies with equally eccentric pedigrees, like best friend Joe and his mother, Rebecca Wentworth. Looking like a young Ava Gardner, Ashley Judd imbues Rebecca with an angelic presence; it complements the pedestal Simon has put her on. She in turn functions as the Lilliputian's surrogate Mom.

Miss Wentworth never did wed, and you know what that makes Joe, played by Joseph Mazello (*Jurassic Park*). He has his persona rooted in the perplexing fact that Mom met Dad-to-be on the Boston-to-Maine, but never bothered to tell anyone, including him, who the fellow was. When the boys aren't speculating just exactly how Simon will realize his heroic destiny, they direct their efforts to the matter of Joe's elusive paternity. Every fellow in town is a suspect.

The alternately funny and sad quest becomes an obsession. Yet the manhunt must take a back seat to the catalytic interjection of two very tragic events — Irving's signature method of mixing off-beat plot mechanisms with his story-by-collision style. In the filmmaker's hands, the literary device doesn't quite achieve the aura of watershed importance that marks the New England author's specific brand of neo-gothic wackiness. Instead, Johnson directs with a more conformist goal, sculpting the story's oddball events into a fairly typical coming-of-age summer set in a typically Rockwellian town. The script is chock-full of those stock learning-experience moments that both change and prove everything.

It figures then that the tale's more trenchant notions are, more often than not, artlessly delivered in very conventional terms. Thus, even with a fairly decent cast and enough warm fuzziness to clothe a thousand Beanie Babies, in the final analysis *Simon Birch* is manipulative: time to laugh, time to cry, time to learn a life lesson — all accompanied by 60s-era pop hits delivered with the poetic subtlety of a sledgehammer.

In other words, it all dumbs down to local Irving for the masses. An antithetical idea if ever there were one. If the producers were truly forthcoming, in addition to the "suggested by" ploy, the

credits would proclaim thusly: "We paid John Irving a ton to make this film, so we couldn't chance a faithful adaptation that might only play to a handful of elitists at a few cosmopolitan art houses. And what do you need such intellectual stuff for anyway? It'll just make you miserable...all that death and redemption garbage. So here, Enjoy! We got mainstream Mark Steven Johnson (*Grumpy Old Men*) to transpire the whole deal. Got rid of all those hard, messianic concepts that make people crazy. Now everyone in the family can understand it."

The fantasy disclaimer might also add that since no one thus far has satisfactorily translated Irving's works, why start now? But give them credit for restraint. At least they didn't attempt a merchandise tie-in with a fast food chain. Then they'd have to decide whether to name the very little plastic character you get with a lucky meal Owen Meany or Simon Birch.

Simon Birch, rated PG-13, is a Buena Vista release of a Hollywood Pictures presentation directed by Mark Steven Johnson and stars Ian Michael Smith, Joseph Mazello and Ashley Judd. Running time: 113 minutes.

THE word HISTORIES SLEUTHS

BY JO & JOHN JACOBSON

PRESTIGE

Once people understand the source of the word prestige, they will be less inclined to be tricked by some of those people who appear to possess that magical quality. In fact, the Latin elements of prestige are essentially the same as for prestidigitator which means one who is skilled in the manual execution of tricks; juggler.

The word prestidigitator combines preste, quick and digitus, meaning finger. The French later fashioned the word prestige, which was eventually adopted by the English, and is currently defined as the power to impress or influence others because of success, wealth, or influence.

The Latin word praestigiosus, meaning full of deceitful tricks, is quite close in meaning to prestidigitator. The English version, prestigious, is still used occasionally in the sense of deception, but is more often used to describe those having or imparting distinction.

Be careful not to be taken in by those who appear to have prestige, because occasionally people achieve prestigious status through the use of trickery.

State to See Accountability On Education Spending

By Senator Donald T. DiFrancesco

It's that time of year again when New Jersey's school children head back to the classroom to continue their pursuit of knowledge. To them, the 1998 school year is just another small step in earning a top-notch education that will prepare them for the workforce of the 21st century.

For taxpayers, however, 1998 will be remembered as a watershed year in which the New Jersey Supreme Court made its final ruling in the 30-year history of our state's school funding debate.

In the effort to bring the state's poorest school districts into spending parity with other districts, there would be no "dumbing down" of New Jersey's best schools. There would be no penalizing frugal middle-income school districts like Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Cranford and Berkeley Heights, in order to put more funds into special needs schools.

Instead, there will be higher education standards for school children and improved accountability for the spending of state education aid dollars and of local property tax dollars.

In supporting the Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act (CEIFA), Governor Christine Todd Whitman and the Republican Legislature recognized that simply spending additional dollars on New Jersey's public school system would not improve the poor performance exhibited by the state's poor or special needs districts.

The state already spends an average of \$9,238 per pupil in education funding — the highest in the nation. We refused to be placed in a position of taking money away from middle-income districts to address the problems of special needs districts.

Instead, Governor Whitman and the Legislature set the bar higher for all New Jersey schools by establishing statewide core curriculum standards that outline what every student should know and be able to do after 13 years of public school education.

The fiscal year 1999 state budget reflects our commitment to New Jersey's schools, particularly the middle-income school districts, which lack the resources of wealthier districts yet don't qualify for

the variety of state programs enjoyed by the special needs districts. This year's budget includes a total of \$6 billion for education.

Of that figure, Governor Whitman earmarked \$2.1 billion for middle-income school districts, including \$52.7 million for debt service. The Legislature then added \$42.1 million to that figure to ensure that those districts were held harmless in the state's new funding formula. We also added nearly \$100 million to help local districts offset renovation costs, fund safety improvements or construct additional classrooms.

District 22 schools, in particular, benefited from the CEIFA law. Those districts received a total of \$5.3 million in additional aid over last year. The Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood school districts, for example, received a combined total of nearly half a million in additional aid over last year.

The state Supreme Court's decision sets the stage for the Legislature to take its rightful place as the lead decision-maker in New Jersey's school funding decisions. In the 21st century, our leadership will be tested by new challenges as we try to ensure a top quality education for every New Jersey student.

Our efforts will focus on increased funding for technology grants in order to prepare students for the information age. Tomorrow's economy will demand cutting edge high-tech skills that our school children will need to learn in order to compete and prosper in the next century.

I know Governor Whitman and the Legislature will rise to meet this education challenge, just as we did on the school funding issue. The state Supreme Court was correct to endorse the Republican majority's vision of delivering a quality education for all of New Jersey's students. After 30 years of debate, the judicial and legislative branches of government finally agree that we're on the right path for our schools and our children.

Senator Donald T. DiFrancesco, of Scotch Plains, serves as President of the State Senate.

Letters to the Editor

Fanwood Resident Supports Display Of U.S. Flag to Preserve Patriotism

A former Fanwood resident has informed me that not displaying our flag on July 4 does not make one unpatriotic or uncaring, that "patriotism means more than waving a flag. It means reaching out to all the diverse races and religions, and accepting those different than us."

I say to this man: open your eyes and open your ears, and don't define people by their flags (or lack thereof).

I am a retired Newark social worker. I risked my life participating in civil rights activities.

In 1972, in many municipalities, it was almost impossible for low-income people to find affordable, decent apartments. I am the tenant leader, representing 1,200 garden apartments, who led the successful drives which brought a limited form of rent control to several municipalities, including Irvington, Newark and Union.

I worked with parents of Newark students, for which I received a congratulatory note from former First Lady Barbara Bush.

As a League of Women Voters officer, I conducted voter registration drives and published newsletters stating candidates'

positions on issues and arranged debate forums.

I ran blood donation drives and have donated 10 gallons of blood. I raised \$1,000 in pledges for the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center when I ran the New York Marathon. As Chairman of the American Cancer Society's municipal fund-raising drive, I set records.

I testified at Congressional hearings concerning the Soviet Union's interference with international mail. I led demonstrations at the United Nations protesting Soviet repression of religion.

I had the honor of carrying the Olympic Torch in 1996, when it crossed New Jersey on its way to Atlanta, as a reward for my volunteerism. I co-chair the annual Union Township interfaith Thanksgiving eve service.

Although I agree with the writer that it is possible to be patriotic without flying our flag July 4, I suggest that she not share that thought with the Gold Star mothers of my comrades who died or are still Missing In Action in Korea or our other wars.

Maurice Fenichel,
Fanwood

Regionalization One Way of Reducing Burden on Jersey Property Taxpayers

Over the course of the past year there has been plenty of discussion on property taxes and their impact on local communities. In fact, Governor Christine Todd Whitman's Property Tax Commission recently released a review of issues related to property tax reform. New Jersey property owners pay some of the highest taxes in the nation.

Rising taxes are nothing new. In 1929, the year of the New York Stock Market crash, the State Legislature established a commission to investigate county and municipal taxes. The Commission found that a "rapid increase of tax rate burdens in recent years has given rise to a general spirit of unrest" and other problems. Some 20 years later, with President Truman in the White House, New Jersey Governor Alfred E. Driscoll thought that residents expect services from municipal government which would be better carried out by counties or the state.

And, just a decade ago, a State Commission determined that New Jersey has an "excessive reliance on local government and local taxation." It also found that state and local government "does not always promote accountability, equity and efficiency."

In an effort to lower property taxes, Somerset County has a plan to consolidate the county's 21 towns into five regional centers. While each town would still elect a Mayor and governing body, senior-level officials would be responsible for managing the delivery of key services — such as policing, school boards, tax assessment, school transportation, planning and purchasing — and would be regionalized under the proposal. One of the regional centers — to consist of Bridgewater, Raritan and Somerville — found that costs would be cut \$1.824 million.

We caution our elected leaders, though that regionalization doesn't always work. Look at Mountainside residents who, along with five other towns, are glad to be free of the Union County Regional High School District. While some communities were better off under the regionalized program, Mountainside now only pays for transportation costs and other fees to the Berkeley Heights Board of Education. Under the regional plan, Mountainside taxpayers had to pay a share of maintenance for four high school buildings, teacher salaries, and other expenses.

The notion of shared services, though, is a good concept. Scotch Plains and Fanwood share a school district, welfare director, and, just recently, a municipal jail Matron. Garwood, Springfield, Roselle Park, Mountainside and Fanwood all are part of the Westfield Regional Health Department.

Each year when local governing bodies and school boards put together their budgets the impact of taxes is considered. The question should also be how to best combine services, where possible.

There seems to be an unwritten theory that bond referendums are a one-shot deal. This is definitely not the case. Referendums are generally used for long-term projects such as new libraries, schools and capital improvements. The Westfield School Board is currently considering a referendum of \$12 million for additional classrooms and other projects. The bond would raise taxes about \$18 the first year on the averaged assessed home in town, \$37 in the second year and \$56 for years three through five. Keeping this in mind, Westfielders paid an increase of \$104 over 1997.

Thus, we ask the school board and its Citizen Advisory Committee to be mindful of this fact during their deliberations. Likewise, officials often seem to get excited when they get a grant from the state or county. While this seems great, this money still comes from taxpayers pockets. For example, county property taxes support the "Pocket Park" program, while state income taxes pay for the annual Transportation Trust Fund road improvement projects.

It is indeed nice to see our hard earned tax dollars return home. Just remember folks, it was our money in the first place.

In addition to the school bond referendum, the Westfield Town Council has been considering a bond issue to make major infrastructure improvements to the town's roads and parks. Debt payments on the multi-million dollar road improvement bond referendum would replace the existing debt on the Westfield library, which is nearly retired.

By the same token, the proposed school bond referendum would replace bond issues of the late 1980s. So, the question is — are these spending projects essential? And, if so, can they be included within the capital improvement budget? Town officials have said the capital improvements could be done within the town budget. The town would save on interest payments and still get the job done.

In Scotch Plains and Fanwood, which share a school system, there is a disparity between the amount of property taxes paid for homes assessed at the same value, yet just across the town line from one another. That needs to be changed so that Fanwoodians don't continue to pay the bulk of the burden of the school tax levy. After all, all the public schools in the district lie in Scotch Plains.

Letters to the Editor

Resident Urges Media to Increase Coverage of Problems in America Today

I fear for the future of our great country when I note how much time is devoted to the relationship between President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky and how little time is devoted to such major public policy issues as nuclear proliferation, terrorism, world-wide famine, the environment, the tens of millions of adults and children not covered by medical insurance, and the social and economic dislocations caused by massive shifts in the American economy.

There are so many other major public policy issues which also do not get the attention they deserve from the media let alone from the public.

The Connecticut Courant of Hartford, in the editorial "The Principal Circumstances Which Render Liberty Secure," dated January 7, 1788, argued that the people must "have access to the sources of information" and be "discerning (about) what measures are conducive to the public welfare."

Yet tonight, September 4, for example, there was no special television coverage of the continued severe declines in American stock markets or of the distinct danger of a global economic recession.

Noah Webster in "A Citizen of America," dated October 17, 1787 argued that "the information of the people" is a basis of freedom.

Thomas Jefferson, writing to James Madison from Paris on December 20, 1787, hoped for "the education of the common people" because he was "convinced that on their good sense we may rely with the most security for the preservation of a due degree of liberty."

That education about public policy issues so central to preserving and enriching our freedom and liberty is sorely missing because the media has not met its special responsibility to help educate the people about all the public policy

problems they must face and solve. The information which the public needs that our country may always be free and prosperous cannot alone be obtained in school. Without extensive media coverage of the public policy issues of the day, teachers and their students are at a disadvantage which no textbook or other teaching material can remove.

Generations of future Americans will ask what we did today to solve the pressing domestic and foreign policy problems confronting us. We fail to solve these problems not only at our own peril but at the peril of these future Americans.

Stephen Schoeman,
Scotch Plains

Proud Scotch Plains Resident Praises Upward Trend In Property Values

Congratulations to all Scotch Plains home owners on their very wise investment. In a recently-published article, a table listed a town-by-town analysis of how property values have increased over the years.

Interestingly, Scotch Plains has enjoyed a 14 percent increase in value since 1993, the second highest in Union County; a 23 percent increase since 1987, the third highest in the county, and a 426 percent increase since 1973, the fourth highest in the county.

To what can we attribute this above average return on investment? What makes Scotch Plains such an attractive and desirable place to live?

Certainly, many factors are at play here. Good government and the services it provides its residents are certainly important factors.

We should be ever mindful of this, especially as election time draws near. Obviously, our school system is well

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Resident Reacts to Storm Damage; Calls for Better Tree Maintenance

This letter was sent to *The Westfield Leader* as an open letter to our Mayor Thomas C. Jardim.

Dear Mayor: The damage caused by

Monday's storm is quite extensive and appalling. Even more appalling is the fact that the majority of the fallen trees, which caused terrible damage to private property and left many residents and business owners without electrical power for numerous hours, were on town property.

The clean-up of the downed trees and power lines will undoubtedly take several weeks. It is a true disaster. But this disaster could have been minimized if the town of Westfield had done a better job of tree maintenance.

I can't say how often I have heard neighbors say that they called the town to have unhealthy trees at the curb in front of their home either pruned or removed entirely, and the response they received was: "We are too busy now, we'll have to put you on the list." This simply is not an acceptable response, in light of the storm on September 7.

My hope now is that our town of Westfield gets declared a natural disaster area so we can get some federal assistance.

Does the town have a regular tree trimming, removal and replanting schedule or do we have to wait for a storm to remove all the dead wood?

Janna Sage Peterson
Westfield

thought of. Those with young children and those thinking of starting a family must be ranking our schools high on their priority list.

Perhaps most important in this equation are the residents of Scotch Plains themselves. We have good people here in our township who contribute to its character. Attractive neighborhoods filled with outstanding neighbors make Scotch Plains one of the most desirable places to live in Union County and the state.

I suspect that this upward trend in Scotch Plains property values will continue, providing that we keep electing the hardworking, trustworthy people who have comprised our good government, to strive for excellence in our schools, and of course maintain our beautiful neighborhoods with great neighbors.

Keep up the good work, Scotch Plains!
Cindy Lea Kuntz
Scotch Plains

Campaign Forum '98

Bergen County Congressman Speaks At Fundraiser for Mayor Connelly

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Admitting that the biggest task ahead is to "get out the vote" this November for Democrats, Congressman Steve Rothman, representing the Ninth Congressional District covering Bergen County, came to Westfield Monday afternoon to help Democratic candidate Maryanne S. Connelly in her race against incumbent Republican Seventh District Congressman Bob Franks.

The event was also held in support of Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim who is seeking a second term.

Republicans have held the local Congressional seat - which was previously the 12th District - since the late 1960s. Congressman Franks was first elected in 1992, replacing fellow Republican Matthew J. Rinaldo who retired from Congress after serving 20 years.

The area was redistricted from the 12th to the Seventh in the early 1980s. Florence P. Dwyer served before that from 1967 to 1973 after coming over from the Sixth District. Democrat Paul J. Krebs served before her from 1965 to 1967.

Mrs. Connelly, the Mayor of Fanwood, was joined by Westfield Mayor Jardim in welcoming Congressman Rothman, a second-year Congressman holding the seat of Robert Torricelli after he was elected to the United States Senate in 1996.

Congressman Rothman sits on the House Judicial Committee which will conduct hearings to consider the impeachment of President Bill Clinton following the release of Special Pros-

ecutor Kenneth Starr's report.

He said despite his support for the President he has been presented with a "Constitutional obligation."

"I have the responsibility to stand in judgment over him," the Congressman stated.

He said despite the release of the 445-page Starr report, there are 2,000 more pages of "supportive material

admitted that this election may have one of the lowest voter turnout in decades. Mr. Roth indicated that the release of the Starr's report could also lower that turnout even more.

In the local Congressional race, Mayor Connelly admitted that she has a "tough race" against Congressman Franks. Among the campaign issue she sees are health care, Social Security, pension security and education. She said she makes over 100 calls a day to Seventh District constituents and that these issues are brought up by voters.

"Working people care about working people's issues," Mayor Connelly added.

In noting the road ahead for Mrs. Connelly, Mayor Jardim cited his own stunning upset in the 1996 Westfield Mayoral race when he became the first Democrat elected to the office since 1912.

"I am somebody who knows that anything is possible," he said. "If you believe in yourself, and your cause, and have the right energy you can do it."

He said his election — along with John J. Walsh and Lawrence A. Goldman, as the Third Ward and Fourth Ward Councilmen — has led to some positive initiatives.

"We have invested in the assets of Westfield. We have newly paved roads coming into town. We have taken on the challenge of finally improving the parks in this town. There are over 5,000 kids playing soccer alone," he said.

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Paul J. Peyton for The Westfield Leader and The Times

RAISING FUNDS...Attending the fundraiser for Fanwood Mayor and Democratic Congressional candidate Maryanne S. Connelly, left, and Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, third from left, are Bergen County Congressman Steve R. Rothman and Union County Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo of Westfield.

that Mr. Starr relied on" along with 17 more boxes of video tapes and transcripts that the Judiciary Committee must read over the next two weeks to decide whether they should be released to public.

The Congressman indicated that both sides in the matter need to be heard, noting that President Clinton has not had the opportunity to review the additional documents before the Committee.

He said the Committee will "think through" all the allegations and evaluate the President's conduct to see whether it merits impeachment.

Noting the overwhelming attention paid to the presidential issue over the past few weeks, Congressman Roth-

Mountainside Democrats

Sponsoring Casino Trip

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Mountainside Democratic Club announced it is sponsoring a bus trip to the Showboat Casino on Friday, October 2, for a day of fun in Atlantic City.

There will be almost no cost to those attending.

For more information and reservations, please call Rose Siejk at (908) 232-4043, or Lou Thomas at (908) 233-5652, President of the Mountainside Democratic Club.

Congressman Franks Calls Clinton's Woes 'A National Tragedy'

Republican Congressman Bob Franks, representing the 7th District, led off a fundraising event for Republican State Assemblyman from the 22nd District Richard H. Bagger last Sunday and he took the opportunity to bash President Bill Clinton saying, "It's a national tragedy."

This comes after Federal Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr released a 445-page report alleging wrongdoing on the part of Mr. Clinton, last Friday.

"If [Clinton] were a CEO of a corporation, he'd be out of a job. He'd be sent packing," Congressman Franks said about the President.

"He violated the trust of Americans. He lied. He betrayed us. He may have obstructed justice," Mr. Franks continued.

Congressman Franks indicated he was returning to Washington, D.C., the following day in order to consider the report.

"A constitutional crisis like this, requires us to carry out the process...without even a hint of partisanship. If the public perceives partisanship...the Republicans will be courting disaster," Congressman Franks told his Republican listeners.

"Friends of Bagger" sponsored the \$50-a-head brunch at L'Affaire Restaurant on Route 22 East in Mountainside, where Mr. Franks spoke.



Jeanne Whitney for The Westfield Leader and The Times

REPUBLICANS GATHER...Chairman of the Westfield Republican Town Committee Robert Cockren, center, dines at a fundraising brunch for State Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger last Sunday at L'Affaire restaurant in Mountainside. Joining him are former Union County Republican Chairwoman Barbara Claman, right, and Betty Cagnassola. Congressman Bob Franks and many other area supporters joined the fete.

Assemblyman Bagger Says Yes To Tax Breaks for College IRAs

State Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger of Westfield, representing the 22nd District, said he was introducing a bill to the state legislature this week, to create a tax advantage for college savings IRA accounts.

While providing no details, he referred to the measure at a \$50-a-head brunch sponsored by "Friends of Bagger" in Mountainside at L'Affaire Restaurant, last Sunday.

Mr. Bagger is currently Chairman of the State Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assemblyman Bagger also said he was looking to "deregulate the electric marketplace" in the state.

Republican State Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine, a Scotch Plains resident and also representing the 22nd District, introduced Assemblyman Bagger to fellow Republicans at the brunch, saying, "If ever there was a person born to govern, it is him."

Congressman Bob Franks also attended the fundraising event (see related story.)

Friends of WSO to Present 'Overture Reception' Saturday

WESTFIELD — Georgann Dowling and Andrea McDermott, the new Co-Presidents of the Friends of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) have announced that the annual "Overture Reception" will be held this Saturday, September 19, to launch the orchestra's 16th season.

The Friends of the WSO is a volunteer organization which helps support the orchestra while offering members an opportunity to socialize and share their interest in music.

Participation in the organization, which recently launched its fall membership drive, can be tailored to an individual's lifestyle, according to the Co-Presidents.

This year, the group's officers include Emily Risko of Mountainside, Director of Fundraising; Jane Franz of

Westfield, Director of Membership; Debbie Walker of Westfield, who is in charge of special events; Diane Walsh and Pamela Cooper of Westfield, who will handle public relations; Gaile Boothe of Westfield, who will oversee the Junior Friends; Sharon Walker of Fanwood, Secretary; Bobby Grecco of Westfield, Treasurer, and Carmen Salgueiro of Cranford, who will be the Liaison to the symphony.

A new member orientation is scheduled for Thursday, October 29. David Wroe, the conductor and Music Director of the symphony, will meet with the membership that evening and discuss the upcoming season, which is entitled "The Power of Music."

For more information about joining the Friends of the WSO and the upcoming season, please call (908) 232-9400.



Miss Jennifer Hughes Horner and Daniel Fuchs

*Miss Jennifer H. Horner
To Marry Daniel Fuchs*

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Horner of Westfield and Cape May have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jennifer Hughes Horner, to Daniel Fuchs of Somerville, Massachusetts. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fuchs of Burlington, Massachusetts.

A graduate of Westfield High School, the bride-elect earned her

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware. She is employed as a Human Resources Supervisor with Origin Technology in Business in South Plainfield.

Her fiancé, who graduated from Brookline High School in Massachusetts, received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and Biology from Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts. He is employed as a Senior Systems Analyst with Partners Healthcare System in Boston.

A wedding is planned for May of next year.

*Ripperger Family
Welcomes Son,
Owen Louis*

Mr. and Mrs. John Ripperger of Westfield have announced the birth of their son, Owen Louis Ripperger, on Friday, August 14, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Owen weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces at birth.

He joins his siblings, Kimberly, 8, Kyle, 6½, and Lindsay, 3½.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lavender of Scotch Plains and Sarasota, Florida.

His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lou Ripperger of Springfield and Naples, Florida.

*Emma Louise
Born to Ticknors*

Margie and Sam Ticknor of New York City have announced the birth of their daughter, Emma Louise Ticknor, on Sunday, August 16, at New York University Medical Center.

Emma weighed 8 pounds and 12 ounces and measured 21 inches in length at birth.

Her maternal grandparents are Dr. Gerald and Anne Glasser of Westfield.

The paternal grandparents are Mandy and Art Ticknor of Sewickley, Pennsylvania.

Emma is named after her maternal great-grandmother, Esther Silverstone of Westfield, who just celebrated her 95th birthday.

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MR. AND MRS. ANDREW OLSON
(She is the former Miss Audra Senato)

*Miss Audra Senato
Weds Andrew Olson*

Miss Audra Senato, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zych of Dobbs Ferry, New York and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Senato of Lindenhurst, New York, was married on Saturday, June 27, to Andrew Olson of Edison. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Olson of Mountainside, formerly of Westfield.

The late afternoon ceremony took place at the Mountainside Chapel in Mountainside, with Dr. Gregory Hagg, Pastor, officiating. The reception took place at the Olson residence in Mountainside.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father and stepfather, wore a long, silk Shantung, cream-colored, off-the-shoulder gown with light bead work and a princess waistline, complemented by a fingertip-length veil with a beaded edge and beaded crown.

She carried a cascading, garden-style bouquet of open roses, stephanotis, and orchids in shades of white and cream.

Miss Colette Retif and Miss Amanda Zych, the sister of the bride, both of Dobbs Ferry, served as the maid of honor and the junior maid of honor, respectively.

They wore long, light blue, silk Shantung gowns and carried garden-style bouquets in shades of dark blue, light blue, purple, violet and cream.

Bridal attendants included Miss Heather Jayne of Mays Landing, the cousin of the bride; Miss Claudine Retif of Dobbs Ferry; Mrs. Malia Gordon of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, and Miss Jennifer Jayne of Mays Landing, the cousin of the bride, who was the junior bridesmaid.

They also wore long, light blue, silk Shantung gowns and carried garden-style bouquets in shades of light

blue, violet and cream.

Michael Shultz of Waynesboro, Virginia, was the best man. Groomsmen included David Walton of Oley, Pennsylvania, Daniel Ravipinto of King of Prussia, and Patrick Sturmer of State College, Pennsylvania. Erick Olson of Lake Oswego, Oregon, the cousin of the bridegroom, was the junior groomsmen.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Our Lady of Victory Academy in Dobbs Ferry, and was awarded her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology earlier this year from Rutgers College. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in counseling psychology at the Rutgers University School of Education.

A 1992 graduate of Westfield High School, the bridegroom earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1996. He is a candidate for a Master of Science Degree in Computer Science at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

A shower for the bride was given by the bridal attendants at Rudy's Beau Rivage in Hastings, New York, and a luncheon for the bridal attendants was given by the bride at the Brick Oven in Westfield.

A luncheon for the groomsmen was given by the bridegroom at Paparazzi in Short Hills. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the bridegroom at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, and a post-wedding brunch was given by the bride's mother and stepfather at Joe's American Bar & Grill in Short Hills.

Following a wedding trip to Switzerland and France, the couple reside in Edison.



LEADING THE WAY...Andrea McDermott, left, and Georgann Dowling, the new Co-Presidents of the Friends of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, look forward to starting the new season.



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS...The Gardenaires recently celebrated their 40th anniversary at the Scotch Hills Country Club. Past members and past presidents were invited to a "tea" celebration. Pictured from left are: Former member, Charlotte Kovac; Past President, Margaret Mac Pherson; Past President, Charter Member, Mrs. Charles Szymanski; Former member, Jean Farnworth; Past President Mrs. Herbert Sailer, Jr.; and Past President, Mrs. John Reilly.

Gardenaires Club to Present Illustrated Slide Show

SCOTCH PLAINS — At the Wednesday, September 23rd noon meeting of the Gardenaires Club, Mr. Ralph Maiwaldt of Ringoes will present an illustrated slide show of some of his 1,600 varieties of day lilies.

He has been the owner and operator of the "Robin Meadow Farm" for the past ten years. He has been collecting lilies for over twenty-five years.

Mr. Maiwaldt also has some lovely and unusual rock gardens and plants. He has over 250 types of Hostas, many perennials, and lovely ponds with colorful fish and waterfalls. He is also an avid bird watcher and traveler.

Gardenaires is a garden club for women interested in furthering their knowledge of plants and gardening,

as well as using, displaying, and enjoying what they grow. The members experiences range from a few house plants to very large gardens.

Gardenaires programs include professional guest speakers, lecturers, workshops, trips, shows, community outreach programs, as well as charitable and social events.

Gardenaires general meetings are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, at the Scotch Hills Country Club from noon until 3 p.m. The Club meets from September through June and refreshments are served at each meeting.

Members may be Scotch Plains residents or from neighboring communities. Women of all age groups are welcome.

For any further information please call (908) 754-5160.

Mr. Leshar, Mrs. Pomerantz Head United Fund Divisions

WESTFIELD - Westfield residents John C. Leshar and Lynne Pomerantz are again heading major divisions for the United Fund's 1998 campaign. Mr. Leshar returns to chair the Advance Gifts Division, while Mrs. Pomerantz will lead the Major Gifts Division for a second year.

"Both Mr. Leshar and Mrs. Pomerantz have demonstrated a great commitment to Westfielders, and we are pleased to have them on board again to head up the 1998 teams," said Linda Maggio, Executive Director of the United Fund.

"Each division is vital to the success of our campaign, and these chairmen will play a critical role in helping us reach this year's goal of \$615,000," she added.

Mr. Leshar, the President of Haverford Realty in New York City, is a 22-year resident of Westfield and a veteran United Fund worker. Assisting him will



John C. Leshar

be Tom Cassidy, Rick Coltrera, Steve Kendrick, Jr., Steve Kendrick, Sr., John Taylor and Roger Yockel.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Mr. Leshar received his undergraduate degree from the University of Scranton and his Master in Business Administration Degree from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

He is a former member of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors and the Westfield Jaycees. He and his wife, Dr. Tina Leshar, a member of the United Fund Board of Trustees, have three children, Melissa, Christian, and Brendan.

The Major Gifts Division, chaired by Mrs. Pomerantz, is a segment of the campaign responsible for soliciting do-



Lynne Pomerantz

nations from 800 residents who have previously given from \$50 to \$150 to the United Fund.

Working with her are Adrian Carson, Doreen Ceasrine, Diane Coulson, Susan Devaney, Susan Dunn, Beverly Fantini, Marcia Fisher, Carol Geraghty, Ginger Hardwick, Mary Harries, Patricia Heinbokel, Mary Ann Kent, Linda Isaman, Julie Murphy, Patty Peloso, and

Ray Charles Set to Perform At CSH's Umbrella Gala

MOUNTAINSIDE — Dean R. O'Hare, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Chubb Corporation, has been named Honorary Chairman of the 11th Annual Umbrella Gala to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital.



Dean R. O'Hare

This year's event, featuring legendary musician Ray Charles, will be held on Thursday, November 5, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark.

The 11th Annual Umbrella Gala is hosted by CSH and the WB11 Care For Kids Fund, a fund of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation supporting charitable organizations. Mr. O'Hare is Chairman of the American Insurance Association, a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, and a Trustee of the United States Council for International Business, the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, and the Board of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of

Science and Art, among other affiliations.

The Umbrella Gala will include a lavish cocktail party and buffet reception at NJPAC, and will feature "An Evening with Ray Charles" in the center's Prudential Hall, presented by the Metropolitan Entertainment Group. The Newark Boys Chorus will provide entertainment during the reception.

The Advancement Committee for the gala includes Gary W. Whyte of Mountainside and CSH Auxiliary Vice President Lynn Kolterjahn of Westfield.

Members of the Planning Committee include Gail Smith, Susan Kaplan, Cathy Loughlin, CSH Westfield Twig II member Mildred Orlando and CSH Auxiliary member Hillary Weldon, all of Westfield.

CSH, the state's only hospital dedicated exclusively to pediatric rehabilitation, treats children and adolescents from birth through 21 years.

Their programs include outpatient services, acute rehabilitation, and long-term care through its locations in Mountainside, Fanwood, Toms River, Newark, and Union, as well as outreach programs in many communities.

For more information about the Umbrella Gala, please call (908) 301-5445.



PREPARING FOR A GALA...Members of Children's Specialized Hospital's Umbrella Gala Committee discuss plans for the Thursday, November 5 event which will feature legendary musician Ray Charles. Pictured, clockwise from bottom left, are: Elizabeth Loland of Westfield, Past President of the CSH Auxiliary and a CSH Foundation Board member; Planning Committee members Susan Kaplan, Cathy Loughlin and Gail Smith, and CSH Foundation board member Robert Todd, all of Westfield, and Anita J. Siegel of Morristown, Chairwoman of the Umbrella Gala's Planning Committee.

Mr. Bagger's Office To Be Open Saturday

WESTFIELD — The legislative office of Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger will be open to residents of the 22nd Legislative District from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday, September 19.

In addition to regular business hours on weekdays and one Saturday per month, Assemblyman Bagger's office, located at 203 Elm Street in Westfield, is open from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

The 22nd Legislative District includes Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside, among 13 other towns.

Further information may be obtained by calling Assemblyman Bagger's legislative office at (908) 232-3673.

NJWA to Hold 50/50 Drawing at FestiFall

WESTFIELD - In an effort to raise funds to continue its programs and scholarships, the non-profit New Jersey Workshop For The Arts (NJWA) will hold a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets cost \$1 and will be available at the NJWA office until the drawing this Sunday, September 20, during the annual Westfield FestiFall celebration in downtown Westfield. The rain date for the street fair is the following Sunday, September 27.

The drawing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in front of the NJWA office, located at 152 East Broad Street in Westfield. Participants in the 50/50 need not be present to win.

The non-profit NJWA offers experiences and training in the arts for pre-school children through adults. For further information on the organization's programs, please call (908) 789-9696.



"PEP" RALLY UNDERSCORES STUDENT PROGRESS...The 135 students who attended the Primary Enrichment Program of the Westfield Public Schools this summer ended their last day with a full-spirited "PEP" Rally. The celebration included songs by the children, distribution of their Poetry Anthologies and presentation of dictionaries. Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley and School Board President Danielle Walsh are shown here presenting a dictionary to PEP participant John Park. Family members, friends and school principals attended the event. All of the children in the PEP program, which is designed for students entering first, second and third grades in the fall, submitted poems which were printed and bound in a spiral book as a keepsake. The anthology is available to read in the Superintendent's office and in the office of School/Community Relations at 302 Elm Street.

Truth often suffers more by the heat of its defenders than from the arguments of its opposers.

— William Penn

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BEGINNING CAMPAIGN...Scotch Plains Republican Councilman Robert Johnston is joined by his running mates Paulette Coronato, center, and Gail Iammatteo.

Township GOP Candidates Names Campaign Co-Chairs

SCOTCH PLAINS - Gabe Spera, Scotch Plains Republican Committee Chairman, has announced that Mayor Joan Papan and Deputy Mayor William E. McClintock will serve as Co-Chairs for Scotch Plains Republican Township Council campaign for three seats.

The Republican candidates are incumbent Robert Johnston, a council member since 1993; Gail Iammatteo, Chairwoman of the township Board of Adjustment and Paulette Coronato, also a Board of Adjustment member.

"Our candidates bring a wealth of experience and leadership, which makes them a winning team," said Councilman McClintock. "As Mark McGwire met the challenge of hitting his 62nd home run and making baseball history; our candidates project that same winning attitude as we need to meet the challenges of the 21st century and continue to make Scotch Plains a great place in which to live and to do business."

As a resident of Scotch Plains for 33 years, Councilman Johnston served as Mayor in 1995 and Deputy Mayor in 1994. Mr. Johnston was the former council liaison to the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission, Environmental Commission and township fire department.

He was a Scotch Plains Planning Board member for 20 years and Chairman for 13 years. Councilman Johnston has been an active member in recreational activities, including being a former Little League umpire and recreation basketball referee. Councilman Johnston is also a lecturer at the All

Saints Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains and is the father of three and grandfather of five.

Mrs. Iammatteo brings years of business and committee experience to the campaign through her work as Chairwoman on the Board of Adjustment this year and as a board member since 1988. She has served on the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Board for 10 years where she presided as President from 1992-1994.

She is presently the Deputy Executive Director of the New Jersey Real Estate Commission in Trenton. Mrs. Iammatteo previously owned and operated Johanna's Bridal Shop in five locations. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Richmond College City University of New York in Staten Island and is the mother of one, grandmother of two.

Mrs. Coronato has been a Board of Adjustment member since 1994 and is a former member of the Planning Board and Environmental Commission and Health Advisory Board. Mrs. Coronato has also served as Chairman for the New Jersey State Board of Human Services from 1987 to 1989.

She has lived in the township for 21 years and is the mother of four and grandmother of five.

"We have a great ticket for Scotch Plains this year," said Mayor Papan.

The Republican Committee will be hosting a fundraising cocktail party on Sunday, September 27. Featured guest will be State Senator Donald T. DiFrancesco. For more information, please call (908) 232-0968.

Township Democrats Favor Live Testing of NJCAAN Plan

SCOTCH PLAINS - Franklin P. Donatelli, Tarquin Jay Bromley and Geri Morgan Samuel, Democratic candidates for three seats on the Scotch Plains Township Council, has endorsed the so-called "live testing" recommendations of the New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise (NJCAAN).

Mr. Donatelli, a life-long resident of Scotch Plains, stated, "Air traffic noise pollution has been a serious and long-time problem in Scotch Plains. The efforts of the New Jersey and Scotch Plains anti-air traffic noise organizations are to be applauded."

"Their ongoing, heroic efforts over many years to have aircraft rerouted over the ocean are in the best environmental interests of Scotch Plains and communities throughout the state. All must work together. We need to be wary of falling prey to the NIMBY (Not in My Back Yard) syndrome."

Mr. Bromley added that, "There needs to be rethinking on the Scotch Plains Council. Elected officials need to take the high road and not merely support solutions that only benefit their own community at the expense of their neighbors. This issue needs towns pulling together, not one town trying to dump the problem on the

next. Without such an approach, Scotch Plains is not offered the best possible protection."

Mrs. Morgan Samuel commented that, "The FAA can offer no justification for its apparent stonewalling on the ocean route solution. The hard data is there, thanks to the fact that NJCAAN took it upon itself in 1994 to arrange for a live test over the Atlantic Ocean."

"The FAA can now model any other scenarios by applying the information generated by NJCAAN's test. The FAA's obstinence is regrettable and is costly in both time and money."

Mr. Donatelli, Mr. Bromley and Mrs. Morgan Samuel concluded that, if elected to the Scotch Plains Council, they would pledge to make the issue of air traffic noise one of their priorities.

"The LeTech software technology offers transparency of ocean routing and other proposals. We agree with the unanimous findings of the Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board — present a united front to compel the FAA to move forward. Preserving the quality of life in Scotch Plains is much more than preserving zoning and open spaces, we also must guard the sky above and the water below," the candidates stated.

Councilman Gruba Begins Quest for Another Term



James J. Gruba

WESTFIELD - Westfield Republican Second Ward Councilman James J. Gruba, the veteran member of the governing body, has begun his bid for reelection. He has been on the council since 1992.

As Chairman of the Town Council's Finance Committee, Councilman Gruba oversees the preparation of the annual town budget. As commissioner and former Chairman of the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) the town, he explained,

has saved \$1 million since the fund was created.

Councilman Gruba is also a Commissioner of the Union County Utilities Authority.

He has been a member of the Town Council Committees on Laws and Rules; Building and Town Property; Personnel; Solid Waste; Transportation, Traffic and Parking, and liaison to the Board of Education.

Councilman Gruba currently serves as a Trustee of the United Fund of Westfield and has previously served as its President and Campaign Chairman. He is a past President of the Westfield Jaycees and the College Men's Club of Westfield as well as a past Director of the Westfield "Y." He is a former Trustee of the Westfield Foundation, and former Vice Chairman of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church Parish Council.

"Since moving to Westfield in 1967, I have enthusiastically volunteered my time in service to our town's civic, social, and governmental concerns. I believe my service has helped maintain and enhance the quality of life in our community."

"My commitment is to continued service to my fellow Westfielders," stated Councilman Gruba.

Congressman Speaks at Fundraiser for Mayor

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He noted that in 1996 the vacancy rate in Westfield's downtown was around 22 percent. That rate is close to zero today. The Mayor also cited cleaner streets in town as a result of a restructured Public Works Department.

"And we are going to tackle our parking problem as well both for commuters and for downtown shoppers," Mayor Jardim claimed.

Throughout the fundraising event, the theme was to avoid becoming complacent about the November general election. Mayor Jardim, in fact, noted that the town has never experienced the re-election of a Democratic Mayor.

In giving a "pep talk" to Mayor Connelly's supporters, Congressman Rothman said "anything can happen in politics" and that "good people can win."

He said Mayor Connelly has come forth to be a candidate "in this fish-bowls wild system that we have."

Congressman Rothman, a former Mayor of Englewood, said the Mayor's supporters need to come forward and make campaign contributions to help her take out television and radio advertisements "because she cannot knock on everyone of the 600,000 doors she needs to knock on."



CAMPAIGN KICKOFF...Westfield Democratic Town Council Second Ward candidate Joe Stoner, left, and his wife, Jane, at right, chat with residents Bruce Blumberg and Gwen Jones during a fundraising event hosted by Mr. Blumberg and Ms. Jones on August 30.

Joe Stoner Holds Fundraiser In Quest for Second Ward Seat

WESTFIELD - Some 75 neighbors and supporters of Westfield Democratic Second Ward Town Council candidate Joe Stoner turned out on August 30 for a fundraiser to help finance Mr. Stoner's campaign for office.

The event was hosted by Wychwood Road residents Bruce Blumberg and Gwen Jones. The event was the first in a series of fundraisers and informational coffee gatherings scheduled by the Democratic candidate to meet his constituents in preparation for the Tuesday, November 3, election.

A 20-year Westfield resident, the candidate said he is seeking office on a platform of accessibility, pro-active vision, and sensitivity to the con-

cerns of Second Ward constituents. He is by profession a sales engineer with a scientific instrument company.

Mr. Stoner has been active in professional, church and service organizations and served on numerous boards of directors. He was also a leader in the national organization, Common Cause, which promotes ideals of good government and public service.

Second Ward residents interested in meeting the candidate may call Campaign Director Carolyn Klinger-Kueter at (908) 233-9094 for further information and a schedule of events during the candidate's campaign.

Councilman Goldman Begins Campaign for A Second Term

WESTFIELD - Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman has begun his door-to-door campaign for a second term on the Town Council.

"I believe that I have made a positive contribution to Westfield town government during my tenure on the council thus far, and it is gratifying to hear positive feedback as I speak with residents," Councilman Goldman said.

Mr. Goldman was first elected in

November, 1996 together with Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh.

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

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Jeanne Whitney for The Westfield Leader and The Times

DEMOCRATS' PICNIC...Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim gathers with supporters in Tamaques Park in Westfield last Sunday as scheduled - despite storm damage in some parts of the park - to barbecue and chat. The Mayor said he had been visiting residents "door-to-door" over the past several months. Mr. Jardim, the first Democratic Mayor of Westfield since 1912, said, "I think they want to give me the opportunity to finish the job."

Campaign Forum '98

Mr. Greco Calls for Creation Of Parks, Fields Main. Dept.



Norman N. Greco

WESTFIELD - Norman N. Greco, independent Westfield Mayoral Candidate, has announced his specific plan to revitalize the town's parks and fields.

Mr. Greco stated that, "Our 200 plus acres of public parks and fields have always been a source of tremendous pride."

"The latest Recreation Commission park maintenance proposal, 'in recent memory there has been little or no money invested toward the upkeep of our parks and fields despite repeated attempts through capital submissions by the Recreation Commission. As a result, many facilities now require major capital investments rather than the cosmetic repairs which could have been performed earlier,'" the candidate stated.

Mr. Greco said it is his intention to create a formal Parks and Fields Maintenance Department under the auspices of the Recreation Commission. He said this will be accomplished through the realignment of the current workforce within the Public Works Department.

Noreen Lund to Begin Door-to-Door Campaign

WESTFIELD - Noreen Lund, the Republican candidate for the Third Ward seat on the Westfield Town Council, recently outlined for her neighbors why she is seeking her first elective office.

"I have lived on the south side of Westfield all my life. I grew up in the Third Ward. My parents, Tony and Mildred Bianco, were also life-long residents of Westfield until their retirement, and my father owned a downtown business," she said.

"As Westfield faces the challenges of the 21st century, I believe that my deep roots and sense of community could be a tremendous asset to the Third Ward," Ms. Lund said.

A graduate of the former Holy Trinity High School in Westfield, Ms. Lund observed that her perspective on Westfield has developed through many experiences with a variety of organizations including, the Parent-Teacher Organizations of both Westfield High School and Jefferson Elementary School, St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Westfield Main Street, and even as a Cub Scout Den Leader.

The candidate is currently a substitute nurse for the Westfield public schools. The candidate and her husband, Al, have three children, Erik, Anthony and Alyssa.

"Westfield is such a special place to live and work, but Westfield also requires strong leadership to maintain its character," Ms. Lund stated.

Westfield Republican Town Committee Chairman Robert G. Cockren said that it was important for the party to search out and support candidates like Ms. Lund.

Mr. Cockren observed that, "She is a fresh face who has such strong ties to Westfield. That is a sign of strength for the Republican party in the Third Ward."

This new department, Mr. Greco explained, would coordinate a maintenance schedule for parks and fields with the Recreation Commission, thereby ensuring that the fields are appropriately prepared for scheduled games and events.

Mr. Greco said he believes that "we can always improve upon areas of our town government." He also feels that the Department of Public Works has done a "commendable job" under the current organizational structure.

"However, the department's current responsibilities - snow plowing, road repair, leaf collection, and emergencies - tend to take focus away from our parks and fields. This new Parks and Fields Maintenance Department will focus directly on these two specific areas," the candidate explained.

Furthermore, Mr. Greco stated that, "The condition of our parks and fields leave a lasting impression upon visiting sports teams and out-of-town visitors. Properly maintaining Westfield's parks and fields is another example of common sense, business-like government. Correctly maintained parks and fields enhances our town's property values."

"Our community continues to grow with more and more young families becoming residents in town," the candidate stated. "In order to be proactive regarding this specific area of government, the Recreation Commission will complete a study regarding the viability of locations for future park and field expansion. By addressing these needs today, we will be acting progressively versus our current reactionary management process."

Mr. Greco said if elected he "will bring a visionary, common sense approach to all town government."



Noreen Lund

The candidate pointed to her appointment to the State of the Schools Committee for the Westfield Board of Education Strategic Planning Council as being central to her decision to run for the Town Council.

"Making government work for my family, my neighbors, and especially the citizens of the Third Ward would be a tremendous challenge, but a challenge that I hope I will have the opportunity to meet.

"I believe that strategic planning and intelligent community-based decisions are critical to the process, and I realized through my work with the Board of Education that I could make a difference," Ms. Lund explained.

Some of the issues that the candidate identified are Westfield's fiscal integrity, central business district parking, development of Central Avenue. Ms. Lund also cites a general deterioration in Westfield's basic infrastructure, parks and

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ON CALL...First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick, second from right, celebrates the success of her "Wireless at Work" initiative, through which all crossing guards in Westfield have been outfitted with cellular telephones for the start of the 1998-1999 school year. Joining her are Alicia Cramer, second from left, the owner of New Jersey Cellular in Cranford, who donated 16 telephones to the endeavor; Cathie Neal and Kenny Williams, employees of New Jersey Cellular.

Mrs. Vernick Lauds Support For Cellular Phone Initiative

WESTFIELD - Westfield First Ward Councilwoman and Republican Mayoral candidate Gail S. Vernick has announced that, due to the "overwhelming support of local organizations, businesses and residents," all school crossing guards have been outfitted with cellular telephones for the start of the school year.

Candidates Asked For Position Papers Regarding Jet Noise

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Citizens Against Aircraft Noise (SPFCAAN) has asked for a written public policy statement regarding jet noise from the candidates of the two major political parties for three seats on the Scotch Plains Township Council.

SPFCAAN said they provided a technical presentation of the ocean route alternative to candidates on June 3.

The three Democratic candidates for council, Franklin P. Donatelli, Tarquin Jay Bromley and Geri Morgan Samuel responded with a statement calling for a test of ocean routing. The Democratic candidates also condemned the Federal Aviation Administration's 260-degree turn test which they claimed moved aircraft noise from community to community.

The three Republican candidates for council, incumbent Robert Johnston, who is the Township Council's Liaison for Air Noise, Paulette Coronato and Gail Iammatteo, have not responded to SPFCAAN's request for a policy paper, according to SPFCAAN spokesman Frederick Obrock.

The all-Republican Township Council previously endorsed a six-month test of the 260-degree turn aircraft flight pattern. The test ended this past Tuesday without any noticeable reduction in noise, according to FAA officials.

The council has never endorsed the concept of ocean routing, Mr. Obrock claimed.

Last February, Councilwoman Vernick launched her initiative to bring 911 emergency wireless telephones to Westfield's crossing guards, in an effort to address what she described as "the growing concerns of our children's safety as they're walking to and from school."

Councilwoman Vernick said she felt it was imperative that Westfield work proactively to keep safety at an optimum level, especially since many children in the town have been redistricted.

With that concern, she introduced the "Wireless at Work" purchase and donate program to equip crossing guards with cellular telephones. She also researched other options in order to help outfit all guards more quickly.

She explained that, through her investigation, she discovered the Federal Communications Commission regulates carriers to "transmit all wireless 911 calls (from both subscribers and non-subscribers)."

Therefore, anyone wishing to donate an old cellular telephone with a battery charger, helps to outfit guards with phones, without any cost to the taxpayer or town, according to Councilwoman Vernick.

Sixteen telephones were donated by Alicia Cramer, a Westfield resident who owns New Jersey Cellular in Cranford.

Another four were donated by Gabe Bravo, the owner of Cellular Signal Plus in Westfield.

Westfield Police Chief Anthony J. Scutti said he supports the program, since the cellular telephones offer immediate access to the police department, which allows for a quicker response time in an emergency.

"I personally would like to thank all of the people who have helped bring this program to fruition," Councilwoman Vernick remarked. "It is gratifying to know that, with the beginning of school, each of our crossing guards is equipped with an emergency 911 cell phone."

Thomas Cusimano Launches Fourth Ward Council Bid

WESTFIELD - Thomas P. Cusimano, a 15-year resident of the Fourth Ward in Westfield, has kicked off his campaign bid for a seat on the Town Council.

Mr. Cusimano, running on the Republican ticket this November, is a Shadowlawn Drive resident and has been active in Westfield for many years including stints as a coach for the Westfield Youth Baseball, Softball, Soccer and Basketball Leagues.

He is currently serving as Secretary for the Westfield High School Booster Association. He also serves as a Commissioner on the Recreation Board.

In 1987 he organized and founded the St. Helen's Inter-parochial School Christian Youth Organization (CYO) Basketball Program, where he served as Director until May of this year.

During the 11 years, over 1,000 young men and women were involved in the program. Mr. Cusimano said he "helped these young men and women enhance their playing skills as well as develop a positive attitude in sportsmanship and teamwork."

The candidate also served as League Director for the Westfield Soccer Association for seven years. Mr. Cusimano also serves as Committee Chairman for the annual Westfield Cup Memorial Day Tournament.

After graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point,

Mr. Cusimano was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery branch of the Army.

The candidate also served as a platoon leader and held several officer posts in the 25th Infantry Division while stationed in Hawaii. He is currently a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserves as part of the 78th Battle Division stationed at Fort Dix.

The candidate and his wife of 25 years, Debbie, have three children who attended Westfield public schools. Meghan, 20, is in college and Stephen, 17, and Jacquelyn, 14, both attend Westfield High School.

Mr. Cusimano is a member of the Sneaker Factory Road Runners Club and has completed seven marathons. He serves as Race Director for the annual Lightning 5K Charity Race.

In 1980, Mr. Cusimano participated in the Olympic Trials in the Modern Pentathlon. Although the United States boycotted the Moscow Games, he represented the United States in various international events.

The candidate said, if elected, he will dedicate himself "to preserving the fine traditions of our town while developing innovative ideas for the council. I recognize the importance of sound fiscal responsibility while striving to improve the quality of (town) services."

Mr. Cusimano invites Fourth Ward residents to call him at (908) 654-9660.

Councilman Goldman Begins Campaign for A Second Term

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nance regulating the location of cellular communication towers within the town and a revision of an ordinance for sidewalk cafes in Westfield.

"I am proud of the committee's accomplishments during the past two years. However, we have some work ahead of us during the remainder of 1998. We have begun examination of an ordinance to address the unsightly proliferation of newspaper and other publication vending machines in downtown Westfield and have already had extensive discussions regarding the creation of a Westfield Housing Commission to promote housing rehabilitation," Councilman Goldman stated.

He also noted that renewal of the ordinance which created the special improvement district (SID) is on the table before the council Laws and Rules Committee.

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

He also holds the position of Acting Mayor and was appointed by the council to serve as its voting representative on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, which oversees the downtown Westfield SID.

"I first ran for the Town Council two years ago because of my belief that Westfield government needed a greater exchange of ideas. I believe that the bipartisan council has resulted in some important new programs.

"In my first campaign, I was a strong advocate of the necessity to begin the rebuilding of Westfield's infrastructure. The full council has signed on to a multi-year improvement program and this year's capi-

tal budget plan gets that process underway. "The residents of our community will soon begin to see the tangible results of enhanced road re-paving, playing field renovations and capital improvements in downtown Westfield," Councilman Goldman said.

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

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

He and his wife, Cindy, have two children; one attends Westfield High School and the other attends Tamaques Elementary School.



Lawrence A. Goldman

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5 Morse Avenue, Fanwood
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Fanwood Memorial Library To Hold Book Sale Fundraiser

FANWOOD — The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library will hold their major fundraiser on Saturday, September 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rain date will be on September 27. Proceeds from this popular local event will benefit programming and technology at the library.

Previous sale moneys have been given to the library for such programs as "Touch of Nature," and to purchase equipment such as the computer work stations and a fax machine. The Friends also donated funds necessary to begin the children's video collection.

Donations for the book sale may be dropped off at the library at any time. The Friends are accepting used

books in sellable condition and especially seek recent publications, paperbacks, children's books, games, and toys.

They will also take used, commercially-produced videos, CDs, and cassettes. They will not accept old textbooks, mildewed or damaged books, or magazines. This is a great time of year to clear crowded bookshelves and box up those unwanted items.

If you would like to help with the sale, by sorting books, setting up, or cleaning up, please call the library at (908) 322-6400 or sign up the next time you visit the library. The Friends especially need strong arms at the beginning and end of the sale.



AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING...Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains welcomed more than 200 freshmen in the Class of 2002, and nearly 600 upper-class students for the 1998-1999 school year. The Reverend Daniel Berry from Sterling, pictured above, presided over the opening Mass in the school courtyard during the orientation days. Union Catholic, which held its first day of classes for the new year on September 8, will host an open house on its 20-acre campus this Sunday, September 20. Included will be the Laptop Learning Vision program, emphasizing the use of Toshiba laptop computers in all curriculum. For more information, please call (908) 889-1600.

Temple Emanu-El Welcomes Families To Special High Holiday Services

WESTFIELD — Temple Emanu-El of Westfield has invited all area families, whether Temple members or not, to attend High Holiday Family Services as our guests. The Rosh Hashanah Family Service will be Monday, September 21 at 3 p.m. and the Yom Kippur Family Service will be Wednesday, September 30 at 1:45 p.m.

These afternoon services are designed for children, their parents and grandparents, and will be conducted by Rabbis Charles A. Kroloff and Renee Goldberg with assistance from their Student Cantor, Rosalie Will. This worship is intended as a family experience with liturgy, stories, and music that transcends all ages.

Please call Executive Director, Carolyn Shone of Temple Emanu-El with any questions at (908) 232-6770.



MUSIC OF A DIFFERENT BEAT...Members and guests of the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield are pictured enjoying a country line dance lesson at their recent picnic, held at the home of Vanine and Jerry Armstrong.

Chancel Choir Resumes Fall Rehearsals at Church

WESTFIELD — Fall rehearsals for the Chancel Choir at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue, have resumed on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

The group will perform its first concert, Felix Mendelssohn's

"Elijah," on Sunday, November 8, at 7 p.m. Singers interested in performing in this concert are invited to join the group.

For information regarding the rehearsal schedule, please call James Simms, Director of Music, at (908) 233-0301.

UCC Foundation to Hold Annual Gala on October 24

The Union County College (UCC) Foundation will conduct its sixth annual Gala featuring a dinner-dance and raffle on Saturday, October 24, in The Commons of the college's Cranford Campus beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is the foundation's major fundraiser to benefit students and programs.

During the program, the Foundation will honor the Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, based in East Hanover, for its contributions to the college.

Preceded by a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, the program will be followed by a full-course gourmet dinner. An eight-piece band will provide music for dancing, with additional entertainment of four will also offer entertainment.

Twenty-four raffle tickets will be drawn for prizes such as a vacation for two, a color television and video

cassette recorder, a woman's gold and steel watch, an original framed and matted Currier & Ives lithograph, a half-day sailing cruise for six, and tickets to Broadway, Medieval Times in Lyndhurst and the circus at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Reservations for the Gala and tickets for the raffle are currently on sale through the college's Development Office. Since Gala reservations and raffle tickets are sold separately, individuals who do not plan to attend the Gala can still participate in the raffle.

Opportunities to participate as corporate and/or individual sponsors are still available, according to UCC spokeswoman Georgia Hartnett.

For further information, please call either Nadine Brechner, the college's Executive Director of business and college development, or Joy Appelbaum, UCC's special events coordinator, at (908) 709-7505.

Senator DiFrancesco Joins Congress Members in Plan To Rid State of HOV Lanes

While serving as Acting Governor earlier this month, Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco of Scotch Plains, Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen of Morristown and Congresswoman Marge Roukema of Ridgewood announced a two-pronged effort to eliminate HOV (High Occupancy Vehicles) lanes in New Jersey.

"With HOV lanes on Routes 287 and 80, Morris County has become the epicenter of public frustration and anger over the efficacy of the controversial Federal program that has fallen far short of reaching its objectives," said Phil Leary, a spokesman for Senator DiFrancesco.

Senator Bucco is the co-sponsor of Senate Bill No. 1100 which will prohibit the issuance of driver's license points for motorists violating HOV rules. That bill passed the Senate on June 29.

Representatives Roukema and Frelinghuysen have sponsored an amendment to House of Representatives Bill No. 4328, the transportation funding bill, which would require the Transportation Secretary to waive the payback requirement to New Jersey after the state finds the HOV lanes are not in the public interest.

"That's the first punch," said Senator DiFrancesco. "At the next Senate voting session, I will post a Senate Resolution, which I sponsored along with Bob Martin and Tony Bucco, memorializing Congress and the President to enact the transportation funding bill with the Roukema-Frelinghuysen amendment, into law."

Senator DiFrancesco has also written letters to Congressional Conference Committee Chairmen, who will have the job of reconciling the differing Senate and House transportation bills, advising them of his support for the Roukema-Frelinghuysen amendment.

"The language inserted by our representatives clarifies that should New Jersey's study of HOV lanes find that they are not in the public interest, the Federal government must waive the \$240 million payback requirements."

The second punch, the State Senate President said, is state legislative action. Senator DiFrancesco announced that he will put legislation on the fast track that is sponsored by Senator Martin and Assemblyman Alex DeCroce to require the state DOT to complete its HOV lane study within six months. The deadline is 1999.

Senator DiFrancesco indicated the Senate will vote on the measure at its first fall session on Monday, September 28.

"More than anyone else, Morris County commuters know the frustration and inconvenience HOV lanes have caused over the last several years," said Senator DiFrancesco. "I know because I've seen them on I-287 and I-80."

"What began as a laudable method of encouraging car pooling to promote cleaner air and to ease congestion on the highways has become a nightmarish Federal boondoggle that has accomplished neither of its purposes," said Morris County State Senator Bob Martin.

"These lanes are also a waste of state resources and a waste of time for the law enforcement community," added Senator Anthony J. Bucco of Denville. "Surely, the dollars we spend on enforcing HOV restrictions can be spent more efficiently. Certainly state and local police can better spend their time combating road rage and crime."

Rosarians Announce Wine and Cheese Event

WESTFIELD — The Rosary Altar Society of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, and St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, will hold its annual "Wine and Cheese" gathering next Thursday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m.

The event, at which new members will be inducted, will take place at the Parish Council Room on Watterson Street. Donations for Raphael House will be accepted.

Tickets, which cost \$15 per person, will be available for the annual Communion Breakfast, scheduled for Sunday, October 11, at The Westwood in Garwood, after the 9 a.m. Mass at the Holy Trinity Church.

The Reverend William Morris will be the speaker for the event. All are invited to attend. For tickets, please call Rose Aiello at (908) 232-6460.

Redeemer Lutheran To Hold Workshop Saturday Morning

WESTFIELD — Redeemer Lutheran Church, 229 Cowperthwaite Place in Westfield, will sponsor a workshop entitled "3 Cheers for Sunday School" this Saturday, September 19, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church.

The workshop will be presented by a visiting Christian Education specialist from Concordia Publishing House, who will discuss team leadership, child-connected learning, techniques for active teaching, developing outreach programs, and increasing congregation support.

The cost is \$15 per person, or \$50 for a group of four or more. Everyone is invited to attend, including professional teachers as well as volunteers.

To register, or for more information, please call Shirley Carpenter at (908) 232-1517.

Campaign Forum '98

GOP Freeholder Candidates Criticize UCREHC Dissolution

"The decision this past summer by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to take over operation of the Union County Regional Environmental Health Commission (UCREHC) was an inappropriate action by a group of Democrats so power hungry they will leave no stone unturned, nor autonomous board untouched by their political influence," Republican candidates for Union County Freeholder said this week in a joint statement.

employees would become county employees," the Republican candidates charged in their weekly campaign release.

"That translates into more county jobs for the Democrats to hand to their friends, relatives and campaign contributors.

"With the Democrats controlling the board by a unanimous 9-0 count, there is no dissenting voice to point out the obvious negative consequences of their action," the candidates charged.

Freeholder candidates Juan Fernandez of New Providence, Andrew MacDonald of Fanwood and George Gore of Plainfield noted that while the Commission has not charged for its services, there is no guarantee that the newly created Office of Environmental Health will continue this effort.

The Republicans said the takeover of the Commission falls in line with what they said is the Democratic majority's "overt agenda to increase their control and power in the county, no matter what it costs the taxpayer."

Mr. Fernandez, Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Gore will face Democratic incumbents Daniel P. Sullivan, board Chairman of Elizabeth, Mary Ruotolo of Westfield and Lewis Mingo, Jr., of Plainfield in the general election this November.

"So what's behind this desire of the freeholders to fix something that isn't broken? That's the easy part. The UCEREHC employees and commissioners are not paid by the county, and the freeholders have very little control over the commission's policies.

"By replacing the autonomous UCEREHC with Office of Environmental Health (OE) as a part of the county Bureau of Environmental Affairs, the freeholders could control policy and, more importantly, the

Mr. Greco Favors Referendum for Deck

In last week's paper a headline under a story regarding Westfield independent Mayor candidate Norman N. Greco, incorrectly stated that the candidate favors a parking deck in Westfield.

Mr. Greco states that he neither supports or is opposed to a deck. He does support a referendum to go before voters on the issue.

A picture which accompanied the story showed Mr. Greco standing in the municipal parking lot next to the former Wyckoff's restaurant on North Avenue which he said would be the best site for a deck if voters favor such an expenditure.

Noreen Lund to Begin Door-to-Door Campaign

open space which are showing the strain of unprecedented use, and public safety.

"My schedule allows me to devote considerable time to these issues as well as to deal with the individual con-

stituent problems that an effective Town Council member must address on a daily basis," Ms. Lund explained.

Ms. Lund said she is looking forward to the campaign, and meeting as many residents as possible.

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Helen Cavanagh, 97, Was Secretary; Active in Somerville Democratic Club

Helen M. Cavanagh, 97, of Somerville died on Tuesday, September 8, at the Raritan Health and Extended Care Center in Raritan Borough.

Alfred T. Rexer, 87

Alfred Thomas Rexer, 87, of Garwood died on Monday, September 7, in Union Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn, he had lived in Westfield before moving to Garwood in 1968.

Mr. Rexer was a plastics engineer and salesman with Petro Technology of Garwood for the past 33 years.

He received a degree in civil engineering from the Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute in 1932.

He was a 32nd degree member of the Masonic Lodge No. 284 of Free and Accepted Masons in Floral Park, New York, and a member of the Society of Plastic Engineers.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Zaluk; a sister, Anna Rexer; a grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

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

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Edward C. Sosman, 77

Edward C. Sosman, 77, of Montclair died on Thursday, July 30, at home.

Born in Washington, D.C., he had lived in Westfield before moving to Montclair.

Mr. Sosman had been a traffic engineer for Ramp Consulting in New York City before retiring in 1967.

During the course of his career, he had analyzed traffic flow in New York City and conducted parking and traffic planning surveys in Newark.

He had previously worked in the same capacity for Smith, Dibble & Company in Atlanta.

He had also worked as a proofreader for *The Citizen* in Westfield until 1993.

Mr. Sosman graduated in 1946 from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. He received his certification in traffic engineering from Yale University's Bureau of Traffic, and acquired federal accreditation in 1947.

He was a Corporal in the United States Army during World War II, and served in the weather service in North Africa.

Mr. Sosman was a member of the National Railway, the North Jersey Electric Railway and the Jersey Central Railway historical societies.

He also was a member of the National Trust of Historic Preservation, the Westfield Historical Society, and the Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee.

A memorial service will be held at a time to be arranged by the family.

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Born in Elizabeth, she had lived in Westfield for 30 years before moving to Somerville in 1957.

Mrs. Cavanagh had worked for 25 years as a secretary to the president of the National Maritime Union in New York City before retiring.

She was a member of the Somerville Borough Democratic Club, and was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Somerville.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edmund F. Cavanagh, in 1980.

Surviving are a son, Edmund J. Cavanagh of Somerville; two daughters, Jeanne Beaver of Clark and Helen Koba of Withee, Michigan; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandson.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 12, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Somerville.

Arrangements were handled by the Cusick Funeral Home in Somerville.

September 17, 1998

Albert LaFlamme, Jr.

Albert C. LaFlamme, Jr., 41, of Piscataway died on Tuesday, September 8, in the Sloan-Kettering Memorial Cancer Center in New York City.

Born in Passaic, he had lived in Westfield before moving to Piscataway in 1987.

Mr. LaFlamme was an automobile technician for 11 years with Somerset Tire Service in Green Brook.

He served in the United States Marine Corps during peacetime, and was a member of Piscataway American Legion Post No. 261.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanette Hooper LaFlamme; a son, Daniel LaFlamme; his mother, Madeline LaFlamme of Tampa, Florida, and three brothers, William LaFlamme of Jupiter, Florida, Michael LaFlamme of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and Steven LaFlamme of Cranford.

Services were held on Saturday, September 12, at the Piscataway Funeral Home in Piscataway.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Society, 1275 York Avenue, New York, New York, 10012.

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Carl Guttenberger, 83, Drove School Bus; Member of Westfield Knights of Columbus

Carl J. Guttenberger, 83, of Rahway, a former longtime Westfield resident, died on Saturday, September 12, in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Westfield for 52 years before moving to Rahway in May.

Mr. Guttenberger had been a school bus driver for the Vogel Bus Company in Garwood for 20 years.

Obituaries

Alvin E. Montgomery, Mason Leader; Former Engineer at Picatinny Arsenal

Alvin E. Montgomery, 64, of East Orange died on Tuesday, September 8, in the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to East Orange eight years ago.

Mr. Montgomery had been a mechanical engineer at the Picatinny Arsenal in Dover for 38 years before retiring in 1988.

He was a 1956 graduate of Tennessee State University in Nashville, where he received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at the university.

Mr. Montgomery was a 33rd degree mason, a Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful King William Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, a Past Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of Grand Lodge, a Right Worshipful Grand Financial Secretary, and a First Lieutenant Commander of the Mohab Grand Consistory of New Jersey.

He was also a member of the Morocco Temple 1 Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine/Shriners; the Joshua Lodge 8 for more than 30 years; the Queen of Sheeba Order of the Eastern Star, and the Ruth Chapter 2 Order of the Eastern Star, all in Newark, and Minister of State for the General Grand Masonic Congress of the United States.

Mr. Montgomery served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine Montgomery; a daughter, Adrien Van Doimen; two sons, Brian Montgomery and Carl Montgomery; two stepsons, James Glenn and Jamor Glenn; three brothers, William Montgomery, Samuel Montgomery and Clifford Flood, and five sisters, Delores Montgomery, Eileen Montgomery, Audra Davis, Barbara Brown and Althea Kennedy.

Services were held on Monday, September 14, in Christ Church of Montclair. Arrangements were handled by the Cotton Funeral Service in Newark.

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Ann C. Ritterbush, 68

Ann Correja Ritterbush, 68, of Westfield died on Thursday, September 10.

She was the daughter of the late Augusta and Richmond H. Ritterbush.

Ms. Ritterbush was educated from kindergarten through high school in the Westfield public schools. She attended Western College in Ohio and Pembroke College in Providence, Rhode Island.

While in high school, she became an accomplished equestrian, participating in many equestrian events in the northeast, including Madison Square Garden horse shows. She won the Van Sinderen trophy for horsemanship.

Ms. Ritterbush pursued a career in ethnic dance, performing in Cuba and in New York City. She had also worked for Handy Associates, a personnel firm in New York City, and at the Woolworth store in Westfield.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Richmond H. Ritterbush, Jr.

Interment took place in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn.

Arrangements were handled by the Higgins Memorial Home in Freehold.

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Terese A. Roche, 39

Terese "Tracey" A. Roche, 39, of the Neshanic section of Hillsborough died on Wednesday, September 9, in Avon-by-the-Sea.

Born in Red Bank, she had lived in Cranford and Westfield before moving to Hillsborough in 1992.

Ms. Roche was a 1977 graduate of Westfield High School and had earned an associate's degree in medical record technology from the Union County Technical Institute in Scotch Plains in 1979.

She was an accredited record technician for New Jersey and was a member of the American Health Information Management Association and the Society for Clinical Coding.

She was self-employed as a health information management consultant with health care facilities since 1986.

From 1985 to 1986, Ms. Roche had worked as a technical supervisor at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick in the medical record department. She was also a former employee of N.J. Pro, a physician review company in East Brunswick.

She was predeceased by her father, Christopher Roche, in 1980.

Surviving are her mother, Irene Roche of the Neshanic section of Hillsborough, and two sisters, Regina Indyk of Readington Township and Kathy Roche of New York.

Services were held on Monday, September 14, at the Mary Mother of God Church in Hillsborough.

Arrangements were handled by the Hillsborough Funeral Home in Belle Mead.

Donations may be made to The Somerset County ARC, P.O. Box 382, Manville, 08835 or to the Cerebral Palsy Association, 380 Hamilton Boulevard, Piscataway, 08854.

September 17, 1998

John MacCormack, Sr., 79, Was Lineman; Decorated Veteran of World War II

John H. MacCormack, Sr., 79, of South Plainfield died on Thursday, September 10, at home.

Born in Irvington, he had lived in

Alma R. Hauff, 73

Alma R. Hauff, 73, of South Plainfield died Friday, September 11, at King James Care Center in Somerset.

Born in Plainfield, she had grown up in Brooklyn and moved back to Plainfield before settling in South Plainfield in 1985.

She was a homemaker. Surviving are a son, Robert Hauff of Fanwood; four brothers, Jimmy Burke of Middlesex, John F. Burke of South Plainfield, Oliver L. Burke of Salem, Long Island, New York, and Ernest W. Burke of Merrick, Long Island, New York, and a sister, Shirley Lambert of Lawrenceville.

Arrangements were handled by the Higgins Home for Funerals in Plainfield.

Donations may be made to the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, 195 Little Albany Street, New Brunswick, 08903.

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Scotch Plains before moving to South Plainfield 36 years ago.

Mr. MacCormack had been a lineman for Bell Atlantic in Summit for 35 years prior to retiring in 1981.

He served in the New Jersey National Guard and entered the United States Army in 1940. Mr. MacCormack, who participated in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Bronze Star, was honorably discharged in 1945.

He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Local No. 827 of East Windsor.

He was predeceased by his wife, Philomena MacCormack, in 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret A. MacCormack of South Plainfield; a son, John H. MacCormack, Jr. of Texas; two brothers, Bruce MacCormack and Stuart MacCormack, both of Point Pleasant, and five grandchildren.

Services were held on Monday, September 14, at the McCriskin Home for Funerals in South Plainfield.

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Louise Strobel, 100, Retired Sales Clerk; Had Worked 20 Years for Newark Bakery

Louise E. Strobel, 100, of Ithaca, New York died on Saturday, September 12, at the Kendal-at-Ithaca Taughanock House in Ithaca.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Mountaintop before moving to Ithaca in 1995.

Miss Strobel had been a sales clerk for Munch's Bakery in Newark for 20 years before retiring in 1947. The bakery was owned by her late brother-

in-law, Louis Munch.

She had previously worked for the Johnson & Murphy Company in Newark.

A Funeral Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 19, in Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountaintop.

Arrangements are being handled by the McCracken Funeral Home in Union.

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Westfield Review Announces Addition of Sunday Course

WESTFIELD — Les Jacobsen, Director of Westfield Review, Inc., has announced the addition of another Sunday section of PSAT and SAT preparation. The new section will begin this Sunday, September 20, and run for eight consecutive Sundays between 3 and 6 p.m.

According to Mr. Jacobsen, Westfield Review provides area students with comprehensive preparation for the upcoming PSAT and SAT exams. Instruction is provided by experienced Westfield High School English and mathematics teachers, he said.

"The demand for our courses has increased beyond our expectations,"

Mr. Jacobsen stated. "Some parents have reserved spots in the classes more than a full year ahead of actually taking the course."

The additional section will offer the students the same level of SAT and PSAT preparation over 24 hours in both verbal and mathematics which is provided in the Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evening classes, according to Mr. Jacobsen.

"We have a few seats available for this new Sunday afternoon class," he stated.

Individuals interested in reserving a space for this class may call (908) 317-2774.

County Officials Discuss Projects at Rotary Club

WESTFIELD — Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla and Union County Freeholder Mary Ruotolo were the guest speakers at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Westfield.

Mr. Lapolla discussed the \$285 million county government budget, of which 50 percent is funded by taxes, while the remainder comes from fees and grants. He reported that the economic health of the county is good.

Mr. Lapolla also spoke about the county's Resource Recovery Facility in Rahway, more commonly known as the incinerator, as well as the light rail train system, a new mall and assistance available from the Department of Economic Development.

Mrs. Ruotolo spoke about three projects in progress in Union County. They include Access 2000, which provides teacher training in technology plus computers in all classrooms; the Project Pocket Park Program, which promotes the development or improve-

ment of parks and playgrounds, and the Heart Grant Program, which includes artists, musicians, theater groups and cultural events.

Both guest speakers responded to questions posed by Rotarians as part of their program.

'Rough Runners' Set Course for 5K Race At Intermediate School

WESTFIELD — On Sunday, October 4, the Teddy Roosevelt "Rough Runners" 5K Run will be held at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield, at 9 a.m. The event will be held rain or shine.

Pre-registration, which is non-refundable, is \$8 and must be post-marked by Monday, September 28. Same-day registration will cost \$10. T-shirts will be available while supplies last.

Pickup of race packets and same-day registration will take place from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. No registrations will be taken after 8:45 a.m.

The course begins and ends at Roosevelt School and will follow along the paved streets around the school. Water stations will be available along the course.

Following the 5K Run, there will be a one-mile Fun Run. Registration is free and all participants will receive a lollipop.

For further information or to receive a registration form, please call Race Directors Michelle Aquino or Lou Cerchio at (908) 789-4573 or (973) 887-5234.

Forms and checks may be mailed to Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark Street, Westfield, 07090.

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Julia Di Prospero, 75

Julia L. Di Prospero, 75, of Berkeley Township died on Tuesday, September 8, in the Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Scotch Plains and Bridgewater before moving to Berkeley Township in 1986.

Mrs. Di Prospero was a member of the First Aid Auxiliary and the Women's Club, both of the Silver Ridge Park section of Berkeley Township.

Surviving are her husband, Nicholas Di Prospero; a son, Robert J. Di Prospero; a daughter, Celeste Fleming; a brother, Frank Messina, and two grandchildren.

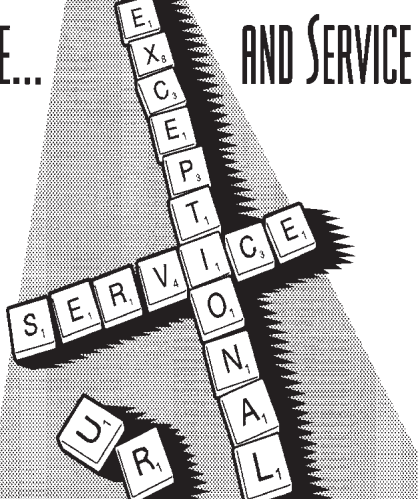
A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, September 12, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

EXPERIENCE WILL BE THE KEY WITH 24 SENIORS

Blue Devils Look to Uphold Remarkable Season of 1997

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Power, experience and confidence appear to be the expected combination for the Westfield High School varsity football team this fall. The Blue Devils have come off a remarkable season, having turned a dismal 1-8 record in 1996 into a magical 6-3 season in 1997 which concluded in the incredible 22-7 trouncing of then 13th-ranked Plainfield. And, they did it all with just seven seniors.

Although small in number, the "Magnificent Seven" which included Jason Krieger, Brendan Hickey, Greg Gorski, Bob Baykowski, Jason Osborne, Steve Abeles and Rasheed Hawks played key roles in the Blue Devils' rapid turnaround. Stubborn defensive plays, pulling guards opening up holes which resulted in huge gains, key interceptions and a game-winning field goal in double-overtime were just some of the achievements of the "Magnificent Seven".

The Blue Devils have talented veterans returning and appear to have great depth with 24 seniors. Among them are Brandon Doerr, Tom Lee, Lamont Turner, Todd Dowling, Matt Krug, Gabe Perez, Kyle Martinowich and Rob Albino.

Doerr, who played linebacker and filled in as quarterback, is competing with junior Chris Giancone for the quarterback slot and will also play linebacker this season. Last year, Doerr had 55 tackles.

"Brandon will be our kicker this year. He kicked off for us last year and will do the extra points and field goals this year," stated Blue Devil Head Football Coach Ed Tranchina. "Doerr and Chris Giancone will be battling for the starting quarterback position. Giancone can also play half-back," added Tranchina.

Lee made significant contributions as a fullback and as a linebacker. Lee pulled off a smooth act of wizardry in the final minute of the Plainfield game by intercepting a pass in the end zone. Turner, who scored five

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
PRACTICING PASS PROTECTION...The Westfield High School football linemen practice their pass protection. The Blue Devils have plenty of experienced linemen returning this season.

WOODWARD, JONES ADD TO BACKFIELD SPEED

Raiders Are Excited About Upcoming Football Season

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Varsity football team will have several vacant positions to fill in this fall. With the graduation of 15 athletes, including quarterback Eddie Williams, backs Delmar Patterson and John Stack, receiver Donald Patterson and kicker Adam Baumwoll, who will fill their shoes? Last year, the Raiders turned their season around from a 3-6 record in 1996 to 6-4 in 1997. In addition, the Raiders won their first six games and qualified for the Section 2, Group 3 playoffs.

This season, Head Football Coach Steve Ciccotelli said, "We lost a lot of good kids. There's no doubt about it. Last year, Joe Franzone filled in brilliantly as quarterback when Williams, the starter, was either injured or rested. He will be our quarterback. He played when Eddie was hurt. He also played well at inside linebacker."

With the loss of Baumwoll, the kicking game may be affected. Ciccotelli commented, "Right now, our kicking game is our weakest point. We are not as strong as we would like to be there, but we will get better. But, the two kids we have, Blair Woodward and Nathan Jones, played really well in our first scrimmage."

When asked about further usage of Woodward, Ciccotelli answered, "We are in a Wing T, Woodward is going to

be one of our halfbacks and he will be playing in the secondary on defense." Ciccotelli added more about Woodward and Jones. "Woodward will be at safety, who I think will be one of the best around. He's really a talented kid. He was second in the state in the long jump. He can catch the ball and on defense, he can hit people. Jones will also play safety. He has good speed. He is elusive as a running back and he does a good job in the secondary."

Pleased with his receiving corps, Ciccotelli mentioned, "We have senior Matt McCarthy and junior Anthony Cary who have shown us in camp that they will be good receivers for us." The Raiders have made some position changes on the defensive line and Ciccotelli explained, "On the defensive line, we have moved Scott Paterson to inside linebacker. Dan Loomis and James Feeley return in the interior. Rob Jenerette is a big kid and has done real well in camp and in our scrimmages. He will also strengthen the line."

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
GOING OVER STRATEGIES...Raider Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli, center, stresses the importance of play strategies to his defense during practice on September 14.

Devil Gymnasts Have Depth; Must be Consistent, Healthy

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School girls gymnastics team has the potential to be an excellent team this year. Several talented girls return; however, the determining factor will be the consistency of the several "club" gymnasts to compete in the crucial high school meets. Also, several fine Blue Devil gymnasts have catapulted to the college ranks this year. Megan Clarke, Kristen Mack and Diana Shineman who were the mainstay of

the team last year have graduated. "Diana (Shineman) probably competed more than anyone else. She was a real workhorse and probably the best contributor to the team because she was dependable," stated Blue Devil Head Coach Ellen Kovac.

The word is out that senior Julie Elmuccio, who was one of the best gymnasts in the state her sophomore year, will be concentrating solely on the high school level this season which should be a boon to the team. Senior Laurie Hogan still competed

on a club team and is nursing an Achilles tendon injury.

"Laurie Hogan and Julie Elmuccio both ended up injured and were not able to compete last season. Julie quit her club and that is real good news to us. Laurie is still trying to juggle her private club and the team," commented Kovac. "Laurie is also recovering from a bad Achilles tendon injury, and Julie is still recovering from ankle surgery that she had last year. So, both girls may not be at their peak yet," Kovacs pointed out.

Seniors Allison Checchio and Amy Seligman have been selected as team Co-Captains and both offer strength in the rotation. Junior Tara Clarke has returned and will be strong on the floor exercises and in the vault.

"She's (Seligman) going to be good on bars and on beam. She is someone you can always depend on to put in a meet," suggested Kovac. "Tara, I think is going to do mostly floor and vaulting. Amy and Tara together make a good all-around gymnast," added Kovac.

"Allison will probably compete on the bars and on the beam," said Kovac of Checchio.

The Blue Devils will enjoy the luxury of adding four strong freshmen to their depth. Twins Jessica and Lauren Caravello, Sarah Burke and Stephanie Goldman all have club experience.

"Jessica and Lauren are two very

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
HIGH-FLYING BLUE DEVILS...Senior Co-Captains, Amy Seligman, front left, and Allison Checchio, front right, pose with seniors Sara Nackson, top left, and Julie Elmuccio. The Blue Devils face the possibility of having a very high-flying season.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
1998 ST. BART'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS...The St. Louis team defeated St. Joseph, 14-13, to win the St. Bart's Oldtimers Softball League Crown. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Bill Mirto, Gary Cardinale, Marty Lillis and Joe Metzger; middle row, Pete Vanderheyden, Art Hobbie, Gary Forsyth, Bill Hicks and Nate Mangiris; back row, Commissioner Dom Lawrence, Glen Walz, Bob Vecek, Chris Reimers and John Chupko.

CARDINALE DRIVES IN CHUPKO WITH WINNING RUN

St. Lou 'Men in Black' Drop St. Joseph, 14-13, for Title

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The "Men in Black" of St. Louis successfully concluded their journey to the St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Softball League Title by executing a dramatic 14-13 come-from-behind victory over St. Joseph on the last swing of the bat at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on Labor Day. More than 200 exuberant fans watched in awe as Gary Cardinale slapped a single to right and a determined John Chupko zoomed from second base to score the winning run.

St. Joseph, last year's title holder, immediately went to work with four runs in the top of the first. Tom Straniero hopped a single to right and Bill Wolff tapped a grounder to third, but both runners reached base safely when the throw to second was not in time to get Straniero. Karl Grossmann ricocheted a two RBI single off the pitcher and into right field. Dave Rothenberg reached base on a force play, Harry Semple stomped a double to left, then Gerry Spitzer splattered a two RBI single onto the left field grass.

After the first two St. Louis batters

were retired in the bottom of the first, the "Men in Black" rallied. Bill Mirto doubled to center. Bob Vecek ripped an RBI single to left, then Pete Vanderheyden 'McGwired' a two-run homer to deep center field to narrow the score to 4-3.

Neither team scored in the second and the third innings. Ken Hoelzel

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
FACE SLIDING HOME...Dave Rothenberg of St. Joseph dives safely home in the fifth inning against the "Men in Black". St. Louis pulled off a dramatic, 14-13, come-from-behind victory on the last at bat.

UNDEFEATED JV TEAMS WILL REACH MATURITY

Devil Girls Will 'Bark With Big Dogs' in Field Hockey

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Things look good for the 1998 Westfield High School girls field hockey team. The Blue Devil girls finished 11-6-3 in 1997 and will reap the benefits of last year's 17-0 junior varsity squad this season. Although losing several fine seniors from last year's squad, the Blue Devils return many veterans and are backed by many fine varsity newcomers.

Last year as a senior, Shannon Wagner tore up the grass with her aggressiveness, scoring 15 goals and adding five assists. Wagner along with teammate Sarah Chance were named First Team All-Union County. Chance, a center halfback last year, was selected for her stubborn defensive ability. Another graduate, Meghan Hely, a halfback, scored four goals and had three assists and was named to the Third Team All-Union County.

The Blue Devils may not have a singular "Big Gun" such as Wagner on offense but they do have several


girls who may share the booty with their swarming offensive assaults. Seniors Liz McKeon, Allison Cook, Kelsey III and Stephanie Flynn along with juniors Paige Corbett, Valerie Wicks and Laura Bonavita will be constantly buzzing around their opponents' goals.

"I have to wait and see. It's pretty spread out right now. I would be happy with that if they all shared the scoring," stated Head Coach Maggie McFadden when asked about the scor-

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SWARMING ON DEFENSE...The swarming Blue Devil defense of Laura Bonavita, left, Liz McKeon, No. 16, Paige Corbett, No. 22, and Jen Woodbury, No. 12, surrounds the East Brunswick attacker on September 11.



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CYAN YELLOW MAGENTA BLACK



A PACK OF RAIDERS...Raider boys cross country Captain Josh Ricca is flanked by junior Pete Mosko on his left and Nick Klastava on his right. Jim L'Heureux, top left and Russ Rabadeau back Ricca all the way en route to a successful season.

Raider Boys Deserve Respect in X-Country

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys cross country team face a major challenge this season and must introduce an extremely young squad to fill in the slots vacated by graduates James Canterbury, Ben Lee and Eric Schimming. One senior, four juniors and two sophomores are expected to make up the top seven runners. Senior Captain Josh Ricca will be leading the Raiders in their quest to be competitive.

"Josh is the only senior in our top seven," explained Raider Head Coach Jeff Koegel. "We have four juniors and two sophomores making up the rest," added Koegel. "Canterbury and Lee were our No. 1 and 3 runners last year. Josh was No. 2."

Juniors Nick Klastava, Peter Mosko, Jim L'Heureux and Russ Rabadeau were very strong last year and will be joined by sophomores Matt Schimming and Matt Winkler.

In considering who his top guns will be this year, Koegel said, "Josh and Nick will be pushing each other for the top position. Nick may have the better potential but Josh is a very tough guy with a strong will."

Koegel feels that this year's team may stack up even better than last year's despite losing Canterbury and Lee. "All the other guys run with the

pack. They may constantly try to beat each other but they all stick together and work as a team," commented Koegel.

"I actually think that we don't get enough respect," stated Koegel. "Some teams believe that since we lost Jaimie (Canterbury) that we are going down the tube, but a lot of these guys have really picked it up. In winter track, Nick went from an 11:02 two-miler to 10:00 flat by the end of the season. He had one of the best area times. I believe that our top three runners will cut their times sufficiently to fill in any gap," added Koegel.

When asked about his lack of depth, Koegel responded, "We don't have 40-50 guys out for our team. This is a soccer town, but you have to deal with that." Koegel continued, "I look for big things from these guys, but we really can't afford any injuries."

As to the Raiders' chances in the conference and in the counties, Koegel said, "If everything goes well, we do have a shot at winning. It could be a toss up. Last year we beat Cranford, Cranford beat Westfield, then Westfield beat us. Although Cranford lost a few runners, they have several good freshmen. I believe, at this point Cranford may have a slight nod because they are the defending champs."

Raider X-C Girls Have Mighty Big Shoes to Fill

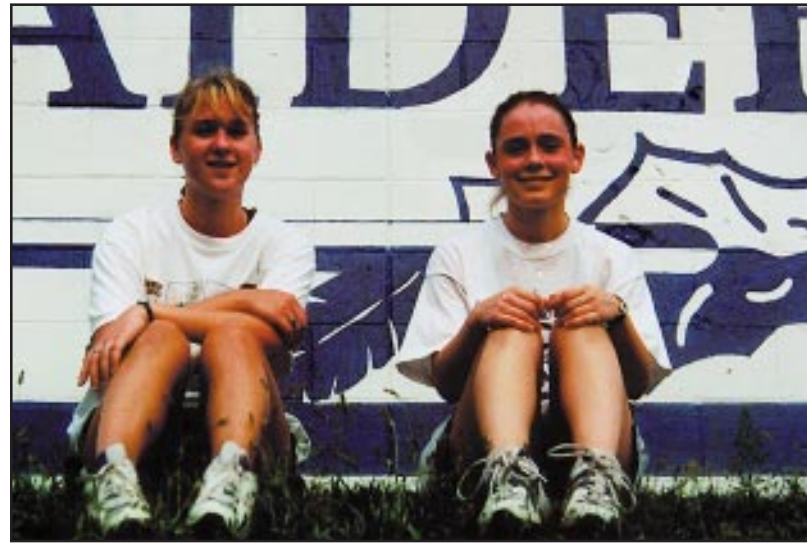
By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls cross country team will be competing with very youthful team this year. In addition, the Raiders' No. 1, 2 and 3 runners, Dana Esposito, Jeanette Tourjee and Andrea Maggi, have graduated. Raider Head Coach Bill Klimas is presently determining who will be his top seven runners.

"We are asking some pretty inexperienced runners to fill some mighty big shoes," explained Klimas. "We graduated four of our top seven runners."

Leading the Raiders' attack will be senior Tri-Captains Holly Oates, Allison Breidenstein and Stephanie Quinn who are considered to be the No. 1, 2 and 3 runners.

"Presently, we have seniors Holly Oates who is in her fourth year at cross country and Allison Breidenstein. Stephanie Quinn who did quite well in track last year will be starting her first year as a distance runner," mentioned Klimas.



RAIDER CO-CAPTAINS...Co-Captains Stephanie Quinn, left, and Holly Oates will be leading the youthful girls Raider cross country team this season.

Devil Girls Will 'Bark With Big Dogs in Field Hockey

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ing nature of her team. Other girls who may be getting plenty of action are seniors Sara Burnett, Amanda Pirozzi, Megan Pollock and Christine Thompson and juniors Kristen Leonardis, Lauren Mattes and Jen Woodbury.

Woodbury, who played goalie on the 17-0 JV squad last year is the starting goalie this season and has already recorded a shutout over East Brunswick on September 11.

"She's doing a pretty solid job. It's unfortunate, in one sense, that when we do play really well, the goalies really don't get tested much. She has good fundamentals and is a hard worker," commented McFadden. "In previous years, our offense was so poor that we had to rely entirely on defense," added McFadden.

McFadden further commented on the Blue Devils recent 2-0 victory over East Brunswick. "The girls did well against East Brunswick. They did a lot of nice things and they understood a lot of concepts. It is just a matter of getting everybody to work together."

McFadden conditions her girls quite well and was asked whether she has been stressing defense or offense more. "I run the girls all of the time. I like to stress both parts of the game. I personally feel that the more offensive we are the less defense we have to play," commented McFadden. "Most good field hockey games are low scoring. What I want to avoid is to have one or two breakdowns in a game which we are totally dominating and end up losing," added McFadden.

The Blue Devils have a good shot at winning their conference and the Union County Tournament. When asked about her chances and stiffest competition within the

The Raiders do have several fine youthful runners who will fill in the next three positions. Sophomore Kate Berezna, Erin Kelly and Sandra Franco are the most likely candidates for those slots.

"The Seventh position is still up for grabs. It's going to be pretty competitive. It's a pretty young team. We lost quite a few starters to graduation," stated Klimas.

When asked about his outlook for this season, Klimas suggested, "It takes a long time to develop a distance runner. We have come a long way in the last couple of years. Last year was the first time that we have had an official cross country team." Klimas added, "When you go up against the likes of Westfield which has such a tradition of cross country excellence, we have a long, long way to go before we are in that caliber."

Klimas concluded, "We are working very hard and I expect some good things out of them. We are going to be competitive this year and I am looking forward to having a good season."



A LOOMING PRESENCE...Raider junior Dan Loomis stretches during warm up. The rugged 290 pound lineman will make his presence well-known this season.

Raiders Are Excited About Upcoming Football Season

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Jenerette will also play tight end on offense. Senior Kristan Seroux will compete with juniors Kyle Paige and Bob Dinsmore for the offensive tackle positions. Franzone, Paterson and junior Dave Herrmann will make up the linebacker corps. Junior Mike Grabel and McCarthy are presently battling for the other vacant secondary spot.

When asked about the offensive backfield, Ciccotelli answered, "I think we have very good speed in our running backs. We are very pleased with it and La'Marr McDaniel is our full-back. He did very well for us last year."

Ciccotelli was asked if the Raiders were going to focus primarily on a running game or a passing game and he replied, "We will have a balanced attack. We don't want to be one dimensional. That is what we are going to try to stay away from. So, our opponents must defend the entire field."

When asked about their depth, Ciccotelli responded, "Well, in high school, I would like to say that we are three deep. Although we have some young kids who in the future will be

outstanding football players, they are second team and we are going to put our best eleven athletes on the field. We can't afford to take a top guy and put him behind somebody."

Ciccotelli summarized his feelings about the group of kids. "We are excited about the group of kids. We feel that we have an outstanding group. Several boys worked very hard on the off-season. They have worked very hard in camp and have done everything that we have asked from them."

With Westfield being reclassified to Group 3 status, the Raiders will definitely be affected when the state group sectionals time arrives.

"Right, that will have an effect. Well, eight teams get in (the sectionals) this year. It's a new format. Westfield is a big rivalry for us, they are a very good team and they have a lot of kids coming back this year," Ciccotelli said. "But, we must play one game at a time. We must be ready for Hudson Catholic who we open with and we can't be looking by anybody."



ST. BART'S 20-YEAR VETERANS...Nine brave men were recognized on Labor Day for having survived 20 years of formidable St. Bart's Softball. Pictured, left to right, are: kneeling, Joe McEvoy, Jack Lynch, Lou DeChristofaro and Paul Mello; standing, Joe Murano, Al Ulichny, Mike Hayeck, Al Rezza and Al Weber.

St. Bart's Oldtimers Post Final Softball Statistics

Batting Average Leaders		
NAME	AB-HTS	Average
Ed Belford	56-37	.661
Jeff Friedlander	68-43	.632
Tom Straniero	66-41	.621
Dom Valenzano	64-37	.578
Tony Williams	67-38	.567
Marty Bernstein	62-35	.565
Tom Ulichny	72-40	.556
Brian Williams	67-37	.552
Ken Larson	60-33	.550
Mike Camfield	62-34	.548

Runs Batted In:	
NAME	Amount:
Ed Belford	44
Tom Reade	36
Tom Engleman	34
Tom Straniero	33
Joe Shea	32
Dave Rothenberg	32
Marty Bernstein	30
Harry Semple	27
Dave Hagan	27

Home Runs:	
NAME	Amount:
Joe Shea	7
Ed Belford	7
Tom Straniero	5
Harry Semple	5
Bob Reick	5
Rick Wustefeld	5
Marvin Scherb	4
Tom Reade	4
Dave Rothenberg	4
John Esposito	4

Triples:	
NAME	Amount:
Derek Von Langen	6
Tom Reade	5
Stan Grausso	5
Jeff Friedlander	5
Ed Belford	5
Tom Swales	4
Larry Szanyi	4

Doubles:	
NAME	Amount:
Lee DiDonato	17

Runs Scored:	
NAME	Amount:
Tom Straniero	35
Bob Elmi	35
Jim Hoelzel	34
Ed Belford	34
Joe Shea	33
Pete DeChristofaro	32
Jeff Friedlander	31
Lee DiDonato	31
Marty Bernstein	31
Chuck Krajcsik	29

Pitching:	
NAME	Won-Lost:
Frank Chupko	20-2
Bill Wolff	14-4
Nick Barattucci	13-7
Tony Blasi	11-10
Pete Vanderheyden	10-10
Joe Matuska	10-10

ERRATUM

In last weeks Raiders boys soccer pre-season story, the name of Raider soccer great Lino DiCuollo was misspelled. DiCuollo, who played for the Raiders from 1984-87, became a soccer All-American.

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



BATTLING FOR THE BALL...Raider sophomore Dave Sigmon, No. 5, battles a Union Farmer for the soccer ball. The Raiders won the battle, 4-0, in Scotch Plains on September 11.

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

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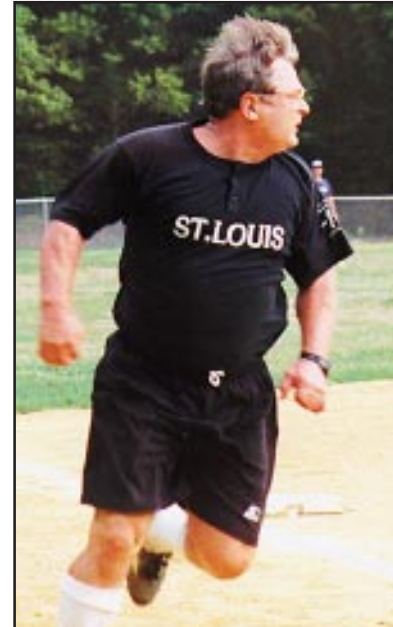
SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-11823-97.
EASTERN MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. MARCIAL ACEVEDO AND SYLVIA ACEVEDO, HUSBAND AND WIFE; ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 8, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
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 \$120,209.37.
BEING property located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey.
BEING Tax Account No. 5-147.
BEING commonly known as 216 Lt. Glenn Zamorski Drive, Elizabeth, New Jersey, and having the approximate dimensions of lot 100 feet x 100 feet.
BEING located on the southeasterly side of Lt. Glenn Zamorski Drive, 200 feet from the intersection of the southwesterly side of Second Avenue.
There is due approximately the sum of \$123,413.09 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
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RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

BIVONA, COHEN, KUNZMAN, COLEY, YOSPIN, BERNSTEIN & DIFRANCESCO, Attorneys
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CH-753984 (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-8585-95.
SPENCER SAVINGS BANK, SLA, PLAINTIFF vs. DONALD J. LONGO, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 9, 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 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER 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 \$32,966.10.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 466 Fourth Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
Tax Lot Number 5 in Block Number D.
Dimension of Lot: 109 feet x 25 feet x 105 feet x 25 feet approximately.
Nearest Cross Street: Loomis Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$35,316.40 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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Hackensack, New Jersey 07601
CH-752638 (WL)
4 T - 9/10, 9/17
9/24 & 10/1/98 Fee: \$155.04



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
HUSTLING HOME...Fleet-footed Pete Vanderheyden hustles home to score a home run in the title game with St. Joseph.

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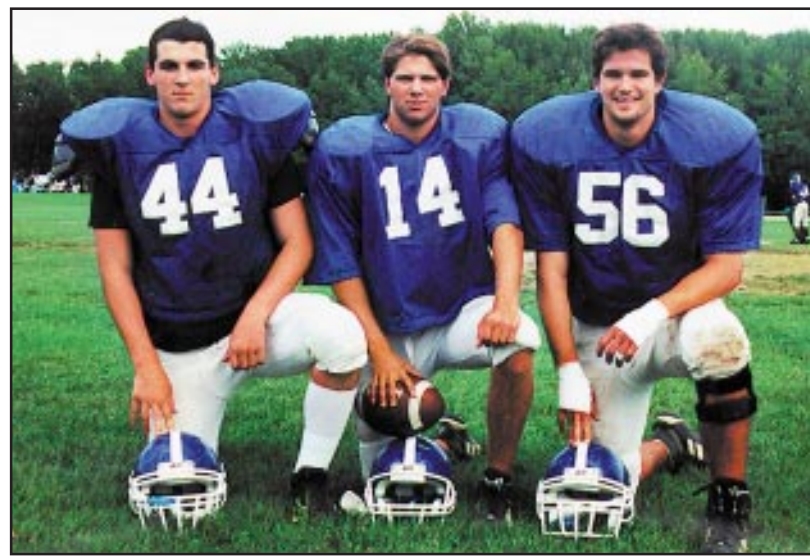
BOROUGH OF FANWOOD ORDINANCE 98-14-R
BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Chapter 93 of the Fanwood Borough Code be amended as follows:
Section 1.
Section 93-21.1 is amended to add a Section 93-21.1 as follows:
Notwithstanding anything contained in the Section 93-21.1 to the contrary and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-68 of the New Jersey Statutes, in the case of an accessory non-conforming structure to a residential use regardless of the percentage of destruction of such accessory of non-conforming use such accessory structure shall be deemed only partially destroyed and the accessory non-conforming structure may then be rebuilt, restored or repaired so long as the foundation of said accessory non-conforming structure remains and so long as the partial destruction has occurred in the calendar year of 1998.
Section 2.
All other ordinances or portions of ordinances which are not contrary to this amendment shall remain in full force and effect except as amended herein.
Section 3.
This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law and upon filing with the Union County Planning Board.
Maryanne S. Connelly
Mayor
1 T - 9/17/98, The Times Fee: \$32.64

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: September 10, 1998
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unspecifiable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.
RESOLUTION NO.: 1115-98
AWARDED TO: Correctional Services, Inc., 25 Pompton Avenue, Suite 305, Verona, New Jersey.
SERVICES: For professional services to provide health care services at the Union County Jail and the Juvenile Detention Center.
AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$3,392,220.
PERIOD: October 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 and January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.
Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 9/17/98, The Leader Fee: \$25.50

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1080-98
AWARDED TO: St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 225 Williamson Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide consultant services and public health services to Union County residents under the Tuberculosis Control Services Program.
AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$33,542.
PERIOD: July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.
Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 9/17/98, The Leader Fee: \$24.48



BLUE DEVIL TRIUMVERATE...Senior Tri-Captains Todd Dowling, left, Brandon Doerr, center, and Matt Krug will be leading the Westfield High School football team this fall.

Local High School Boys Soccer Scores

SEPTEMBER 11:
Westfield 0, Piscataway 0
 The Blue Devils and the Chiefs both relied on the defensive skills of their goalies. Devil Brian Gillin turned away 11 attempts on goal while his counterpart, Matt Kearns stopped 10.

Westfield	0	0	0
Piscataway	0	0	0

Scotch Plains-Fanwood 4, Union 0
 The Raiders took control of their home opener early and maintained it throughout the game. Senior Eugene Ferrara scored the first goal, 24 minutes into the game and added another in the second half. Sophomore Mike Zotti and senior Peter Koblikska both had one goal. Senior Ryan Hahner had two assists and senior Tafari Laing and junior Jeff Fiorino added one each.

The Raiders virtually played the game on the Farmers' side of the field the entire game. On the few exceptions, sophomore goalie Brad Lowyns prevented any successful attacks. Lowyns finished with six saves.

Union	0	0	0
Scotch Plains-Fanwood	3	1	4

Cranford 3, South Plainfield 0
 Andy Kindler and Ron Kulick netted one goal and one assist each and teammate John Anthes also found the net as the Cougars out-snarled the Tigers in South Plainfield. Goalie Gennaro Somma had five saves for the Cougars.

Cranford (1-0)	2	1	3
S. Plainfield (0-1)	0	0	0

A. L. Johnson 5, Union Catholic 1
 The Crusaders were quite successful in their home opener as they battered the Vikings with four of their goals in the first half. Jeff Drodowski found the net twice in the first half, then added another in the second. Matt Andrews added the other Crusader goal. Mike Hordinsky fired in the only goal for the Vikings.

Goalie Bob Cuartas had five saves but accidentally created an own goal in the Vikings' debut in the Mountain Valley Conference Mountain Division.

Union Catholic	1	0	1
A. L. Johnson	4	1	5

SEPTEMBER 12:
Scotch Plains-Fanwood 2, Wall 1

Team Co-Captains Eugene Ferrara and Todd Moser both scored in the first half as Wall came tumbling down, 2-1, in Wall Township. Ferrara penetrated the net in the 31st minute and Moser struck four minutes later on a penalty kick. Sophomore goalie Brad Lowyns had eight saves.

Sc Plns-Fnw (2-0)	2	0	2
Wall (1-1)	0	1	1

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 WITH-OUT RECOURSE, PLAINTIFF vs. CARNINE ANTORINO 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: Situated 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, 9/3, 9/10 & 9/17/98 Fee: \$193.80

ANZELONE, TOTAMS, ACKERMAN RACE TO THE SCENE

Lady Devil 'Pac' is Back With High Hopes in X-Country

By DAVID B. CORBIN
 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Dominance has been the word for the Westfield High School girls cross country team throughout the years and this season the Blue Devil girls may tighten their death grip in the Union County and Watchung Conference scene. Many top-notched runners return and plan to leave an even more impressive mark this season.

Last year, the Blue Devil "Pac" increased their unbeaten dual meet streak to 27, won their third-straight Watchung Conference title, captured their seventh-straight Union County crown, placed third at the Stewart Memorial and won the Randolph Invitational. In addition, the girls grabbed second in the NJCTC Class Race, fourth in the Sectionals and finished eighth in the State Group 4 race.

Sophomore Alexis Anzelone exploded onto the scene last year by placing first in the freshman division at the Stewart Memorial and at the Shore Coaches Race. Later Anzelone ran away with the Union County varsity individual title. Anzelone's personal best time, last year, became the 10th fastest time on the Westfield High School All-Time List.

"Alexis (Anzelone) was a huge asset. As a freshman, she turned in spectacular times," commented Blue Devil Head Coach Tom Hornish.

Senior Lindsay Totams will add some major punch to the Devil "Pac" attack. Last year, Totams became the Watchung Tournament Champion. Sophomore Rachel Ackerman will be very strong this season. Ackerman placed first at the Union County Junior Varsity Tournament and her personal best time ranked 12th on the Westfield High School All-Time List.

"Lindsay (Totams) was injured most of last season and, this season, she is expected to do very well. Lind-

is right up in there with Anzelone and we have junior Maura McMahon who competed in spring track last spring is also doing very well," stated Hornish in an excited manner.

"We have a pack! We already have five runners who ran between 21:21 and 21:58 and our sixth and seventh runners are not far behind," expressed Hornish. "Also Lindsay and Adrienne (Blauvelt) did not record times yet," added Hornish.

More depth and more strength is



LEADERS OF THE "PACK"...Senior Co-Captains Sara Carpenter, left, and Lindsay Totams are the leaders of the Blue Devils "Pack" attack this season. The Blue Devil girls expect a "pack" of victories this season.

say and Sara Carpenter are our team captains and we expect a very good year," expressed Hornish.

"We have turned in some very good times already this season," mentioned Hornish. "Rachel (Ackerman)

High School Girls Field Hockey Scores

SEPTEMBER 11:
Westfield 2, East Brunswick 0

Kelsey Ill and Valerie Hicks flicked in one goal each in the first half for the Blue Devils in Westfield in their season opener. Goalie Jen Woodbury needed only to block two shots on goal to record the shutout.

East Brunswick (0-1)	0	0	0
Westfield (1-0)	2	0	2

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-16130-97.

U.S. BANK, N.A. F/K/A FIRST BANK, N.A., PLAINTIFF vs. LARRY PAIGE ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JUNE 30, 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 30TH 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 \$53,549.71. Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as 543 S Park Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey. BEING KNOWN as Lot No. 0991, Block No. 03 on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth.

Dimensions: (approximately) 100.00 feet x 25.00 feet.

Nearest Cross Street: Sixth Street. There is due approximately the sum of \$55,085.52 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

FEDERMAN AND PHELAN, Attorney Suite 505, Sentry Office Plaza 216 Haddon Avenue Westmont, New Jersey 08108 CH-754002 (WL) 4 T - 9/3, 9/10, 9/17 & 9/24/98 Fee: \$165.24

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-6640-96.

COLUMBIA NATIONAL, INCORPORATED, PLAINTIFF vs. CELONY DAMUS, ET AL., 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 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 \$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

Blue Devils Look to Uphold Remarkable Season of 1997

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touchdowns last year, rushed for 226 yards last season as a running back and also had 35 tackles and one interception as a defensive back. Dowling was devastating on defense as he totaled 74 tackles. This season, Dowling will give added support as fullback.

"Lee and Dowling are our fullbacks. They will share the load at fullback. Lamont, Giancone and senior (Kevin) McCormick are the three veteran halfbacks," Tranchina pointed out.

Tranchina will put senior Gabe Perez at the tight end position on offense. Last year, Perez did an outstanding job as a defensive back and will continue at that slot this year. Perez's most memorable game was against Scotch Plains-Fanwood when he recorded two crucial sacks and batted down two pass attempts.

"We will have a couple of wide receivers, Jason Merritt, Maurice Boatwright and Sergio Villafane who will be switching in-and-out and bringing in the plays," explained Tranchina.

Tranchina is particularly pleased with the size and depth of his line. Seniors Tom Langton, Thornton, Devin Griffiths and Greg Jackson add experience and size. Martinovich amassed 32 tackles last year. Albino had 27 tackles last year. Albino saved the Irvington game last year by making a crucial safety.

"We have a lot of linemen. The luxury is that these men will not have to play both offense and defense this year. Albino and (junior) Joey Sanders can play center on offense. Two returning guards, Matt Krug who missed the last couple of games with

a knee injury last year and Willie Hannis at left guard look real good," commented Tranchina.

There are several vacant spots up for grabs in the defensive backfield and Tranchina explained the present status. "Lamont (Turner) returns for his third year at halfback and then there will be about four or five guys fighting for three positions at halfback. We have (Maurice) Boatwright, Merritt, Giancone and McCormick. McCormick will be a starter."

The complete inside linebacker corps will be Dowling and Lee, backed by seniors Anthony Pecoraro and Joe Petrucci. Doerr, Krug and junior Josh Ray will be rotated at the outside linebacker positions.

"We will rotate a lot of guys this season. We have 51-52 kids out this year. We had 45 last year and 36 the year before, so I'm happy about the depth this year. We have 24 seniors this year," Tranchina is happy to report.

Tranchina was asked to share his feelings about Westfield's shift to Group 3 and he responded with emphasis, "Since I've been here, we've probably been the smallest Group 4 school in our section. To be a big Group 3 is nice, and that's where we belong. We've always been the smallest, now it's our turn to be the biggest. I don't feel bad about it at all. If we have a chance to make the playoffs and we play in the Group 3 Division rather than the Group 4, it's better for us."

According to Tranchina, Union, Linden, Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Shabazz appear to be the Blue Devils' stiffest competition this year. Westfield opens with Snyder in Jersey City on Friday, September 18, at 7 p.m.

Devil Gymnasts Have Depth; Must be Consistent, Healthy

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good gymnasts. So, if we would be lucky enough to have all four girls (Emuccio, Hogan and the Caravello twins), we would have a fantastic team. We have plenty of depth," explained Kovac.

Coach Kovac was asked to convey her thoughts on the consistency of all the "club" girls competing as a team, especially in the big meets. Kovac responded, "Last year we went from doing good to going down hill as the season went on. I hope that we can do better than that. I hope that we can be lucky. What we are trying to do is to keep our workouts efficient and not waste time so the girls can get out and get on with their lives, and hopefully, keep everybody healthy and available when we need them," emphasized Kovac.

The Devil girls open in Bridgewater on Friday, September 18. "We beat them (Bridgewater) last year, but you never know," Kovac said.

The Blue Devils have several tough teams on their schedule this year. Somerville, Columbia and East Brunswick offer formidable challenges.

"Somerville, we have never beaten. They have been very tough all along. Columbia and East

Brunswick both beat us last year," acknowledged Kovac.

With their several fine gymnasts and team depth, the Blue Devils can potentially have an excellent season. Kovac considered her expectations, then said, "We have 12 dual meets. A really good season, if everything works out well, I would like to win 11 meets. I think that it is possible to have an undefeated season if everybody totally lives to their potential and shows up."

The gymnasts have not been affected by the shift of volleyball to a fall sport and will also not be affected by Westfield's reclassification to Group 3.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
 Date Adopted: September 10, 1998

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unspecifiable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO.: 1084-98

AWARDED TO: Kupper Associates, 15 Stelton Road, Piscataway, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide an upgrade of fire pump vault at Rannels Health Care Facility, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.

AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$6,500.

Elizabeth Genivich Clerk of the Board

1 T - 9/17/98, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

****IMPORTANT****
****WESTFIELD****
****FOOTBALL****
****MESSAGE****
 Tomorrow night's opening football game between Westfield High School and Snyder of Jersey City has been canceled. Westfield has received a forfeit.

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MOST VALUABLE PLAYER (MVP)...Roger Love has been named MVP of the Second Annual Norman "Flip" Chambliss Memorial All-Star Softball Game. Pictured, left to right, are: Westfield Softball League President Dave Kervick, Love, "Bunny" Chambliss and league Vice President Pat Brady.

WHS Boosters to Have Armory Dinner/Dance

WESTFIELD - The Westfield School Booster Association will present a dinner/dance 7 p. m. on Saturday, October 17 at the Westfield Armory. Entertainment will be provided by The Drifters and Vito and the Salutations.

The cost is \$40 per person which includes a buffet dinner, beer, wine, dancing and a chance to win terrific door prizes. Tickets are available through Taylor and Love Realtors or Kehler's Athletic Balance or by calling (908) 233-8679.

All proceeds will benefit all Westfield High School athletic programs.

Recreation Commission Announces Basketball Program's New Season

WESTFIELD — The new season of the Westfield Recreation Commission's Basketball Sports Night program is set to begin on Tuesday, September 29, in the Roosevelt Intermediate School gymnasium.

This pick-up basketball program, which is offered on Tuesdays at Roosevelt Intermediate School and on Thursdays at Edison Intermediate School, will run throughout the course of the school year from 7 to 9 p.m. and is open to residents of all ages.

As a result of increasing expenses, and in an effort to reduce the need for support by taxpayers, the commission will now charge a nominal fee for the program.

A season pass, which is valid for the entire year, from September to June, may be purchased at \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Individuals may also pay a nightly fee of \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

Participants will be required to show their passes at the door each night or will be charged the nightly fee. Passes will be available for purchase either at the Recreation Office or at the school gymnasiums.

Funds have been made available through the Jeff Ross Memorial Fund to assist any resident with financial hardship to participate in this program.

For more information, please call the Recreation Office at (908) 789-4080, or see the advertisement on page 7 of this edition of *The Westfield Leader*.



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
ROCKIN' ROWLAND...Rob Rowland rocks a grounder toward right field during the Second Annual Norman "Flip" Chambliss Memorial All-Star Softball Game.

The SPF Fire Faces SPF Soccer Mutiny

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association Second Grade Division opened up their 1998-1999 season on September 12. The Fire and the Mutiny faced off against each other in a very well contested game. Play was sharp by both teams, particularly on the defensive end where both teams came up with key saves and steals throughout the game.

Vincent Bianco and Philip Rosenkrantz shared the goaltending duties for the Fire and each turned in a stellar performance. Both players came up with several key saves on the day. The goalies were helped out by the swarming defense provided by Brendan McEvoy, Chris McManus, James Mason and Jimmy Walsh. Joseph Del Prete, John Maxwell, Blake Van Buskirk and Brian Gerrity all used speed and excellent passing and dribbling to keep constant pressure on the Mutiny goalie.

Thomas Reade got the Fire on the board early with the Fire's first goal of the new season. Jeremy Kaufman also picked up a goal as he took a nice pass from Reade. McManus tallied the Fire's third goal of the game while Matt Graziano was credited with their fourth goal.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD
 Notice is hereby given that the PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD after public hearing granted approval to Andrea Correll and John Hicks to construct an exterior porch/gable shelter on the property at 133 Willoughby Road, Fanwood, New Jersey being Block No. 28 Lot No. 13.
 Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at the Borough Hall during normal business hours.
 Andrea Correll and John Hicks
 133 Willoughby Road
 Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
 1 T - 9/17/98, The Times Fee: \$15.81

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 - 8/27, 9/3,
 9/10 & 9/17/98 Fee: \$183.60

St. Lou 'Men in Black' Drop St. Joseph, 14-13, for Title

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lower half of the inning. Mirto led off with a single to right, Veeck hooked a single to left and Vanderheyden blooped a single over first. Glen Walz scribbled an RBI infield single toward second, Marty Lillis' grounder to second scored Veeck, then Bill Hicks yanked a two-RBI single to left.

Down 7-4, St. Joseph responded with emphasis in the fifth. Don Rowbotham looped a single over second, Dean Talcott punched a single to right and Hoelzel bashed an RBI single to left. Rich Varsolona reached base on a force play and Mike Ciufia zipped a single up-the-middle to load the bases.

The battering was about to peak. Krajcsik 'cracked' a two-run double to center and Straniero screamed a two-run triple to deep right-center. Wolff whacked a hopping RBI single over first base, then Grossman murdered a staggering two-run homer to remote center field. Rothenberg got aboard on an error, then scored on Spitzer's single to left. When the dust had settled, St. Joseph had scored nine runs to take a 13-7 lead.

After their explosive inning, the jubilant St. Joseph defensive players finished off St. Louis in the fifth. The first two batters popped out, then outfielder Rothenberg magically performed a crowd pleasing, face-diving catch to end the inning.

The disappointment seemed to strengthen the character of the "Men in Black" in the top of the sixth. Vanderheyden, the pitcher, retired

all three St. Joseph batters, not allowing any balls to clear the infield. Now, the St. Louis offense strutted to the plate with dogged determination.

St. Louis, this season, appeared to be a team of destiny. Showing great adaptability, they became a top-notch "Posse" when they chased down and corralled the St. James "Gang". Next, St. Louis sent a harsh "Message to (St.) Michael" in the Saints Division Title game. They became the "Men in Black" and set off to complete their mission against St. Joseph in the sixth and seventh innings.

In the sixth, Forsyth squiggled a single toward first. Metzger mashed a single to right and Chris Reimers sacrificed Forsyth home. Mirto drilled an RBI double to center, Veeck hammered an RBI triple to faraway center, then Vanderheyden brought the score to 13-11 by lofting an RBI sacrifice fly to center.

Shaken by the shadow cast by the "Men in Black", St. Joseph failed to see daylight in the top of the seventh and went down silently. St. Joseph was about to meet the Grim Reaper in the bottom of the seventh. Hicks slashed a single to right, Art Hobbie whacked a single to left, then Chupko sliced an RBI single down the first baseline. Nate Mangiris stepped up and tied the score with an RBI single past third, then Cardinale delivered the fatal blow by punching his RBI single to right field. St. Louis had completed its mission.

St. Joseph	400	090	0	13
St. Louis	300	404	3	14



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
HAVING A GOOD TIME...These members of the St. Bart's Oldtimers Softball League are enjoying the championship game held between St. Louis and St. Joseph at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on Labor Day.

SPF Jazz Soccer Take Second Place at Piscataway Classic

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jazz 1, Piscataway Golden Arrows 0

Watching Hills Wolves 4, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jazz 1

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jazz 2, Watching Hills Wolves 1

Piscataway Golden Arrows 3, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jazz 2

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jazz girls inter-city soccer team began their fall season with a solid second place finish at the 15th Annual Piscataway Fall Soccer Classic. The two day tournament played under warm sunny skies matched the Jazz in two games against the Piscataway Golden Arrows and the Watching Hills Wolves.

In game one on September 12, the Jazz scored early when Loni Kaye fought off two defenders to knock in the rebound of a shot by Gaby Falco. A strong defensive effort by the Jazz made the one goal stand and the Jazz came away with a shut-out victory over the

Piscataway Golden Arrows.

Later that afternoon the Jazz jumped out to an early 1-0 lead on some fast foot work by Jessica McGarry who beat the Watching Hills Wolves' goalkeeper on a close in shot. The Wolves broke out to a lead when they converted two penalty shots and claimed a 4-1 win.

On September 13, the Jazz avenged their earlier defeat at the claws of the Wolves with a 2-1 triumph. Maddie Wasser keyed the victory with a booming shot from outside the 18-yard line that whizzed over the goalie's head. After a tying goal by Watchung, Hallie Mintz made a fine save to keep the game tied until Bitsy Kipping banged in the game winner.

The final game was another nail biter. Some good defense in the first half by Lauren Hercul and Briana Falco kept the game close, but goals by Shannon Hauser and Lauren Mains were enough to stop Piscataway from edging the Jazz 3-2.

Throughout the tournament the Jazz were sparked by some sound play by their new teammates Jessica Churgin, Lindsey Fitzgerald and Meaghan Kelly as the Jazz moved up from Division 5 to Division 4.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
 Date Adopted: September 10, 1998
 Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unresponsible service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.
RESOLUTION NO.: 1116-98 (Amending Resolution No. 545-98)
AWARDED TO: Nia H. Gill, Esq., of Gill & Cohen, Esqs., 42 Church Street, Montclair, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide legal services on behalf of Lawrence Lee in the matter entitled **Anning v. Union County, et al.**
AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$55,000.
 Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board
 1 T - 9/17/98, The Leader Fee: \$23.97

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
 Date Adopted: September 10, 1998
 Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unresponsible service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.
RESOLUTION NO.: 1086-98 (Amending Resolution No. 598-98)
AWARDED TO: Bradford Bury, Esq., 1122 Route 22 West, Mountainside, New Jersey.
SERVICES: For the purpose of providing additional legal services on behalf of CO Joseph Werthmann in the matter entitled **Anning v. Union County et al.**
AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$1,000, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$36,000.
 Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board
 1 T - 9/17/98, The Leader Fee: \$24.48

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-858-98.
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF 2/28/97 SERIES 1997-A-I, PLAINTIFF vs. IVELISSE MEJIA, ET AL, DEFENDANT.
 CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 8, 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 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER 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 \$113,395.86.
 The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey.
 Commonly known as: 305 Magnolia Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202.
 Tax Lot No. 764 in Block No. 3.
 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 25 feet wide by 100 feet long.
 Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the easterly side of Magnolia Avenue 50 feet from the northerly side of Third Street.
 There is due approximately the sum of \$116,431.37 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

ZUCKER, GOLDBERG, BECKER & ACKERMAN, Attorneys
 1139 Spruce Drive
 P.O. Box 1024
 Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024
 1-908-233-8500
 File Number: XCS-36759
 CH-754008 (WL)
 4 T - 9/10, 9/17
 9/24 & 10/1/98 Fee: \$183.60



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
FOUL BALL TO RIGHT...Don Robotham of St. Joseph bops a foul ball to right, then loops a double to center against St. Louis in the title game. The "Men in Black" defeated St. Joseph, 14-13.

S. P.-F. U-11 Express Seize 2nd in Brunswick Tournery

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Express under-11 boys soccer team finished second in a South Brunswick tournament this past weekend. The Express compiled a 3-1 mark, outscoring the opposition 18-2 in four games.

Express 6, Montgomery Metros 0

Clayton Balch opened the scoring with a strong outside shot from an assist by Matt Fleissner. Ryan Cerrick followed with two more goals, one assisted by Fleissner and the other by Brian Osbahr, to give the Express a 3-0 half-time lead.

In the second half Brian Halpin scored on an assist by Cerrick and Mark Ciccura scored on Fleissner's third assist of the game. Joey Dziedzic closed the scoring on another strong outside shot. Henry Coxe was aggressive at halfback and Joseph Jacobi effective at fullback as the two goalies D. J. Garrett and Joey Dziedzic combined for the shutout.

East Windsor Stingers 2, Express 0

Surprised in the first few minutes by two fine centering passes that led to goals by the talented East Windsor right wing, the Express settled down and played even with the eventual flight winners for the rest of the game. Joseph Jacobi played exceptionally tough at fullback; Clayton Balch was steady at midfield; and Sean Young at sweeper prevented further damage after the first two goals.

Express 6, South Brunswick Saturns 0

The Express got back on track with

Matt Fleissner punching in a goal after a scramble in front of the net. On a similar scramble, Ryan Cerrick followed up with another goal. Joseph Jacobi then scored on a free kick from near midfield as Cerrick's aggressive charge distracted the South Brunswick goalie and allowed the ball to roll in for the score.

In the second half, Clayton Balch scored after correctly anticipating Joe Cepparullo's excellent pass into the penalty area. Matt Fleissner then scored one-on-one with the goalie after a nice Brian Halpin assisting pass. Halpin then wheeled and hammered in a goal from a Jack Davis assist. Anthony Balianco and Jonathan Defiore turned in their best performances of the tournament, Balianco on defense and Defiore alternating between striker and halfback.

Express 6, West Windsor Terminators 0

Matt Fleissner opened the scoring with a hard shot following a Mark Ciccura pass. Joseph Jacobi then scored with a superb outside shot when the ball bounced out to him after an equally superb corner kick from Ciccura. Ryan Cerrick and Jacobi again scored from outside, followed by Brian Halpin from a Jack Davis header-assist and Clayton Balch, whose shot glanced off a West Windsor player for a goal. Showing good sportsmanship, the Express did not add to their 6-0 halftime lead, refusing to shoot even though they had multiple opportunities.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SP-F 9-YEAR-OLD ALL STARS...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association's nine-year-old All Star team competed in three tournaments this season, talking third place in two of the tournaments. Pictured, left to right, are: kneeling, Greg Bruno, Matt Heuser, Kyle Chase, Adam Perez. Standings: Lauren Mv, Andrew Lyons, Dave Belford, Matt Wolff, John Mineo, Colin Campbell, Robert Seibek, Travis Schwartz Manager Ed Belford and coaches Bill Wolff and Wes Chase

SPORTS DEADLINE

Please refer to the deadline box on Page 14 for sports deadlines. Deadlines will be ADHERED to with NO EXCEPTIONS. Articles will be accepted by e-mail at: sports@goleader.com

WTA Men's Doubles Final Standings Told

Steve Satkin and Russell Finestain have won the regular season WTA Doubles Ladder. A round robin tournament will be played over the next two weeks to determine the tournament champion.

The final standing are reflected below.

1. Satkin/Finestain
2. DeSantis/Daaleman
3. Dreyer/Mathews
4. Yee/Chou
5. Lo/Weingarter
6. Sinok/Chiesa
7. Sprung/Rosenthal

POSTERS

The Westfield Leader and The Times have the capabilities of making large color posters (24x18 and smaller) of sports photos or any photos you may wish to be reproduced. Prices are reasonable. Call David Corbin at (908) 232-4407 or e-mail Dave for information at dave@goleader.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that ordinances as follows were passed and adopted by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting thereof held September 15, 1998.
 Joy C. Vreeland
 Town Clerk

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1713

ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE REVISION AND UPDATE OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD.

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 1981

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CURBING ON PORTIONS OF CLARK STREET, FOREST AVENUE AND KIMBALL AVENUE AND THE APPROPRIATION OF MONIES NECESSARY THEREFOR.

1 T - 9/17/98, The Leader Fee: \$21.93



THE WESTFIELD GUNNERS...SHOOTOUT CHAMPIONS

Gunners Capture MU Shootout Title

Over the Labor Day Weekend, the Westfield Gunners captured the Morris United Colonial Shootout (MUSC) title. Along the way, they beat MUSC Fireballs 3-2, MUSC Rockets 1-0, Berkeley Heights 3-1 and Montclair Storm 5-1.

The Gunners met Ridgewood in the finals. Tied at the end of regulation play, they went into a 5 minute 5-vs.-5 overtime only to be tied once again. During the second 5 minute overtime, Westfield clinched the victory on 3-vs.-3 play and held the lead for a 1-0 win.

Nicky Barba, Vincent Clark, Rob Delaney, Kyle Fleming, Michael Freundlich, Stephen Heine, Kevin Hennessey, Alex Kao, Jimmy McManus, Daniel Pritsker, Jonathan Ramalho and Andre Vianna all contributed. The Gunners were coached by John Kao and assisted by Michael Pritsker.

Colonia Cannons Capture Regional U-13 Soccer Crown

Four Scotch Plains boys, Ryan Breznitsky, Ray DiNizo, Josh Lenoff and Mike Miller were player on the Colonia Cannons U-13 soccer team which recently won the New Jersey State and US Regional title.

The Colonia Cannons, known as CFC, worked their way through a series of games in the Fall of 1997. Their hard work and dedication allowed them to prevail in the games which qualified them for the State Championship held at Fort Dix.

The weekend games presented many challenges for these players. However, only letting 1 goal up, their eagerness to achieve allowed them to be state champs for the (U-13) in the state of New Jersey.

CFC's success allowed them to proudly represent the state of New Jersey and continue on to what is called the Region 1 Championship.

On July 1, CFC entered the opening ceremony at The Arena of Edinboro University in Erie, Pennsylvania. The championships consisted of 208 teams ranging from ages 12-20, out of 15 states in the Eastern Region. Only one from each age group could go on to claim the title. CFC boys shined and represented it well.

After three days of sweat and competition, the process of elimination brought our boys to the final cuts. At the final game on July 5, the boys played outstanding soccer. The only goal was due to a free kick and CFC won 1-0.

CFC will be going to Trenton on Monday, September 28 to receive a Proclamation from New Jersey Senator Donald DiFrancesco. Celebrations will continue when the Mayor of Colonia will be giving CFC a Proclamation in October.

The Colonia Cannons have been coached by Malcom Murphy, and Tom Bresninsky.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-020719-97.
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. RICARDOMOTTA, ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 4, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER 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 sale.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-020719-97.
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The judgment amount is \$131,730.36. MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth. COUNTY: Union STATE OF NEW JERSEY. STREET AND STREET NO.: 334 Vine Street TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK NO.: 13 LOT NO.: 1449. DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 33.33 feet x 174 feet. NEAREST CROSS STREET: 233.33 feet from the intersection of Grove Street. There is due approximately the sum of \$136,611.38 together with lawful interest and costs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following 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-753850 (WL)
4 T - 9/10, 9/17
9/24 & 10/1/98 Fee: \$165.24

Community Players to Present A Night of Broadway Music

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Community Players (WCP) will present "A Night on Broadway" this Saturday, September 19, at 8 p.m. at the WCP theater, located at 1000 North Avenue, West, in Westfield.

The show, produced by Naomi Yablonsky of Springfield and John Schweska of Westfield, will feature songs from Broadway shows reflecting a variety of styles and themes.

All tickets are \$12 at the door and the evening's entertainment will be topped off with a selection of wine and hors d'oeuvres after the show.

"The show will feature a variety of talented musical performers, many of whom have trod the boards at Westfield Community Players and other local theater groups," said Victor Cenci of WCP.

With musical director Anjanette Valiente as the accompanist, the evening appearing in the show will be Jane Aulenbach, Carl Barber-Steele, Ginger Burd, Linda Correll, Fred Cuzzo, Barbara Joy Goldstein, Jo Anne Guida, Melissa Loderstedt, Maurice Moran, Drude Roessler and Charles Roessler.

Other performers include John Schweska, Richard Sibello, Donna Snyder, Jerry Sorrentino, Ken Webb, Mary Brunton Webb and Jessica Zeus. Anjanette Valiente will be the accompanist and Elliott Lanes will serve as stage manager.

The entire cast and crew are donating

Parenting Pathways To Host Workshop On Owning a Business

SCOTCH PLAINS - Parenting Pathways will host a workshop on starting one's own business on Tuesday, September 29, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Scotch Plains Public Library on Bartle Avenue.

Participants will have an opportunity to meet successful consultants from popular companies, specializing in businesses which individuals can run at their own pace from home.

Panel members will discuss their businesses and how they operate. There will also be an open question-and-answer session, after which attendees will be able to meet with the business owners individually. Refreshments will be served.

This workshop is free and all are invited to attend. For information or questions, please call (908) 889-5954.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 September 15, 1998, and that the said Council will further consider the same for final passage on the 28th day of September, 1998, at 8:30 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. A SPECIAL ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN EASEMENT FOR STORM AND SANITARY SEWER PURPOSES OVER A PORTION OF THE LANDS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 et seq. permits a Municipality, by ordinance, to ascertain and establish the boundaries of all streets and public places in the Municipality.

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield has undertaken to establish an easement for storm and sanitary sewer purposes across Town lands to connect with similar drainage systems in the right-of-way of Sedgewick Avenue on one end and an existing easement leading to Oak Tree Pass on the other end.

WHEREAS, this ordinance is intended to provide for the establishment of an easement over a portion of property owned by the Town of Westfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield as follows:

SECTION I.
The Town Council of the Town of Westfield does hereby establish an easement for storm and sanitary sewer purposes across the lands hereinafter described which are owned by the Town of Westfield.

SECTION II.
The portion of said land, owned by the Town of Westfield, consisting of a strip of land fifteen feet in width to be used to create a storm and sanitary easement is described as follows:

The following is a description of a 15.00 foot wide Storm and Sanitary Sewer Easement running through properties of the Town of Westfield. It is to connect the newly dedicated portion of Sedgewick Avenue and an existing easement on properties fronting on Oak Tree Pass.

BEGINNING at the point of the most westerly corner of Lot No. 40.01 in Block No. 101 as designated on the Town of Westfield Tax Maps, said beginning point being located by the following two courses: (1) From the intersection of the northeasterly sideline of Prospect Street (66' R.O.W.) with the southeasterly sideline of Madison Avenue, North 37 degrees 12 minutes 06 seconds East, along the said sideline of Madison Avenue, a distance of 192.20 feet to a point. (2) South 53 degrees 03 minutes 57 seconds East, a distance of 200.00 feet to the point of beginning, and running:

thence (1) North 36 degrees 58 minutes East, a distance of 15.00 feet to a point, thence (2) South 53 degrees 03 minutes 57 seconds East, through the lands of the Town of Westfield, a distance of 217.51 feet to a point, thence (3) North 38 degrees 59 minutes 53 seconds East, through the lands of Town of Westfield, a distance of 23.76 feet to a point, thence (4) South 51 degrees 01 minutes 48 seconds East, continuing through lands of Town of Westfield, a distance of 15.00 feet to a point,

thence (5) South 38 degrees 59 minutes 53 seconds West, along the line of lands of Town of Westfield, a distance of 38.23 feet to a point, thence (6) North 53 degrees 03 minutes 57 seconds West, along the lands of Town of Westfield, a distance of 231.99 feet to the point and place of beginning.

SECTION III.
Any and all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION IV.
In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION V.
This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner, permitted by law.

1 T - 9/17/98, The Leader Fee: \$108.63

Flea Market-Bazaar Slated To Benefit Needy Animals

Best Friend Dog & Animal Adoption Inc. (Charlotte's Animals) will hold a Flea Market-Bazaar fund-raiser to benefit homeless, rescued pets awaiting adoption on Saturday, September 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Bates Hall, on Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

Many household items, toys and games, jewelry, new gifts, attic treasures and hand-crafted merchandise will be available. Home-baked cakes, cookies and hot dogs will also be sold.

All proceeds are used to pay for veterinary care, inoculations, neutering and boarding of pets who are awaiting adoption. The group is accepting donations of new or good condition, clean articles, but cannot accept furniture, books, clothing or large articles due to storage limitations.

Donations may be dropped off

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Joy C. Vreeland
Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. A SPECIAL ORDINANCE TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF THE LANDS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AS A PUBLIC STREET AND RIGHT-OF-WAY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 et seq. permits a Municipality, by ordinance, to ascertain and establish the boundaries of all streets and public places in the Municipality.

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield has undertaken to relocate a street known as Sedgewick Avenue in the Town of Westfield and to reestablish a portion of this street on property owned by the Town of Westfield.

WHEREAS, this ordinance is intended to provide for the dedication of a portion of this street on property owned by the Town of Westfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield as follows:

SECTION I.
The Town Council of the Town of Westfield does hereby find that the lands hereinafter described which are owned by the Town of Westfield shall, upon the adoption of this ordinance, be dedicated to public use as a public street.

SECTION II.
The portion of said land, owned by the Town of Westfield, consisting of a strip of land forty feet in width to be dedicated as a public street and right-of-way is described as follows:

TRACT I
The following is a description of a portion of Lot No. 38.01 in Block No. 101, owned by the Town of Westfield, to be dedicated as public right-of-way.

BEGINNING at a point on the southeasterly sideline of Madison Avenue, said point being 192.20 feet northeasterly along the said sideline of Madison Avenue from its intersection with the northeasterly sideline of Prospect Street, (66' R. O. W.), and running:

thence (1) North 53 degrees 03 minutes 57 seconds West, a distance of 25.00 feet to a point, thence (2) North 36 degrees 58 minutes East, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point, thence (3) South 53 degrees 03 minutes 57 seconds East a distance of 125.00 feet to a point, thence (4) South 36 degrees 58 minutes West, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point,

thence (5) North 53 degrees 03 minutes 57 seconds West, a distance of 100.00 feet to the point and place of beginning.

TRACT II
The following is a description of a portion of Lot No. 39.01 in Block No. 101, owned by the Town of Westfield, to be dedicated as public right-of-way.

BEGINNING at the point of the most westerly corner of Lot No. 39.01 in Block No. 101 as designated on the Town of Westfield Tax Maps, said beginning point being located by the following two courses: (1) From the intersection of the northeasterly sideline of Prospect Street (66' R. O. W.) with the southeasterly sideline of Madison Avenue, North 37 degrees 12 minutes 06 seconds East, along the said sideline of Madison Avenue, a distance of 192.20 feet to a point. (2) South 53 degrees 03 minutes 57 seconds East, a distance of 100.00 feet to the point of beginning, and running:

thence (1) North 36 degrees 58 minutes East, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point, thence (2) South 53 degrees 03 minutes 57 seconds East, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point, thence (3) South 36 degrees 58 minutes West, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point, thence (4) North 53 degrees 03 minutes 57 seconds West, a distance of 231.99 feet to the point and place of beginning.

SECTION III.
Any and all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION IV.
In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION V.
This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner, permitted by law.

1 T - 9/17/98, The Times Fee: \$117.81

only between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, September 18, at the church's Bates Hall.

A volunteer is needed Friday afternoon after 4:30 p.m. for one hour, with a small truck or van, to move items from storage to the church, and also on Saturday after 3:30 p.m. to remove unsold articles to storage.

Volunteers may call (908) 486-0230 or (908) 654-6651 during evenings.

Anyone who cannot come to the sale but would like to help the animal adoption program may send their tax-deductible donations to Best Friend Dog & Animal Adoption Inc., P.O. Box 335, Cranford, 07016.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-1042-98.
UNION PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK, PLAINTIFF vs. CEDRIC WINSTON BLACKMAN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; VIRGINIA PRILEAN, 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 30TH 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 sale.

The judgment amount is \$55,474.48. All that certain tract or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.

Also known as Tax Lot No. W11 in Block No. 1164 on the Tax Assessment Map of the CITY OF ELIZABETH.

More commonly known as 69-71 PARKER ROAD, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07208.

BEGINNING at a point in the easterly line of Parker Road, distant forty (40) feet easterly from the land of one Groll; thence along the easterly line of Parker Road, south 38 degrees 6 minutes East forty (40) feet to the land of Vorhees; thence along that land North 67 degrees 50 minutes East 141 feet to a point; thence North 34 degrees 24 minutes East 46.02 feet to a point; thence North 17 degrees 20 minutes West 24 feet to a point; thence South 52 degrees 9 minutes West 52.38 feet to a point; thence South 69 degrees 12 minutes West 142.03 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Being also known and designated at 69-71 Parker Road, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The above description is drawn in accordance with a survey dated August 5, 1983 and made by Decker & Coriell, Inc., Land Surveyors, Union, New Jersey.

There is due approximately the sum of \$57,055.16 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

PETILLO & STERN, Attorney
Suite 300
1170 Route 22 East
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807-2926
CH-753989 (WL)
4 T - 9/3, 9/10
9/17 & 9/24/98 Fee: \$230.52

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-6731-98

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: BERTRAM HENRY AND MRS. BERTRAM HENRY, HIS WIFE

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C., Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 4 Brighton Road, Clifton, New Jersey, 07012, an answer to the complaint (and amendment to complaint, if any) filed in a civil action, in which THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THAT CERTAIN POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1995, FOR RTC MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 1995-2 is Plaintiff and SHIRLEY MCCREA AND MR. MCCREA, HUSBAND OF SHIRLEY MCCREA; BERTRAM HENRY AND MRS. BERTRAM HENRY, HIS WIFE, et al. are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket Number F-6731-98 within Thirty-five (35) days after September 17, 1998 exclusive of such date.

If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint (and amendment to complaint, if any).

You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market Street, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated MAY 23, 1989, made by SHIRLEY MCCREA, MARRIED; BERTRAM HENRY, MARRIED, as Mortgagor(s), to CARTERET SAVINGS BANK, FA, recorded on JUNE 17, 1989, in Book 3983 of Mortgages for UNION County, Page 0795, and subsequently assigned to the plaintiff; and (2) to recover possession of and concerns premises commonly known as: 231 CHRISTIANI STREET, ROSELLE, NEW JERSEY 07203.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling (908) 249-5000. You may also contact the lawyer referral service of the County of Venue by calling (908) 353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue by calling (908) 354-4340.

You, BERTRAM HENRY AND MRS. BERTRAM HENRY, HIS WIFE, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the record owner(s) of the mortgaged premises, because you executed the Bond/Note and Mortgage being foreclosed herein and may be liable for any deficiency thereon, and for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, or against the said mortgaged premises.

DONALD F. PHELAN
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C.
4 Brighton Road
Clifton, New Jersey 07012
1 T - 9/17/98, The Leader Fee: \$66.81

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR NON PAYMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned, The Collector of Taxes of the Town of Westfield, Union County, New Jersey will sell at public auction on the 14th day of October, 1998, in the Tax Collector's office in the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the following described lands:

The said lands will be sold to make the amount of Municipal liens chargeable against that same on the 14th day of October, 1998 together with interest and cost of sale, exclusive however, of the lien for taxes for the year 1998.

The said lands will be sold in fee to such persons as will purchase the same, subject to redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in no case in excess of eighteen percent (18%) per annum. Payments for the sale shall be made by cash or certified check before conclusion of the sale or the property will be resold.

Any parcel of real property for which there shall be no other purchaser will be struck off and sold to the Municipality in fee for redemption at eighteen percent (18%) per annum and the Municipality shall have the right to bar or foreclose the right of redemption.

The sale will be made and conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of chapter 5 of Title 54, Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937, and amendments thereto.

At any time before the sale the undersigned will receive payment of the amount due on the property, with interest and costs incurred up to the time of payments, by certified check or cash.

Industrial properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.), and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

The said lands so subject to sale, described in accordance with the tax duplicate, including the name of the owner as shown on the last duplicate and the total amount due thereon respectively on the 14th day of October, 1998, exclusive of the lien for the year 1998 are as listed below:

Location of Property Address	Owner	Block & Lot	Amount Due October 14, 1998
1. 912 Bailey Court	RAPUANO, Ralph J.	306/40.01	\$5,767.47
2. 115 Brightwood Avenue	SOUTH AVENUE ASSOC., INC.	708/9	\$7,835.98
3. 762 Clark Street	SWENSON, Carl and Carolyn	709/6	\$6,981.57
4. 605 Short Hills Court	DRISCOLL, Myles, Jr. and Margaret	801/30	\$27,685.60
5. 462 Channing Avenue	O'SHEA, Robert and Charyl	803/5	\$7,954.79
6. 101 Linden Avenue	HILDEBRANDT, William and Suzanne	2211/8	\$21,913.04
7. 1 Bradson Court	725 EAST BROAD STREET CORP.	2403/8	\$4,903.35
8. 330 Mountain Avenue	PIPHER, Franklin	2512/2	\$2,054.43
9. 445 Downer Street	JOHNSON, Vanessa	2710/21	\$1,361.69
10. 646 Downer Street	BARNES, Minnie	2816/33	\$4,347.95
11. 120 Florence Ave. South	PASTER, Kim Qui	2910/2	\$21,670.68
12. 410 Railway Avenue	R.R.D. Contractors	3101/8	\$1,879.06
13. 200 South Avenue West	BUONOPANE, MU - BUONOPANE, E.L., Jr.	3102/12	\$4,087.30
14. 109 North Avenue West	R.E.D. Realty, LLC	3113/23	\$23,631.29
15. 205 Elmer Street	ALBANESE, Andrea and Leonard	3305/2	\$7,349.31
16. 576 North Avenue East	RAJ Investments, Inc.	4001/3	\$6,346.85
17. 116 Cacciola Place	LANTZ, James	4001/68	\$1,341.92
18. 248 Windsor Avenue	HARRIS, Joan	4604/2	\$1,082.77
19. 1010 Seward Avenue	ISBRECHT, Richard W.	4704/1,01	\$6,554.93
20. 413 Grove Street West	KANDEL, Edwin and Gloria	4801/7	\$1,446.60
21. 115 Grove Street West	KEEN, Virginia	4801/23	\$1,004.37
22. 902 Central Avenue	MACK, Beverly	5008/8	\$1,280.71
24. 1307 Frances Terrace	ALBANESE, Leonard and Andrea	5009/8	\$1,601.57
25. 1317 Pine Grove Avenue	JONES, William and Lois	5109/15	\$4,914.03
26. 160 Cottage Place	SCHERMERHORN, Peter and Margaret	5203/8	\$2,743.17
27. 2 North Wickom Drive	O'NEILL, John and Linda	5510/4	\$1,820.54
28. 13 Moss Avenue	MALINOWSKI, Matthew and Barbara	5707/3	\$4,823.42
29. 250 Virginia Street	ROSENER, Bruno and Janie	5710/39	\$5,534.33
30. 1713 Central Avenue	JULIANO, Theresa and JULIANO, John		\$1,814.79
4 T - 9/17, 9/24, 10/1 & 10/8/98, The Leader			Fee: \$612.00

Williams Nursery to Hold Food Drive to Fight Hunger

WESTFIELD — Williams Nursery, 524 Springfield Avenue in Westfield, will sponsor its first food drive on Saturday and Sunday, Oc-

Hearing Society Begins Free Classes Today

WESTFIELD — The Hearing Society will commence its free lip reading and basic sign language classes today, Thursday, September 17, which will continue through May of 1999.

Every Thursday, sign language is taught by a certified teacher from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. After a short coffee break, basic lip reading is taught from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Monthly "pot luck" lunches are planned, and an annual dinner is held in May for members, friends and the public to wrap up the season.

The Society provides a scholarship for deaf students in the area who wish to continue their education in an accredited college.

The organization is located at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street in Westfield. Office hours are Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., from mid-September through May. For additional information, please call (908) 233-0266, V/TTY. The mailing address is P.O. Box 2534, Westfield, 07091.

tober 3 and 4, to support the Community Foodbank of New Jersey.

Each person who brings in a can of food on either day of the food drive will receive a free hay ride. Hay rides will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity for families to show their support in the fight for hunger," said David Williams, a partner at Williams Nursery.

"In the leadership program that I recently graduated from, I got to visit the Foodbank of South Jersey, and helped out in a soup kitchen. Until then, I didn't realize that hunger is such a problem right in our own backyard," he added.

According to the Foodbank of New Jersey, almost 1 million people in the state are hungry, and more than half of them are children and the elderly.

Foods from the protein group are most urgently needed, including canned meats, fish, chili, peanut butter (in plastic jars), and macaroni and cheese, according to Mr. Williams.

For more information, he may be reached at (908) 232-4076 or (908) 654-3543. Individuals may visit the store's Internet Web site at www.williams-nursery.com, or visit their store for a complete list of items that are most needed for the food drive.



NEW YEAR BEGINNING...Members of the 1998-1999 Executive Board of the Junior Women's Club of Westfield gather to make plans for the year ahead. Pictured, left to right, are: Linda Venezia, Treasurer; Sherry Boll, Second Vice-President; Amy Tahl, President; Kim Shovlin, Secretary, and Beth Lambert, First Vice-President.

Amy Tahl Named President Of Junior Women's Club

WESTFIELD — The Junior Women's Club of Westfield began the new business year with its first meeting on September 1.

The club has also chosen a new executive board for the 1998-1999 year. Amy Tahl will serve as President, with Beth Lambert as First Vice President, Sherry Boll as Second Vice President, Linda Venezia as Treasurer, and Kim Shovlin as Secretary.

The club, a non-profit organization, is already preparing for a very busy year of community service projects. Its efforts include monthly donations to local families in need, a fifth-grade spelling bee, the Holiday Wish Tree sponsored by St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, local scholarship funds, a coat drive and an annual Grand Auction.

"We are excited about the year ahead. The club has a very strong membership as well as numerous prospective members," said Ms. Shovlin. "Everyone pitches in, and in the end, it is very rewarding to be able to give back to the community,

Dinner Dance Benefit At Temple Emanu-El To Honor John Fiorino

WESTFIELD — Friends of the late John Fiorino will hold the first annual dinner-dance benefit in his honor on Saturday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The cost is \$50 per person, and includes a buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda, dessert, a disk jockey and a silent auction.

For tickets or further information, including volunteers, please call Mike Kenny at (908) 232-7089, Nick Gismondi at (908) 654-1753, or Bill Ludlum at (908) 789-9083.

For silent auction donations, please call Jim Heffernan at (908) 232-3087.

while making great friends."

For more information on the Junior Women's Club of Westfield, please visit the organization's Internet Web site at: www.westfieldnj.com/jwcv, or send e-mail to jwcv@westfieldnj.com.

H. Glenn Tucker Becomes Name Partner In Newark Law Firm

WESTFIELD — Westfield resident H. Glenn Tucker recently became a name partner at the Newark law firm of Greenberg Dauber Epstein and Tucker.

Mr. Tucker has been a partner with



H. Glenn Tucker

the firm in the corporate law department since 1989.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporate and Business Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. Mr. Tucker is also a member of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association.

The law firm partner is a graduate of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, and of the Duke University School of Law.

Enrichment Center Offers Three Programs for Fall

WESTFIELD — The Enrichment Center of Westfield has announced three fall programs for high school juniors and seniors.

For juniors who will be taking the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test on Saturday, October 17, or Tuesday, October 20, The Enrichment Center offers a 10-hour intensive introduction and preparation course.

Test-taking techniques and content areas will be taught using actual PSAT tests for practice. Saturday and Sunday morning classes begin the weekend of Saturday, September 12. Thursday evening classes begin on September 17.

Seniors who are taking the SAT for the final time are offered an eight-hour intensive review session. These classes begin the weekend of September 12. New materials will be used to accommodate former students who want to refresh their skills.

For the SAT II, hour-long subject

matter tests, The Enrichment Center offers review classes in biology, chemistry, and writing. Private sessions are available for history and mathematics. These classes also begin the weekend of September 12.

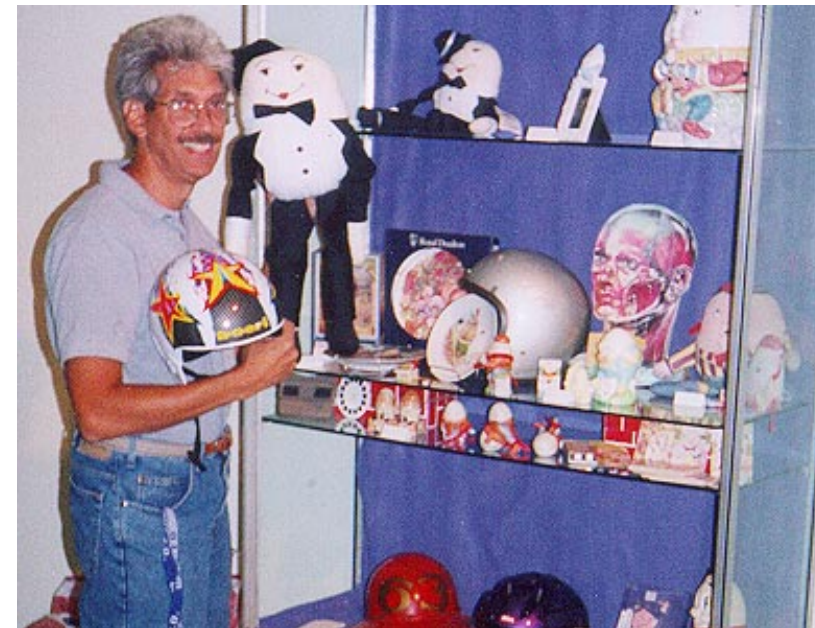
All classes at the center are taught by certified teachers experienced in their subject fields. Private sessions in mathematics or verbal skills are also available.

The Enrichment Center has ample, on-site, free parking and is air conditioned.

For more information, to receive a brochure, or to register, please call The Enrichment Center at (908) 654-0110.

Classes are limited to eight students and have already begun filling, so the center has advised interested individuals to register as soon as possible.

A brochure is also available for reinforcement and enrichment classes for students in kindergarten through grade 12.



SAFETY CAMPAIGN...Julius Carallo, President and founder of the Humpty Dumpty Association, looks over the Art for Safety Exhibit on display this month at the Westfield Memorial Library. The goal of the exhibit, sponsored by the Westfield Jaycees in cooperation with the association, is to help prevent brain injury through the wearing of safety helmets.

Westfield Jaycees Sponsor Art Safety Display at Library

WESTFIELD — The Helmet Safety Committee of the Westfield Jaycees is sponsoring a Humpty Dumpty Art for Safety Exhibit this month at the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street in Westfield.

This exhibit is conducted in cooperation with the Humpty Dumpty Association, a 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization, as a memorial to Paul Carallo, who was killed in 1990.

Fifty colorful examples of Humpty Dumpty Art will be on display with an assortment of sport helmets and helmets used in the work force.

This exhibit is part of the Humpty Dumpty Association's efforts to

lower the number of brain injuries in North America, according to Julius Carallo, President and founder of the association.

Collectable Shafford sculpture, Applause and Avon figurines, along with watercolor lithographs, dolls, Royal Doulton picture plates, banks, salt and pepper shakers will be among the items on display.

For information about the Westfield Jaycees, please call the Jaycees hot line at (908) 232-5123, or visit the organization's Internet Web site at westfieldnj.com.

Students Offered Milk At Redeemer Lutheran

WESTFIELD - Redeemer Lutheran School in Westfield has announced that low cost milk will be available to all children enrolled.

In accordance with Child Nutrition Programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap.

Anyone who believes they have been discriminated against is advised to write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Parents may call Roger Borchin at (908) 232-1592 for further information on the program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-19609-97.

COUNTRYWIDE FUNDING CORPORATION, A NEW YORK CORP., PLAINTIFF vs. OSCAR A. SOSA AND NANCY SOSA, HIS WIFE; IN TRAINING HEALTH SPA, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JUNE 26, 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 30TH 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 \$137,809.32. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

It is commonly known as 822 Emerson Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey. It is known and designated as Block No. 10, Lot No. 602.

The dimensions are 40 feet wide 100 feet long.

Nearest cross street: Situate on the south-westerly line of Emerson Avenue, 380.00 feet from the southeasterly line of Verona Avenue.

Prior lien(s): None. There is due approximately the sum of \$141,460.48 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

STERN, LAVINTHAL, NORGAARD & KAPNICK (LIVINGSTON), Attorney Suite 300 293 Eisenhower Parkway Livingston, New Jersey 07039-1711 CH-753996 (WL) 4 T - 9/3, 9/10 9/17 & 9/24/98 Fee: \$183.60

Four Weichert Associates Honored for Achievements

President of Weichert, Realtors, James M. Weichert, has announced that four Sales Associates with the Westfield office have won awards for the month of June.

Louis Faruolo won the office's top marketing award. It is the most recent honor for Mr. Faruolo, who has earned state honors every year since 1986.



Louis Faruolo

He is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Distinguished Sales Club, created in 1994 to honor those who have earned membership to the State Million Dollar Club at least 10 times. Mr. Faruolo earned the Silver Award in 1997.

Mr. Faruolo is a member of Weichert's Ambassador's Club, comprising the top two percent of the company's 7,500 sales associates. It is an honor he has earned repeatedly throughout his association with the company, along with membership in Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

He is a member of the company's 100 Sales Club and 100 Marketed Club, which are career achievement awards.

Mr. Faruolo, a Fanwood resident, has 19 years of experience as a real estate professional, including 15 years as a broker.

He is a member of the Westfield, Middlesex and Somerset Boards of Realtors, and the Garden State Multiple Listing Service. In addition, he is co-Chairman of the Professional Standards Committee of the Westfield Board.

Pat Manfra has been recognized as the office's top producer for June. He was the office leader in the number of listings and listing dollar volume, and was recognized for outstanding marketed listing dollar volume.

A 20-year real estate veteran, Mr. Manfra was Director of sales, new homes and land development for another real estate company for 15 years before joining Weichert. A licensed broker, he is a member of the Garden State MLS.

Among his many accomplishments are repeat membership in Weichert's Million Dollar Club and the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club. Mr. Manfra, who is married and has two children, lives in Scotch Plains.

Rosemary Tarulli, who won two awards for her accomplishments, was the office leader in marketed listings and marketed

listing dollar volume.

Ms. Tarulli, a 13-year veteran of real estate sales is a member of the



Rosemary Tarulli

1997 New Jersey State Million Dollar Club and Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

Married, with four children, she is a longtime resident of Scotch Plains.

Holly Cohen, who won an office award for her listing accomplishments, has been honored at the company and state levels as well.

She is a member of the company's 1997 President's Club, comprising the top one percent of Weichert's 7,500 sales associates, and won the Silver Award in the 1997 New Jersey State Million Dollar Club.

Both are achievements she has earned repeatedly throughout her association with Weichert.

Ms. Cohen is a member of Weichert's 100 Marketed Club, a career achievement award, and Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

A longtime resident of the Westfield area, she is licensed in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, and also holds a New Jersey broker's license. Ms. Cohen is a member of the Westfield, Greater Eastern Union County, Middlesex, Somerset and North Central Jersey Associations of Realtors.

All four Sales Associates may be reached at Weichert's Westfield office, (908) 654-7777, located at 185 Elm Street.

Individuals may also visit Weichert's Internet Web site at <http://www.weichert.com>.

Lola Reed Joins Team At Weichert Office

WESTFIELD — James M. Weichert, President, has announced that Lola E. Reed has joined the Westfield office of Weichert, Realtors as a Sales Associate.

Ms. Reed is a newly-licensed real estate professional. She brings 20 years of experience as an office manager for a medical group practice to her position with Weichert.

She and her husband have two children and are residents of Cranford.

Miller-Cory Reveals Upcoming Events

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum, an original 1740 farmhouse located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, has begun its fall season of programs.

Volunteers in period costumes provide tours on Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Open hearth cooking demonstrations, using authentic early American recipes and cooking techniques, also take place on Sundays.

The gift shop offers a variety of Colonial-era reproductions and educational items. A donation of \$2 for adults and 50 cents for children age 6 and over is requested. Children under age 6 are admitted free.

This Sunday, September 20, the museum will present "Colonial Music," featuring authentic Dulcimer instruments used for background music while tours are being conducted.

On Sunday, September 27, a program entitled "Medicine Man" will spotlight the folk medicine practices of the Lenape Indians.

For information about museum schedules, school bus tours, and private tours, please call (908) 232-1776.

Women for Women Club Announces Fall Programs

Women for Women of Union County in Garwood recently announced its new fall programs. The fee for each program is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

The new programs include the following:

- **Single Parenting** - An opportunity for single parents to come together and provide support for the ups and downs of single parenting. This group starts on Tuesday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. and lasts for six weeks.

- **Living Alone** - An opportunity for those who are self-reliant and enjoy their own company to find the joy life holds. Start now with a caring group of women who are in a similar position. The date and time will be announced.

- **Dream Group** - A group for those who wish to participate in interpreting their dreams in a small group setting. Confidentiality is required. The date and time will be announced.

- **Women's Wellness and Meditation Group** - A support, education, and practice group to promote wellness in all aspects of life. It is an opportunity to integrate body, mind, and spirit in understanding behavior and lifestyles which encourage health and balance in our lives. This group begins Wednesday, October 7 from 7:30-9 p.m. for six weeks.

- **Maintaining Connections With Our Daughters** - The focus of this program will be the challenges that pre-adolescent girls face growing up in a country with sexual abuse, school violence and an overwhelming pressure to be thin. The program will consist of three sessions on Thursdays, October 1, 15, and 29 from 7 to 9 p.m.

- **Making Tough Choices** - An opportunity to discuss making important decisions in life. Members can bring their issues to the group experience. Topics will include college enrollment, divorce, pregnancy, a contemplative

move, or a job change. This group begins Monday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m. and lasts for six sessions.

- **Coping With Grief** - A group that discusses the love, illusions, dependencies, and impossible expectations that all of us have to give up in order to heal. The date and time will be announced.

- **Survivors of Abuse** - This is an opportunity to begin working through unresolved conflicts and bad inner feelings which result from childhood experiences and abuse (verbal, physical, and emotional) at the hands of caretakers. The group will explore the dynamics of how one can function in the world today and how it is related to one's past in a caring, non-judgmental, supportive environment. The date and time will be announced.

For more information about these groups and for specific dates and times, please call (908) 232-5787.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: September 10, 1998
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unspecifiable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO.: 1088-98
(Amending Resolution No. 728-98)
AWARDED TO: Lynch Martin, Esq., 1368 How Lane, P. O. Box 6022, North Brunswick, New Jersey.
SERVICES: For the purpose of providing additional legal services on behalf of Union County in the matter entitled **Gilhooley v. Union County, et al.**
AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$5,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 9/17/98, The Leader Fee: \$24.48

Eardly T. Petersen Shows New Model of Leaf Blower

WESTFIELD — The Eardly T. Petersen Company of Westfield recently announced that the Little Wonder Company has introduced a new leaf blower which has "redefined the benchmark" by which these machines are rated.

Keith Petersen, a spokesman for the Petersen Company, stated that Little Wonder, a long-time United States manufacturer of premium-quality outdoor power equipment, "has innovated the biggest design change in leaf removal equipment in over 20 years."

"By investing many long, hard hours in engineering and field-testing," said Mr. Petersen, "Little Wonder has, essentially, transformed the way in which ground (walk behind) leaf blowers are made."

He added, "With a patent pending design, Little Wonder has improved the size, shape and aerodynamic intake characteristics of an already established line of high-grade leafblowers."

"They have innovated a unique feature to break the discharge air stream into two, parallel, upper and lower air stream patterns," Mr. Petersen continued.

"The result is that the bottom air stream 'digs' underneath the leaves and propels them forcefully, while the upper air stream acts to prevent a historical 'blowback,' and to keep the leaf pile moving away," he said.

Mr. Petersen added, that the company has a Little Wonder video showing the test results of its equipment in action compared to some other

popular product lines.

For information on the Little Wonder, or other outdoor power equipment, please call The Eardly T. Petersen Company, 224 Elmer Street, Westfield, at (908) 232-5723. The company is closed on Wednesdays.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town of Westfield in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 AM prevailing time on Monday, October 5, 1998, for "THE IMPROVEMENT OF PROSPECT STREET (From Brightwood Avenue to Madison Avenue), WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY".

The work under this Proposal includes the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the work as shown on the Contract Drawings and described in the Contract Specifications, and Proposals shall be in accordance with such Drawings and Specifications and the terms proposed in the Contract. The work consists primarily of the construction of approximately 800 tons of bituminous concrete shoulder pavement, 11,300 square yards of bituminous concrete surface course, 10,750 lineal feet of reinforcing fabric, 520 cubic yards of excavation and other related items. The successful bidder shall start construction ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract is given, and shall complete all work within thirty (30) days after the start of work. This Proposal shall also include an alternate bid item for construction of approximately 4,000 lineal feet of new granite block curb and associated items.

Proposals shall be in writing on the forms furnished and must be delivered at the place and before the hour above mentioned, and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Town of Westfield in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the base amount of the bid, but not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$20,000.00. Each bid must also be accompanied by a Surety Company Certificate stating that said Surety company will provide the bidder with the required Performance bond in the full amount of the Contract, by a Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor's Qualification Statement. Statement of Ownership, on the forms included in and explained in the contract documents.

Bidders must be in compliance with all provisions of Chapter 127 P.L. 1975 supplement to the law against discrimination (Affirmative Action) and must pay workmen the prevailing wage rates promulgated by the New Jersey State Department of Labor and Industry for this project, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Town Engineer. This project is being funded by a Transportation Trust Fund Grant administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Plans and specifications may be seen or procured at the office of the Town Engineer, Public Works Center, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any bid, and to waive any informality in any bid, if in the interest of the Town, it is deemed advisable to do so.

Kenneth B. Marsh
Town Engineer
1 T - 9/17/98, The Leader Fee: \$60.69

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: September 10, 1998
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unspecifiable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO.: 1075-98
(Amending Resolution No. 1215-97)
AWARDED TO: Scotchwood Institutional Pharmacy Services, 81 Glendale Avenue, Edison, New Jersey, now known as Neighbor Care Services.
SERVICES: To provide for the performance of additional services to Runnells Specialized Hospital, Union County Jail and the Juvenile Detention Center.
AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$970,000.
PERIOD: December 1, 1997 through November 30, 1998.

Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 9/17/98, The Leader Fee: \$27.03

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-020480-97.

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, A CORPORATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF vs. SAM RAPUANO (AKA MASSIMINO RAPUANO) AND JOANN RAPUANO, HIS WIFE, ETAL, DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 02, 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 30TH 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 \$171,131.11. The property to be sold is located in the Town of Westfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Its commonly known as 517 Edgar Road, Westfield, New Jersey.

It is known and designated as Block No. 2909, Lot No. 5.

The dimensions are irregular.

Nearest cross street: Situate on the southeasterly line of Edgar Road, 212.00 feet from the southwesterly line of Lynwood Place.

Prior lien(s): None.

There is due approximately the sum of \$175,620.53 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH
SHERIFF

STERN, LAVINTHAL, NORGAARD & KAPNICK (LIVINGSTON), Attorney

Suite 300

293 Eishenhower Parkway

Livingston, New Jersey 07039-1711

CH-753991 (WL)

4 T - 9/3, 9/10

9/17 & 9/24/98

Fee: \$187.68

Open House Scheduled At Mother's Center

SCOTCH PLAINS — Central New Jersey moms are invited to learn about the Mothers' Center, a support group for mothers of children of all ages, at an Open House on Thursday, September 24, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Watchung Avenue and East 7th Street in Plainfield.

Children are welcome to attend and play while their moms relax, meet Mothers' Center members, and learn about the group's upcoming activities.

Among the group's upcoming activities is "Women's Forum," a discussion group for new Mothers' Center members, which will begin on Thursday, October 8.

Other weekday morning groups beginning in the fall include "The Mother Dance," based on the book of the same name; "Creative Memories," a scrapbooking group; "Tired of Nagging? 30 Days to Positive Parenting;" "The Joys of Boys - Raising a Son in the 90's;" "Wishes and Whims;" and group facilitator training.

The Mothers' Center welcomes new members at any time.

Now celebrating its 20th anniversary, the Mothers' Center is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization founded in 1978 by mothers, to help mothers. The group aims to take the stress out of parenting by offering discussion groups, day and evening workshops, guest speakers, social activities, library resources, and play groups. On-site child care is available for participants in most daytime activities.

Please call (908) 561-1751 or visit <http://westfieldnj.com/mccnj> for membership information if you are unable to attend the Open House, but are still interested in The Mother's Center.

Lecture Series to Focus On Crime Investigations

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Lecture Series, sponsored by the Westfield Foundation and the Westfield "Y," will present "Catching Criminals: Crimes That Could Have Been Solved Without Forensic Investigation," as its first program.

The lecture will take place on Thursday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue.

Clues considered by forensic anthropologists such as insects, plants that look different, and mounds or depressions in the soil will be discussed, along with dozens of other aspects of crime investigation, according to "Y" spokesman David Mueller.

The lecture will be given by Dana D. Kollmann, a forensic anthropologist working for the Baltimore County Police Department, who has handled the investigation of approximately 2000 crimes.

The lecture series will include talks about culinary history, music and astronomy, among other subjects.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim will attend the first lecture to introduce the speaker and help launch the series.

Admission is \$5, and tickets may be



Dana D. Kollmann

purchased in advance at the Westfield "Y" or immediately before the lecture at the door.

For additional information, please call Mr. Mueller at (908) 233-2700, Extension No. 233.

Welcome Wagon Club Invites New Members

To Coffee Gathering

The Welcome Wagon Club of Westfield will host an evening of fun, food and new friends at a new member coffee on Monday, September 28, at 8 p.m.

The Welcome Wagon Club of Westfield is a non-profit organization that was established to extend a friendly welcome to new people moving into the area and to help them become acquainted. This is a social club for women and their families who are either new to the area, or who find themselves with a lifestyle change, such as, marriage or a new baby.

If you are interested in attending, please call Rachel Binkowitz at (908) 789-7373 or Cyndi Salemy at (908) 317-8076.

Multi-Level ESL Courses Set for Saturdays at UCC

Union County College (UCC) will afford non-native speakers the chance to learn English, yet still maintain their regular weekday schedules, through a non-credit English-as-a-Second Language program to be offered on Saturdays this fall at its campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield. Students will have the opportunity to learn English at beginning, intermediate, or advanced levels, according to UCC spokeswoman Georgia Hartnett.

New this semester is "American English Pronunciation," designed for non-native speakers who have a command of the English language but still retain a foreign accent. Students will learn to diminish their accents by becoming more familiar with the sound system and intonation patterns of American English.

The course will be held from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Saturdays, September 26 through November 14, at the Cranford or the Elizabeth campuses.

UCC will also offer its traditional "Beginning ESL Grammar," in which participants practice basic grammar and simple instructions; "Intermediate ESL Grammar," which deals with the same content on a slightly higher level, and "Advanced ESL," which focuses on advanced English gram-

mar and conversation, while also improving students' listening skills.

The courses will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays from September 26 to November 14 at the Cranford, Elizabeth, and Plainfield campuses.

"Beginning ESL Conversation," during which participants practice conversational skills in English while also improving listening skills, and "Intermediate ESL Conversation," which covers the same material on a slightly higher level, will be conducted from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on the same dates and at the same locations.

For further information, please call the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at (908) 709-7600.

Jerseyaires to Perform At Festival Saturday

The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chorus, the local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., will appear at the Union Township Chamber of Commerce Arts and Craft Festival on the Green.

The group will perform at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 19, in Friberger Park, 1976 Morris Avenue. Admission is free. Jim Batykefer will direct the ensemble, with William Laurie assisting.

The chorus meets every Monday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street in Westfield.

Men of all ages and interests are invited to learn more about the chapter and to participate in fellowship and singing. Singers are required to have blending voices, but the ability to read music is not a prerequisite.

For further information, please call Dick Bodmer at (908) 233-7188.

Sir Puff's Café to Host Networking Party For Single Professionals on September 19

WESTFIELD — Area single professionals are invited to "The Ultimate Networking Party" on Saturday, September 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Sir Puff's Café, located at 43 Elm Street in Westfield.

In addition to networking, attendees will have an opportunity to enjoy refreshments and live jazz performed by the Alfred Patterson Trio. The café offers an air purification system to accommodate non-smoking guests.

The cost of the evening is \$10 per person and includes refreshments.

This gathering is sponsored by The Marriage Connection, a networking service for marriage-minded singles based in Westfield.

For more information, please call (908) 232-8827, or visit the organization's Internet Web site at www.njpages.com/singles.



AMONG THE ELITE...Lucille K. Roll of Coldwell Banker's Westfield office, pictured with Alex Perriello, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation, recently attended the company's "Elite Retreat," a three-day conference held at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco.

Lucille K. Roll Attends Retreat For Coldwell Banker's Elite

WESTFIELD — Lucille K. Roll, a real estate associate at Coldwell Banker's Westfield office, was recently selected to attend the company's "Elite Retreat," a three-day conference held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco.

Only the top 1 percent of Coldwell Banker's 69,000 sales associates qualified for the President's Elite distinction.

Ms. Roll, a 25-year real estate veteran, is a perennial member of the

New Jersey Million Dollar Sales Club. She also achieved the Gold status for 1997 with a sales volume of over \$12 million. She is one of the top five sales associates in the Greater Union County Association of Realtors for 1997.

The Coldwell Banker office is located at 209 Central Avenue in Westfield.

Ms. Roll may be reached at (908) 233-5555, and e-mail may be addressed to luroll@msn.com.

Kids' Games and Rides On Tap at Street Fair

WESTFIELD — A variety of fairway games for children of all ages will be featured at the Street Fair sponsored by the Westfield Neighborhood Council on Saturday, October 10, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, October 11.

The fair will be held on Cacciola Place, on the corner of Central Avenue near South Avenue, in Westfield.

For younger children, there will be bumper cars, a moon walk, a whip ride, and swings. Older children will be able to enjoy spinning crazy cans, Blitz football, Dalmatian bean bags, a basket ball toss, a six-foot-tall clown which rings a bell when it is struck, and a duck pond. There will be prizes for all the winners.

In addition to the traditional cotton candy, popcorn, and snow cones, there will be home-baked cookies and brownies prepared by community members. All are invited to attend.

HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Westfield Rescue Squad seeks trainees for Emergency Medical Technicians. Valid NJ Driver's Lic. req. Min., 4 hrs./wk.

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Seeks trainees as Dispatchers. Min. 2 hrs./wk. All training provided.
Call Miki Leitner (908) 233-2501

HELP WANTED

Westfield firm - corporate & lit. Benefits. Salary commensurate. Fax résumé:
RJW - (908) 232-7789

HELP WANTED

K-8 computer teacher position. Part-time. Computer exp. necessary. Fax résumé to:
(914) 365-3703

HELP WANTED

Groundskeeper for my Westfield home. 2-3 Days/week, 3-4 hours.
Call Kim or Loretta (908) 301-1022

HELP WANTED

Wanted CNA for elderly woman. 8:30-11:00 AM, 6-8 PM. \$10/hr.
Call (908) 322-8467 or (203) 438-6934 Between 5 & 8 PM

HELP WANTED

After-school care for 8 yr. old girl. 3-7 PM, 4 Days. \$10/hr. Valid drivers license necessary. Perfect for responsible college student or adult.
Call for Details (908) 233-6525

- CLASSIFIED -

HELP WANTED

Administrative Assistant for a busy religious school in Westfield. Excellent administrative, computer & human relations skills required. Great place to work!

Please Call Tamara At: (908) 232-6772 And Fax Résumé To: (908) 232-7389

HELPWANTED

CASHIERS NEEDED NOW!
One of the nation's top garden centers located in Scotch Plains, NJ has openings for two full time, year round retail center cashiers. Top wages available for honest, experienced, reliable, people-oriented candidates. Full benefits available. If you have the skills we need and you're seeking a permanent position with an established company, call Ruth at (908) 322-5555, Ext. 444. EOE

HELPWANTED

WAREHOUSE LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!
Warehouse workers needed for Plainfield Christmas warehouse. Must be reliable, hard working, have a valid drivers license & transportation. Candidate must be able to pass company physical including drug screen. Our "Santa" needs "Elves". To apply contact Ruth at (908) 322-5555, Ext. 444. EOE

CAREER COUNSELING

Career Counseling and Résumé Services
Established in 1983 for helping people of all ages use their strengths to find career success. Call (908) 232-0389

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

Housecleaning
"Your Own Personal Maid - Me!" I will clean your home 1 to 2 times/wk. From baseboards to windows, etc. Spec. projects. Holiday cleaning, also. Day, evening, weekends. Exc. Ref.
(908) 241-6757 (7 Days/24 Hrs.)

HOUSECLEANING

Polish woman seeking more homes to clean. Experienced. Transportation and references provided. Call after 6:00 P.M.
(732) 607-0078

HOUSECLEANING

Reliable woman seeks homes to clean. Weekly or bi-weekly.
Please Call Susan (732) 381-2078

GARAGE/MOVING SALE

Saturday, September 19 9 AM to 4 PM
418B Rahway Ave., Westfield
MUST SELL ALL ITEMS
"No Early Birds"

GARAGE/HOUSE SALE

Saturday, September 19 9 AM to 4 PM
635 First Street Westfield
"No Early Birds"

YARD SALE

136 N. Chestnut Street Westfield
Thurs. & Fri. - Sept. 17 & 18
Raindate Sat., Sept. 19 9 AM to 4 PM
20 Years of household items, etc. Dishes, furn., sleds & bike.

TOWNHOUSE FOR SALE

WESTFIELD
Two blocks from RR, by owner. Light, airy townhouse. 5 Rooms, 2 car gar., walking distance to school, shopping & trans. \$184,900.
Please Call (908) 889-9444



CLASS ACT...Members of the "Class of '53" Reunion Committee gather outside Art and Anne Johansen's home in Scotch Plains. The reunion, which at least 65 graduates and guests are expected to attend, will be held the weekend of October 2-4 in Point Pleasant.

WHS Class of '53 to Hold Reunion in Point Pleasant

WESTFIELD — The Westfield High School (WHS) Class of 1953 will hold its 45th reunion in Point Pleasant from Friday through Sunday, October 2 to 4. All class members are invited to attend any or all of the events scheduled for the weekend.

The activities will begin at Point Pleasant Manor, where overnight guests will stay. Class members will sign in there, and will also have an opportunity to socialize and enjoy

refreshments. Continental breakfast will be available both Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday activities will include lunch at the annual Point Pleasant on-the-beach "Oktoberfest," featuring authentic German food, beer and folk dancing.

A dinner will be held Saturday night at Martells Restaurant on the boardwalk, with a disk jockey playing hits from the 1950s for dancing.

Other reunion events include golf tee-times, "Polar Bear Club" ocean dips, and photographs of the weekend.

For information or to confirm attendance, please contact Reunion Chairman Max Venus, 66 Oberlin Road, Pennsville, 08070, or call (609) 678-6844.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RESOLUTION NO. 1079-98

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and
WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 1997 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and
WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34; and
WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by Resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

GENERAL COMMENTS RECOMMENDATIONS

and
WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

GENERAL COMMENTS RECOMMENDATIONS

as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body; and
WHEREAS, such Resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director of Local Government Services, under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this Resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

COUNTY OF UNION

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 1997 AUDIT REPORT OF THE COUNTY OF UNION AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S. 40A:5-7

COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

	DECEMBER 31, 1997	DECEMBER 31, 1996
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	\$129,972,639.84	\$110,977,792.56
Accounts Receivable	63,456,622.46	60,242,270.77
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - General Capital	158,046,619.90	147,741,352.60
Investment in General Fixed Assets	392,701,601.00	390,851,166.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$744,177,483.20	\$709,812,581.93
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		
Bonds and Notes Payable	\$116,210,000.00	\$96,602,000.00
Improvement Authorizations	63,343,216.93	58,003,933.25
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	120,356,247.51	117,871,016.03
Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable	10,861,791.68	10,987,465.31
Investment in General Fixed Assets	392,701,601.00	390,851,166.00
Fund Balance	40,704,626.08	35,497,001.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	\$744,177,483.20	\$709,812,581.93

COUNTY OF UNION

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE CURRENT FUND

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$19,800,000.00	\$15,000,000.00
Miscellaneous From Other Than Current Tax Levy	144,107,557.72	140,778,003.92
Collection of Current Tax Levy	151,737,767.00	152,500,268.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$315,645,324.72	\$308,278,271.92
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
County Purposes	\$289,551,386.19	\$281,914,626.21
Other Expenditures	336,741.92	1,144,910.39
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$289,888,128.11	\$283,059,536.60
Excess in Revenue Fund Balance	\$25,757,196.61	\$25,218,735.32
Balance, January 1	33,586,898.63	23,368,163.31
	\$59,344,095.24	\$48,586,898.63
Decreased by:		
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	19,800,000.00	15,000,000.00
Balance, December 31	\$39,544,095.24	\$33,586,898.63

RECOMMENDATIONS

- *That each individual federal program award be specifically identified in the general ledger by grant period.
- *That the Division of Correctional Services:
*Reconcile the detail analysis of prisoners' deposits to the balance on deposit in the bank account on a monthly basis.
*Prepare a monthly cash receipts summary.
*Prior Year Recommendations

A Corrective Action Plan, which outlines actions the County of Union will take to correct the findings listed above, will be prepared in accordance with federal and state requirements. A copy of it will be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board in the County of Union.

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the report of audit of the County of Union for the calendar year 1997. This report of audit submitted by Supple, Clooney & Company, Registered Municipal Accountants and Certified Public Accountants is on file at the Clerk of the Board's Office and may be inspected by any interested person.

M. Elizabeth Genielevich
Clerk of the Board
Fee: \$195.84

Teen Programs Co-Director Joins Staff at Westfield 'Y'

WESTFIELD — The Westfield "Y" has announced the addition of Susan Applebaum as Co-Director of Teen Programs. She will work with Director Natalie Tyler at the facility.

Ms. Applebaum was graduated from the University of New York at Albany and has been involved in counselor and leadership positions at several YMCA camps over the past eight years.

Most recently, she was the Leadership Development Coordinator of the Counselor in Training Program for teens at the Fairview Lake YMCA.

The "Y" operates four after-school programs at Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools in Westfield. "Club Mid" offers supervised activities one to five days a week on site from 3 to 6 p.m.

Homework Assistance is offered three days a week. Teachers from the middle schools are on site to provide assistance with homework assignments. They also work on improving study skills based on the needs of individual students.

Teens may also "drop-in" on any particular day for a specific activity, such as roller hockey, ceramics, and model building.

Special events are held on Wednesdays.

All youngsters in grades 6 through 9 are invited to take part in "Y" day trips and overnight excursions planned by the middle school students themselves.

Upcoming trips include ice skating on Friday, October 2, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.; a Great Adventure "Friday Night" trip on Friday, October 16, from 3:30 to 11:30 p.m., and a Laser Tag trip on Friday, October 23, from 3:30 to 8 p.m.

Through the "Model UN" program, teenagers have an opportunity to learn about other countries and the functions of the United Nations by participating in a simulation of the United Nations Assembly, according to "Y" representative Bona Wieland.

This program is open to all Westfield and Cranford high school students, who serve as delegates. It culminates in the 26th Annual Assembly held in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

For more information regarding these programs, please call Ms. Applebaum at (908) 233-2700, Extension No. 270.

New this fall is the Black Achievers national YMCA program, which begins in November. African American men and women are nominated by their employers as Black Achievers, to serve as mentors and role models to local teens.

Students are recommended by guid-

Visitors to FestiFall Can 'Read-a-Loud' At Library Booth

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library will host a Read-a-Loud program in conjunction with the town's annual FestiFall celebration this Sunday, September 20. Hours for the street fair are noon to 6 p.m.

All are invited to stop by the library's FestiFall booth, located in the vicinity of Quimby and Elm Streets. Individuals may choose what they would like to read aloud, from simple poetry to favorite children's stories, from a notebook containing an assortment of material.

Most readings average a minute in length, according to library spokeswoman Adrienne Basso. For further details, please call the library at (908) 789-4090.

Leader Editor to Speak To Area Women Voters

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area League of Women Voters (LWV) will kick off its activities for the year with a program featuring Paul Peyton, Managing Editor of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*, on Wednesday, September 23, at 8 p.m.

Mr. Peyton reports on Union County Freeholder meetings, as well as local topics, and will discuss the status of the county incinerator and other current county and local issues.

Members of the public are invited to attend the program, which will be held at 648 Arlington Place in Westfield. For more information, please call (908) 654-8628.

Individuals may also contact the league through e-mail at lwv@westfieldnj.com.

The LWV is a non-partisan political organization, dedicated to informing the community on issues of public policy. Membership is open to anyone of voting age.

Scotch Plains Women Announce Bus Trip To Showboat Casino

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Woman's Club will sponsor a bus trip to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, October 22. Proceeds from the trip will benefit the club's programs, including its nursing scholarships.

The cost is \$23 per person, with a return of \$18 in coins. The bus will leave the Scotch Plains Public Library parking lot on Bartle Avenue at 8:30 a.m., and will return at approximately 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served on the return trip.

For reservations, please call (908) 232-1226.

ance counselors, teachers and other community representatives.

The program includes industry awareness tours, group mentoring, youth workshops and enrichment activities.

Orientation sessions for students will be held at the "Y" on Saturdays, October 3 and 10, from 10 to 11 a.m.

For more information, please call Ms. Tyler at (908) 233-2700, Extension No. 232.

J.S. Blade to Implement DWC's Campaign

To Promote Downtown

WESTFIELD — J. S. Blade Advertising, located at 1620 Route No. 22, East, in Union, has been retained by the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) to design, produce and implement the latter's image campaign.

The Account Executive handling the project is Barbara Benko, who has worked with many individual merchants in Westfield over the past 12 years.

Along with a strong knowledge of the advertising industry, she also brings a knowledge and understanding of community and cultural arts policies, according to Debbie Schmidt, Executive Director of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Coordinator of the DWC's promotions.

The goal of the DWC is to create a strong awareness of the downtown business district, according to Ms. Schmidt.

The advertising strategy beginning this fall will include a newspaper and billboard campaign aimed at attracting more people to the downtown for shopping and to dine at local restaurants, as well as to generate awareness of Westfield's cultural events and activities.

For more information, please call Ms. Schmidt at (908) 233-3021.

League to Hold Raffle Of American Girl Doll At FestiFall on Sunday

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield (JLEP) will be selling raffle tickets during Westfield's FestiFall celebration on Sunday, September 20, to win an American Girl Doll, Molly McIntire, which represents a girl of 1944.

Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the day for \$1, and the winner will be chosen that evening. Participants need not be present to win. The winner will be notified on Monday, September 21.

The FestiFall celebration will be held from noon to 6 p.m. in downtown Westfield.

The raffle is being held in conjunction with the JLEP's third annual American Girls Fashion show, which will be held this year at L'Affaire on Route No. 22 in Mountainside.

The shows will be held on Friday, November 20, at 7 p.m., Saturday, November 21, at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and on Sunday, November 22, at 1 p.m.

Tickets for the shows are \$24 each and may be purchased at the FestiFall celebration or by calling (908) 709-1177.

The proceeds from the shows and the raffle will benefit the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless.

Westfield Boosters Plan Dinner-Dance Oct. 17 at Armory

WESTFIELD — The Westfield School Booster Association will hold a dinner-dance on Saturday, October 17, at the Westfield National Guard Armory.

Entertainment will be provided by The Drifters and Vito and the Salutations. The cost of \$40 per person includes a buffet dinner, beer, wine, dancing, and a chance to win door prizes.

Tickets are available through Taylor and Love Realtors or Kehler's Athletic Balance, or by calling (908) 233-8679. All proceeds will benefit all Westfield High School athletic programs.

Overlook Program Sponsoring Bus Trip To Cancer Research Rally

The Overlook Hospital, in Summit, oncology program is sponsoring a bus to a rally on Saturday, September 26, in Washington, D.C., aimed at promoting cancer research funding and public awareness.

The rally, sponsored by March: Coming Together to Conquer Cancer, "a national grassroots organizing campaign, will culminate in a demonstration in the Nation's Capitol on Saturday, September 26.

The Washington March will consist of a short walk along the mall to the Capitol Building, a display of materials from supportive organizations, a Wall of Remembrances, a program of speeches and a benefit concert. Departure will be from Washington by 5 p.m. and return to Overlook between 8 and 9 p.m.

For more information, call Ellyn Matthews at (908) 522-5344, Pat Eagan at (908) 522-2043 or Eileen Kohaut at (908) 522-2319. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, September 23.



REVISITING THE PAST...Girl Scouts from the Washington Rock Council explore "God's Little Acre" in the Baptist Cemetery during the recent Summer Girl Scouts session. Through visits to local historic places, interviews with older women and mapping out their family trees, the scouts learned about the experiences of earlier generations, as well as their own heritage and the vital role of women in Colonial American society.

Girl Scouts Explore Roles Of Colonial-Era Women

Girl Scouts from Scotch Plains, Westfield and Mountainside recently gathered for one week to learn about their genealogy, the local lore and the trials of pioneer women in the state through the Summer Girl Scouts program.

The scouts visited many local historical sites, among them the Half-way House, the Terry well, the Stage House Inn, the Osborne Cannonball House and the Betsy Frazee House, and "God's Little Acre" in the Baptist Cemetery.

They also interviewed women over age 65 who shared stories about the Depression, World War II, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and life before television, computers, the early days of telephone and electricity, and travel before major airlines existed.

They additionally mapped out their family histories, created family trees, and learned several hobbies and practices of Colonial-era women in the area.

They discovered that Colonial women were the family health care providers because there were very few doctors in the colonies; that women were a vital part of the developing Colonial society, and that their activities varied according to their families' wealth and social status.

Each scout also learned about the historical significance of many of the founding families in the area, and discovered that many of the local township roads and landmarks bear the names of these early settlers.

Judy Brown, Allison Gionta, Bridget Greeley, Caity Greeley, Jes-

sica Gittleman, Amy Kempe, Jennifer Melillo, Erin Sullivan and Monica Anderson all participated in this session of Summer Girl Scouts.

The program was created and directed by Marcia Anderson eight years ago as a way for scouts of all communities within the Washington Rock Council to learn about the environment, wildlife, geology, ecology, women's history and outdoor survival.

By the end of the week, the scouts had discovered that the state has some of the best stories and richest histories of all of the states.

Junior Women's Club Invites New Members To Wine and Cheese

Open House

WESTFIELD — The Junior Women's Club of Westfield invites new members to their annual wine and cheese open house on Monday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The event provides prospective members the opportunity to meet the current membership and to learn about the various community service projects that the club supports each year.

The club is a non-profit organization whose efforts include monthly donations to a local family in need, Fifth-grade Spelling Bee, The Holiday Wish Tree, local scholarship funds and the Annual Grand Auction. It is a great way to meet new and diverse women through club activities as well as social events.

Members are as active as they choose to be and all women are welcome!

For more information, please call Beth Lambert at (908) 789-1514 or visit their website at: www.westfieldnj.com/jwvc.

Historical Society To Spotlight Video On Railroad History

FANWOOD — The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood will spotlight a video documentary on the history of the Central Railroad and its relationship to Fanwood during its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, September 22, at 8 p.m. at the Fanwood Train Station.

The video, which attendees will be able to view that evening, was produced by Fanwood Channel 35 staff members George Weiss and Joe Nagy. Mr. Weiss and Mr. Nagy will be on hand to expand on the video and to answer questions.

The train station is located at North and Martine Avenues.

For further information about the Historical Society, please contact President Richard Bousquet at (908) 232-1199, or write to the society at P.O. Box 261, Scotch Plains, 07076.



AWAITING A HOME — People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a "Paws in the Park" pet adoption event on Saturday, September 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Nomahegan Park, next to the main parking lot off of Springfield Avenue, in Cranford. Among the dogs and cats available for adoption will be Morgan, a five-year-old purebred yellow lab. She is spayed, heartworm-negative, and current with her vaccinations. She would be best in a family with adults and as the only pet. To adopt or for information, please call (908) 688-1073, or visit the organization's Internet Web site at www.petfinder.org/shelters/pfa.html. For low cost spay and neuter information, please call the People for Animals Clinic at (908) 964-6887.

Edward Walsh Is Reappointed As Vo-Tech Media Consultant

Edward "Ed" Walsh of Scotch Plains has been reappointed as media consultant at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS) in Scotch Plains.

The reappointment was made by Charles S. Mancuso, President of the schools' Board of Education. Mr. Walsh previously served for seven years as consultant to Vo-Tech before leaving that post on September 30, 1997.

His responsibilities will include promotion of the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology at the Vo-Tech Raritan Road campus.

"During his absence," Mr. Mancuso stated, "it became apparent that Mr. Walsh's abilities, experience and track record while at UCVTS were, and are, uniquely suited to filling our press-related needs. Therefore, he was asked to rejoin us, which he has now done."

Mr. Walsh is a veteran of over 30 years in the newspaper and public relations fields. He served for 10 years as Director of Public Relations at Middlesex County College before turning to consulting in 1985. At that time, he formed Ed Walsh Associates.

Mr. Walsh was a Director in the Public Affairs Office at then-Union College, and was a reporter for the *Bergen Evening Record* in Hackensack.

He was an editor and columnist for the *Paterson Evening News* and the *Ramapo Valley Independent* in Suffern, New York.

In addition, he served as an editor and columnist at the *Westfield Suburban News*, and was Vice President of the former *Scotch Plains Times*.

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