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State Announces Storm Aid In Amount of \$1.3 Million

Acting Governor and State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco of Scotch Plains last week announced a storm aid package that provides about \$1.3 million to more than a dozen communities in Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties to help pay for clean-up costs.

Senator DiFrancesco said he recognizes that all towns prepare for this kind of emergency, but few have the financial resources available to easily absorb the significant expenses generated by such a violent and unexpected weather event.

"I know the tremendous toll this storm took on so many residents of Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties," said DiFrancesco, a Republican representing the 22nd Legislative District, during a press conference at the Cranford Municipal Building.

"Many of us experienced the damage and inconvenience first-hand. Not as publicized, however, is the strain that the response and clean-up effort took on individual municipalities who spent countless hours and money on removing debris and controlling traffic," he continued.

"Property taxpayers in these communities should not be made to pick up these costs," the senator added. "In emergency cases like this one, the state

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School Board Examines Activities Involved in District's Strategic Plan

By MICHELLE H. LEPOIDEVIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Board of Education met on Tuesday to revisit the Strategic Plan and discuss specific highlights of the activities for this year that are related to the Plan.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley provided an evaluation of these goals and objectives during his report.

Dr. Foley began his report by distributing to board members specially printed copies of the Strategic Plan's Mission Statement encased in plastic frames.

"The mission of the Westfield

School District, a system built on successful cooperation among family, school and community, is to prepare all students to achieve excellence and to become responsible citizens through rigorous educational programs which respect individual differences and diversity," the statement read.

Regarding the goals and objectives under the Plan, Dr. Foley noted, "What is key here is cooperation, community and excellence that makes our school system unique." Furthermore, he said, "This is always done with a great deal of care and commitment from the community."

To satisfy Strategy No. 1 of the Plan, "We will ensure faculty and staff excellence," Dr. Foley cited the Westfield Teachers Institute as one activity slated for the school year. He noted that the Institute would deal with the "complexity of teaching a heterogeneous population."

He stated that several new teachers are hired each year and the Institute would follow new State requirements that require 100 hours of in-service training by teachers over a five-year period.

The goal, he added, is to develop training that would blend course work, classroom training and supervision. The Institute would be tailored to the needs of Westfield and developed over several years, providing strong support for teacher training.

He noted that he hopes such a course would be implemented by September of next year.

Board Member Annmarie Puleio said it was important to involve school administrators and principals in the Institute training.

Under Strategy No. 2 of the Plan, "We will integrate technology into the curriculum at all grade levels," Dr. Foley explained that computer hardware and software must be available in classrooms and students should learn computer skills at younger ages.

Research activities on the Internet would be beneficial, he said, since employers and colleges now assume students have these computer skills by graduation from high school.

The goal, he said, is to incorporate technology at all grades levels into

curriculums and that computer knowledge and skills would eventually become a requirement for graduation.

Under Strategy No. 3 of the Plan, "We will set clear and high expectations for students of all levels of ability," Dr. Foley stated he would address the talented and gifted students program at the intermediate schools.

The goal, he added, would be to explore options to support gifted students in all areas of study.

He later said, "Children have different kinds of talents and we need to find ways to express that through different levels."

Under Strategy No. 7 of the Plan, "We will provide mandatory staff development programs and address issues of diversity," Dr. Foley explained that a "Teaching Tolerance" program would be required to alert teachers to differences and similarities in society.

The goals include the use of different methods to involve students in school and district programs in order to develop tolerance.

Dr. Foley added that it would be helpful to implement this training in the Teacher's Institute.

Mrs. Puleio explained, "Responsibility and diversity are a way of life. We should train people to be tolerant of differences, not to prejudice."

Board Member Dr. B. Carol Molnar added, "Our children learn what they live." She stated that it would be more beneficial to have students interact with different groups in the community to learn tolerance, in-

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DWC Introduces Plans for Welcoming Signs At Borders With Neighboring Communities

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

In an effort to welcome visitors to the Town of Westfield, Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) officials Tuesday night unveiled plans to place 12, one-sided Westfield identification signs on borders with surrounding communities.

The signs, costing nearly \$2,000 each for a total of \$24,000, would be delivered to the town in two shipments. Michael LaPlace, Executive Director of the DWC, told *The Westfield Leader* that the signs could be funded through the governing body's capital budget or through private sponsorships.

Unlike a proposal submitted to the council last year, the welcome signs would not contain any plaque below the sign for sponsorships, as has been the case in other towns.

Mr. LaPlace noted the signs will be simple and feature a "classic" look that will represent and reinforce the historic, upscale image of Westfield. The signs will be distinctive both in design and from signs in surrounding communities.

The slate blue enamel signs, two feet in height, are an inch and a half thick and will be placed seven feet off the ground.

Mr. LaPlace said the entrance signs will complement other new signs which are planned to identify parking lots in the downtown, as well as the downtown itself. DWC banners are already displayed on posts in the business district.

The signs are proposed for the Lawrence Avenue and Mountain Avenue borders with Mountaintside; the Springfield Avenue, West border with Springfield; Brightwood Avenue at the Scotch Plains border; Springfield Avenue, East and Gallows Hill Road at Cranford; the North Avenue and South Avenue borders with Scotch Plains and Cranford; the West Broad Street and Lamberts Mill Road borders with Scotch Plains; the Rahway Avenue and Central Avenue borders with Clark, and the Raritan Road boundary with Scotch Plains.

The signs would include the DWC's signature "W," at the top, as seen throughout the downtown, along with "Westfield 1720."

In a letter from Mr. LaPlace to former Town Historian Homer Hall, he noted that "1720" represents the year when Westfield became a permanent settlement and, thus, includes the Revolutionary War era "which is such an important aspect of this town's history and character."

Hastings Signs of Pittstown, Pennsylvania, have given an estimate to the DWC regarding the proposed signs. The company, which did the signs for Mindowaskin Park, has told the DWC the new signs would be hand-carved.

Joseph Spector, Chairman of the DWC Board of Directors, explained that an early criticism of last year's proposal by a private sign maker was that there were too many signs included in the proposal. So he said the DWC has attempted not to "overdo" the number of locations where signs

would be installed.

In discussing the DWC's 1999 budget, Mr. Spector noted that improving services in the downtown will be among those projects included in the spending plan. Among them

will be to hire personnel to operate the so-called "Green Machine" in the downtown.

The town is planning to lease the

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Mayor Jardim Dismisses His Campaign Manager

Just weeks after an uproar by supporters of his Republican opponent, First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick, over a telephone poll conducted on his behalf, Mayor Thomas C. Jardim announced Friday night that Ken Rotter, who had been serving as his campaign manager, was no longer associated with the campaign.

The Mayor indicated that he did not need anyone speaking on his behalf. Mr. Rotter unsuccessfully last year against Republican Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., in the race for the Third

Ward seat on the Town Council.

A letter-writing frenzy was launched against the Mayor and the Democrats when it was revealed that the poll included a charge that Mrs. Vernick's husband, Dr. Harris Vernick, was a member of the National Rifle Association. Several letters this week were received supporting the Mayor in this matter.

Dr. Vernick strongly denied the charge, as did Republican leaders, saying the allegation was made to

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Federal Budget Pours \$9.9 Million Into Area Flood Control Measures

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

After a year of debate, \$9.9 million in Federal funds towards a flood control construction project in parts of Middlesex and Somerset counties was okayed by the President and the United States Congress as part of the water resources package for the 1999 budget.

It was signed into law on October 7. According to Chairman of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission Vernon A. Noble, who has been pursuing the United States Army Corps of Engineers project to stem costly and life-threatening flooding in the Green Brook Basin over the past 26 years, said in a written statement, "The Commission plans to celebrate, but not to relax.

"The Commission is never going to relax until the last piece of the project is completed along about the year 2011."

The Army Corps (New York District) project to control flooding has three construction phases, including proposed storm water detention basins upstream in the Watchung Mountains, which is the final phase. Last year, some Union County residents and officials shot down Federal funding for the basins when they opposed the use of several acres in the county-owned Watchung Reservation for the catch basins.

The \$9.9 million will cover work only for phases one and two, downstream.

Frank Meeks, Commission member and coordinator of a task force to find alternative sites for the disputed detention basins in the so-called Upper Portion of the plan, said work would begin in the western end of Middlesex Borough where houses would be "floodproofed" by raising them. A bridge in Bound Brook would also be raised above flood levels.

The State of New Jersey will ultimately fund one-quarter of the \$371 million project, with Federal funds

picking up the other three-quarters.

Mr. Noble said the Army Corps will now take bids on work for the project and get the state permits it needs to begin construction by early next year.

"The work is going to keep getting harder and harder (for the Commission.) We want to be number one, of the Corps of Engineers' projects," Mr. Noble stated.

Meanwhile, the Commission's

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Board of Adjustment Approves Four Appeals; Others Postponed

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Only four of seven appeals that were scheduled for Monday night's Westfield Board of Adjustment meeting were heard.

Elliot Budashewitz of 920 Summit Avenue requested that his case be carried over to the board's meeting of Monday, November 9.

Donald A. Fishbein of 314 Scotch Plains Avenue also asked that his appeal be heard at the November meeting.

Dani Holder of 1150 Central Avenue, who was not present that evening, will also have to reschedule her appeal. Other applications scheduled for November 9 include those of Prudential New Jersey Realty, which has an office at 153 Mountain Avenue, and Michael Moran of 418 Westfield Avenue.

The board approved an appeal by Dr. Robert Panza, who maintains a pediatric practice in a three-story home at 566 Westfield Avenue. He sought permission to use the third floor of the home as a rental apartment.

Dr. Panza said he presently has no one in mind to rent the small one-bedroom apartment, which he testified "has to be completely renovated."

According to the physician, the space, which is presently used for storage, needs to be updated with kitchen and bathroom facilities.

The only stipulations made by board members were that Dr. Panza limit the number of full-time physicians practicing at that location to two, which is the current number there now.

Dr. Panza noted that the first floor of the home is used for examining rooms, while the second floor comprises a billing office and private offices for him and his associate.

Zbigniew and Andrea M. Kozlowski, who live at 8-A Route No. 22, successfully petitioned the board for permission to erect an addition to their home, which was built in 1988.

Bettye and Stephen Barcan of 838 Standish Avenue were given the green light by the board to enlarge their back porch.

The proposed 13.67-foot side yard setback which would result from the addition was contrary to the required 15-foot interior side yard distance required by the municipality.

Rita and Dennis Wade of 365 Wychwood Road received permission to add a second story onto their garage.

This addition will give the family a fifth bedroom.

Mr. Wade told the board that he was unaware that the garage was in violation of the town's interior sideyard ruling of 15 feet when he bought the house. Currently, Mr. Wade's sideyard is only set back 10.2 feet.

Finally, an extension on a variance that was approved in June was requested by Dave Patterson from Westfield Hall, Inc. Mr. Patterson testified that he needed the extension because he was having a problem with his architect midway through the project.

The board granted Mr. Patterson an extension which will extend his deadline to submit permits until Friday, April 30.

Blast at South Side Bagelry Closes Shop

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

An early morning explosion in a bagel shop on Westfield's south side near the train station last Thursday resulted in one employee injury and damage to the shop when the baker tried to light a large gas commercial oven.

According to Westfield Fire Department officials, the baker at Manhattan Bagel Company who is reportedly called Nick, was burned on the right arm and face from the explosion. Initially, the injured employee refused to seek medical help but later was treated for blistering burns at a local hospital and released.

Store Manager Richard Komissa said the franchise store would not be open for another month, when repairs are finished. Evidently, two doors blew out in the blast. Mr. Komissa said they would replace the oven with another one.

Fire officials said there was no sustained fire at the site, however, the Union County Arson Task Force investigated although nothing has been confirmed at this time. The Westfield Police and Elizabethtown Gas also investigated the site.

Mr. Komissa said he has not been able to sleep since the incident, thinking of how dangerously close his baker was to more serious injury.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

BOOM!... A baker at Manhattan Bagel Company on South Avenue was injured when he tried to light the large commercial in the early morning hours last Thursday. The shop, pictured here and roped off to by police, will reopen in a month, according to the manager. The injured employee was treated for burns at an area hospital and released.

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PLEASED ACHIEVERS... Five seniors from Westfield High School landed perfect scores on the Standard Assessment Test (SAT) I tests conducted this spring. Pictured, left to right, are: Andrew Lange and Yair Ghitza, both of whom scored 800 on the mathematics portion; Jessica Hu, who achieved a perfect score on the verbal section, and Jeffrey Diamond, who also scored 800 in mathematics. Not pictured is Ilka Netravali, who also earned a perfect score on the verbal portion.

FALL BACK!
Daylight Savings Time Ends
2 a.m. on Sunday, October 25

RITA AND DENNIS WADE

School Board Examines Strategic Plan Activities

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stead of teaching tolerance through lecturing.

Under Strategy No. 6 of the Plan, "We will provide counseling services K-12," Dr. Foley emphasized the need for counseling programs at the elementary level. He stated that the elementary schools in the district are the largest they have been in 20 years and referral rates for learning and social disorders are at a peak.

Under Strategy No. 10 of the Plan, "We will ensure meaningful and involved participation by community and business in the education of all students by the year 2000," Dr. Foley stated that the new core curriculum requires concrete school-to-work experiences.

Community service projects and on the job training with local businesses and corporations would be included in this school-to-work objective.

Dr. Foley explained that it would be valuable to develop a formal structure for Westfield Inter-community Service Program in order to accomplish this goal. He added that it would require outside funding.

As a member of the Westfield Rotary Club and Optimists Club, Dr. Foley expressed an ability to help in this capacity by communicating with representatives from companies such as Merck & Co., Inc., and Lucent Technologies.

Under Strategy No. 11, "We will ensure adequate space for increasing enrollments on an annual basis," Dr. Foley explained that the continuing enrollment crisis would be best addressed if the bond was approved, thus allowing for the building of new classrooms.

The board will meet on Tuesday, November 10, to approve a formal version of plans, activities and goals under the Strategic Plan. Dr. Foley promised board members that several issues would be revisited before the meeting.

"We're just scratching the surface," he stated.

The Facilities Committee reported that the lease has been signed with the town for a playground at Lincoln School. Board President Danielle M. Walsh noted that the board and public would be notified when the Town and Recreation Department purchased new equipment for the playground.

Mrs. Puleio reported that the Long Range Planning Committee would meet with Dr. Foley to examine what she described as the enrollment crisis at the intermediate and high school levels.

In Curriculum, Instruction and Programs, Vice President Ginger L. Hardwick noted that copies of the 1997-1998 Quality Assurance Annual Report (QAAR) will be available in each school, the Office of Instruction, the Office of Elementary Education and Assessment and the Superintendent's Office at 302 Elm Street.

The QAAR report details the objectives of each school's principals and administrators. Most of the goals span a period of two years.

For example, at Westfield High School, comprehensive proficiencies are being developed and a program of 10 to 11 students of Japanese TV Studio continues to flourish.

At Roosevelt Intermediate School, the scholars program continues and social studies and current events are stressed. At Edison Intermediate School, current events are also emphasized as well as devotion to writing and research papers. At Franklin Elementary School, the Elementary

School Proficiency Assessment (ESPA) continues.

At McKinley Elementary School, alternative plans are being developed to aid students who are struggling with math and reading instruction. At Washington Elementary School, reading comprehension, ESPA, and public speaking instruction are a main focus.

At Wilson Elementary School, students are focused on taking an interest in technology. At Tamaques Elementary School, the automated library system and Junior Grade Book comprehension are currently being addressed.

As a special request from board members who wanted time to evaluate the goals under the QAAR, Dr. Foley concluded that he would hold a special public meeting in January of 1999 with board members and school principals.

Mayor Jardim Dismisses His Campaign Manager

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discredit Mrs. Vernick as a candidate for Mayor.

During a tense Town Council meeting earlier this month, the Mayor maintained that he had not seen the final version of questions in the poll. He also noted that Republicans had sent out a highly negative campaign piece last year aimed at him, even though he was not a candidate in 1997.

At Tuesday night's council meeting, Councilman Sullivan questioned whether Mr. Rotter should be removed from two other voluntary positions he holds with the town.

Mr. Rotter serves as a Westfield representative on the state's Master Plan Reexamination Committee, as well as on the town's Insurance Advisory Board, both Mayoral appointments.

Fourth Ward Councilman

DWC Introduces Proposal For Welcoming Border Signs

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machine, which will be used to clean up debris in the downtown including parking lots.

Mr. Spector also noted that the DWC is looking at privatizing trash pickup for downtown receptacles, thus enabling Department of Public Works employees, who currently provide the service, to perform other functions such as filling potholes.

Both projects would involve a combination of town and DWC funding.

On another matter, the council was advised by Town Attorney Charles H. Brandt of a discrepancy between properties included in the special improvement district and those receiving bills the past year from the town.

Mr. Brandt noted that, when the ordinance creating the SID was adopted in 1996, it was accompanied by a map designating all properties to be taxed within the district.

Somehow the tax assessor was not given a current list of those properties included in the district. Thus, a number of properties — including professional offices, residences and churches — were incorrectly sent tax bills. Mr. Brandt said the town is still determining the total amount of money that will have to be refunded.

Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko explained that when the original boundaries were "pulled back a little," the tax office never got the information to adjust its records to reflect the change.

Mr. Brandt said the property owners were paying the bills, unaware of the mistake. He said upon receiving inquiries from several persons incorrectly assessed, his office began looking into the matter and discovered the error.

In addition, several properties were inadvertently left off the list of those that should be including within the district.

Mr. Brandt noted that the town will have to refund those moneys incorrectly collected by the tax office.

Mr. LaPlace said he has attempted to work with Tax Assessor Annmarie Switzer to resolve the problem. He noted that the process was difficult in that, for some reason, the town ordinance did not identify properties in the SID by block and lot number.

As part of its regular meeting this Tuesday, October 27, the council will hold a hearing on the town's application to the Union County Community Development Block Grant program.

The program, which receives funding through the now 25-year-old Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program, requires towns to hold hearings at which those organizations applying for the grant identify their requests to their local governing bodies.

Public Works Committee Chairman and Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh said the town's grant application will include a request for \$30,000 to complete the paving of Windsor Avenue from Grandview Avenue to the end of Windsor near the Central Avenue "pocket park"; \$15,000 to complete that park, including the addition of plantings and benches, and \$135,000 to make the main bathrooms at Tamaques Park handicapped accessible.

Mr. Walsh noted the town received \$18,000 last year on its grant request of \$92,500 for improvements at the lower bathrooms at the park.

Town Engineer Kenneth B. Marsh noted that the council may also want to consider including a request for plantings in the amount of \$10,000 for Sussex Street and at a few other locations in town.

He said this money "would go a long way in improving this area."

Among those groups expected to make presentations Tuesday night are the Westfield Community Center, the Westfield Neighborhood Council and the local American Red Cross chapter.

Mr. Marsh noted that the town's application has traditionally focused on infrastructure improvements.

In his report as council liaison to the SID board, Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman said the board has unanimously opposed the bagging of meters in the downtown during the holiday season.

Mr. Spector explained that with most stores now filled in the downtown, it is vital that spaces are turned over on a regular basis to handle shoppers coming into Westfield.

He said in the past, non-shoppers have parked their cars over the two-hour limit for street parking, thus defeating the purpose of providing free spaces for shoppers.

As an option, which the council gave its support to Tuesday night, some parking lots in the downtown would be subject to a complimentary program during the morning hours.

Shoppers could park up to 30 minutes over the time on their meters. A "courtesy" ticket would be placed on cars over the limit, with summonses placed on vehicles after this period by the Westfield Police Department.

\$9.9 Million Aimed at Flood Control Plan

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Task Force is expected to turn over a report to the Army Corps by mid-November that will propose alternate detention basins in Weldon Materials, Inc., quarry and in the gorge along New Providence Road in the Watchung Mountains. The task force has struggled since January to find other locations.

Mr. Meeks said the Corps will analyze the cost and benefits of the alternate catch basin sites and hold another public hearing before looking for additional Federal funding when the basins are ready for construction eight years from now.

According to the Commission, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen from Morristown and area district Congressman Bob Franks urged the House Appropriations Committee to put funding for the flood control project into the Federal budget.

Reportedly, President Bill Clinton's first version of the budget did not propose any funding for the work.

Capital Commission Reelects Carol Molnar For Chair Position

WESTFIELD - B. Carol Molnar has been reappointed as Chairwoman of the New Jersey Capital Budgeting and Planning Commission. In 1994, Governor Christie Todd Whitman had originally appointed Ms. Molnar as Chairwoman of the Commission.

Subsequent appointments now require approval of the Commission members which include the State Treasurer's Office, four legislators, and four public members.

Ms. Molnar has served as a member of the Commission since 1987



B. Carol Molnar

when she was appointed by Governor Thomas H. Kean and was reappointed as a member by Governor James Florio in 1993.

As Chairwoman of the Commission, Ms. Molnar also serves as a member of the New Jersey Building Authority.

The Commission was created by the Legislature to act in an advisory role to the Governor and the Legislature. The Commission is responsible for reviewing all proposed capital expenditure programs for the state and approving the inclusion of any bond referendum on the general election ballot.

Because of its success, other states have used New Jersey's Commission as the model for developing their own capital commissions.

For the fiscal year ending 1999, the Commission recommended \$865 million in capital spending projects from the state's General Funds and an appropriation of \$512 million to the Transportation Trust Fund.

Locally, Ms. Molnar has been active in the Westfield community for many years. She has been a member of the Westfield Board of Education since 1988.

She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Youth and Family Counseling Service, the Westfield Community Center, the Martin Luther King Association, and the Friends of Mindowaskin Park.

She has two children, Amy and Meg, who are presently attending the Westfield Public Schools.

State Announces Storm Aid In Amount of \$1.3 Million

can and should step in with monetary assistance," he said.

Working together with the Legislature and the Administration, the Department of Transportation will be appropriating storm aid funding for area communities through the Transportation Trust Fund Discretionary Aid Program administered by Transportation Commissioner John Haley.

Under the funding formula, municipalities with less than \$16,000 worth of storm damage will be reimbursed for 50 percent of the clean-up cost. Towns which incurred more damage will be awarded an initial \$15,000 to help with expenses, but will be responsible for the next \$25,000 before being eligible for additional state aid equal to half of their remaining costs up to \$100,000.

Westfield will receive \$95,000 to help defray storm-related costs of \$200,000. Scotch Plains will receive \$55,000 for damage estimated at \$120,000, while Fanwood will receive \$96,500 to offset damages of \$203,000.

The hardest hit community was Plainfield, which had damages placed at \$457,500. The state will be sending a check to the city in the amount of \$100,000.

"I have always said that state government and local governments were partners in serving the people of this state," said Senator DiFrancesco.

"That is why I am so pleased that we have been able to secure funding and will be able to lift some of the financial burden placed on Cranford and other municipalities that worked diligently and at great expense to serve the needs of their storm-ravaged communities," he added.

Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) company officials said the severe thunderstorm caused the worst power outage in PSE&G's territory in three decades.

Over 200 primary power lines were downed, with many electrical fires reported.

Some 100,000 customers of PSE&G in the three-county region lost electrical power. In some cases, power was out for several days.

Also receiving aid were: County of Union, \$100,000; Clark, \$69,000; Cranford, \$100,000; Elizabeth, \$15,000; Garwood, \$6,000; Linden and Rahway, \$70,000 each; Roselle, \$82,500; Union and Winfield, \$15,000. Also receiving aid were: Middlesex County, \$15,000; Dunellen, \$57,500; Edison, \$48,250; Middlesex, \$17,500; Woodbridge, \$16,000; South Plainfield, \$70,000, and Piscataway, \$56,231.

Additional aid was received by: Somerset County, \$15,000; Bedminster, \$500; Bridgewater, \$17,500; Green Brook, \$7,500; Millstone, \$300; Montgomery, \$8,000; North Plainfield, \$15,000; Raritan, \$1,500; South Bound Brook, \$4,500; Watchung, \$15,000; Warren, \$2,500, and Passaic County, \$3,700.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

• A wallet containing approximately \$40, various papers and credit cards was reported stolen from a pocketbook belonging to an employee of a local club.

• A Boulevard resident reported that the driver side door lock on his vehicle was broken while the car was parked in his driveway.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

• As the result of an alarm, a broken door window was discovered at Westfield High School on Dorian Road. Additional windows inside the building were also damaged, authorities confirmed, although nothing was reported missing.

• Christopher Conti, 21, of Kenilworth was charged with third degree theft, according to police. He is suspected of having unlawfully removed \$205 from an account at a Westfield bank, according to police. Bail was set at \$1,000.

Conti was already being held at the Union County Jail on burglary and theft charges related to a separate incident involving a home break-in on Clark Street on September 29, authorities said.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

• A Mountain Avenue resident reported the theft of a bicycle valued at \$100 which had been secured to a tree with a cable combination lock in front of an Elm Street store.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

• A physician reported the theft of \$700 in cash from his office on North Avenue.

• Police reported that someone damaged the front wheel of a bicycle at Westfield High School.

• Someone poured sugar into the gas tank of a vehicle of Wychview Drive, authorities said. There are no suspects in the case.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

• A Seward Avenue resident reported that his home was burglarized and \$17,000 in currency was stolen from the basement.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

• A wallet was reported stolen at an Elm Street supermarket.

• A videocassette recorder tape was reported stolen from a residence on North Scotch Plains Avenue.

WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

• One hundred block of Elm Street — unintentional alarm.

• Seven hundred block of Harding Street — hazardous condition.

• Nine hundred block of Carleton Road — lock out.

• Three hundred block of South Avenue West — gasoline spill.

• One hundred block of Breezknoll Drive — lock out.

• Seven hundred block of Boynton Avenue — brush fire.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

• Two hundred block of Watchung Fork — electrical short.

• Wednesday, September 30

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

• Four hundred block of Topping Hill Road — system malfunction.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

• Mountain Avenue and Woodland Avenue — automobile accident.

• Five hundred block of Central Avenue — smoke scare.

• Five hundred block of Lawrence Avenue — hazardous condition.

• Six hundred block of Norwood Drive — carbon monoxide detector activation.

• Three hundred block of Linden Avenue — alarm activation.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

• One hundred block of Hamilton Street — system malfunction.

• One hundred block of North Scotch Plains Avenue — power line down.

• One hundred block of Elm Street — mulch fire.

• Two hundred block of East Broad Street — mulch fire.

• One hundred block of Elm Street — unintentional alarm.

• Five hundred block of Trinity Place — hazardous condition.

• Two hundred block of Elmer Street — unintentional alarm.

• One hundred block of Lincoln Road — lock out.

• Four hundred block of Poets Place — unintentional alarm.

• One hundred block of Madison Avenue — electrical short.

• Two hundred block of Edgewood Avenue — brush fire.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

• Seven hundred block of Westfield Avenue — wire down.

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

• Hort Street and Scotch Plains Avenue — wire down.

• Three hundred block of Roanoke Road — good intent call.

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

• Seventeen hundred block of Summit Avenue — unintentional alarm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

• Seven hundred block of Central Avenue — unintentional alarm.

• Four hundred block of Stanley Avenue — structure fire.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

• Sixteen hundred block of Rahway Avenue — system malfunction.

• Nine hundred block of Cherokee Court — carbon monoxide detector activation.

• Union Fire Department — mutual aid call.

• One hundred block of Barchester Way — system malfunction.

• Ramapo and Munsee Way — power line down.

• Three hundred block of Orenda Circle — emergency medical call.

• Five hundred block of Trinity Place — lock out.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

• One hundred block of Tudor Oval — hazardous condition.

• One hundred block of Kimball Circle — good intent call.

• Four hundred block of East Broad Street — smoke scare.

• Two hundred block of Rodger Avenue — good intent call.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

• Sixteen hundred block of Rahway Avenue — system malfunction.

• One hundred block of Carol Road — hazardous condition.

• Eighteen hundred block of Lamberts Mill Road — power line down.

• One hundred block of Surrey Lane — carbon monoxide detector activation.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

• One hundred block of Breez Knoll Drive — carbon monoxide detector activation.

• Eight hundred block of North Avenue, West — system malfunction.

• Seven hundred block of Westfield Avenue — system malfunction.

• Four hundred block of North Scotch Plains Avenue — electrical short.

• Seven hundred block of Oak Avenue — electrical short.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

• Nine hundred block of Grandview Avenue — hazardous condition.

• Four hundred block of Otisco Drive — smoke scare.

• One hundred block of Westbrook Road — electrical short.

• Six hundred block of North Avenue, West — smoke odor investigation.

• Five hundred block of Springfield Avenue — automobile accident.

• Four hundred block of Kimball Turn — system malfunction.

• Seven hundred block of Norman Place — power line down.

• Two hundred block of Delaware Street — assist police.

• Four hundred block of Lenox Avenue — large tree limb on house.

• Four hundred block of Lenox Avenue — assist public works.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

• Five hundred block of Forest Avenue — system malfunction.

• Eight hundred block of Standish Avenue — lock out.

Recent Home Sales

WESTFIELD

M. and L. A. Blumberg to Robert J. and Maarie R. Sloan, 373 Orenda Circle, \$485,000.

B. S. and J. C. Parish to Gary E. and Mary K. Landriau, 703 Highland Avenue, \$579,000.

L. Irwin to Angela C. Jones, 35 Carol Road, \$312,000.

G. A. Nelson to David and Robin Winter-Bailey, 301 Baker Avenue, \$315,000.

H. and S. L. h. Gian to Thomas J. and Jennifer Serzan, 835 Shadowlawn Drive, \$363,000.

L. C. and C. A. Taylor to Robert M. and Barbara A. Gruters, 714 Austin Street, \$262,000.

B. J. Murphy to Roy J. Carlson, 515 Trinity Place, \$130,000.

J. G. and M. K. Fernandez to Paul F. and Leslie McCarthy, 535 Washington Street, \$222,500.

D. E. and C. G. Malone to Frederic R. and Neils P. McDaniel, 1017 Lamberts Mill Road, \$265,000.

J. F. and M. R. Sherry to Jennifer and James Tareco, 6 Starlite Court, \$310,000.

S. Garristo-Dennis J. and Beatriz H. Estevez-Clark, 1431 Lamberts Mill Road, \$330,000.



A DISTRICT-WIDE APPEAL...United Fund representatives from the Westfield Public School district met recently to learn about the many services the agency provides throughout Westfield. The school's employees will have the opportunity to make donations to the agency through Wednesday, November 11. Pictured, left to right, are: first row, Deborah Ray, Shirley Partelow, Judy Hutchinson, Angela LaCarrub



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State Announces Storm Aid In Amount of \$1.3 Million

Acting Governor and State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco of Scotch Plains last week announced a storm aid package that provides about \$1.3 million to more than a dozen communities in Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties to help pay for clean-up costs.

Senator DiFrancesco said he recognizes that all towns prepare for this kind of emergency, but few have the financial resources available to easily absorb the significant expenses generated by such a violent and unexpected weather event.

"I know the tremendous toll this storm took on so many residents of Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties," said DiFrancesco, a Republican representing the 22nd Legislative District, during a press conference at the Cranford Municipal Building.

"Many of us experienced the damage and inconvenience first-hand. Not as publicized, however, is the strain that the response and clean-up effort took on individual municipalities who spent countless hours and money on removing debris and controlling traffic," he continued.

"Property taxpayers in these communities should not be made to pick up these costs," the senator added. "In emergency cases like this one, the state

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Bus Stop Ordinance is Introduced; Pending Sidewalk Repairs Discussed

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

The Fanwood Borough Council addressed a broad range of topics during last Thursday's regular meeting, while also recognizing several organizations and events for their impact locally or on a national level.

Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly announced that the borough had been approved for \$96,500 through the state Department of Transportation's Trust Fund Discretionary Aid Program. The funds will help defray costs involved in the community's recovery from the Labor Day storm which cut a devastating swath through Union County.

Fanwood was among the towns hardest hit by the weather emergency, which toppled numerous trees, damaged homes and cars, and knocked out power to most of the municipality.

Under other business, an ordinance was introduced on first reading to formally designate four bus stops in each direction along both South and Midway Avenues, for a total of 16. An additional stop is earmarked for the intersection of South Avenue and Terrill Road. One already exists on the Plainfield side.

Busses currently stop at various points along South and Midway, according to Fanwood Police Chief Robert Carboy, who told *The Times*



Suzette F. Stalker for The Times

CONGRATULATIONS...During the October 15 meeting of Fanwood's governing body, Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, left, reads a proclamation honoring the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains on its 65th anniversary. Accepting it on behalf of the organization is Jeanne Pauli. The College Club provides annual scholarships to local young women who are planning to pursue or are currently studying for a baccalaureate degree and are in need of financial assistance.

SP Township Begins Budget Process Puzzle; Officials Say Celebrate Halloween Next Friday

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

As Scotch Plains Township department and division heads begin crunching numbers for next year's municipal budget, Municipal Manager Thomas E. Atkins told Council members Tuesday, "It will be a real challenge."

Mr. Atkins let the Council know that cleanup from the Labor Day storm this September will carry over into next year, causing a financial burden.

Labor costs and equipment rental resulted in a \$240,000 emergency appropriation by the council.

The township got notice last week that \$55,000 in funding from the state will supplement the township's emergency expenses.

In a memo, Mr. Atkins asked township officials to submit budget requests to him by Monday, November 23. Traditionally, in the township form of government, the municipal manager or other administrator pre-

parens an annual budget with input from departments, which is later reviewed and put to a vote by the Council. A public hearing on the budget is held, however in the past, few if any decisions turn out to be part of the decision-making process on approximately \$16 million worth of municipal spending.

The same Atkins memo states he will be looking at PBA arbitration, other labor negotiations, insurance rates, sewerage system fees and capital budget projects in addition to the emergency appropriation when he finishes the 1999 budget.

The budget year for the township government runs from January through the calendar year.

In a different letter to the Council, Mr. Atkins stated, "Capital budgeting challenges will continue to be great next year and into the twenty-first century." Capital projects may include maintenance and updating of elements that contribute to the

running of the township, like roads, sewers systems, public buildings and computer systems.

For example, the municipality is currently wading through a \$1.7 million sewer pumping station upgrade

that should take at least 18 months to complete.

In other business, the council agreed to have another public hearing in early December on the pending

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PARENTS LAMENT STALEMATE'S IMPACT ON MORALE

Teachers' Union Agrees to Work On Election and Veterans Days

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

On Tuesday, the 450-member Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association (SPFEA) put to rest concerns that the union would decide not to work on Election Day, November 3, and Veterans Day, November 11, as part of their job action.

SPFEA President Barbara

McGuane revealed, "We will not have job action on those days. We're concerned about the continuity of instruction. As a show of good faith, we will come in on those days."

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carol B. Choye, had indicated that schools would be closed if union members exercised their legal right not to work those two days in November.

"I want to publicly thank Barbara McGuane, President of the SPFEA, for putting the instructional needs of our students first," said Board of Education President August Ruggiero in response to the news.

"Since schools are already closed over four days in November, and there are five days which are shortened because of parent conferences, I am grateful that we were not forced to close schools on Election Day and Veterans Day," he added.

"It would have been difficult for students to receive meaningful instruction with additional days off in November," continued Mr. Ruggiero. "This decision by the SPFEA is very positive for students."

Spurred by teacherless Back to School Nights and the threat of addi-

tional days off in November, some parents in Scotch Plains and Fanwood launched an effort over the past two weeks to see the stalemate between the Board of Education and

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help eliminate parking problems in the area, Chief Carboy said.

He added that the regulated stops were determined through a partnership with NJ Transit and will be marked by identification signs.

Besides the intersection with Terrill, busses will stop along South Avenue at Hetfield and Martine Avenues, as well as Staggard Place. On Midway Avenue, busses will stop at Terrill Road, Martine Avenue, Forest Road and Shasta Pass, the chief confirmed.

The governing body also approved resolutions amending the municipal budget to reflect a \$125,000 matching grant which Fanwood received from the county under its Project Pocket Park Program, as well as state and Federal grant money, totaling

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Federal Budget Pours \$9.9 Million Into Area Flood Control Measures

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

After a year of debate, \$9.9 million in Federal funds towards a flood control construction project in parts of Middlesex and Somerset counties was okayed by the President and the United States Congress as part of the water resources package for the 1999 budget.

It was signed into law on October 7. According to Chairman of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission Vernon A. Noble, who has been pursuing the United States Army Corps of Engineers project to stem costly and life-threatening flooding in the Green Brook Basin over the past 26 years, said in a written statement, "The Commission plans to celebrate, but not to relax.

"The Commission is never going to relax until the last piece of the project is completed along about the year 2011."

The Army Corps (New York District) project to control flooding has three construction phases, including proposed storm water detention ba-

sins upstream in the Watchung Mountains, which is the final phase. Last year, some Union County residents and officials shot down Federal funding for the basins when they opposed the use of several acres in the county-owned Watchung Reservation for the catch basins.

The \$9.9 million will cover work only for phases one and two, downstream.

Frank Meeks, Commission member and coordinator of a task force to find alternative sites for the disputed detention basins in the so-called Upper Portion of the plan, said work would begin in the western end of Middlesex Borough where houses would be "floodproofed" by raising them. A bridge in Bound Brook would also be raised above flood levels.

The State of New Jersey will ultimately fund one-quarter of the \$371 million project, with Federal funds picking up the other three-quarters.

Mr. Noble said the Army Corps will now take bids on work for the project and get the state permits it needs to being construction by early

next year.

"The work is going to keep getting harder and harder (for the Commission.) We want to be number one, of the Corps of Engineers' projects," Mr. Noble stated.

Meanwhile, the Commission's Task Force is expected to turn over a report to the Army Corps by mid-November that will propose alternate detention basins in Weldon Materials, Inc., quarry and in the

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Board of Adjustment Approves Variances For Storage Building on Waldheim Avenue

By BOBBIE BALDASSARITURI
Specially Written for The Times

In a unanimous vote, the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment awarded two variances October 8 to a local businessman who is seeking to erect a contractor's storage building at 2378 Waldheim Avenue.

Applicant Dion Natale, a residential plumber, provided the board with a site plan for the planned building, which will be equipped with a garage area. The proposal drew opposition from neighbors of the site who believe commercial activity at the building will aggravate existing problems on the street.

One of the variances sought by Mr. Natale was for a residential apartment (approximately 750 square feet) on the second floor of the proposed building, which is located in an M-1 industrial zone.

The applicant testified that he plans to use the rent from the apartment to pay for taxes on the building. The other variance permits Mr. Natale to construct the building on a pre-existing undersized lot.

The applicant plans to use the first floor of the pending building for storage of supplies and equipment such as pipes and water heaters. He purchased the lot in July of 1997 for \$50,000, and has already razed a single-family residence which previ-

ously stood on the property.

Mr. Natale testified that he plans to comply with all local ordinances and codes requested by the board, dealing with issues such as parking, buffering, easements, retaining walls, landscaping and fire safety.

In attendance at the meeting were several neighbors, mostly from Concord Row, who vehemently complained that businesses along Waldheim Avenue have had a highly negative impact on the area in which they live.

They cited increased noise disturbances, odor emissions from dumping, truck exhaust, intrusive headlights and exterior building lights which remain lit through the night as factors affecting their quality of life.

Homeowner Scott Rodgers, an attorney, acted as a representative for the Concord Row residents. He also appeared at several earlier board meetings to present fellow residents' concerns over an increase in the commercial activity on Waldheim Avenue.

Mr. Rodgers, who questioned the applicant and the board at length, asked Mr. Natale, "are you aware that local ordinance specifically prohibits residential use on the lot you purchased?"

Mr. Natale responded that he did, stating "that is why we are here to-

night to request a variance."

When Mr. Rodgers asked the applicant if he agreed there were problems caused by odors from dumping and extensive noise during early morning hours from heavy equipment use, Mr. Natale replied, "Yes, but no one has complained to me."

The attorney then showed the board and the applicant some photographs of Mr. Natale's lot, which a neighboring business, A-1 Tree Service, has been using temporarily since the previous structure on the property was demolished. Neighbors have complained that the lot has become cluttered with litter and debris.

"Are you aware of various zoning regulations that apply to your lot in connection with allowing people to use your lot for commercial uses?" Mr. Rodgers asked the applicant, to which Mr. Natale responded, "No, I am not aware."

Mr. Rodgers argued that Mr. Natale's application was premature and that the latter should present a site plan for the present activities on his property, meaning commercial use of the lot by A-1 Tree Service.

He also maintained that "this ap-

plication is for mixed use — residential and commercial. If one is denied by the board, so should the other.

"The applicant is not fulfilling the zone plan and he shows no economic impact," Mr. Rodgers said. "Frankly, as Mr. Natale stated earlier this evening, he will be using the proposed apartment on the second floor to pay for the building."

A few other Concord Row residents were also given the opportunity to state their opinions on the proposal. "We just want to be sure the applicant adheres to the M-1 zoning; town code limitations should be abided by," stated Jim Ciccarino.

He also said an apartment on the second floor may draw a noisy, disruptive tenant."

Other neighbors expressed concern about what they have described as a noise problem in the area. "Waldheim Avenue is atrocious," stated Dorothy McGrath, a 19-year Concord Row resident.

James R. Watson and John P. Dupont from EKA Associates, a Scotch Plains firm of licensed engineers, planners and surveyors, ap-

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NEED A BOOST...Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district student musicians are pictured performing during a recent event in the township. The popular music programs in kindergarten through grade 12 need additional financial support to maintain their quality and open membership. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Jerry Kavinski, Beth Grausso and Catherine Mangan; second row, Dave Allen, Dan Nelson, Jeff Bloch and Rob Lechner, and third row, D.J. Klimowicz, Nick Fixmer and Chuck Mathews. Please see a story on Page 14.

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\$56,000, which will facilitate automation of the Fanwood Memorial Library. The grant money for the library is administered through the New Jersey State Library.

Several residents spoke on various topics during the public portion of the meeting. David Pickering, Chairman of the borough's Community Assessment Committee and a former Councilman, presented a proposal made earlier by Fanwood Rescue Squad Captain Sue Davis that tax breaks be granted to those willing to volunteer with local emergency service units.

Four action groups involving approximately 35 people were recently formed by the Assessment Committee to develop improvement strategies for the borough in the areas of communications, downtown and parking, long-range planning and volunteerism. Mrs. Davis is a member of the group on volunteerism.

On another topic, Mr. Pickering lamented the absence of a debate this year among the four candidates for Borough Council. Calling it a "terrible mistake," he said it was vital for people "to hear the opinions and thoughts of everyone who is running."

Mayor Connelly, who is herself challenging Congressman Robert Franks for the Seventh District seat this year, expressed support for the debate format.

Wilfred P. Coronato, one of two Republican candidates for council this year, addressed the governing body concerning sidewalk problems in the municipality. He asked if a determination had been made as to whether the borough or residents would be responsible for sidewalk repairs.

Mayor Connelly revealed that a survey of local sidewalks was 85 percent complete, adding that problems were being classified according to severity. She said officials wanted to analyze existing problems before deciding how the costs would be borne.

Officials tabled a vote on adopting a change to the by-laws of the Mayor and council until their regular meeting of Thursday, November 12, after Council President Bruce H. Walsh expressed reservations concerning whether the proposed revisions would fulfill their intended purpose.

Members of the governing body are expected to discuss the matter, which revolves around council representatives' right to abstain from a vote, at their next agenda meeting on

Funds Directed At Flood Control

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gorge along New Providence Road in the Watchung Mountains. The task force has struggled since January to find other locations.

Mr. Meeks said the Corps will analyze the cost and benefits of the alternate catch basin sites and hold another public hearing before looking for additional Federal funding when the basins are ready for construction eight years from now.

According to the Commission, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen from Morristown and area district Congressman Bob Franks urged the House Appropriations Committee to put funding for the flood control project into the Federal budget.

Reportedly, President Bill Clinton's first version of the budget did not propose any funding for the work.

State Reveals Storm Aid In Amount of \$1.3 Million

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can and should step in with monetary assistance," he said.

Working together with the Legislature and the Administration, the Department of Transportation will be appropriating storm aid funding for area communities through the Transportation Trust Fund Discretionary Aid Program administered by Transportation Commissioner John Haley.

Under the funding formula, municipalities with less than \$16,000 worth of storm damage will be reimbursed for 50 percent of the clean-up cost. Towns which incurred more damage will be awarded an initial \$15,000 to help with expenses, but will be responsible for the next \$25,000 before being eligible for additional state aid equal to half of their remaining costs up to \$100,000.

Westfield will receive \$95,000 to help defray storm-related costs of \$200,000. Scotch Plains will receive \$55,000 for damage estimated at \$120,000, while Fanwood will receive \$96,500 to offset damages of \$203,000.

The hardest hit community was Plainfield, which had damages placed at \$457,500. The state will be sending a check to the city in the amount of \$100,000.

"I have always said that state government and local governments were partners in serving the people of this state," said Senator DiFranco. "That is why I am so pleased that we have been able to secure funding and will be able to lift some of the financial burden placed on Cranford and other municipalities that worked diligently and at great expense to serve the needs of their storm-ravaged communities," he added.

Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) company officials said the severe thunderstorm caused the worst power outage in PSE&G's territory in three decades.

Over 200 primary power lines were downed, with many electrical fires reported.

Some 100,000 customers of PSE&G in the three-county region lost electrical power. In some cases, power was out for several days.

Also receiving aid were: County of Union, \$100,000; Clark, \$69,000; Cranford, \$100,000; Elizabeth, \$15,000; Garwood, \$6,000; Linden and Rahway, \$70,000 each; Roselle, \$82,500; Union and Winfield, \$15,000. Also receiving aid were: Middlesex County, \$15,000; Dunellen, \$57,500; Edison, \$48,250; Middlesex, \$17,500; Woodbridge, \$16,000; South Plainfield, \$70,000, and Piscataway, \$56,231.

Additional aid was received by: Somerset County, \$15,000; Bedminster, \$500; Bridgewater, \$17,500; Green Brook, \$7,500; Millstone, \$300; Montgomery, \$8,000; North Plainfield, \$15,000; Raritan, \$1,500; South Bound Brook, \$4,500; Watchung, \$15,000; Warren, \$2,500, and Passaic County, \$3,700.

District Music Programs Need Funds to Succeed

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

Like the music man says, there's trouble right here in River City.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district Music Department "is in great need of supplemental funds to replace instruments that are in disrepair and purchase basic music education materials," according to Carolyn Sorge, a member of the newly formed district-wide Music Boosters Association.

The public schools need pianos, brass wind instruments and performance risers; chorus and instrumental groups need costumes for performances; music instruction rooms need soundproofing; and stages need a sound shell.

"If we can't continue to maintain or improve the [music department] program, then through apathy, the program will suffer and diminish," says the SP-F Schools Music Boosters Association President, Dan Mazzagetti. "And students could find other ways to spend their Friday and Saturday evenings, that may not be so positive," he added.

That sounds like trouble in River City. According to Boosters, alumni, district-wide supporters and beyond, have joined together to raise \$200,000 for the district music department over the next two years.

"This [fundraising] is for the district, but the need is really at the younger grades," Mr. Mazzagetti claimed. He said the district Boosters are not part of the high school boosters or other schools' booster groups. Reportedly, nearly 45 percent of

district students participate in the school music programs voluntarily. District Supervisor of Fine Arts Vincent Turturiello said over one-half of high school students participate in some sort of music program.

Fourth grade students start on instruments in the program and fifth graders may join a choir. Middle school musicians join concert bands in each of three grades (sixth, seventh and eighth) according to the Supervisor — who is known to his students as Mr. "T". Each of the two middle schools also has a jazz band and select wind ensemble.

The district high school also has three concert bands, two jazz bands — including the often highlighted Moonglowers, a marching band, a clarinet choir, a percussion ensemble and a brass choir.

"Everybody likes the programs and it works very well," Booster Mazzagetti confirmed.

Evidently, Mr. "T" turned to parents to raise money for district musicians when the department budget remained unchanged over the last six or seven years, he said, and student participation in the programs increased. "We had really no choice," he said, but to turn to fundraising.

An information officer for the district's Board of Education said this year's budget for the music department, not including teachers' wages, is \$52,000. The district has 10 music teachers, one Booster said.

According to Mr. Mazzagetti, with nearly 1,000 student musicians in the district, that is \$52 per student. Not very much, he added.

Mr. "T" said the district buys the larger — and costly — brass instruments for students to use, such as trombones, tubas and also percussion instruments.

Choral Director at the high school, Ms. Laurie Wellman, explained she has a Concert Choir of 320 students, one Show Choir and two Select Choirs of about 60 each. "We do a musical [play] every year, too," she said. Last year, they staged *Crazy For You*.

There are no string instrument programs in the district.

So, to kick off the ambitious fundraising venture Ms. Sorge is co-chairing a dinner dance at The Westwood in Garwood on Friday, November 27. The theme will be "Celebrate Music, Celebrate Life: More Than 60 Years of Music in Scotch Plains-Fanwood," she said.

"We've just sent out 500 invitations," Ms. Sorge said, and hopes that more alumni and friends will join in the fun.

Boosters say a golf outing, concert series and carnival are in the planning stages for music lovers. Mr. Mazzagetti said he is spearheading a "Buy a Note" campaign where donors "buy" a music note engraved with their name or other dedication. Donors' "notes" will be mounted on a wall plaque of wooden music staves outside the high school auditorium, where musical performances are often held.

He said he is also looking for corporate donors who seek a connection with the community.

Any funds the Boosters raise will be doled out to the music department for specific purchases, Mr. Mazzagetti said. "We are non-profit and we will have some sort of board," he added.

Many boosters were student musicians themselves at one time. Mr. Mazzagetti said he applauds the discipline, pride and sense of community a music program provides to students.

Supervisor Turturiello, a 20-year veteran of the district, concluded, "If you think about the music program, it's there for the community. It's a two-way street."

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

- A tail lens was broken sometime during the night on a vehicle parked on Bonus Hill Road.
- Police received a report that two men shoplifted miscellaneous items from a Westfield Avenue convenience store and fled the establishment when the store manager confronted them.
- A Farley Avenue resident reported a front yard fence and several lawn ornaments were thrown about the property.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- A Park Avenue business reported a burglary had occurred some time during the night. Entry was gained by prying open a rear door, police said. An undetermined amount of cash was taken.
- A money bag containing approximately \$3,500 in cash and checks was taken from an unlocked vehicle that was parked on East Second Street, authorities said. The incident occurred some time during the night.
- A contractor reported that a cellular telephone was taken from a job site on Westfield Avenue.
- A cellular telephone was reported stolen from an unlocked car parked on a Route No. 22 lot.

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- A cellular telephone was reported stolen from an unlocked car parked on Church Street.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- Howard F. Fish, 40, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated pursuant to a motor vehicle accident at Terrill and Raritan Roads, according to police. There were no reported injuries.

- Jahmal R. Rogers, 21, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana on East Second Street pursuant to a motor vehicle stop, authorities said.

- A pocketbook and personal items were reported stolen from a vehicle parked at a night club on Terrill Road.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- A resident on the 1500 block of East Second Street reported that his vehicle was scratched during the night.
- A resident of Coles Avenue reported that someone had scratched his vehicle.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- Several cars were damaged by being jumped on and the windows broken out at a Terrill Road night club, authorities said.
- A business was burglarized in the 1800 block of East Second Street and cash reported missing, according to police. There was no sign of forced entry.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

- Luis Chaves, 44, of Cliffside Park was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol after a motor vehicle stop on Route No. 22, police confirmed.

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peared before the board to testify on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Watson described the site plan and talked about the tax map showing the zoning line between residential and industrial areas surrounding the Mr. Natale's lot.

"This township intended for this area to be geared toward industrial; in fact, township regulation permits it, we are not breaking any rules," he stated.

"However," Mr. Watson continued, "having an apartment on the second floor will temper the effects of the industrial use of the building." He noted that "the only negative effect I can think of would be traffic due to the tenant."

"The proposed site improves the vacant lot and fits into the surrounding area of Waldheim Avenue," he concluded.

Mr. Dupont responded affirmatively when Mr. Rodgers inquired whether there would be "enough buffering of the abutting property." Mr. Dupont added that "we did a Wetlands analysis and we found there is no buffer required by the state."

When Mr. Rodgers questioned the engineer about drainage, Mr. Dupont said, "We did design an underground seepage pit in the rear parking lot which meets local ordinance."

Attorney Michael B. Blacker, representing the applicant, told the board that, "This lot was made non-conforming in 1954, from residential to M-1 industrial."

"The problems associated with Waldheim Avenue won't be associated with my client, Mr. Natale's property," he added.

Mr. Blacker appeared as to why local residents would be objectionable to a residential apartment.

"I fully understand the concerns of the Concord Row residents," said Vice Chairman Thomas Barth. "However, this was an M-1 zone before their homes were built; the noise and disturbances are unfortunate."

"As a plumber, this applicant will not generate disturbances as much as, say, a landscaper or concrete contractor," Mr. Barth continued. "I also feel an apartment will decrease, not contribute, to the problems on Waldheim."

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Comcast Cablevision contract for service to residents in the township. Earlier this year, the Council asked residents in a mailed survey to rate the current cable service, also with Comcast. Reportedly, no major changes were considered.

Councilman William F. McClintock, Jr., has repeatedly indicated that the township franchise renewal with Comcast will not be exclusive. In that way, potential technological developments by companies other than Comcast will not be precluded from moving into the arena.

It is thought the council is looking for a contract of less than 10 years and maybe as few as 5 years. The two previous contracts were 10 years each, officials said.

On a separate matter, the Downtown Task Force recommended that the Council seal the wood of the newly constructed gazebo on the Village Green in the downtown, before winter weather hits. Officials suggested the township hire an outside firm to finish it, since the Department of Public Works will be occupied with leaf collection and disposal in the coming weeks.

Councilman Martin Marks, who is Council liaison to the task force, said it was possible to remove a front gate of the gazebo and replaced with a platform that extends beyond the cover, during special events.

The Council agreed to accept 14

planters from the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association in March, when they could be planted.

Councilman Marks also said the task force will be looking to replace member Art Grisi, who recently resigned from it. Mr. Grisi was active with the task force during the proposed addition of the name Centre Boulevard to the one roadway known as Westfield Avenue, East Second Street and Plainfield Avenue, which was hotly disputed and defeated by residents.

The task force attempted to generate interest and business in the downtown with some of its proposals.

The Council agreed, on a different matter, to strike another lease deal with Jerseyland Community Center along Jerusalem Road in the township for a spot to dump leaves for compost. The latest lease will be for two years instead of three, at \$19,000-a-year. Previously, the lease was a three-year deal for \$18,500 annually, according to officials, and six years prior to that.

Last week, Mayor Joan Papen told residents that Scotch Plains will have a Halloween parade on Thursday, October 29. Fanwood will hold a similar event on Friday, October 30. She said officials of both municipalities agreed to encourage "trick or treat" canvassing on Friday, rather than Saturday night, for safety reasons related to traffic.

Teachers Agree to Work On Election, Veterans Days

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the SPFEA brought to a close.

Also on Tuesday, 288 letters addressed to Mrs. McGuane were hand-delivered to the union office at Park Middle School. Signed primarily by parents of schoolchildren, the letter asked the SPFEA "to pursue the contract dispute with the Board of Education away from the schools."

Signatures on the letters were representative of each school in the district.

The letter also stated, "Barren

International Student

Seeks Host Family

Due to special circumstances, Youth For Understanding (YFU) needs to find a new host family for Anar Akperov, a student from Azerbaijan in the former Soviet Union, who is studying in the United States.

According to local YFU representatives Ellie and Jim Kullman, Anar is very serious about continuing his experience in this country. He is on the varsity soccer team at his current high school.

He is presently in the United States through the joint sponsorship of YFU and the Freedom Support Act (FSA), according to the Kullmans.

Anar has received the Future Leaders Exchange Scholarship, which was initiated by former Senator Bill Bradley. He requires a new host family for the remainder of the school year, through June of 1999.

For further information, please call the Kullmans at (908) 233-8042 or YFU's regional office at 1-800-872-0200. YFU reported that there are also a few other students in need of homes.

walls, picketing teachers, canceled 'Back To School Nights,' and forcing closure of the schools on Election and Veterans Days are all tactics which hurt students.

"With these actions, your organization sends the message to children that the educational needs of students are secondary to the teachers' fiscal demands," the letter stated.

When asked to comment on the letters, Mrs. McGuane said, "It's really a form letter. If parents look to see what's happening in the classroom, we're doing our job and children are happy. The only major job action has not been coming to 'Back to School Night.'"

Parents are disappointed by the pseudo-"Back to School Nights" constructed by principals and curriculum supervisors. They regret the lost opportunity to speak with teachers and to see and hear them in their classrooms.

One Coles School parent reported being "heckled" by picketers, who mistook her for a teacher or board member when she arrived early for the evening program.

The parent said "derisive" comments like "Hey, boss" and "Oh, she's probably a new teacher," were tossed her way before demonstrators realized they were speaking to a parent.

Mrs. McGuane confirmed that picketing is structured so that a home school's "Back to School Night" is manned by SPFEA members from other schools.

Another Coles School parent, Suzanne Cockrell, found the picketing "offensive." She said "picketing on a 'Back to School Night' is no way to enlist parental support. I'm not very sympathetic at this point."

In the days preceding Tuesday's "Back to School Night," McGinn School parents received a double dose of bad news. Not only would teachers not be on hand to speak with parents, "We've been told that classrooms won't be open," explained one parent.

When asked why the administration went ahead with the annual event despite most teachers' absence, Dr. Choye responded, "Teachers were expected to attend 'Back to School Nights.' We appreciate the professionalism of those who did."

"We have always held 'Back to School Nights' as a way for parents and teachers to keep lines of communication open," Dr. Choye added. "An alternative program, prepared by principals and supervisors, was held in the absence of most of the teachers in order to keep parents informed about our curriculum."

"I do need to emphasize that the teachers continue to do a good job in the classroom," she continued. "Learning is taking place. But evidence shows that when parents and staff work together, children do better."

FALL BACK!

Daylight Savings Time Ends
2 a.m. on Sunday, October 25



Mountainside BOE Discusses Vandalism At Beechwood School

By SHANNON T. WATERS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Mountainside Board of Education reviewed a report on vandalism, as well as various educational items, during its bi-monthly meeting Tuesday evening at Deerfield School.

The half-hour public meeting, which began about 9 p.m., followed an hour-long Executive Committee meeting. An executive session followed the public meeting.

On October 12, the Beechwood School, now operated by the Union County Educational Services Commission as the Mountainside branch of the West Lake School, reported that damaging tire tracks were left by vehicles driving across the turf grass there.

Board members agreed that while the Mountainside Police Department has always been diligent about monitoring the school after hours, residents living nearby could also help to limit criminal activity.

They suggested that neighbors of the school on Woodacres Drive could leave their outside lights on, be watchful of after-hours activity, and report anything suspicious to the police.

Board members noted that the school is in a less visible location and has less daily traffic than Deerfield School, so supplemental monitoring would be beneficial.

An educational addendum to the board's posted agenda was the Quality Assurance Annual Report. This is a state requirement which outlines last year's and next year's developed school plans, professional development, and program review.

Board members reviewed the report, made recommendations and approved it for delivery to the state.

Future presentations to the school board include a Mathematics Curriculum Presentation scheduled for Tuesday, November 3. Vicki Jenkins, Supervisor of Special Services/LDTC, will present New Rules and Regulations on Tuesday, November 17.

Parents and community members are invited to attend these and all board meetings.

The board also okayed placement of a child in the Cranford Achievement Program for a 10-month school year at a cost of \$20,115. The school year commenced September 8 and will conclude on Wednesday June 23, 1999.

Under personnel action, the board approved the appointment of Julie

Marie Rombola as a substitute teacher for the 1998-1999 school year, as well as the maternity/disability leave of Mary Jo Nicholson effective Tuesday, November 3.

On a separate matter, Dr. Gerard A. Schaller, Chief School Administrator, updated the board on the progress being made at Deerfield's backfield. Sod will be laid soon and the water system will be repaired.

During an earlier meeting, the Mountainside Parent Teacher Association (PTA) met to approve its budget for 1998-1999 and to discuss Megan's Law. This law requires sex offenders to register with the police in the town where they reside.

Registrants are assigned to three tiers of risk levels, with Tier Three considered to be high for risk of recurrence.

Based on where the individual lives, works or regularly frequents, only residents likely to encounter the registrant are entitled to receive notification. Notice of Tier Two registrants goes to police and community organizations.

Registration forms are available at the local police departments and the Union County Prosecutor's Office for groups that would like to be considered for designation as a community organization.

The PTA's total anticipated expenditures for the school year equal \$89,254. It expects to generate at least \$63,000 through fund-raising events, including bake, cookie and candy sales, a community dinner, a fair, a fashion show and a pancake breakfast.

Ms. Mugavero Named Foundation President

SCOTCH PLAINS — Donna I. Mugavero of Scotch Plains has been appointed as the President of the NJAFE (North Jersey Association of Female Executives) Foundation.

The foundation was created to support the efforts of young women aspiring to business and professional careers by providing mentoring opportunities, career workshops and scholarships.

Ms. Mugavero is the Vice President of VIA Data and Marketing Services and serves as a Senior Consultant for Shared Learning, both located in Branchburg. She holds a Master of Business Administration Degree from Seton Hall University in South Orange.

Chamber of Commerce Plans Dinner, Awards Ceremony

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 50th Anniversary Dinner and Faith In Westfield Awards Ceremony this Monday, October 26, at 6 p.m. at The Primavera, owned by the Ferraro family, in Stirling.

Faith In Westfield Award recipients include Business of the Year: Jesse Sayegh, owner of the Rialto Theatre; Merchant of the Year: Vicki Priscoe-Spurr, co-owner of Backroom Antiques, and Employee of the Year: Mary Cirillo of Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Former Westfield Mayor H. Emerson Thomas will be the guest of honor for the evening.

Mr. Sayegh purchased the Rialto last year following a grass-roots effort by a group of local citizens to save the landmark cinema. He has since renovated the 75-year-old building, which Chamber Executive Director Debbie Schmidt said has helped attract more customers to the downtown area.

Ms. Priscoe-Spurr has long been an active member of the Westfield business community and the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. She has been involved in numerous volunteer efforts with the organization, and has served as Chairwoman of the Annual Holiday Party and Summer Picnic for many years.

Ms. Priscoe-Spurr sits on the Joint Chamber/Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) Promotions and the DWC Design Committees.

Ms. Cirillo has worked for three

Executive Directors during her 11 years of employment with the Chamber. She coordinates all chamber mailings, keeps the member records updated, and handles the monthly meetings.

She also serves as a customer service contact for information about the Westfield area for new members, residents, and businesses.

"The community is invited to be a part of this gala celebration," said Ms. Schmidt. Reservations for the 50th Anniversary Dinner may be made at the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce office, 111 Quimby Street, at (908) 233-3021. Tickets are \$50 per person, and include wine and beer.

Junior Women Plan Inaugural Coat Drive

WESTFIELD — The Junior Woman's Club of Westfield will sponsor its first annual coat drive Thursday through Saturday, November 5, 6 and 7, at the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street.

Drop boxes for clean coats in all sizes will be located in the main lobby of the library. The hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on November 5, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on November 6 and 7.

The club is working in conjunction with the Westfield Department of Human Services, and the coats will be distributed to local families in need.

For information on the Junior Woman's Club of Westfield, please visit the group's Internet Web site at www.westfieldnj.com/jwcv, or call Beth Lambert at (908) 789-1514.



A VERY SPECIAL AWARD... The Westfield Historical Society recently recognized Ralph H. Jones, left, a Past President and long-time member of the Society, by electing him as a Life Trustee for his many years of outstanding service. Donald F. Mokrauer, the current President, presented Mr. Jones with a framed certificate, noting that he is the only non-founding member of the Westfield Historical Society to be so honored.

Mountainside Dems Question Boro Costs

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

At Tuesday's Mountainside Council meeting, Democratic candidate for council Steve Brociner, asked Council President Keith Turner to respond to his recent letter to the editor that appeared in the Sunday, October 18, edition of the *Star Ledger* newspaper.

In his letter, Mr. Brociner accuses the Mayor and members of the council of using the borough's taxpayer money in a wasteful manner by overspending at the annual League of Municipalities convention in Atlantic City.

The November convention is ostensibly a work session for local officials gathering updates on new state legislation every year and provides as well, an opportunity for local lawmakers to hobnob with their counterparts from around the state.

In the letter, Mr. Brociner also makes a comparison between what Mountainside officials spend on the event and the amount the neighboring town of Berkeley Heights spends. He states that Berkeley Heights paid \$440 last year for lodging.

He also states that the township paid "the registration fee and mileage for 12 attendees." In contrast, Mr. Brociner states that Mountainside paid for 14 double rooms at the Sands Hotel and Casino costing \$90 per room, which would total \$1,260. He also states that the total bill for the 1995 convention cost the borough \$4,478.75.

In response, Mr. Turner told the audience that when records were checked with the Municipal Clerk of Berkeley Heights, Melissa Palsy, the total bill for the township's attendance was \$1,751.72.

Councilman Turner also told the audience that the number of attendees from Berkeley Heights was significantly smaller than that of Mountainside and that Berkeley Heights had seven representatives and Mountainside had 17.

He also said that another part of Mr. Brociner's letter was incorrect in that he stated "all councilmen attended both conventions and individual traveling expenses were paid separately." Mr. Turner said this was not true.

He told the audience that not all councilman attended the three-day conference.

Mr. Turner told the audience that he felt "the conference was very beneficial to the borough in that it keeps both the paid professional staff that works for the borough as well as

elects officials current and up to date on issues that are important to all residents."

After the meeting, officials told *The Westfield Leader* that the borough does pay for all those who attend. Those who attend any professional conference are entitled to be reimbursed on registration, food and lodging expenses. Officials said that the borough will pay up to \$50 per day per person on food.

Gregory Bonin, Borough Administrator, commented that the annual conferences were very valuable for the professional staff in that it provided Continuing Educational Units, which were essential to those in professional paid positions to continue their employment.

For example, Mr. Bonin said that the Municipal Clerk needs ten credits of continuing education each year to retain the title. It also keeps employees "on the cutting edge on issues in government," he said.

He also stated that it "helped local governments make better and responsible decisions."

Ms. Palsy confirmed there was indeed a total of seven people attending the conference last year, with a total bill amounting to \$1,751.17.

In other business, resident Susan Menninger, told the council that she was appalled at the recent letter that Mayor Viglianti had sent to Mountainside residents on "Taxes and Municipal Budgets."

She said she was disappointed because she felt the Mayor and Council did not support the Deerfield school and Mountainside's Board of Education. She said the Mayor described how the Council and Mayor have no control over the Board of Education budget.

The Mayor's comment in his letter, she said, stated "only when the Board of Education budget is defeated by public vote does the governing body have a voice in their process."

Mr. Turner addressed Mrs. Menninger saying that since the Mayor was not present at that meeting, she could address him when he returned next week. He also said that while he did not feel it was his place to speak for the Mayor he did say he believed the Mayor's letter did not have an agenda that was unsympathetic to the borough's school.

He also stated that it was the policy of the Council not to "bring politics into the schools, by interfering in the business of the Board of Education."

Mr. Turner also cited an example

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Compromise on 'Pocket Park' Funds Proves Two-Party System Can Work

Last week's decision on how to spend Union County matching grant funds in Westfield proves that when two opposing sides put their heads together, a compromise can come forward under the two-party system. Over the past few months there has been continuous dialogue on where to spend \$200,000 in funds from the county and the town as part of the county's Project Pocket Park Program.

While Democrats believed the focus should be on new projects, as opposed to those already in the so-called "pipeline," Republicans said the funds should be directed toward several projects approved by the Town Council under previous capital budgets to ensure they are completed.

In the end, four projects received funding: Gumbert Park, \$70,000; Sycamore Field, \$60,000, and Tamaques Field, \$40,000. An additional \$30,000 was spread out under a general category of "parks and recreation." Originally, under a proposal by Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., Memorial Park would have received funding.

The other Third Ward council representative, John J. Walsh, proposed that funding be provided for bathrooms at Gumbert; that a park be created to honor human rights advocate and one-time resident Paul Robeson and for a "pocket park" on Central Avenue, as well as for improvements at Tamaques Park, Sycamore Field and Mindowaskin Park.

We believe a number of good projects were put before the Ad Hoc Committee formed by Mayor Thomas C. Jardim which should be strongly considered by the Town Council when it begins the capital budget process in December. Top among them should be bathrooms at Gumbert — and for that matter, in other recreational areas — and the concrete overpass at Mindowaskin.

A number of other interesting projects were put before the committee, such as a Touch and Scent Garden at Rahway Avenue and Shadowlawn Drive, and the Robeson Park idea. These two projects,

though, should take a lower priority, since the condition of existing parks is well below par — and we are not just talking golf here.

Activities at Westfield's parks have increased dramatically over the years, with everything from Police Athletic League football games, elementary and intermediate schools' soccer games and Little League, as well as high school sports played on parks throughout the town.

The issue of parks and fields has been a continuing theme of this year's Mayoral and council races. The town needs to do the repairs and then create a continuing maintenance program which should be funded at least partially by the many organizations that use the fields on a continuous basis.

We believe Westfield's baseball and softball fields should be upgraded by the spring to eliminate the possibility of a serious injury. The main concern among the men's softball leagues has been Tamaques Park.

With half the cost of improvements at Sycamore funded through the program, hopefully, most of the remaining moneys can be raised by the soccer association in town. Or perhaps more funds can be included in the 1998 town budget.

The Downtown Westfield Corporation has proposed that small open spaces in the downtown be refurbished with seating to improve the appearance and ambiance of the business district.

As this year's budget process approaches, we will be listening closely as discussion ensues on projects concerning the future upgrade of Westfield's infrastructure — namely our parks, fields and roads. Now that Westfield's downtown vacancies have been filled, for the most part, all efforts should be headed in this direction.

So, while the process included a bumpy road, in the end a compromise was achieved, as was the case earlier this year with the passage of an exterior maintenance code.

Letters to the Editor

Mountainside Taxpayers Encouraged To Show More Interest in Government

As a homeowner in Mountainside since 1997, I'm puzzled by the public's lack of interest in its municipal government.

The Mayor made numerous promises in the writing of a big deduction in 1998 municipal taxes due to the end of the regional high school system. Never happened. In fact, my tax bill shows an increase. No accountable explanation from the governing body and, most disturbing, no outcry from the taxpayers. Don't they care?

Recently, a large portion of Mountainside was without power for three days and police officers maintained traffic control on Route No. 22. Not a word to the public on how to cope with this emergency and what was being done to alleviate the problem.

There doesn't seem to be any real media coverage of the borough, and maybe that's why one party has had 100 percent political control since year

one. Local papers reported that the League of Women Voters was willing to sponsor a public forum for the opposing Borough Council candidates, and the Republicans refused. And the public doesn't care.

The lack of interest by Mountainside taxpayers is alarming. Let's hope it changes soon, as lively discussions of the issues is always healthy and leads to accountable government.

John Shackelford
Mountainside

Town Personnel Earn Kudos for Aid To Family With Tree Emergency

We were reminded last night, once again, why Westfield is a great place to live. Friday night, October 9, at 9:30 p.m., while eating dinner with our visiting parents, we were interrupted by a huge crash.

A good portion of one of our 70 foot oak trees in our front yard had broken off and was leaning on the roof of our house across our electrical line. We called 911, and within a minute, there was a police car in front of my house.

Upon asking the officer if I should call Public Service Electric and Gas, he told me that he had already done so, as well as the Westfield Department of Public Works. While we were speaking, the Fire Department pulled up.

Within five minutes, three men from the Westfield Department of Public Works pulled up in a truck with a wood chipper attached, and a cherry-picker. They worked in the rain with the fire department standing by providing light

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POPCORN™
Happiness:
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One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent

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It has been said that the true nature of one's character can be judged by what one does when they believe no one is watching. True or not, it is in this very private world where director Todd Solondz unleashes his latest foray of shock value, profundity and outrageous humor.

The young filmmaker from New Jersey who brought us *Welcome to the Dollhouse*, Mr. Solondz carries "telling it like it is" to a new and deliriously unsettling level in *Happiness*. He dares illuminate the dark areas, gleefully gleaming material usually relegated to the recesses of our consciousness. What most folk would be hesitant to explore, this director turns into table conversation. Making casual a telling of the verboten, he is an artist delving in the underground rainbow of taboo and the impermissible.

Yet, despite all the stiletto effect which has become his stock in trade, Solondz is remarkably responsible, almost studious in the obsessive way he probes under the rocks of the human psyche. Detailing the gruesome tale of a pedestrast among the six or seven tarnished lives he dissects in *Happiness*, the filmmaker manages a chillingly objective insight one wouldn't expect in a work of fiction.

Addressing pedophilia so boldly, Solondz is to film what Lenny Bruce was to stand-up comedy, dealing nonchalantly with masturbation, phone sex, and a whole kaleidoscope of depravities and fetishes which probably haven't even been named yet.

Whereas director David Lynch (*Blue Velvet*, *Lost Highway*) has long been fond of investigating the fringe desperadoes who operate up and down the dark alleyways of normal civilization, it is Mr. Solondz's contention that there is another community festering right under our noses, within the sub-text of our very own society...that all people, in varying degrees, have two lives...the outward, public persona, and the very private, passion-concealing self.

Most of the movie's bizarre characters would agree that the road to happiness is paved with misery and depression. Take Allen, for example, played with disconcerting intensity by Phillip Seymour Hoffman. A heavy breather with an uncontrollable penchant for naughty anonymous phone calls to the ladies, the pathetic nowhere man admittedly bores his psychiatrist to death.

But Dr. Maplewood, the aforementioned pedophile played with frightening brilliance by Dylan Baker, doesn't much care. His sordid mind is elsewhere...scheming his next conquest.

And then there is Trish (Cynthia Stevenson) and her two sisters. Married to the film's Dr. Jekyll, Trish hasn't a clue that hubby is really Mr. Hyde. She has catapulted self-delusion to a new art form. Bragging to her sister, Helen (Lara Flynn Boyle), about "having it all," the psychiatrist's wife is surely her suburban wasteland's poster girl.

Helen Jordan, on the other hand, is an attractive artist, somehow a poet of note despite her profound vacuity — an alluring portrait of office and self-loathing. When the heavy breather calls and tells her that she is nothing, and then proceeds to describe his litany of sexual intentions, she scares him off, for a time, by turning the tables and pursuing him.

Add an obese rape victim/hatchet murderer, Kristina (Camryn Manheim), to this cauldron of lovelorn bliss seekers, and that only leaves the third Jordan sister, Joy (Jane Adams), the just-turned-30 plain Jane who has had little luck in love and even less success with her music career. Feigning interest in Joy's plight while actually high-hating their unsettled sis, catty Trish and Helen advance sibling rivalry to a terminal illiness. So bland she almost doesn't deserve happiness, Joy is the film's innocent, an Alice in Dysfunctional Land, a Candide left to swim in a bath of snakes.

Unable to help themselves, the deviants recall all those old Wolfman movies. The moon is about to be full, and the

Wolfman begs to be locked up...so that he won't be able to give way to his inner demon. One wonders, were all those fantastical films mere metaphors for what Mr. Solondz now brings into full daylight?

It is near amazing how, in telling his several tales out of school, Solondz mimics the manic-depressive realities of life itself, alternating between outright hilarity to deeply somber doings without compromising either emotion.

Sitting on the couch at a watershed moment, contemplating his ghastly duality, Dylan Baker's Dr. Bill Maplewood carefully explains his sickness to son Billy (Rufus Read). It is dark in the room, medium light and shadow on the child molester's face. Billy, approaching puberty, has concerns of his own, and in the role of parent, the doctor is aware of the child's need to know. Eyes as hollow as Orphan Annie's, the monster carefully details his heinous pathology.

There is haunting, dead silence in the theater. Only minutes ago the audience was crowded with laughter, howling at the heavy breather's mind-boggling ineptitude. But there is no sympathy for the telephone pervert, and even less for Dr. Maplewood. Only a question. What to do with all this disturbing information?

Happiness, not rated, is a Good Machine release directed by Todd Solondz and stars Jane Adams, Dylan Baker and Lara Flynn Boyle. Running time: 135 minutes.

THE WORD
SLEUTHS
BY JO & JOHN JACOBSON

HUSTINGS

Hustings is a term that is frequently heard during political campaigns. It has some interesting relations which have appeared in this column — for example: husband and hussy. The first element of all of these words is hus-, which has the basic sense of "to hide, cover or shelter" and which eventually became the English word house.

Hustings was originally used only in its singular form and literally meant "house thing." It described an early Anglo-Saxon tribal assembly or government. Hustings eventually gave way to the Norman French word parliament which, in turn, came from the French word parler, "to talk." Thereafter, the English limited hustings to its plural form and defined it as "a platform on which people running for parliament stand and make speeches to their constituents."

Hustings is currently used colloquially in the United States and Britain in phrases such as, "take to the hustings." If this colloquialism stumps you, just think of a politician going on the stump; an idiom that describes the earlier campaign practice of giving speeches while standing on a tree stump. Perhaps these campaigners felt that the stump raised the level of their rhetoric.

'Yes' Vote on Second Question Will Keep New Jersey Green Into 21st Century and Beyond

By DONALD T. DIFRANCESCO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

In January of this year, in my annual State of the Senate address, I announced that open space preservation would be the state Legislature's top priority in 1998. At the same time, Governor Christine Todd Whitman outlined her own open space protection program with the goal of preserving one million acres over the next ten years.

Together, we shared a common objective of securing a stable source of funding to protect New Jersey's remaining farmland and open spaces before they are lost forever.

Over the course of the next several months, the legislative process saw various initiatives aimed at preserving open spaces, though each was different in terms of the scope of the program and how it was funded. The final version to emerge from the Legislature in June was one on which everyone could agree was the best plan to preserve the beauty of the Garden State for our children and for our grandchildren.

Even established, densely populated counties, such as Union County, can benefit from a statewide Open Space Preservation Program. The dollars raised through the legislation can be used to maintain and beautify existing park land and reserves, and can even create open spaces and recreational areas where there once were abandoned buildings or empty lots.

Time is growing short to protect the Garden State's remaining open spaces, and New Jersey needs a statewide plan of attack now if we are to preserve the New Jersey we know and love for future generations.

It is our responsibility to protect New Jersey's disappearing open space and farmland for our children and

grandchildren. The beautiful lands and clean waters which we enjoyed as children should be the birthright of every New Jersey citizen. Passing ballot question No. 1 will allow us to protect New Jersey's open spaces without raising taxes.

In fact, it does not contain any additional cost to the taxpayer at all. The proposal relies on \$98 million a year for the next 10 years from existing sales tax revenue to purchase open space, farmland and historic sites, as well as to provide a total of \$1 billion dedicated to protecting these natural resources.

Our nation has spent the bulk of the 20th century investing in technology, in our industrial capacity, and in our transportation infrastructure, raising the standard of living for successive generations of Americans.

Now, as this century draws to a close, we recognize more than ever that our quality of life depends on the sanctity of our environment and the existence of open spaces. As the next century begins, we now understand the need for balance between development that threatens our natural resources and the availability of recreation and conservation land.

There is no question that the people of New Jersey support open space, farmland and historic preservation, in some cases, at any cost. Beginning with the first Green Acres Bond Act in 1961, the voters of New Jersey have supported every bond issue dedicated for natural resource preservation and open space acquisition.

As a result, we have already saved close to 900,000 acres of land. It is also significant to point out that in 1992, voters gave overwhelming support to preserving another New Jersey natural resource, the Jersey shore, by voting to create a stable source of funding to ensure our beaches were adequately protected.

I believe that SCR-66 will give the voters one more opportunity to express their support for natural resource protection. This amendment is a long-range plan of action that will preserve more than half of the remaining open space in our state. Forty percent of New Jersey's land mass could be protected through a combination of this program and past legislative initiatives.

We can't afford to waste any more time. The time to preserve our open spaces is now, before there is nothing left to protect.

I am confident voters will agree with me and will embrace this initiative in November just as they have embraced every previous ballot question pertaining to Green Acres or open space preservation. Let us support this initiative to ensure a greener New Jersey and a better quality of life for us all.

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

Dr. Stephen Schoeman
Scotch Plains

Letters to the Editor

Country Has Strange Sense of Morality Regarding President's 'High Crimes'

The President of the United States is being accused of having committed high crimes and misdemeanors sufficient for his impeachment by the United States House of Representatives and conviction by the United States Senate for sexual indiscretion and a subsequent cover-up.

There is, however, a strange sense of morality in our country. Is it not a high crime and misdemeanor for United States Senators and Congressmen to vote against gun control legislation, to vote against restricting cigarette advertising to teenagers, to refuse to pay the more than billion dollars in back dues to the United Nations for its many humanitarian programs and peace-keeping operations, to oppose efforts to stop the ethnic cleansing in The Balkans, to fragment further the social safety net, to gut environmental law, and to fund military programs the Pentagon does not want? Which is the greater immorality?

No one, including the President himself, denies that the President acted

wrongly and perhaps should be censured but the true censure should be of those national legislators and their colleagues in state legislatures who back this lobby or that lobby and think neither of the nation's interest nor of the state's interests which by constitutional oath they are sworn to uphold.

At least the President tried to apologize for his conduct in a country with a media and a Congress with legislators who will accept no apology and whose focus upon the President's conduct deflects needed public attention away from the issues so vital to the future of our beloved country and of a war-torn and hunger-ravished world.

It is almost as if there is some subconscious belief or instinct that through the punishment of the President for his own moral misbehavior all moral misbehavior can be cleansed, forgiven, and forgotten.

Park User Appeals to Town Council To Preserve Tamaques Green Space

I have been a resident of Westfield for over 15 years and I have never written a letter to the newspaper until now. My concern centers on the plan that seems to be underway to cut trees and clear land in Tamaques Park to make additional parking lots.

Many people in the community go to the park to relax, enjoy nature and escape from urbanization. My family uses the park often and we have never found parking to be a problem.

I hope the Town Council members keep in mind how quickly a tree can be felled in relation to how long it takes one to grow to maturity. Please ask yourself why suburban communities are crying

out for "Pocket Park" projects. Perhaps a lack of vision in planning in the past has caused this to happen. Please don't be shortsighted now. Our precious and limited green space that remains should be protected.

I find it ironic that the same governing body that has applied for "Pocket Park" funds to create "green spaces" in town seems so willing to destroy existing "green spaces" in Tamaques Park.

I urge you to look for alternative solutions. Please act before it is too late.

Kim M. Sokol
Westfield

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Neighbor Is Opposed To Parking Spaces At Tamaques Park

I am opposed to adding any parking spaces in Tamaques Park. I live near the park and am there frequently. The present parking lots are never full. Weekends can be crowded, that is true, but that is only occasionally.

Let's not trade one single inch of our beautiful green park for cement.

Anne Glasser
Westfield

Headline on SID Story Called 'Inflammatory'

Editor's Note: The following letter was submitted by Lee M. Hale who chaired a special Task Force created by former Mayor Bud Boothe to look into the feasibility of a downtown special improvement district (SID) in Westfield. The SID was eventually created in June of 1996 by the Town Council.

The Morristown special improvement district court case challenges the fairness of taxing commercial properties within the SID, but not taxing residential properties within the SID.

The Morristown case has no application to Westfield, where the SID includes only commercial properties.

That being the case, I think that *The Westfield Leader* headline on the SID article is inflammatory, that your positioning of the article as the main news story is out of proportion, and that the insinuated connection to Westfield is inappropriate.

I believe the Westfield SID has been and will be a very positive force in improving downtown Westfield to the benefit of us as customers, and the favorable impact on our home values. And I hate to see it maligned and treated unfairly.

Lee M. Hale
Westfield



***** Campaign Forum '98 *****

Mr. Greco Urges Focus On Critical Town Issues



Norman Greco

WESTFIELD — Now, more than ever, Westfield has an opportunity to make a difference in the November 3 Westfield Mayoral election, according to independent Mayoral candidate Norman N. Greco.

"As a resident of Westfield, each of us has a responsibility to vote on November 3. As we all know, Westfield is a dynamic community that constantly evolves. More and more of our free time is absorbed by family and community activities. Many times, we take for granted the wonderful surroundings that Westfield presents and forget the hard work that is required to keep this community vibrant.

"This year offers you the opportunity to elect an independent candidate who will resolve the crucial issues facing our town. The position of Mayor is similar to that of a head coach of a football team. The coach does not kick, throw or catch the football. He sets the direction of the team," Mr. Greco said.

"Similarly, the Mayor is responsible to set the tone and direction of the Town Council and town administration. Your vote on November 3 will entrust this responsibility to one individual and set the tone for the future of Westfield.

"I sincerely hope that each and every one of Westfield's voters will

make a concerted effort to elect a Mayor who will take the responsibilities of this office seriously. These are trying times for all of us. Increased taxes, decreased funding, corporate downsizing, and shrinking budgets.

"These are times when all the qualities of constructive leadership will be put to the test. Times when all decisions will be closely monitored, and best intentions are not good enough. These are times that require a concerted team effort to insure that Westfield remains special," Mr. Greco continued in his final statement of the campaign.

"I promise you that if elected, I will apply myself to the task with every fiber of my being, striving to be the best possible Mayor of Westfield," he said.

"The right to vote is the foundation upon which our country was formed. This right should not be taken matter-of-factly," he said.

Mr. Greco urged voters to show "the love they have for our town by voting for a Mayoral candidate who has a definite platform on the campaign issues, who has not indulged in character assassination, and who wants people to know the truth."

Mr. Greco stated, "Our town needs a person who believes in the community, who has a history in Westfield, and will work to preserve our town's heritage for future generations. I am the correct candidate to bring Westfield into the 21st century."

"I am a straight-forward, common sense, down-to-earth person who will bring a business-like approach to town government. Westfield needs a Mayor that will unify all branches of local government without partisan politics," he concluded.



Paul J. Peyton for The Westfield Leader and The Times
LAUNCHING TAX RELIEF PLAN...Congressman Bob Franks thanks Westfield First Ward Councilwoman and Republican Mayoral candidate Gail S. Vernick for her efforts to inform him of the need for property tax relief for senior citizens.

Congressman Franks, Mrs. Vernick Unveil Senior Tax Relief Plan

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

Four years after launching her Westfield Cares Program, Westfield First Ward Councilwoman and Republican Mayoral contender Gail S. Vernick joined Republican Congressman Bob Franks Tuesday to launch the Seniors Real Property Tax Relief Act of 1998.

The legislation, H.R. 4713, would enable eligible senior citizens who do not itemize on their deductions on

their federal income tax to deduct the property taxes they pay on their home.

The bill would also create a new tax-free savings plan to help homeowners pay their property taxes after they retire. Homeowners, as part of the legislation, would set up a property tax individual retirement account, or IRA, where they would set aside money while they are em-

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Mayor Jardim Proposes Sidewalk Repair Incentive Program for Capital Budget



Thomas C. Jardim

WESTFIELD - Westfield Democratic Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, who is seeking a second term, recently announced his support for a sidewalk repair incentive program for the Town of Westfield.

This program calls for a 50-50 sharing of the cost of repairing or replacing broken sidewalks between the town and residents.

Through a referral memorandum to the Town Administrator and the Town Council's Public Works and Finance Committees, Mayor Jardim outlined the details of the program.

"This program would be similar to that utilized in many other towns in New Jersey and around the country," the Mayor stated. "The municipality would budget a fixed amount of funds each year - based on the popularity of the program - and residents could apply to share the cost of having sidewalks repaired by an outside contractor retained by the municipality."

"Like the town's current program of curb assessments, residents could either pay their portion of the cost in a lump sum or as a yearly assessment," the Mayor indicated.

"Anyone who has ever tried to push a baby stroller or walk on the sidewalk at night knows the hazards that exist throughout the town on our sidewalks," Mayor Jardim stated.

Mayor Jardim requested that the council appropriate \$100,000 in the 1999 capital budget for the first year of the program. Such an appropriation, if approved by the council, would allow the program to begin by spring of 1999.

Officials have good reason to encourage property owners to fix dilapidated sidewalks, Mayor Jardim stated.

"Even though Westfield, like many

towns, has an ordinance saying property owners are responsible for maintenance of sidewalks, such ordinances have not shielded municipalities from being sued," said Mayor Jardim.

"Sidewalk lawsuits are among the most common types of suits filed against municipalities, with as many as one sidewalk related lawsuit filed each week. It's as much dollars and cents, as it is common sense, for us to encourage their repair. It's also a matter of equity, as the roots of many town-owned trees have raised portions of some sidewalks, causing them to crack," the Mayor stated.

With literally miles of valuable and attractive blue-slate sidewalks, it is particularly important that residents understand this program would assist with repairs as well as replace.

"We should strive to preserve what we have, if possible," he stated.

Gail Vernick
 3x10½

Marian Hove
 2x2

WoodPlay
 3x4

Larry Goldman
 3x7

COMCAST
 3x3

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Miss Lori Ann Benjamin and Francis Quinn

*Miss Lori Ann Benjamin
To Marry Francis Quinn*

Ms. Luana Tringali of Dania, Florida and Peter Benjamin of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lori Ann Benjamin of Dania, to Francis Quinn of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, formerly of Westfield. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Quinn

Eric G. Malgeri Earns Master of Arts Degree
WESTFIELD - Westfield resident Eric G. Malgeri was among 744 students who were recently awarded academic degrees from Boston University. He received a Master of Arts Degree in Biochemistry.

of Westfield. A 1988 graduate of South Broward High School, the bride-to-be earned her nursing degree from Broward College in 1995. She is employed as a medical-surgical nurse with Broward General Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale.

The future bridegroom graduated in 1987 from Oratory Prep School in Summit. He was awarded his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Marketing and Economics from Saint Leo College in Saint Leo, Florida, in 1991.

He is employed by Merck and Company as a Market Development Manager. The couple will be married in April of 1999 in Florida.



Ms. Carolina M. Nazzaro and Marc Bazerman

*Ms. Carolina Nazzaro
To Wed Marc Bazerman*

Ms. Carolina M. Nazzaro, the daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Nazzaro of Westfield and the late Joseph A. Nazzaro, has announced her engagement to Marc Bazerman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Bazerman of Middletown, New York. The bride-elect holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Catho-

*Mary Lucelia
Welcomed by
Norwine Family*

lic University of America in Washington, D.C., and a Master of Arts Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Montclair State University in Upper Montclair.

She is employed by the Ridgefield Board of Education as an English and journalism teacher. Her fiancé is a graduate of the Center for the Media Arts in New York City. He is employed by Pomann Sound Productions in New York City as a recording engineer.

A wedding is planned for July of next year. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Norwine of Cranford have announced the birth of their daughter, Mary Lucelia Norwine, on Monday, October 5, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

She joins her sister, Emily, age 2½. Mary's maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Dean Carlson of Westfield.

Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Norwine, also of Westfield.

The baby is named for two of her great-grandmothers.

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**'Taste of Westfield'
Set for Saturday**

"Taste of Westfield," a benefit to raise money for First Night, will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Local restaurants, bakeries and caterers will be serving samplings of their cuisine.

Tickets are still available at the Westfield "Y," 220 Clark Street. Admission is \$35 in advance and \$50 at the door.



MR. AND MRS. EUGENE LEO KEMP
(She is the former Miss Kristin Lee Cicero)

*Miss Kristin Lee Cicero
Weds Eugene Leo Kemp*

Miss Kristin Lee Cicero, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Edward Cicero of Westfield, was married on Saturday, June 20, to Eugene Leo Kemp of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ero Selander of Southington, Connecticut.

The Reverend William Morris and the Reverend Peter O'Brien officiated at the afternoon ceremony, which took place at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. A reception was held at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin, off-the-shoulder, Victoria SL Signature gown with a sweetheart neckline and light bead work. Complementing the gown was a chapel-length train and a fingertip-length veil with a beaded crown. She carried a cascading teardrop bouquet of roses in pastel shades.

Miss Maria Santomauro of Westfield was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids included Miss Jennifer Kemp of Southington, Connecticut, the sister of the bridegroom; Miss Joanne Kostrzewa of Linden, Miss Ann Wielgus and Miss Tricia Weeks, both of Scotch Plains, Miss Whitney Biese of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, Miss Charlotte Pickett of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Miss Krysti McNichol of Asbury.

The maid of honor and the bridesmaids all wore long, wine-colored empire style gowns with a satin top and crepe bottom. They carried bouquets of roses in shades of pink, accented with a star gazer lily and garden flowers in shades of lavender.

Nathan Manzon of Catonswood, Maryland was the best man. Serving as ushers were Marc Cicero of Westfield, the brother of the bride; Eric Ledieu of Cordova, Tennessee, Steven Kulp and David Detweiler, both of Catonswood; Aaron Squire of Lakeland, Florida, Dennis Chen of Spring

City, Pennsylvania and Daniel Temple of Wilmington, Delaware.

The bride, a 1993 graduate of Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains, received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania in 1997. She is employed as a registered nurse at Lankenau Hospital in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

The bridegroom graduated in 1992 from Owen J. Roberts High School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. He was awarded his Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing from Villanova University in 1996, and is employed as a computer systems analyst at Software Design Concepts in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the bridegroom at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield. Bridal showers were given by Mrs. Barbara Loffredo, Miss Nancy Korn and Mrs. Patricia Gadek at Mrs. Loffredo's Westfield home; by the bridal attendants at the home of Mrs. Anne Wischusen of Westfield, and by Miss Sandy Geiser, Miss Debbie Geiser and Mrs. Linda Selander in Philadelphia. A bridal brunch was given by Mrs. Patricia Jakubowski of Westfield.

Following a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple reside in Bryn Mawr.

**Atlas Chapter No. 99,
Order of Eastern Star,
To Hold Annual Bazaar**

WESTFIELD - Atlas Chapter No. 99, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold its Annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 1011 Central Avenue, Westfield.

Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas crafts, a "nearly new table," baked goods and jewelry will be available.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Calderone
2x2

Abbot
2x3

Lancaster
2x8

Dudick
2x3

Martin Jewlers
2x8

Valley Furniture
2x7½

Philathalians of Fanwood Enter 67th Year Serving Local Theater Lovers

By MICHELLE H. LePOIDEVIN
Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times
Editor's Note: The following is a continuation of this newspaper's series of articles on community theaters as part of the celebration of October as Arts and Humanities Month.

 The historical Fanwood Carriage House on 129 Watson Road in Fanwood embodies the theatrical spirit of The Philathalians, a theater troupe which has convened for approximately 67 years.

The Philathalians derives its name from the Greek word "phila" meaning "lover of" and "Thalia," the Goddess of comedy.

The group combined its love for theater and comedy in 1932, when a group of Fanwood residents formed a drama club to create a diversion from the doldrums of the Great Depression and met as a social club. The members were employees of Westinghouse Corporation who shared a love for theater.

Plays and workshops were held in the homes of troupe members who began staging plays in local churches and schools. Over the years, the theater was housed at the Fanwood Bank. In 1961, the theater moved to a barn on Elm Street in Fanwood.

In 1982, the Philathalians began performing in the Carriage House, a historical landmark in Fanwood. The group transformed the House into theater space, accommodating room for a stage, audience seating with a capacity for 50 audience members, a backstage area, dressing room and storage area. Former Mayor now Union County

Freeholder Linda d. Stender, the Fanwood Borough Council and the Junior Women's Club of Fanwood were responsible for leading the conversion of the Carriage House into the present theater.

The Philathalians are strictly a volunteer-based membership organization with many opportunities for participation in various capacities such as helping backstage or working on sets, makeup, props and publicity.

A membership cost of \$15 includes one complimentary ticket to each production. Members are also asked to become active in at least one production.

According to Jan Gabrielson, Vice President of Production, The Philathalians had a table at Fanny Wood Day.

Last year, the theater was nominated for a Perry Award for Best Production of *Other People's Money* and was nominated in 1996 for Best Acting Ensemble in its production of *Painting Churches*, which was directed by Gordon Weiner.

Mr. Weiner, a member of the Philathalians, described the various upcoming productions which are planned for the season.

The season will begin with the fall production of Paul Osborn's *On Borrowed Time* which will be directed by Mr. Weiner. The play will run for four weekends, beginning on Friday, October 30.

Play It Again, Sam, a Woody Allen creation, opens on Friday, February 12, and will be directed by Dennis Freeland.

On Friday, April 23, the theater will present *The House of Blue Leaves*, a play by John Guare to be directed by Ed Guinan.

The Philathalians call themselves "a thriving, growing part of the fabric of Fanwood." The theater invites new volunteers to contact them at (908) 322-8686.

They note that, "If you can hammer a nail, paint scenery, sew a costume, or serve refreshments, you can be an active member of The Philathalians."

The future holds great possibilities for the Philathalians. The Borough of Fanwood has started an effort to renovate the Carriage House to transform it into a cultural arts center.

The renovations include the installation of a handicapped bathroom. According to Ms. Gabrielson, a new shingled roof was added to the building as part of the renovations. The theater group intends to maintain the "historical integrity" which encompasses the Carriage House.



JOIN OUR SALE...The Westfield Day Care Center Auxiliary will hold its annual children's outgrown clothing, toy and book sale on Friday, October 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, October 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Westminster Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 110 Mountain Avenue. For further information, please call the center at (908) 232-6717. All profits will benefit the Auxiliary's Scholarship Fund. The center's tuition is based on a sliding scale which allows qualified families to receive some scholarship funding. Pictured are Katie Caruso, left, and Emily Gretscky of the center.

Westfield Test Scores Surpass State and National Average

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Public School district has announced that the combined average of the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) for the Westfield High School (WHS) graduating class of 1998 was 1113, with 562 in mathematics and 551 in the verbal portion.

These results are 96 points higher than the national average of 1017, and 108 points above the state average of 1005, according to school district spokeswoman Lorre Korecky.

Ninety-eight percent of the WHS graduating class took the SATs, which is the largest percentage in recent history, the spokeswoman confirmed.

In addition to the achievements of the 1998 graduating class, nine WHS seniors also achieved exceptional SAT scores. Last spring, five of these students received perfect 800 scores on the SAT I, and there were seven perfect scores on the SAT II.

Jeffrey Diamond, Yair Ghitza and Andrew Lange scored 800 on the mathematics portion, while Jessica Hu and Ilka Netravali tallied 800s on the verbal section of the test.

In the SAT II (tests in specific subjects), Tara Bhandari, Caitlin Nish and Amy Phillips obtained 800 each in Writing; Jessica Hu and Andrew Lange scored 800 each in Math Level 2; and So Young Yang received a

perfect score in Korean.

WHS students also excelled in Advanced Placement tests administered this spring. The results indicate that 88 percent of the tests taken by WHS students were at levels 3, 4 or 5—levels necessary for advanced standing or credit in colleges and universities, Mrs. Korecky said. This exceeds the national average of approximately 64 percent.

In May, 159 students took the Advanced Placement (AP) tests, with 140 achieving level 3 or better in one or more AP tests.

Westfield High School offers 14 advanced placement courses including United States History, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, European History, French, American Government, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Physics, Psychology, and Spanish.

In releasing the SAT and AP results, Dr. Cas Jakubik, Supervisor of Guidance, said, "The members of the Class of 1998 have every reason to be proud of their accomplishments on the SAT I, SAT II and Advanced Placement Tests."

"Their achievements reflect their academic ideals and their personal commitment to excellence," he concluded.

Bond Referendum Discussions To Begin Tonight at Jefferson

WESTFIELD - Dr. William J. Foley, Superintendent of Westfield Public Schools, will discuss the proposed school bond referendum and recommendations of the Citizens' Advisory Committee during upcoming information sessions to which the public is invited.

Details of the proposal will be presented by Dr. Foley at Jefferson Elementary School on Boulevard tonight, Thursday, October 22, at 8:15 p.m.; Franklin Elementary School on Prospect Street on Thursday, November 5, at 7:30 p.m.; Washington Elementary School on St. Marks Avenue on Monday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m., and Tamaques Elementary School on Willow Grove Road on Wednesday, November 18, at 7:15 p.m.

Dr. Foley and Business Adminis-

trator Robert Berman will also be on hand to answer questions during the programs.

The sessions are sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO) and Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) of the school district.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee, which was comprised of volunteers representing a cross section of the community, has recommended an \$11.7 million bond to fund capital improvements, classroom additions and technology infrastructure in the school district. The Board of Education unanimously supports the recommendations.

For more information or to schedule a presentation by Dr. Foley or Mr. Berman, please call the Office of the Superintendent at (908) 789-4420.

LEARN Speaker to Focus On Fibromyalgia Syndrome

SCOTCHPLAINS—Marie Kassai, the Director of Patient Care, Chief Nurse Executive of General Hospital Center in Passaic, will address the League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses (LEARN) on Monday, October 26, at 7:45 p.m. at the All Saints' Episcopal Church Parish House, 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The program will provide information about Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS). Nurse participants will be given an explanation of Fibromyalgia and how to identify the conditions which may co-exist with FMS.

Contact hours, which count as credit hours, of 2.4 have been submitted for approval to the New Jersey State Nurses Association, which is accredited as an approver of Continuing Education in Nursing by the American Nurses Association Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Ms. Kassai, a certified HIV Counselor, is Past President of the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology. She is also a lecturer and author on topics related to infection control and patient care.

LEARN, a professional organiza-

tion for registered nurses, offers eight programs per academic year on current nursing topics. There is an annual membership fee of \$35, or a guest fee of \$10 per program.

For more information, please write to LEARN, P.O. Box 6, Scotch Plains, 07076, or call the Program Coordinator at (908) 272-7239.

SP Board of Education Alters School Calendar

SCOTCHPLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education has announced the cancellation of staff professional days scheduled for Friday, October 23; Friday, December 4, and Friday, January 8, 1999.

The days were canceled due to job actions currently being staged by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association, according to school officials.

All students will attend school for a full day on each of these days. Please note that this is a change from the single-session days which were originally scheduled.

Women Voters Issue Overview Of Area Races

The Union County Leagues of Women Voters has announced that copies of its General Election overview are available at the offices of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*, 50 Elm Street in Westfield, and at the Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside libraries.

The overview profiles candidates for Union County Freeholder, Sheriff, and the Seventh and 10th Congressional Districts. Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 3.

The league serves the Westfield Area as well as the communities of Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Elizabeth, Hillside, Linden, New Providence, Plainfield, Springfield, Summit and Union.

Ashbrook Center Plans Pumpkin Contest

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains has announced the return of its annual "Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin" contest.

All children between the ages of 3 to 12 are invited to visit Ashbrook, located at 1610 Raritan Road, to guess the weight of a giant-sized pumpkin. Prizes will be awarded to the children who come closest to guessing the correct weight.

Entry forms are now available at Ashbrook's reception desk, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. One entry per child is permitted.

The winner will be announced on Saturday, October 31. For more information, please call Ashbrook's Activity Department at (908) 889-5500.

Woman's Club Plans Benefit Dining Event At Area Friendly's

FANWOOD - The Woman's Club of Fanwood, in cooperation with Friendly's Restaurant in Mountainside, will hold a fundraiser/benefit dinner on Thursday, October 22, from 5 to 8 p.m.

At that time, the public is invited to eat dinner, or buy food for take-out, at Friendly's. The money spent on dinners will help the Woman's Club of Fanwood raise funds for their many donations to local charities and service organizations.

For further information, please call Barbara Couphos, Club President, at (908) 322-7892.

Greenbaum
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Town Book
2x3

Bramnick
2x8

Del Rocca's
2x4

Cusimano
2x8

Westfield Chamber to Honor H. Emerson Thomas at Dinner

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will honor former Mayor H. Emerson Thomas at its 50th Anniversary Dinner and Faith In Westfield Awards Ceremony this Monday, October 26, at 6 p.m. at The Primavera, owned by the Ferraro family, in Stirling.



H. Emerson Thomas

"If anyone deserves the title 'Mr. Westfield,' it is H. Emerson Thomas," said Darryl Walker, Chamber Vice Chairman. "We are so pleased that he will be our guest of honor at the Chamber's 50th Anniversary Dinner."

Sharon Dennis Wyeth To be Guest Reader At Fanwood Library

FANWOOD — The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library have invited children ages 5 through 14 to visit the library on Monday, October 26, at 3:30 p.m., when children's book author Sharon Dennis Wyeth will read from her book "Vampire Bugs."

The author has written several stories for children during the past 10 years, including "Always My Dad," "The World of Daughter McGuire," "Something Beautiful," and her latest novel for middle schoolers, "Once on This River."

Ms. Wyeth is a former singer, actor, producer and teacher who now pursues full-time writing from her home in Montclair. Her stories often reflect her experience as an African American.

Admission is free and books will be available for purchase and signing. The library is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road.

An active member of the Westfield community throughout his life, Mr. Thomas served as Mayor for six years, and also as a councilman. The fountain in Mindowaskin Park is named after him in recognition of his many years of service to Westfield.

Mr. Thomas is a long-time member of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and served as a Director on the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce Board.

He is the founder of the Westfield Foundation, and served as their President and a Director. He is also a Past President and Director of the Westfield "Y" Board of Trustees, and the first recipient of the "Golden Man" Award.

Mr. Thomas additionally served on the Frost Valley YMCA Camp and Conference Center Board as Founder, Vice President, and Director. The organization's new dining hall, known as "Thomas Lodge," was dedicated in his honor.

He is an active member of the Rotary Club of Westfield and was honored by them as Humanitarian of the Year in 1988. He is a Past President and Director of the Westfield Community Center and a Past Vice President and Director of Children's Specialized Hospital.

As a member of the Westfield United Fund Board of Trustees, he founded the Pillars Club, a special recognition for generous donors.

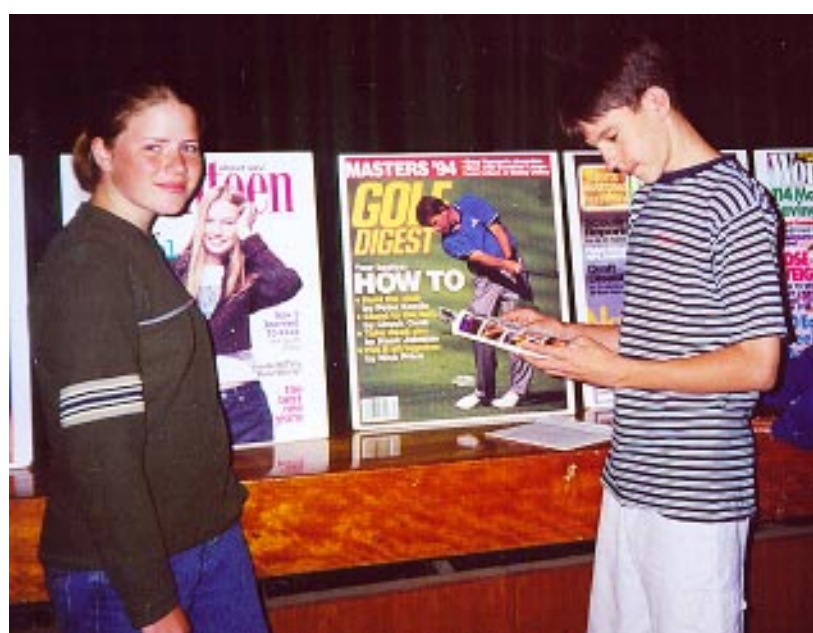
"The community is invited to be a part of this gala celebration," said Debbie Schmidt, Chamber Executive Director.

Reservations for the dinner may be made at the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce office, 111 Quimby Street, at (908) 233-3021. Tickets are \$50 per person, with wine and beer included.

Gardenaires to Present Illustrated Slide Show

The Gardenaires of Westfield recently announced that Ginny Seabrook of Westfield will give an illustrated slide show of "The Flora and Fauna of the Arctic" at the club's meeting on Wednesday, October 28, at noon at the Scotch Hills Country Club on Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

For the past 15 years, Mrs. Seabrook and her husband have been avid



MAGAZINE MARKET...The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) of Edison Intermediate School in Westfield is holding its annual magazine sale to help raise money for its programs. Pictured above, left to right, are Stephanie Finn, Charles Hely and David Eisenberg as they select materials for the sale.

Miller-Cory House Museum To Be Included in Festival

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield will be among 20 museums on a free two-day fall tour of Union County's historical sites, entitled "Four Centuries In A Weekend — A Journey Through Union County's History."

This heritage festival is designed to help promote national awareness of the arts and humanities, according to Miller-Cory spokeswoman Dorothy Petre.

The Miller-Cory House will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 25. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

The museum will conduct tours of the house and gardens along with demonstrations of 18th century cooking.

The Miller-Cory House Museum has

been certified as an historic site and has been entered on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Visitors are introduced to a variety of Colonial-era skills as trained artisans and costumed docents recreate the everyday life, crafts and tasks of a typical 18th- and early 19th-century farm family in Westfield, the spokeswoman said.

On Sunday, November 1, from 2 to 5 p.m., the museum will resume its weekly program schedule and feature an "Apple Bee" and open-hearth cooking, focusing on apple recipes.

For further information about the museum, group tours and the fall schedule of events, please call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

Parent Support Group Announces Meeting

The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC), Inc. Parent Support Group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, October 28, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The guest speaker will be registered nurse Maureen McDonnell, who will discuss how nutrition impacts children with autism. Nancy Arvizzigno will be the facilitator for the event.

Family members of children with autism from any county are invited to attend this free support group.

COSAC sponsors nine parent support groups throughout New Jersey. The purpose of each group is to help parents and family members learn more about autism and relevant issues, to share experiences, and to offer and receive support.

For directions or for further information, please call Catherine Zane at (609) 883-8100.

Musical Club Auditions Slated for Performers Of Classical Music

WESTFIELD — The Musical Club of Westfield will hold auditions for individuals interested in performing classical music on Wednesday, November 4.

Two pieces must be performed. One selection must be of the Classical or Baroque period, and the other of the Romantic or Modern period.

Interested persons may call either Caroline Holt at (908) 232-6332 or Barbara Krause at (908) 272-5549. Both men and women are invited to audition.

The Musical Club of Westfield, now in its 83rd season, provides an opportunity for musical performance, social interaction, and education through its scholarship program.

Letters to the Editor

Let's Get Our Bathrooms in Place Before Adding More Parking Lots

I am a mother of a 4-year-old daughter and live near Tamaques Park. The park can be both a delight and a danger.

We enjoy using the playgrounds, tennis courts and fields. However, the number of cars, the speeds at which they travel, and lack of effective parking laws makes it dangerous at times to run or even push a baby carriage.

If the speed and volume of cars is not enough, then the cars parking on the right side of the road make traveling even more difficult.

Having mentioned all this you, could imagine my disbelief when I heard about the plans to add three new parking lots to a park famous for its half empty lots. To add insult to injury, these 71 — yes 71 —

new spaces were at a cost of \$71,000. Would this change in parking spaces help make the park safer?

A resounding "no" is the answer that comes to my mind and that of friends and neighbors as well. This money should be used to maybe add a water fountain (there is only one in the park) or better yet, strictly enforce park speed limits and diminish, if not eliminate, parking on the right side of the road.

Little did I know that this \$71,000 was just the tip of the iceberg. The "Pocket Park" program has close to \$200,000 available for use. This amount of money warrants a serious specific plan. Aside from the above mentioned ideas, bathrooms in this town are obviously a problem.

Gumbert Park is just one example. Another that immediately comes to mind is Mindowaskin Park. Anyone who has spent time in this park has seen young children using the small patch of bushes as a bathroom facility.

How can a town of Westfield's caliber leave children (many of whom are just toilet trained) without any bathrooms? It is time to sit down and take a serious look at the town's priorities. Let's get bathrooms in place before we add new parking lots to an overcrowded park.

Mary S. Earl Westfield

Let Us Cast Aside Tendency of Blowing Things Out of Proportion

I am appalled at the effrontery of the individual ostensibly working on Mayor Thomas C. Jardim's behalf who authored some of the questions on the latest poll.

My husband and I have known Mayor Jardim personally for several years and argue vehemently that this was not and never would be an approach he would sanction. Mayor Jardim has consistently attempted to work for the interests of the Town of Westfield and not out of political partisanship.

His priorities remain straightforward and he has made significant strides for the betterment of our town. One very big point to Mayor Jardim's credit and one which continues to be overlooked was his call to stop the poll as soon as he found out about the inserted questions. Not only did Mayor Jardim stop the poll immediately, but he took responsibility for it and apologized both publicly and privately.

Let us get back to the issues at hand and set aside this most recent example of a local tendency to blow things out of proportion. We need instead to treat the issues squarely and with fair consideration.

Alison Toates McCabe Westfield

Parent Calls Lack of Bathrooms At Westfield Parks 'Embarrassing'

I am a lifelong resident of Westfield and a parent of five children, four of whom (school age) are active in town recreational sports including the traveling softball and baseball teams.

From April to August every year, I spend most evenings and weekends at the baseball and softball fields in Westfield and other local towns. I am a mom who supports these activities by paying the fees to participate as a spectator, a coach, and a fund-raiser.

It has been my experience that my children, who are involved in sports, stay out of trouble, keep high grades, and establish a sense of teamwork along with enhanced self-esteem. Sports are important to my family.

I am not alone. Other parents share my beliefs. There are crowds of us who sit on the bleachers at night and on weekends. In fact, most of my children's peers are also involved in sports of some form or another. We live in a wonderful family-oriented and community-minded town where there is great interest and support of athletic activities for our youngsters.

The trouble is that we all share one common problem...we can't use a bathroom at any of the fields because there are none! The choices are limited...bring a child (usually only a boy) on a mad dash to a desolate bush...let them go in their pants...race over to a friend or neighbor's house close to the field (if you're lucky enough to have one) or try to drive home before it's too late!

In other local towns, not only do they have clean, stocked and conveniently located rest rooms, they also have concession stands, batting cages, and in most instances, dugouts.

It's a real embarrassment to think that we live in a town that won't even provide its residents, let alone out of town visiting teams, the luxury of a restroom.

The worst part is knowing that the present governing body in Westfield has the allocated resources to build these very basic facilities (and better yet more resources are available by way of county matching funds) but continues to have a need to "study" the problem and delay the solution.

I have missed too many good plays, strike outs and home runs because I had to race myself, or a child, off the field to use a bathroom. Again, I am not alone. This is an open letter to the Mayor and Town Council. What will you do about this?

Susan Brandt McCrea Westfield

Officer Rodger Helped Comfort Daughter After Car Accident

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Westfield Police Chief Anthony J. Scutti with a copy sent to The Westfield Leader.

I am writing this letter to compliment you on the performance of one of your officers, Jason Rodger. On September 11, my daughter was involved in an automobile accident on Rahway Avenue. She was cut off and struck two parked automobiles.

Officer Rodgers was first on the scene and comforted her during the incident. His professionalism helped put her, being 17 years old, at ease.

Thankfully she was not injured, though the car's airbags were activated and the car totaled. Being a retired New York City police detective with 25 years of service, I feel proud that I can say Police Officer Rodgers is a member of our police family.

Again, my compliments to your department.

Frank A. Panarese Westfield

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Town Book Store Slates Art Show; Book Signing by Westfield Author

WESTFIELD - Works of art by members of the Westfield Art Association will be on display during Autumn Art Thursday on October 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Town Book Store, 255 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Different mediums will be shown including watercolors, oils and collages. A wide assortment of unframed works will also be displayed.

Members of the Westfield Art Association will be on hand to discuss their works and answer questions.

In a separate event, Westfield author Tina Leshner will be available to sign copies of her humor book "Suburban Mothers — The Funny Life" on Saturday, October 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. at The Town Book Store.

The second Town Book Press title to come off the presses is this collection of illustrated poetry. This humorous look at life in the suburbs pays tribute to every wife or mother who has done service as chauffeur, bake sale supplier, homework consultant, soccer mom or landscaper.

Library Announces Registration Dates For Story Times

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library has announced registration dates for its Pre-School Story Time and Magic Carpet Story Time.

Magic Carpet Story Time registration will begin on Saturday, October 31, for children in kindergarten through third grade. The sessions will meet Thursday afternoons, November 12 through December 17 (not November 26), from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.

Registration for Three Year Old Story Time will begin this Monday, October 26. The sessions will meet November 12 through December 17 (not November 26) from 10:30 to 11 a.m., or Monday afternoons, November 9 through December 7, from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

Four Year Old Story Time registration will begin on Tuesday, October 27. The sessions will meet Tuesday mornings, November 10 through December 8, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., or Wednesday afternoons, November 18 through December 16, from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Children must have reached their third or fourth birthday by the first story session.

To participate in all story hours, children must be registered in person, and a Westfield Memorial Library card for each child must be presented at this time.

Illustrations were done by former Westfield resident Joan Mund.

For more information, call The Town Book Store at (908) 233-3535.

Local Author to Present Halloween Program At Storytime on Elm

WESTFIELD — Storytime on Elm, 35 Elm Street in Westfield, has announced that Margie Palatini will appear in a Halloween program on Saturday, October 31, at 1:30 p.m. to introduce her new book "Zoom Broom."

Ms. Palatini, who lives in Plainfield, has made past appearances at the book store to introduce her other books, including "Piggie Pie!", "Moosestache," and "Elf Help."

All of Ms. Palatini's books are available for purchase at Storytime on Elm. The program is planned for children kindergarten age through fifth grade. There will be time for book-signing and conversation with the author before and after the program.

Registration is required. Enrollment is limited, so those interested in attending are asked to call (908) 232-1343, or sign up at the store as early as possible.

Soroptimist Group Announces Grants

WESTFIELD — Soroptimist International of the Greater Westfield Area (S.I.G.W.A.) has announced that this Saturday, October 24, is "Make a Difference Day" in the United States.

The organization will be collecting personal hygiene and paper products for the needy on Saturday, October 24, at Brand Travel Service, 107 Quimby Street in Westfield, as the start of a year-long service project.

Donations of napkins, Kleenex, paper towels, women's sanitary products, diapers, toilet articles and other hygiene products are requested.

It was brought to S.I.G.W.A.'s attention by the Westfield Department of Human Services that many needy people cannot buy these products with their food stamps.

Some of the organizations that will benefit from this will be the Westfield Department of Human Services, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless, and Heart for Humanity.

For further information, please call Susan Brand, Club President, at (908) 654-4063.



PUMPKINS FOR A PLAYGROUND... Students from Earl Tankard's fourth-grade class at Tamaques Elementary School in Westfield display the pumpkins, mums, corn and gourds they purchased at the Mum and Pumpkin sale sponsored recently by the Parent Teacher Organization. Profits from the sale will help purchase new equipment for the school's playground.

JCC Announces Program On Catholic-Jewish Relations

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey will present a program entitled "Catholic-Jewish Relations: A Work in Progress" tonight, Thursday, October 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilf Jewish Community Center, 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Rabbi James Rudin, Director of National Inter-religious Affairs at American Jewish Committee, and the Reverend John Morley, a Professor of Religious Studies at Seton Hall University and a member of the commission for Inter-religious Affairs of the Archdiocese of Newark, will both appear at the program.

The program is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Central New

Jersey, the Father Judge Apostolic Center of Stirling, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church and Union Catholic High School, both in Scotch Plains.

It is also being co-sponsored by the Union County Board of Rabbis, the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey in Scotch Plains, the YM/YWHA of Union County, and the New Jersey Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

The program is free and open to the community. For further information, please call Luis Fleischman at (908) 889-5335.

Speaker to Discuss Domestic Violence Impact on Children

WESTFIELD — In observance of October as Domestic Violence Month, the Monday, October 26 meeting of Westfield Hadassah will feature Dr. Ronald J. Glassman, a sociologist from Edison.

The meeting will be held at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street in Westfield, at 12:30 p.m. Dr. Glassman is the principal investigator of a study on the effects of domestic violence on children, entitled "Survivors By Proxy: When Dads Hurt Moms They Hurt Kids, Too."

Hadassah, the largest women's volunteer organization in the United States, advocates a strong pro-active position on women's health and early health education.

The organization also supports Hadassah's efforts in Israel, including two major research hospitals, a college of technology, job training, and resettlement of those who emigrate to that country each year.

Medicare Choices to be Topic Of OWL's Oct. 24 Meeting

The October meeting of the Older Women's League (OWL) of Central New Jersey has been re-scheduled for Saturday, October 24, at 1:30 p.m., at the YWCA of Summit, located at Morris Avenue and Prospect Street in Summit.

A special topic, "Medicare Plus Choices — What's It All About?" will be discussed by featured speaker Lou Schwartz, Associate State Coordinator with Community Operations of the American Association of Retired Persons of New Jersey.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available.

Scheduled to start in November, Medicare Plus Choices was established to slow down rising health care costs, stimulate market competition in Medicare, and offer some of the same types of health care options that exist for those under 65.

Mr. Schwartz will explain the new plans and will also talk about the proceedings of the Medicare and Social Security forums being held by the AARP and the Concord Coalition to encourage public discussion of proposed revisions.

Free Public Lecture Set For Delbarton School

Delbarton School at 270 Mendham Road in Morristown will offer a free public lecture by Professor Anthony Tambasco on Sunday, October 25, at 8 p.m. entitled, "What Are They Saying About Mary?" at the Abbey Church at St. Mary's Abbey in Delbarton.

Mr. Tambasco is a prominent American scholar on the New Testament. As Chairman of the Theology Department at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., he has lectured on numerous biblical and ethical topics in adult education programs, both Catholic and Protestant, and in programs in Jewish-Christian dialogue.

Among his publications are numerous articles, an edited volume, and five books, one of which is "What Are They Saying About Mary?" He has also lectured on two videotaped series, "Introduction to the New Testament" and "The Life and Times of Jesus," the latter having aired on the Learning Channel on cable television.

For more information, please call (973) 538-3231.

OWL is a national grassroots organization addressing the concerns of mid-life and older women. For further information, please call (908) 272-5671.

American Cancer Society Plans Annual Crimson Ball

The American Cancer Society, Union County Unit, will host its 1998 Crimson Ball, black tie gala, on Friday, October 30, at the Maplewood Country Club in Maplewood.

This year, the American Cancer Society will honor Saul Leighton for his continuous volunteer partnership in supporting the mission of hope, progress and answers in the fight against cancer.

As an active volunteer, Mr. Leighton was named top fundraiser for three consecutive years in the Annual Jail-&-Bail Event, raising over \$100,000 to support programs in education and patient and family services. He is the owner of Bayway World of Liquor in Elizabeth and is committed to his family and community.

Among other honors, Mr. Leighton was the recipient of the 1992 Tree of Life Award, from the Jewish National Fund, which is responsible for the cultivation and land reclamation in Israel. Mr. Leighton is a tremendous asset to the American Cancer Society's mission.

For information about the 1998 Crimson Ball, please call the American Cancer Society at (908) 354-7373.

Free TBI Screenings Offered This Month

WESTFIELD — In observance of October as National Brain Injury Awareness Month, Eileen Eisner, Director of Speech and Language Services of Westfield, is offering free TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) screenings throughout the month.

Bonnie Feldman, a licensed and American Speech-Language and Hearing Association certified speech-language pathologist with extensive experience in TBI, will conduct brief screenings.

If someone has experienced a brain injury, they may experience problems with attention or concentration, forgetfulness, difficulties with time and money management, or difficulties performing occupational or household tasks.

For more information or to reserve an appointment for a TBI screening, please call Speech and Language Services of Westfield at (908) 233-6602.

Book Signings Scheduled For Book Lovers Outlet

WESTFIELD - The Book Lovers Outlet on 301 South Avenue in Westfield will be presenting two book signings by mystery writer Roberta Rogow and author and Reverend Elizabeth Rankin Geitz this month.

Ms. Rogow will sign copies and discuss her book, "The Problem of the Missing Miss," on Friday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the book store.

She will describe how a children's librarian at the Union Public Library came to write a mystery thriller that has gone through multiple prints and been so well received that she has a contract for two additional books.

Today, Thursday, October 22, at

7:30 p.m., Reverend Geitz will sign copies and discuss her book, "Soul Satisfaction: Drawing Strength from Our Biblical Mothers and Sisters."

In "Soul Satisfaction," the author rediscovers the feminine side of the Scriptures and holds it up as a source of strength for women everywhere.

Reverend Geitz was recently appointed Interim Rector of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Dunellen. She has also served as Associate Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield.

Book Lovers Outlet sells and buys used and bargain books. Please call (908) 789-2998 for further information.

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from two years ago, when the Board of Education's budget was defeated and the Council and Mayor spent many hours reviewing it line by line until ultimately the budget was ultimately passed with a minor change.

In other business, resident Scott Schmedel asked why he had not seen any broadcasts of the August or September council meetings on local access Channel 35. Mr. Turner said that because the council felt that attracting new volunteers to the rescue squad was more important than the broadcast of those two meetings. Thus, tapes of the rescue squad trying to recruit new members took precedence.

In other business, a presentation was made by three members of the Union County Board of Elections regarding the new electronic voting machines that borough residents will use in November.

Bill Lear, Nancy Lawrence and Bob Polidore gave instructions and demonstrations on how to use the

machines. Members of the audience practiced on the machines.

According to Nancy Lawrence, only four towns in Union County will be using the new machines in the coming General Election. These include Mountainside, Westfield, Fanwood and Kenilworth.

She also said that the Union County Board of Elections hoped to have the new machines for all 21 municipalities in the county by next year.

Finally, the council honored the accomplishments of Matthew Zimmerman, who finished fifth in the 50-meter dash for boys ages 9 to 10 at Hershey's National Track Meet this past August.

According to Mr. Turner and Matthew's father, Charles Zimmerman, Matthew had the fastest time in the Mid-Atlantic Region, which includes the states of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Washington, Delaware Maryland and in the country of Canada.



POSITIVE I.D....MotoPhoto of Westfield fingerprinted and photographed hundreds of children for free child I.D. kits at this year's FestiFall celebration. MotoPhoto and the Westfield Police Department have volunteered their time and services for this program for years. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, MotoPhoto Associate Rich Deo and MotoPhoto Manager Elaine Serkin, and back row, Detective Ronald Allen, Captain Bernard Tracy, Officer Robert F. Bartkus, Jr. and Sergeant John R. Rowe of the Westfield Police Department.

Theater Party to Benefit College Club Scholarships

WESTFIELD - The College Woman's Club of Westfield (CWC) will present Noel Coward's comedy, *Blithe Spirit*, at its annual Theater Party on Friday, October 23, at 7 p.m. at the Westfield Community Playhouse, 1000 North Avenue, West in Westfield.

All proceeds from the party are applied to scholarships and grants benefiting young women from Westfield.

CWC has hosted the theater party as its major scholarship fundraiser for over

10 years. The annual goal is to generate enough proceeds to fully fund one four-year scholarship.

This year, eight Westfield High School graduates received CWC scholarships and awards totaling \$27,500.

The CWC theater party begins with dessert at 7 p.m., followed by the performance at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each (\$8 of which is tax deductible) and are available by contacting Kristina Bangs, Theater Party Chairman, at (908) 232-5318.



A GHOULISH PRODUCTION....The Cranford Dramatic Club production of *Dracula*, which began last week, will run for the last time during Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24, at 8 p.m. Pictured, from left to right, are: Bernard Weinstein, David Heck, Becky Randazzo and James Caffrey. For reservations, please call (908) 276-7611.

Letters to the Editor

The Leader Called Bias Regarding Coverage of Westfield Mayoral Race

As a new member to the Westfield community, I write to express my disgust at the obvious bias of this newspaper. In its editorial last week, this newspaper decried the lack of forums available so that residents could question candidates on the issues affecting their towns.

The editorial dutifully attacked Mayor Thomas C. Jardim for not using this newspaper as his vehicle-of-choice to get his message out, even though Mayor Jardim has probably been the most accessible mayor for this town has ever had.

However, for some inexplicable reason, this newspaper failed to report that one of his opponents, Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick, had refused to debate not once, but twice, even though Mayor Jardim and independent candidate Norman N. Greco were ready, willing and able to do so.

It could hardly be said that this newspaper was unaware of this fact, as it was this newspaper itself that asked and was turned down by Mrs. Vernick when it offered to host a candidates' forum.

The other forum for debate and discussion turned down by Mrs. Vernick was to be hosted by Temple Emanu-El where Mrs. Vernick is a member.

When a candidate, any candidate, is either too arrogant or too afraid to debate her opponents, one has to wonder how strong an advocate for the people that candidate would be if elected. *The Westfield Leader* is correct to say that the voters have a right to "kick the tires" before choosing whom to vote for, but their coverage of this year's mayoral campaign seems to be less about kicking tires than about kicking Mayor Jardim.

Dolores Saporito
Westfield

'Yes' Vote on Public Question No. 1 Will Secure Stable Open Spaces

Editor's Note: The following letter was submitted by members of the Conservation Committee of the Plainfield Garden Club.

We urge a "yes" vote on Public Question No. 1 on Tuesday, November 3. This amendment will secure a stable source of funding for open spaces, farmlands and historical preservation in New Jersey.

A "yes" will provide funding to purchase one million acres of our state's open spaces over the course of 10 years and will provide protection for water supplies, air quality, habitats for plants and animals, recreational opportunities, flood and storm runoff, and the quality of life for future generations.

This funding source would not require new taxes or bonds, but rather dedicates existing revenue.

Open spaces continue to disappear at an alarming rate. Our state has approximately five million land acres, of which three million have already been developed, including half a million acres in the last 35 years alone. Urban sprawl continues to diminish the quality of life in New Jersey.

We are concerned that this sprawl, left unchecked, will suffocate our beautiful Garden State. We fear that the state's natural beauty will become lost to future generations and that they will have to contend with health dangers of overdevelopment (polluted watersheds, soil, and air).

It should be noted that in order for any land to physically sustain itself, a certain portion of that area needs to be left virgin (think "rainforests are to Earth" as "open spaces are to New Jersey"). We believe provisions to set aside open spaces are necessary for the very "health" of New Jersey and all its inhabitants.

There is a concern that in this particular political year, many will stay away from the voting booths. This proposal has been in the making for 15 years and now is our opportunity to make a statement as to the future of New Jersey's open spaces.

We ask support of Governor Christine Todd Whitman's proposal on Tuesday, November 3.

Penelope Taylor
Diane Carpenter
Westfield

Westfield Council Should Reconsider Position on Paving Over Tamaques

I am writing this letter, because of my disgust that the Westfield Town Council has approved a plan to build three new parking lots and expand two others in Tamaques Park.

This action will seriously diminish the beauty of the park by replacing the green panorama with black asphalt.

It will significantly reduce the foliage barrier which now separates the park from busy Lamberts Mill Road.

The net result will be a loss in the quality of life for those users of the park who appreciate the beauty and tranquility which only a natural setting offers. Why should we want to pave over what little we have left in this densely populated, highly developed, and heavily trafficked area?

The argument put forth to justify the paving is safety. Yet the real danger in this park comes from vehicles traveling too fast — often far above the 15 miles-per-hour speed limit — not from parked cars. Why don't we fix that? Modern

technology offers an attractive solution. Most of the time there is ample room in existing lots. At certain periods they do overflow, but if parking on the left of the road (which is already prohibited) were enforced, this could be tolerated.

When the new lots are completed, we shall still have parking and stopping along the road unless draconian measures are taken. Many people just won't walk a distance from their car to their desired destination, even when they come to the park for exercise.

Why do we want to pay so high a price for so highly suspect a gain? There are far better solutions available. I urge our council to reconsider. As one of my neighbors said, "They at least owe us the courtesy of another vote in the light of the new evidence which has been presented. Then we shall be able to ascertain who wants to preserve our park."

Robert P. Wederich
Westfield

Image Maker's Pet Week To Benefit Animal Center

The Image Maker Photography Studio has announced its sixth annual Pet Week, a pet portrait promotion, from Saturday, October 31, through Saturday, November 7.

The event benefits St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center of Madison and North Branch. Co-owned by master photographers Bruce Lorenz and Joe Galioto, The Image Maker operates studios in Berkeley Heights, Mendham and a newly-opened Princeton location.

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

Portraits may be arranged for one or more pets, and sessions are not reserved for dogs and cats alone. Birds, reptiles, rabbits or any other pets which can fit into the studio may be brought for a session. Animals are often photographed with their owners.

For more information about Pet Week, or about photography services provided by The Image Maker, please call (908) 665-2089. Interested indi-

viduals may also e-mail the studio at: ImMkr@aol.com, or visit the Image Maker's Internet Web site at: www.The-ImageMaker.com.

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'Four Weekends' Offers Opportunity to Learn About County's History

By MICHELLE H. LePOIDEVIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

A taste of Union County history will be available to county residents during "Four Centuries In A Weekend...A Journey Through Union County's History" this Saturday, October 24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 25, from noon to 5 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Department of Economic Development, Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and the historical and cultural sites participating in the event.

Support has also been provided through grants from the New Jersey Historical Commission, the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, and the New Jersey Automobile Club of the American Automobile Association.

The heritage festival will offer the opportunity to explore the depth and diversity of local history. Twenty historical sites will be featured, including early mansions, farmhouses, museums and business establishments, some of which date back to the 1600s.

The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, was constructed in 1740 and stands on the "road to the mountains," its original site. It was named for its two owners, Samuel Miller and Joseph Cory, descendants of the earliest settlers in the area. The Miller and Cory families were farmers.

The museum is a one-and-a-half story, clapboard farmhouse. The property remained in the Cory family until 1921. The house includes a beehive oven for baking and an open hearth fireplace.

During the Colonial period, sheep were sheared in the springtime on the property. Candles were created to light the house, and wool was spun into thread to weave fabric.

As part of "Four Centuries In A Weekend," the Miller-Cory Museum will offer guided tours by docents in period dress, open hearth cooking and a fall festival.

The Osborn Cannonball House at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains is another stop on the "journey." It is a small, white clapboard house which was erected in the early 1700s by Jonathan and Abigail Osborn.

The house features wooden pegs which were used in construction then instead of nails; low doors and ceilings, brick-filled walls, 19th-century furnishings, an arbor and formal gardens.

The house got its name as the result of a Continental cannon which was fired in the direction of oncoming British troops in the Battle of Ash Swamp during the Revolutionary War. The shot was misdirected and landed on the side of the house. Townspeople afterwards started to refer to the house as the Cannonball House.

The house, which has been restored and furnished, is operated as a museum by the Historical Society of Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

An exhibit of 19th-century hats and changing exhibits of period clothing will also be featured during the weekend.

The Saltbox Museum, located at 1350 Springfield Avenue in New Providence, was originally inhabited by the Leni-Lenape Indians. The first European settlers to this area, or Puritans, arrived in 1720 and came through the "West Fields."

The museum is a blend of two houses built in separate locations and in different years between 1790 and 1844. It obtained its saltbox shape when the houses were united in the 19th century. The museum's first floor is partially

furnished to represent a standard New Jersey farmhouse of the mid-19th century.

The museum is now operated by the New Providence Historical Society.

During the weekend, the museum will feature an exhibit entitled "Preserving Our Past for the Future," as well as antique toys. Guided tours are also scheduled.

Those touring the Mason Room at the New Providence Library, 377 Elkwood Avenue, will be treated to a collection of rare documents, maps, photographs and oral history tapes. The tours are scheduled for Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, at Constitution Plaza in Mountainside, was originally built at another location in 1760 by Deacon Andrew Hetfield. His descendants added onto the house over a period of 70 years. Three stages were involved in the completion of the house, which occurred in 1830.

The house was saved from demolition in 1984 by the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee and the Borough of Mountainside. A year later, it was transported along Route No. 22 to its present location.

The house includes a Victorian bay window and parlor furnished with antiques, and a recreated Colonial-style kitchen. Guided tours will be available during the weekend, and visitors will also be able to explore the house on their own.

Other historic sites featured during the weekend will be the Littell-Lord Farmstead and The Deserted Village of Feltville-Glenside in Berkeley Heights; the Dr. William Robinson Plantation in Clark; the Crane-Philips House in Cranford; the Belcher-Ogden Mansion and Boxwood Hall in Elizabeth; and Evergreen Cemetery and the Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum in Hillside.

Also featured will be the Drake House Museum in Plainfield; the Merchants and Drivers Tavern in Rahway; the Abraham Clark House in Roselle; the Roselle Park Museum; the Cannon Ball House in Springfield; the Carter House and Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit, and Caldwell Parsonage in Union.

Visitors will receive Time Traveler Certificates with validated "Passports to Discovery" after participating in the designated tours.

Participants whose passports are not completed over the weekend may have them stamped at the tour sites until Friday, April 30, 1999, in order to qualify for a certificate.

Children who participate in the event will be supplied with specially prepared lesson kits which include timeline activities, compare-and-contrast activities about their historical visits, and a bulletin board map activity.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders was recently presented with the 1998 Achievement Award by NACO (National Association of Counties) for the "Four Centuries In A Weekend" project.

"The weekend offers visitors a variety of experiences and special events at all 20 historic sites and house museums," stated Daniel P. Sullivan, Freeholder Board Chairman.

"Join in the fun as you explore the historic sites that have played important roles in shaping Union County and New Jersey throughout the past 400 years," he concluded.

Students Invited to Apply For College Scholarships

High school students with a grade point average (GPA) of "B" or better, and college students with a GPA of "B plus" or better, are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship from the Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation.

Students must be United States citizens to be eligible for scholarships.

Application requests must be sent by Wednesday, December 16, to Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, 721 North McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045-5012.

A request may be faxed to (847) 295-3972 or e-mailed to scholar@ecsf.org.

All requests for applications must include the student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1998-1999 academic year.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only on or about Thursday, January 7, 1999. The foundation will choose 250

County Delegation Returns From Portugal Trade Mission

A delegation of government and business leaders from Union County, led by Assemblyman Joseph Suliga of the 20th Legislative District and Freeholder Donald Gonçalves, returned recently from its successful economic development trade mission in Portugal. The trip included meetings with the United States Ambassador to Portugal, Gerald McGovern.

"We left for Lisbon with clearly defined objectives of meeting with business leaders and policy makers to build friendships and business relationships," said Freeholder Gonçalves, of Elizabeth. "We are happy to report that we enjoyed a very prosperous trip that we can build on in the future."

The delegation, which was financed by private business and not at taxpayer expense, was comprised of several leading Union County officials, including Freeholder Gonçalves, Assemblyman Suliga, Freeholder Chester Holmes, Rahway Mayor James Kennedy and Elizabeth Councilmen Tony Monteiro and Manny Groom.

Union County businessmen on the journey were Carlos Silva of Silcon Construction of Elizabeth, Bay Torso of Tomasso Oil in Elizabeth, and Helder Mendonca of Elizabeth's Mendonca & Suarez accounting firm.

The delegation visited the facilities of Expo '98, a formerly contaminated refinery site that was remediated and now is a highly visible \$3 billion economic de-

velopment success story.

"Union County is faced with the task of taking our brownfields and turning what was unusable land into property that can be used to create jobs and revenues for our towns," Assemblyman Suliga said.

"Expo '98 is an example of how hard work and foresight can turn brownfields into profitable, useful developments. We were able to see how Portugal accomplished Expo '98 and brought some of this knowledge home with us," he added.

The delegation was invited to attend a session of the Assembly of the Republic, the Portuguese Parliament. When introduced, the members of Portugal's governing body gave the Union County representatives a standing ovation. From there, the group traveled to the Portuguese Stock Market and held meetings with business leaders.

Ambassador McGovern also hosted a reception in honor of the Union County delegation and in attendance were many of Portugal's business leaders.

"We spent a great deal of time discussing business opportunities in Portugal and attracting international business to Union County," said Freeholder Gonçalves. "There was a tremendous sharing of information which will benefit both regions as we move forward. There is a mission being put together in Lisbon in which Portuguese business and government leaders will visit Union County in the coming months."

S. African Ambassador Visits NAACP Chapter

By SHANNON WATERS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

South African ambassador to the United States, Franklin Sonn, was the guest speaker last Thursday evening at the Plainfield Area Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) 57th Annual Freedom Funds Award Dinner held at the Westwood in Garwood.

They group assembled to celebrate the NAACP's theme of "Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today," to acknowledge the awards nominees' commitment to community service and to welcome Ambassador Sonn.

It was noted that Ambassador Sonn promotes community restoration, cultural rebuilding and education. He is also dedicated to the mission of equality. The Ambassador is keen on fostering the partnership between the NAACP and the African National Congress (ANC) because they share similar beliefs and history.

These histories include being depicted as radical and militant groups, despite actually being constructive and moderate organizations.

Both the NAACP and the ANC advocate equality and the political, social and economic rights of blacks. They act as watchdogs and are dedicated to promoting unity among all people.

The NAACP played a significant role during the civil rights movement in ensuring that the United States Constitution was fairly applied to all.

"The ANC took courage from the struggle of the NAACP and colored people to work affirmatively at the leadership level of the government

and the people," said Ambassador Sonn.

Ambassador Sonn stated that he was pleased to be able to speak to the local members of the NAACP so that he could discuss poverty, a subject that he feels is unpopular yet is central to economic justice.

"Poverty is a condition that concerns everyone and can foster social instability. It is a universal condition yet racial stereotypes are subscribed to it. The manifestations of poverty-large families, short-term goals and objectives are used to stigmatize blacks because of their physical, historical and social conditions," he continued.

He said that, "Wealthy white Europeans realize the injustice of prejudice yet maintain systems and structures that foster deprivation. To be black is often to be poor. Blacks are forcibly subjugated into poverty because they got a late start, and are faced with impediments and a victim-blaming system."

He outlined steps that the NAACP should take to continue its mission. The first step is to embrace a doctrine against all types of prejudice. According to Ambassador Sonn, to be quiet about prejudice is an injustice to the legacy of the leaders of the NAACP. The next step is to fight poverty.

He declared that, "Because we are politically free, we have a new obligation to social justice - to fight poverty."

Sharon Robinson-Briggs, the Event Chairwoman, said that the Plainfield Area NAACP Branch was pleased to have Ambassador Sonn as a speaker because his world-renowned stature lent significance to the group and to the Awards Event.

Each year, three people are recognized for their long-term commitment to the community. This year, Anna L. T. Wiggs was recognized for her commitment to the Rose of Sharon Community Church while Charles "Pete" Brown and Edward Long were recognized for their active support of the Plainfield Senior Citizens Program.

County Announces Collection For Household Special Waste

Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) Chairman James J. Kennedy has announced that the county and the Authority will sponsor two Fall 1998 Household Special Waste Days.

The first event will be held this Saturday, October 24, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the New Providence Public Works Yard on Passaic Street. Household special waste and electronics can be dropped off at this event.

The second event is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, at the Rahway City Hall parking lot on Main Street, also from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is no cost to participate; however, pre-registration and proof of Union County residency is required. Contractors are not eligible to take part in these events.

Acceptable household special waste includes oil-based paints and varnishes, anti-freeze, pool chemicals, corrosives and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, caustics, solvents and thinners, aerosol cans, asphalt sealers, fire extinguishers, flammable liquids and solids, motor oil and motor oil filters, gasoline, transmission fluid, automotive products, batteries (dry cell and lead acid), propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs (un-

broken), thermostats, thermometers and mercury switches, small electric appliances with non-removable rechargeable batteries (cordless tools, flashlights, etc. will be accepted).

Containers larger than five gallons, empty containers, unidentified materials, explosives, radioactive material, gas cylinders or polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) material will not be accepted.

With pre-registration, the county will accept school laboratory waste chemicals at both of these events.

According to UCUA Executive Director, Dr. Joseph Spatola, this program is designed to assist public, parochial and private schools in accessing an effective, environmentally sound, cost-effective method of disposing of unwanted chemical wastes and reagents.

Latex paint will not be accepted at these events. The UCUA has urged people to consider donating nearly full cans of latex paint to community groups. If the municipality in which an individual lives does not recycle empty steel cans, they may be disposed of with the normal, household trash after the paint is dried out, the UCUA has advised.

If in doubt, county residents are asked to check with the Municipal Coordinator in their town, who may refer them to a local bulky waste facility which accepts empty paint cans.

To register for either Household Special Waste event, please call the UCUA at (732) 382-9400, Extension No. 48, on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 1 and 4:30 p.m.

Information regarding cancellation of any event due to severe inclement weather may be accessed by calling the UCUA (recording), after 3 p.m. on the Friday before the scheduled event.

Youngsters Sought For Rutgers Study

Babies, toddlers, and children in the Central New Jersey area are being sought for participation in an Early Learning Project sponsored by Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The age categories are birth to six months, 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 years, and 7 to 10 years old.

The goal of the project, directed by Dr. Carolyn Rovee-Collier and funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, is to gather information about the normal development of learning and memory in the first year of life.

In the course of a study, a researcher visits the infant at home three or four times for 15 to 20 minutes each. During the initial visits, the infant learns to play a game with a colorful mobile or miniature train and then, in the final visit, shows what he or she remembers about the game.

Older children play with a computer touch screen for 45 minutes during one or two visits to the home.

Participants receive a Certificate of Appreciation from Rutgers University, and a final report is sent to the parents when the study is completed.

The project has been featured in *Parents, Life, American Health* and *Good Housekeeping* magazines, as well as several television programs.

Parents interested in participating may call the Rutgers Early Learning Project at (732) 445-4819 for more information.

Westfield Bank 2x8

Mackie 2x6

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General Election Absentee Ballots Available Saturday

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has announced that the Office of the County Clerk in Elizabeth will be open on Saturday, October 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to serve voters who need absentee ballot applications for the General Election on Tuesday, November 3.

Walk-in applications for absentee ballots are acceptable until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 2. Mail-in applications cannot be accepted if they are postmarked after Tuesday, October 27.

County Clerk Rajoppi's office is located in the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad Street in Elizabeth. Applications may be picked up between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

She noted that her office has processed more than 2,500 absentee ballots for the General Election.

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559 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-8047
Reverend Robert Griffiths</p> <p>BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
539 Trinity Place, Westfield
(908) 232-4250
Reverend Kevin Clark</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
1781 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 889-5556
Bishop Kirk Bristol</p> <p>COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Deer Path & Meeting House Lane, Mountainside
(908) 232-9490
Reverend Christopher R. Belden</p> <p>CONGREGATION ARI YEHUDA
1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(732) 541-4849
(Rear entrance of Assembly of God Church)</p> <p>CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
1920 Cliffwood Street, Scotch Plains
(908) 889-1830
Rabbi George Nudell</p> <p>ECHO LAKE CHURCH OF CHRIST
419 Springfield Avenue, Westfield
(908) 233-4946
Dr. Ellis Long</p> <p>EVANGEL CHURCH
1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-9300
Reverend Kevin M. Brennan</p> <p>FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Martine Avenue & La Grande Avenue, Fanwood
(908) 889-8891
Reverend Stephanie Miller-McLane</p> <p>THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
170 Elm Street, Westfield
(908) 233-2278
Dr. Robert L. Harvey</p> <p>FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
257 Midway Avenue, Fanwood
(908) 322-8461</p> <p>FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
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United Church of Christ
125 Elmer Street, Westfield
(908) 233-2494
Reverend Harry Taylor
Reverend Pamela Gilchrist</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1171 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-9222
Reverend Sam Chong</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 233-4211
Reverend David F. Harwood</p> <p>GRACE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1100 Boulevard, Westfield
(908) 233-3938 or (908) 232-4403
Reverend Stanford M. Sutton, Jr.</p> <p>HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield
(908) 233-8533
Reverend Dimitrios Antokas</p> <p>HOLY TRINITY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Westfield Avenue & First Street, Westfield
(908) 232-8137
Reverend Joseph Masello</p> | <p>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY RC CHURCH
1571 South Martine Avenue, Westfield
(908) 889-2100
Reverend John F. Kennedy</p> <p>METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH
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(908) 233-2855
Reverend Clement Griffin</p> <p>MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL
1180 Spruce Drive, Mountainside
(908) 232-3456
Reverend Dr. Gregory Hagg</p> <p>OUR LADY OF LOURDES RC CHURCH
300 Central Avenue, Mountainside
(908) 232-1162
Reverend Patrick J. Leonard</p> <p>THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN WESTFIELD
140 Mountain Avenue
(908) 233-0301
Reverend Dr. William Ross Forbes</p> <p>REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
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(908) 232-1517
Reverend Paul E. Kritsch</p> <p>ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
2032 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains
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Reverend Michael A. Merlucci</p> <p>ST. HELEN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield
(908) 232-1214
Reverend Monsignor James A. Burke</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
2387 Morse Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 232-6972
Reverend Kelmo C. Porter, Jr.</p> <p>ST. LUKE'S AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH
500 Downer Street, Westfield
(908) 233-2547
Reverend Leon E. Randall</p> <p>ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
414 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 232-8506
Reverend Richard W. Reid</p> <p>SCOTCH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
333 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-5487
Reverend Gary Rothwell</p> <p>TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH
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756 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 232-6770
Rabbi Charles A. Krolloff</p> <p>TERRILL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
1340 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-7151
Michael C. Seaman</p> <p>TERRILL ROAD BIBLE CHAPEL
535 Terrill Road, Fanwood
(908) 322-4055</p> <p>WILLOW GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 232-5678
Reverend Kenneth G. Hietzel</p> <p>WOODSIDE CHAPEL
5 Morse Avenue, Fanwood
(908) 889-2375</p> |
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Hadassah Godparents Gala Scheduled for November 8

WESTFIELD — Westfield Hadassah will hold its annual Godparents Gala at 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 8, at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street in Westfield. The event will benefit the new Mother-Child Center of Hadassah Hospital in Ein Karem, Jerusalem, a multi-purpose facility for women and children which is nearing completion. Godparents 1998 will feature dinner, including hors d'oeuvres and multi-choice entrees, as well as a dessert table, wine and champagne. Mezzo-soprano Ruth Kaye will entertain guests with "Broadway's Fabulous Females," a visual and vocal recreation of leading ladies of Broadway musicals in costume and song. The Ralph Mitchell Orchestra will provide music for dancing.

Godparents certificates will be issued for the \$185 Godparents contribution. Godparents' names will be permanently recorded in the Book of Life on display at Hadassah Hospital. Single members' contribution is \$92.50. Contributions should be mailed to Maxine Bradie, 1134 Puddingstone Road, Mountainside, 07092.

St. Paul's Episcopal Seeks Book Donations

WESTFIELD - St. Paul's Episcopal Church located, 414 East Broad Street, Westfield, has announced that it is seeking book donations for its annual Friends of Music Book Sale which will take place from Sunday, November 8, through Tuesday, November 10, at the church. Hardback and paperback fiction, nonfiction and children's books are especially needed. The church is unable to accept donations of textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias, records or *Reader's Digest* books. For further information, please contact Charles Banks or Karen Landherr at (908) 232-8506.

Interfaith Singles Announces Meetings

WESTFIELD — Interfaith Singles, a friendly and supportive group for single adults over 45, has announced that it will meet on Sundays, November 1, 8, 22 and 29, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Weekly group discussions focus on successful single living. A continental breakfast will be served, and a \$2 donation is requested. For further information, please call (908) 233-2278.

Wesley Hall School Sets Back to School Night

WESTFIELD — Wesley Hall Nursery School will hold its Back to School Night on Tuesday, October 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. The school will also hold its annual Book Fair that evening and during the school days of that week.

The school is located in the education wing of the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Cindy Heinbach is the Director of the school. For further information, please call the school office at (908) 233-9570.

Sister Edna Hersinger To be Recognized At Foundation Ball

The St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation will honor Sister Edna Francis Hersinger, Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of St. Elizabeth Hospital in Elizabeth, during a special Foundation Ball on Friday, October 30, at the Chanticleer in Millburn. The event, co-chaired this year by Arline Pass of Westfield, Wendi L. Landale of Scotch Plains and Javier Colon of Elizabeth, will raise funds to benefit St. Elizabeth Hospital.

This year's ball is expected to be the last before the consolidation of St. Elizabeth Hospital and Elizabeth General Medical Center, according to hospital spokeswoman Susan Diamond. Since 1993, Sister Edna has been the Provincial Superior of the Southern Province of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth of New Jersey. In this capacity, she also serves as a member of the General Council of the Sisters of Charity.

She previously served as Assistant Provincial Superior for eight years, and her earlier ministries included serving as Novice Director and Vocation Director for the Sisters of Charity; working as a Director of Religious Education; giving retreats, workshops and adult education courses, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools. For more information about the Foundation Ball or to purchase tickets, please call the St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation Office at (908) 527-5156.



REACHING THEIR GOAL...The United Fund of Westfield recently launched a community-wide campaign to provide funding to its 20 member agencies. To date, the campaign has reached 62 percent of its \$615,000 goal, through support from many local residents. Pictured are Matt Forstenhausler, left, a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Fund of Westfield and Chairman of its Budget Review Committee, his wife, Diana, and strong United Fund supporters Lynn and Howard Adams as they discuss the progress of the campaign during a recent meeting.

Cantor and Pianist to Present Concert, 'Songs of Spirituality'

WESTFIELD - Cantor Martha Novick and pianist Sondra Tammam will present a concert of music of diverse cultures "Songs of Spirituality" on Sunday, November 1, at 3 p.m. in the Roy Smith Auditorium, Union County College in Cranford. Admission is free.

This musical performance is funded in part by a 1998 Heart Grant from the Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Daniel P. Sullivan. The Heart Grant Program, History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands are grants to increase appreciation for Union County's history, the arts and humanities.

Cantor Novick, is the Cantor at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. She has performed leading roles in opera for the Metropolitan Opera association, the National Shakespeare Theatre, CBS and PBS Television, NYC Radio, the Center for New Music in New York and the Liederkranz Opera Workshop.

She was a guest artist at Tanglewood where she presented a program called "Artistry and Liturgy" for the Berkshire Institute. She has participated in two Union County Arts programs celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King. She holds a Bachelor of Science in

Music Performance and a Master of Arts in Music Education from New York University. She also received a Bachelor of Sacred Music from Hebrew Union College, School of Sacred Music. She is a resident of Springfield.

Sondra Tammam, pianist, has appeared in concerts in the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Far East. As the first prize winner of the Paserewski Foundation Competition, she made her solo debut in London, Amsterdam, Berlin, and New York under their auspices.

Ms. Tammam won first prize in the International Competition of the New York Congress of Piano Teachers, and was a winner in the Kosciuszko Chopin Competition. She has broadcast live on WQXR on the Robert Sherman "Listening Room," the Bosendorfer in Concert Series, WNYC and AFN Radio Berlin. Television appearances include PBS, WOR, WCBS.

She holds a Bachelor of Music from the Manhattan School of Music and a Master of Music from the Juilliard School of Music. Born in Cranford, she presently resides and has her studio in Westfield. She is a board member of the Westfield Musical Club and co-chairwoman of their Scholarship Committee.

Letters to the Editor

Staffer Says District Should Spend More on Kids Than Labor Decisions

You printed in your September 10 issue a letter from Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education President August Ruggiero.

I find that I must take exception with his implied claim that there was no cost incurred with pursuing a labor matter dealing with five secretaries involving a total of seven and one-half hours of release time to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court.

The first step after the grievance procedure is an arbitration, the board's portion of which came to \$905. The simple fees in processing a matter through Superior and Appellate courts are a minimum of \$805, according to the Court Clerk's office.

Lastly, Mr. Ruggiero implies that since the school's attorney is under a retainer, the board did not pay for his services. Given the fact that the school's attorney is paid and his salary is based on the amount of work he has done for the school board, anyone can see that he was compensated for his work in this matter.

Emergency Services In Fanwood Cited For Efforts During Storm

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly and the Borough Council with a copy sent to *The Times of Scotch Plains and Fanwood*.

I have been a month now since the terrible swift storm of Labor Day. Almost immediately all services were mobilized, as evidenced by the sirens of Police and Fire Departments and the Rescue Squad. Within one half hour Public Works Director Ray Manfra and several people from the Department of Public Works (DPW) were out working. All seemed to have worked continuously for days!

Our electricity, cable and telephones are all back and all the debris has gone to the Recycling Center. Yes, homes and cars were damaged, but isn't it a miracle that no one was hurt!

We take the people who serve us for granted. Most times we don't even realize they are there until they are not there. The citizens of Fanwood are indeed fortunate to be served by all of you — Police, Fire, Rescue Squad and DPW. From one who has been served, I thank you.

Kathy Mitchell
Fanwood

Resident 'Outraged' Over Plan to 'Bulldoze' Tamaques for Parking

I am outraged that the town officials would consider bulldozing Tamaques Park in order to add more parking spaces. I have lived in Westfield for eight years and frequent the park.

I have observed that there are two problems with parking. The first problem is that parking is allowed on the circle and the second problem is that people are too lazy to walk the extra 100 yards to use the lots.

I have never seen more than two cars at a time in the lot located by the picnic area.

If town officials don't want to break the contract with the paving company, then they should allocate it somewhere else. I suggest that they build more parking spaces where the "pocket park" was proposed, in the downtown where the Excellent Diner used to be located.

As we all know, downtown parking is at a premium. Put the parking lot where it is needed. Let's keep Tamaques green.

Tara O'Brien Flanagan
Westfield



CENTER STAGE — Mark Boyd, a fourth grader at McKinley Elementary School in Westfield, starred as "Winthrop" in the C.A.S.T. production of *The Music Man* in Kenilworth this summer.

Oratory 2x7

Little Treas 2x2

Holy Cross 2x3

Marias 2x3

George L. Voget, 50, Sales Director; SP-FHS Alumnus Coached Athletics

George L. Voget, 50, of Clinton Township died on Thursday, September 24, in Easton Hospital in Easton, Pennsylvania.

Born in Irvington, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Clinton Township.

He attended Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, where he was a quarterback on the football team, and graduated from Rutgers University in New Brunswick in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in business.

He was employed as a Director of Sales for Victaulic in Easton, Pennsylvania, where he had worked for 24 years.

Mr. Voget was a United States Army veteran.

He was a member of the American Legion of Scotch Plains and was an artillery instructor at West Point. He

also coached community athletics in Clinton Township, including girls' softball, soccer and basketball, and played in local softball leagues.

He was predeceased by his mother, Dorothy Donohue Voget.

Surviving are his wife of 17 years, Evelyn C. Coe Voget; a daughter, Kristen Voget of Clinton Township; his father, George R. Voget; a brother, Michael Voget, and a sister, Mary Ellen Miller.

Funeral services were held on Monday, September 28, at the Martin Funeral Home in Clinton. Interment followed at Locust Grove Cemetery in Quakertown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hunterdon Hospice, 2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington, 08822.

October 22, 1998

Natalie S. Smith, Founder and President Of Insurance Agency in Westfield

Natalie Sidman Smith of Stanton died on Friday, October 16, at the Hunterdon Care Center in Flemington.

Born in Montclair on August 13, 1907, she had lived in Westfield from 1947 to 1973 before moving to Stanton 25 years ago.

Mrs. Smith graduated in 1929 from Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, Virginia with a degree in biology.

She had been founder and President of the Lee Smith Insurance Agency in Westfield, retiring in 1975.

She was a Past President of the Westfield College Women's Club, and was a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Stanton Reformed Church, the Stanton Holly Trail, the South Branch Watershed,

and the Stanton Rug Club.

She was predeceased by her husband, Herbert L. Smith, Jr., in 1978 and by a son, Herbert L. Smith, 3rd, in 1961.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda S. Stedman of Stanton; a son, Gordon G. Smith of Ringoes; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 24, at 2 p.m. at the Stanton Church. Interment will be in Mahwah at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by the Rogers Funeral Home in Trenton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Stanton Reformed Church, Box 114, Stanton, 08855.

October 22, 1998

Mr. and Mrs. Vito Frisco, Both 78; Co-Owners of Newark Luncheonette

Vito Frisco, 78, died Sunday, October 18, in Overlook Hospital in Summit, and his wife, Mary Frisco, also 78, died Friday, October 16, in the Manor Care Health Center in Mountainside.

Mrs. Frisco was born in Elizabeth, and Mr. Frisco was born in Newark. After marrying, the couple had lived in Newark and moved to Mountainside 20 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frisco had been co-owners of the Frisco Luncheonette in the Ironbound Section of Newark for 30 years prior to retiring 13 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Roseanne Giordano, and two grandchildren. Mrs. Frisco is also survived by a brother, Frank Marino, and three sisters, Lena Saluccio, Grace Citarella and Helen

Hoydich.

A Funeral Mass for the couple will be offered tomorrow, Friday, October 23, at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside, following the funeral from the Galante Funeral Home in Union.

October 22, 1998

C. Maynard Turner, 98

C. Maynard Turner, 98, of Green Valley, Arizona died on Thursday, October 15.

Born in Chicago, he had lived in Westfield and in Western North Carolina before moving to Green Valley in 1995.

Mr. Turner graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle.

He had worked for EBASCO Services in New York City from 1930 to 1950, and later joined the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company. He retired in 1965.

He was a Deacon and Elder of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Surviving are a daughter, Annette Marsland of Raleigh, North Carolina; a son, David M. Turner of Huntington Beach, California; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Private services at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield were arranged through the Green Valley Mortuary and Memorial Gardens.

Memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army or to Junior Achievement.

October 22, 1998

Joseph A. Kolibas, 77, Army Veteran; Was Machinist at Singer for 41 Years

Joseph A. Kolibas, 77, of Westfield died on Friday, October 16, at the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network in Westfield.

Born in Czechoslovakia, he had come to the United States in 1937 and settled in Elizabethport. He had

lived in Jersey City and later in Roselle Park for 15 years before moving to Westfield 35 years ago.

Mr. Kolibas was a United States Army veteran of World War II, serving in Italy, Southern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe.

He had been a machinist for 41 years at the Singer Manufacturing Company in Elizabeth prior to retiring in 1992.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Margaret Balas Kolibas; a daughter, Lorraine Kolibas of Plainfield; three sons, Ron Kolibas of Middlesex Borough, Alan Kolibas of Garwood and Robert Kolibas of Westfield, and five grandchildren.

A Funeral Liturgy took place on Tuesday, October 20, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment was held at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

October 22, 1998

Laird S. Royer, 82

Laird S. Royer, 82, of Scotch Plains died Thursday, October 15, at Atlantic City Medical Center-Mainland Division in Galloway.

He was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Royer worked for Royers Automotive Services in Atlantic City from 1923 to 1963.

He was a member of the Inlet Social Club in Atlantic City.

Surviving are his brother, Ralph M. Royer of Galloway and a sister, Hilda Martin of Brigantine.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, October 18, at Adams-Perfect Funeral Home in Northfield. Interment was at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Pemberton.

October 22, 1998

Obituaries

Doris Botwinick; Was Painter and Sculptor, Won many Awards in Metropolitan Area Shows

Doris Botwinick, 72, of Cranbury died Sunday, October 18, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Kearny and Westfield before moving to Cranbury in 1995.

Mrs. Botwinick had earned a bachelor of arts degree from Kean College in 1963. She taught history and philosophy at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield in the 1960s.

She was the Past President of the Riker Hill Artists Community in Essex County. She also served as Vice President of the Sculptor Society of New Jersey and was a member of the Princeton Art Association.

Her work of stone and oil paintings has been shown at Knickerbocker Club, Lever House, Salmagundi Club, Gallery 84 and the Phoenix Gallery, all of New York City.

Other showings of her work included the Morris Museum, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Schering-Plough corporate headquarters, the Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts, Arts Judaica in Plainfield, the Livingston Public Library and the New Jersey School of Visual Arts, all of New Jersey.

She received critical acclaim for her sculptures in *The Star-Ledger*, *Artspeak* and the *New York Times* publications. She won many awards in shows throughout the metropolitan area.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, George Botwinick; two sons, Howard Botwinick of Ithaca, New York and Philip Botwinick of Los Angeles, California; a daughter, Geri Botwinick of Maplewood; two sisters, Shirley Schwartz of Watchung and Phyllis Slavin of Cliffside Park and four grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, October 20, in the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

October 22, 1998

Joseph P. Hagen, 79

Joseph P. Hagen, 79, of Whiting died Saturday, October 17, at Bayview Convalescent Center in Bayville.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Crestwood Village in Whiting in 1977.

Mr. Hagen was a United States Army veteran of World War II. He was a sales engineer for Pennsylvania Steel Foundry and Machine Company in Hamburg, Pennsylvania for 35 years before retiring in 1982.

He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth Hagen, in 1984.

Surviving are a brother, Thomas Hagen of Houston, Texas; a sister, Helen Smith of Brick and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were handled by the Anderson and Campbell Funeral Home in Whiting.

October 22, 1998

Albert Fetzer, Jr., Was Army Lieutenant; Retired Executive With Truck Company

Albert C. Fetzer, Jr., 81, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, October 14, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Bayonne on December 18, 1916, the son of the late Albert C. and Harriet Payne Fetzer, he had lived in Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains.

Mr. Fetzer retired in 1973 as Vice President of Sales for Paterson Mack

Trucks in Paterson, where he had worked for more than 45 years.

He served as a Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corp during World War II.

Surviving are a son, Alan C. Fetzer of Eugene, Oregon; a daughter, Diane F. Novello of Scotch Plains; a brother, William Fetzer of Ramsey, and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, October 18. Arrangements were handled by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

October 22, 1998

Alfred C. Ravenell, 57

Alfred C. Ravenell, 57, of Westfield died on Tuesday, October 13, at home.

Born in Summerville, South Carolina, he had lived in Rahway before moving to Westfield 28 years ago.

Mr. Ravenell was Maintenance Director of the Westfield YMCA for 23 years.

A United States Army veteran, he served in the Vietnam War.

Surviving are a daughter, Celena Lampkin, and a brother, Malcolm Ravenell.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 17, at the Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church in Rahway.

Arrangements were handled by the Jones Funeral Home in Rahway.

October 22, 1998

Robert Oppmann, Jr.

Robert W. Oppmann, Jr., 32, of South Plainfield died on Sunday, October 18, in the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Elizabeth, he had lived in Fanwood before moving to South Plainfield two years ago.

Mr. Oppmann was an automobile mechanic for Brian's Auto in Garwood for more than two years. Prior to that, he had worked in the same capacity for Sevell's Auto in Westfield for eight years.

Surviving is his wife, Cynthia Oppmann.

A Funeral Mass will be offered today, Thursday, October 22, at 9:30 a.m. in St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood.

Arrangements are being handled by the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue in Cranford.

October 22, 1998

Randi Couse, 49

Randi Couse, 49, of Mountainside died on Monday, October 19, in the ManorCare Health Services in Mountainside.

Born in Queens, New York, she had lived in Hackensack before moving to Mountainside 11 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Arthur Couse; her mother, Renee Cymes, and a sister, Meryl Wieder.

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, October 22, at 11:15 a.m. in Beth El Cemetery in Emerson.

Arrangements are being handled by Gutterman Musicant in Hackensack.

October 22, 1998

Raymond Moore, World War II Medic; Served as a Union County Freeholder

Raymond Moore, 73, of Point Pleasant died Saturday, October 17, in the Department of Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care Center at East Orange.

Born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, he had lived in Hillside and Scotch Plains before moving to Point Pleasant Beach 18 years ago.

He served in the United States Army during World War II as a medic.

He was a graduate of Seton Hall University and the Newark College

of Engineering.

Mr. Moore was a sales manager with the Harrison Supply Company in East Newark for over 36 years.

He was a Republican and served as a Union County Freeholder from 1959 until 1965. He was a coroner's assistant with the Union County Medical Examiners Office from 1960 to 1980.

Mr. Moore was a 32nd degree mason of the Masonic Lodge Sekorkis, a Shriner and a member of the Republican Club of Point Pleasant Beach.

A Funeral Service was held yesterday, Wednesday, October 21, in the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.

October 22, 1998

Anthony Huzar, 78

Anthony Huzar, 78, of Westfield died Thursday, October 15, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Westfield for 40 years.

Mr. Huzar was a purchasing agent with the Western Electric Corporation in Kearny, Newark and Union for 43 years before retiring in 1983.

He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America of Western Electric.

Surviving are his wife, Antoinette Huzar; two daughters, Carol Ann Negri and Patricia Ferrell, and three grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, October 19, in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

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

October 22, 1998

Emma M. Isles, 97

Emma Madelaine Isles, 97, of Winchester, Massachusetts, formerly of Westfield, died on Wednesday, October 14.

Born on January 20, 1901 in Mollis, Canton Glarus, Switzerland, Mrs. Isles was the eleventh and youngest child of William and Margaret Weber.

She emigrated to the United States in 1919, and had lived in Cranford and Westfield before moving to Massachusetts in 1984.

Mrs. Isles studied nursing at the Flower Hospital in New York City and became a registered nurse in 1924.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frederick W. Isles, in 1970. The couple had married in 1925.

Surviving are three sons, Robert Isles of Plainfield, Ted Isles of Framingham, Massachusetts, and David Isles of Cambridge, Massachusetts; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Watertown, Massachusetts, will be scheduled at a later date.

Arrangements were handled by the Keefe Funeral Homes in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

October 22, 1998

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

FEELEY, PATERSON, LOOMIS LOOM HEAVY ON 'D'

Raiders' Defense Prevails; Humbles the Tigers, 14-6

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Junior Dan Loomis and seniors Jim Feeley and Scott Paterson plugged up the center and Nathan Jones along with Matt McCarthy prevented any long Tiger runs as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team won its second game in a row by defeating Linden, 14-6, in Scotch Plains on October 17. Junior half-

ceived the opening kickoff on the six-yard line and quickly returned it to the 38-yard line. Within a slash the Tigers, using a strong inside running game, were down to the Raiders' 35. Moments later, the Tigers crept to the 16. From there, the Raider defense got rugged. Feeley, Paterson and Loomis crunched a fourth-and-one attempt by the Tigers.

The Raiders' first offensive sput-

tered, again the Raider offense sputtered and Franzone's punt went out at the Tiger 15.

Both teams' defense prevailed in the first quarter and appeared to hold the upper hand in the second. Paterson stuffed Tiger quarterback Rayford twice and later, the punt sailed to McCarthy who moved the ball to the Tiger 49.

The Raiders offered no offense and neither did the Tigers when they regained possession, thanks to a key defensive play delivered by McCarthy which put the Tigers in a fourth down situation at their own 19.

The midfield turf was continued until Raider Mike intercepted a Tiger toss at the Linden 41 with 2:22 left in the half. On the very next play, the Tigers recovered a Raider fumble at the 42. A pass completion to Calixto Guerra at the Raider 39 and a run by Rayford to the 22 put the Tigers within striking distance. Strike they did! Rayford found Greg Parker in the end zone with 1:01 left in the half. The extra point attempt failed and the Tigers led 6-0.

Now, the Raiders' special heroics were to begin. Jones took the kickoff at the five, shot up through the middle to the 30, then squirted to the right sideline where he escorted the football into the end zone with :40 left on the clock. Franzone's extra point kick was good and the Raiders carried a 7-6 lead into the locker room.

"He (Jones) stayed in the wedge until it began to break down, then he cut to the sidelines to make the big play," stated Raider Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli.

Jones received the kickoff to begin the second half on the seven yard line and returned it to the 33. After the Raiders moved the ball to the 46, Jones carried again, but this time the ball was stripped and recovered by Tiger Sean Garris at the 49.

Raider defense continued to control in the second half. Paterson made a crushing tackle, then Feeley tossed quarterback Rayford for a big loss. More strong tackling by Loomis, Feeley and McCarthy forced the Tigers to punt. The kick rolled out at the 14. Two plays later, the Tigers recovered another Raider fumble at the 24.

The Tigers moved the ball to within the Raider five, then got penalized five yards for delay of game. Linden attempted to kick a field goal, but Grabel came flying through the Tiger line and blocked the kick. The ball bounced toward midfield where the Raiders got possession at the 35.

After both offenses continued to sputter, the Raiders got another break when Paterson blasted through and recovered a fumble at the Tiger 28.

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BURSTING THROUGH TO THE OPEN?...Raider La'Marr McDaniel, No. 30, bursts through the Tiger line and sees an opening; unfortunately, a hand from nowhere reached out and stripped the ball before McDaniel crossed the goal line.



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TRYING TO OUTFRAN THE TIGER...Raider Nathan Jones, No. 22, receives a punt and attempts to escape the paws of a Tiger. The Raiders defeated the Linden High School Tigers, 14-6, in Scotch Plains on October 17.

back Nathan Jones was devastating to the Tigers on offense as he rushed for 135 yards and returned a kickoff 95 yards for the touchdown.

The Tigers to watch carefully were seniors Chris Rayford, Edwin Charlotin and Rashiem Starling and the Raiders began to realize how important it was when Charlotin re-

tered. Franzone's punt rolled to the Tiger 38. Again, the Raider defense displayed their stubbornness and the Tigers punted. McCarthy received the punt on the 25 and returned it to the 34.

With a few small gains by Jones and an off sides call against the Tigers, the Raiders got a first down:

TEAM BREAKS RECORD; ELMUCCIO GETS ALL AROUND

Blue Devil Gymnasts Soar; Top Columbia, 106.1-101.25

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Unity was the answer for the Blue Devil gymnastics girls when they hosted and defeated formidable Columbia High School from Maplewood, 106.1-101.25, in Westfield on October 12. The entire Blue Devil squad was in full force and senior Julie Elmuccio did her thing. Win!

"That broke the school record," exclaimed Blue Devil Head Coach Ellen Kovac about the team score. "The girls deserve a lot of credit for training well and being prepared."

Elmuccio aced the uneven bars with a 9.3 score, the balance beam with a 9.1 score and the all around

with an outstanding total of 36.3. In addition, she placed second in the vaulting with an 8.85 and second on the floor exercises with a 9.05.

Elmuccio hit a high-lifting hand-spring and stuck her dismount in the vault. Her beam routine was very impressive, and perhaps, deserved an even better score. Beginning with a side mount to a handstand, she then did a series of poses while in the handstand. Later, she performed several elegant split leaps and turns, then she dazzled the crowd with a round-off to a perfect back flip and finished with a front flip dismount.

"I hit my routine. I expected a little higher score, but I'm happy with my score," answered Elmuccio when asked about her opinion of her score on the balance beam.

"Any time you can get more than a 9.0, it is a very good score," stated Kovac. "It's possible that she could have received a little higher score."

Elmuccio demonstrated beautiful giant swings which included a pirouette and direction change. Also she executed a fine overshoot transfer to the lower bar, then later, she had a fantastic arching layout flyaway dismount.

"Julie's best ever score came two years ago when she totaled 37.6 and last year she was injured and could not compete," stated Kovac. "Her 36.3 was very good and I am happy to see that she is progressing so well."

Laurie Hogan performed a powerful and impressive Tsukahara in a tucked position and stuck the landing in the vaulting which earned her third place with an 8.7. Hogan had a super routine on the uneven bars which got her a score of 9.1 and a second place in the event. She used a spring board to mount the high bar, then performed a superb overshoot transfer to the lower bar. In addition, she

performed double giants and stuck her layout flyaway dismount. Hogan had a 7.9 on the balance beam and scored an 8.05 in the floor exercises.

"I had her do just one vault because her ankle continues to bother her," said Kovac. "And, it affects her on the floor."

Lauren Caravello scored an 8.5 and got plenty of lift on the vault with a half-on, full twisting handspring off maneuver. Her great uneven routine earned her a third place with a 9.0 and her balance beam routine was awarded a second place with an 8.7. Caravello placed third in the all around with a total of 34.8.

"It's only the second time she has performed in the all around and this is

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David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times

FLEXIBILITY +...Blue Devil freshman Jessica Caravello practices her finale on the floor exercises.



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times

DOING GIANTS...Blue Devil Julie Elmuccio practices her giant swings on the uneven bars prior to the meet with Columbia High School.



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PREPARING FOR A BIG OFFENSIVE PLAY...The Blue Devil offense prepares to run their next play. Center Rob Albino, No. 53, sets up for the hike as quarterback Brandon Doerr looks over the Shabazz defensive setup. Shabazz pulled out a 12-9 victory over the Blue Devils at Untermann Field in Newark on October 16.

MERRITT SNAGS A 7-YARD TD PASS FROM DOERR

Bulldogs' F-G Block Hands Westfield it's First Loss, 12-9

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Bulldog Damon Harrison burst through the Blue Devil line and blocked a game-tying field goal attempt and allowed Malcolm X. Shabazz High School to defeat Westfield, 12-9, at Untermann Field in Newark on October 16. In addition, drive killing penalties prevented the Blue Devils from controlling the game. The victory gave the Bulldogs the upper hand in the race for the Watchung Conference National Division title.

Shabazz received the opening kickoff and began its first series of downs at the 33. Quarterback Harrison rolled right for nine yards, then fullback Derek Foster plunged two yards for a first down. Kenjuan Macklin caught a pass from Harrison and was brought down at the Blue Devil 43. Harrison kept for seven yards, then Joe Slocum snagged a pass at the 27. From there, Foster cut left and sliced into the end zone to give Shabazz a 6-0 lead with 8:38 left of the first quarter. The extra point attempt failed.

Senior Blue Devil Lamont Turner immediately put the Blue Devils in great field position by receiving the kickoff at the seven and returning it to the Devil 48. Turner sliced off guard for four yards, then Todd Dowling blasted the Shabazz 39 for a first down. After a two-yard gain from Dowling, Turner slanted right to the 23. Kevin McCormack cut off tackle for three yards.

When all seemed to be working properly, the Blue Devils self destructed. An illegal man downfield moved the ball back five yards, then a pass completion from Doerr to McCormack at the 11 was nullified due to an illegal block below the waist. The 15-yard penalty, backed the Blue Devils to the 40. The only redeeming factor of the series was that Turner's punt went out of bounds at the Bulldog four.

"We had a scoring opportunity on the opening drive and blew it," stated Blue Devil Head Coach Ed Tranchina. "Shabazz is a good team on defense and you can't blow opportunities like that."

The Blue Devil defense stopped the Bulldogs and forced them to punt. The punt went out of bounds at the Devil 47. On first down, Turner raced 25 yards to the Bulldog 28. Tom Lee burst to the 23, then plunged to the 20

as the first quarter ended. Misfortune struck again when Doerr's pass was intercepted by Michael Bowe and returned to the Bulldog 28.

Good fortune shifted to the Blue Devils when Greg Jackson recovered a fumble at the Bulldog 30. The Devil offense sputtered and the Bulldogs took over and began to move the ball, but the good fortune remained with the Blue Devils. Rob Albino recovered a Bulldog fumble at the Westfield 44.

Again the offense sputtered, but Turner's punt was downed at the Bulldog one-yard line. Dowling and Turner stuffed Foster's run at the three, then Devin Griffiths and Lee sacked Harrison in the end zone for a safety. With the score, 6-2, the Bull-

dogs had to kickoff to the Blue Devils from their own 10, due to a personal foul which occurred during the safety.

Blue Devil Maurice Boatwright picked up the kickoff near the Devil 40 and returned it to the Bulldog 35. On first down, Doerr found receiver Jason Merritt over the middle where he was brought down at the 15.

Next, Doerr passed complete to Dowling at the seven, then on the next play, he connected with Merritt in the end zone with just :10 remaining in the half. Doerr's extra point attempt was good and the Blue Devils carried a 9-6 lead into the locker room.

Usually during halftime, most of the fans get out of their seats and get

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SALMOND HAMMERS A HAT TRICK

Blue Devil Girls Clock Lady Minutemen, 8-0

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Junior halfback Kristen Salmond scored the first goal of the game, then went on to add two more as the Westfield High School girls soccer team stopped Elizabeth High School, 8-0, in Westfield on October 14. The Blue Devils easily breezed to a 4-0 lead by halftime, then gave their reserves plenty of playing time in the second half.

Salmond nailed the initial goal only about four minutes into the game to begin the scoring landslide. Moments later sophomore Gwyn Lederman blasted a shot which whizzed over the crossbar.

It was quite apparent that Blue Devil goalie Michelle Meglaughlin was going to have a restful afternoon

because her offense launched an incessant bombardment upon the Lady Minutemen's goal. The Lady Minutemen fullbacks were unable to turn the Blue Devil attackers toward the sidelines. Attacking from the center, senior Forward Suzanne Heinkel ripped a shot which just went over the cross bar.

Senior Jessica Lutkenhouse penetrated the middle and tapped in the second goal from about 11 yards out. Within 35 seconds, Lederman barged into the middle a punched in the Blue Devils' third goal.

Later in the first half, forward Elisa Cognetti and freshman halfback Jennifer Hayes lodged the ball from the goalie and Hayes bashed a shot which just missed the far post. Seconds

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KICKING FOR THE GOAL...Blue Devil Jessica Lutkenhouse, No. 4, kicks the ball toward the Elizabeth goal at Tamaques Park in Westfield on October 14. Lutkenhouse scored two goals as the Blue Devils won 8-0.

Sports Deadline *Special Notice*

Due to the fact that there will be a large special election issue of our paper, all sports articles must be submitted by noon on Sunday, October 25, because the sports section must be sent to the printer by noon on October 26.

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A BATTLE NEAR THE GOAL...Blue Devil junior Kristen Salmond, No. 14, battles for control of the ball with a Lady Minuteman. Salmond won the battle and scored three goals in the game.

Blue Devil Girls Clock Lady Minutemen, 8-0

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later, Salmond alertly came to the ball which slipped out of the goalie's hands and drilled it into the net from just five yards away to put the Blue Devils ahead, 4-0.

All of the Blue Devils seemed to get into the act. Senior Deirdre Lynn fired a shot which just missed, Lederman hit a sizzler which singed the outside of the far post, then Heinkel whacked a shot which was blocked by the exhausted goalie.

Nothing changed in the second half except some of the faces. Now, sophomore Susan Hinds got to observe the game from the goalie position and several of the first string Blue Devil forwards and strikers were rested. The

results, however, were the same.

Lutkenhouse blazed her second goal into the far side of the net from about 12 yards out. Continuously, Lutkenhouse dogged the Lady Minutemen goalie. Junior halfback Liza Yannuzzi added her input by zinging a shot past the far post.

Minutes later, Salmond stormed the goal and zapped her third goal into the net to increase the lead to 6-0. Before the game came to an end, Lederman scored her second goal and halfback Jennifer Korecky hit pay dirt.

The Blue Devils upped their record to 8-3-1.

Westfield	0	0	0
Westfield	4	4	8

Local Area High School Girls Soccer Results:

OCTOBER 12:

Scotch Plains-Fanwood 4, Irvington 0

Junior striker Jennifer Doyle, sophomore midfielder Jillian Koscielicki and freshmen Eryn Bushinger and Kerri Quinn had one goal apiece for the Raiders who thumped the Blue Knights in Irvington.

Christine Bowers, Joanna Garibaldi, Rene Zidonik and Kellie LaForge each had one assist for the Raiders who upped their record to 4-5-1.

ScPlns-Fanwood	2	2	4
Irvington	0	0	0

OCTOBER 13:

A. L. Johnson 5, Governor Livingston 0

Erin Black and Meredith Qualshie both had two goals and Lindsey Carrick had one for the Crusaders, seeded third for the upcoming Union County Tournament. The Crusaders lifted their record to 8-2 while the Highlanders fell to 3-5-1.

OCTOBER 14:

Cranford 11, Newark East Side 0
Devon Murray zipped in three goals and Sue Flamini had two goals and three assists for the Cougars who upped their record to 9-1.

OCTOBER 15:

Union Catholic 3, Columbia 0

As usual, the Viking offense kept its opponents' goalie busy, forcing her to make 20 saves; however, Lissette Brandao, Kate Fitzgerald and Erica Schweikert each netted one goal.

Union Catholic upped its record to 10-2 while Columbia fell to 5-7-1.

Columbia	0	0	0
Union Catholic	1	2	3

UNION COUNTY TOURNAMENT:

OCTOBER 17:

Westfield 5, Roselle Catholic 0

The fourth-seeded Blue Devils were too much for the Lions as Liza Yannuzzi hit for three goals and Suzanne Heinkel found pay dirt one and added an assist in Westfield. The Blue Devils upped their record to 9-3-1.

Union Catholic 6, Roselle Park 0

The Panthers were pulverized by the second-seeded Vikings in Scotch Plains. Kate Fitzgerald fired in two goals and Jessica Ballweg, Lissette Brandao, Tanya Wynarczuk and Alyssa Wechter added one goal apiece.

The Vikings boosted their record to 11-2 and the Panthers dropped



BRINGING IT DOWN...Blue Devil Elisa Cognetti, No. 7, brings the ball down field against Elizabeth.

to 4-6-1.

Roselle Park	0	0	0
Union Catholic	2	4	6

Railway 3, New Providence 0

The eighth-seeded Indians scalped the Pioneers in Rahway.

New Providence	0	0	0
Rahway	2	1	3

Summit 3, Kent Place 0

The seventh-seeded Hilltoppers got all three of their goals from Lydia Robinson and improved to 9-3-2.

A. L. Johnson 9, Elizabeth 1

The Crusaders crucified the Lady Minutemen in Clark in the first round of the Union County Tournament. Kelliann Brennan, Erin Black and Lindsey Carrick had two goals apiece for the Crusaders who improved to 9-2.

Cranford 10, Linden 0

Sue Flamini hit pay dirt three times and Devin Murray scored two times as the Cougars leapt to 10-1.



CONSTANT ATTACK...The Blue Devils kept a constant attack on the Elizabeth goal.

Raider Girls Bury Farmers in Shootout

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls soccer team buried the sixth-seeded Farmers in the Union County Soccer Tournament with a 4-2 shootout in Union. Farmer Jayme Gray put the Farmers ahead with a goal in the first half, but Raider Rene Zidonik tied it early in the second half. The Raiders improved to 5-5-3.

ScPlns-Fanwood	0	1	0	3	4
Union	1	0	0	1	2

Vikings Demolish Lion Girls, 7-0

The 14th-ranked Union Catholic girls soccer team demolished Roselle Catholic, 7-0, in Scotch Plains on October 14. Jessica Ballweg and Jessica Broderick each had two goals.

Lissette Brandao, Tanya Wynarczuk and Nicole Wilkens had one goal apiece for the Vikings who upped their record to 9-2. Roselle Catholic fell to 3-8-1.

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LAVERY SNAGS 3RD IN ALL AROUND Solid Somerville Stops Raiders in Gymnastics

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Jamie Day was the guiding light for the Somerville High School girls as they put together a solid team performance and defeated the fine Raider gymnastics team, 104.35-97.85 in Scotch Plains on October 12. Raider freshman Jackie Lavery had some stunning and gutsy performances which earned her third in the all around.

Against the very highly regarded Pioneers, Lavery placed third on the balance beam with an 8.6 and floor exercises with an 8.75, fourth on the uneven bars with a mark of 8.35 for an all around total of 34.05.

The gutsy and very powerful Lavery was quite impressive on the balance beam. She displayed her strength and power with her press to a V-split handstand, then tested her balance with various bent-leg positions while still in the handstand. Lavery had graceful split leaps and scales, then performed a very difficult back flip on the four inch beam. Lavery's floor routine consisted of explosive flips, Arabian hand springs, powerful handstands and pirouettes.

On the vault, Lavery performed a handspring with a full-twist. On the uneven bars, Lavery had a full-twisting mount to a kip-up, then high-lighted her performance with an uprise, two giant swings and a flyaway.

Raider freshman Lindsay Church had the fourth highest all around total of 32.6. Church placed third on the uneven bars with a score of 8.5 where she highlighted her routine

with a beautiful glide kip, double giant swings and a layout flyaway.

In the vaulting, Church took fourth with an 8.55 using a half-on-full twist off handspring. Church also took fourth on the floor with an 8.55.

Freshman Megan Grabel scored an 8.15 in the vault using a half-on-half off handspring. Grabel attacked the uneven bars and performed several fine moves which included a handstand with a half-twist on the low bar and a flyaway dismount. Her routine earned her a 6.9. Grabel also scored a 7.45 on the floor exercises.

Diana Filo scored an 8.1 in the vault, a 7.15 on the uneven bars, a 7.85 on the beam and a 7.65 on the floor exercises. On the uneven bars, Filo had a full-spinning mount and performed several kip-up maneuvers and hip circles to earn her score.

Sophomore Rachel Eannucci scored an 8.1 with her handspring on the vault. Eannucci also scored a 7.15 on the uneven bars.

"It was a good score for us against a strong team like Somerville," explained Raider gymnastics Head Coach Tammy Del Rosario. "Although, we were weak on the beam."

TOP 3 BREAKDOWN:

Vault. — 1. Jamie Day (S) 8.8, 2. Diana Garrett (S) 8.7, 3. Melissa Robert (S) 8.65

Bars — 1. Garrett (S) 8.8, 2. Day (S) 8.65, 3. Church (SPF) 8.5

Beam — 1. Garrett (S) 8.8, 2. Day 8.65, 3. Lavery (SPF) 8.6

Floor — 1. Day (S) 9.1, 2. Garrett (S) 8.8, 3. Lavery (SPF) 8.75

All-Around — 1. Day (S) 35.2, 2. Garrett (S) 35.1, 3. Lavery (SPF) 32.6



PRACTICING A 'V' SEAT...Raider freshman Megan Grabel practices a 'V' seat prior to the meet with the Pioneers from Somerville. Grabel performed well on the floor exercises, the vault and on the uneven bars.

Blue Devil Gymnasts Soar; Top Columbia, 106.1-101.25

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her highest total," pointed out Kovac.

Jessica Caravello also performed a half-on, full-twisting handspring off on the vaulting and was awarded an 8.55. On the uneven bars, she was awarded an 8.65, using kip-ups, an uprise to a double giant swing and a flyaway dismount. Her routine on the beam earned her a second place with an 8.55.

Junior Tara Clark performed a nice quarter-on, one-and-a-quarter off handspring on the vault and earned a 8.15.

Allison Checchio mounted the balance beam from the side, then performed two back walkovers, scales, split leaps, a backward roll, a forward roll and finished with a front flip dismount to complete a fine routine and score a 7.65.

Amy Seligman did well by performing several kip-ups and hip circles and finishing with a flyaway dismount to earn a 7.2 on the uneven bars.

The Blue Devils boosted their record to 5-0 while Columbia slipped to 4-3.

Vault. — 1. Bridget Ingram (C) 9.15, 2. Julie Elmuccio (W) 8.85, 3. Laurie Hogan (W) 8.7

Bars — 1. Elmuccio (W) 9.3, 2. Hogan (W) 9.1, 3. Lauren Caravello (W) 9.0

Beam — 1. Elmuccio (W) 9.1, 2. L. Caravello (W) 8.7, 3. Jessica Caravello (W) 8.55

Floor — 1. Jen Barnes (C) 9.2, 2. Elmuccio (W) 9.05, 3. Ingram (C) 8.7

All-Around — 1. Elmuccio (W) 36.3, 2. Ingram (C) 35.05, 3. L. Caravello (W) 34.8

Local High School Gymnastics Results:

OCTOBER 15:

Westfield 83.35, Elizabeth 58.15

The Blue Devils improved to 6-0 with an easy victory over the Lady Minutemen. The Blue Devils swept every event although no Devil competed for the all around.

Vault. — 1. Tara Clarke (W) 8.4, 2. Katy Brunetto (W) 7.7, 3. Tamara Yellin (W) 6.0

Bars — 1. Bethany Goldman (W) 7.4, 2. Amy Seligman (W) 7.15, 3. Sarah Burke (W) 5.5

Beam — 1. Seligman (W) 7.15, 2. Goldman (W) 6.75, 3. Burke (W) 5.7

Floor — 1. Laurie Hogan (W) 8.65, 2. Clarke (W) 7.25, 3. Goldman (W) 6.65

All-Around — 1. Ilona Skiewicz (E) 19.85

PUBLIC NOTICE 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, November 9, 1998 for the "CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWER ON ORENDA CIRCLE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STORM SEWER ON FAIRACRES AVENUE, TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY."

The work under this Proposal includes the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the work as shown on the Contract Drawings and described in the Contract Specifications, and Proposals shall be in accordance with such Drawings and Specifications and the terms proposed in the Contract. Approximate quantities for the major items of work are as follows:

Manhole (Sanitary)	3 Units
Inlets	4 Units
8 inch PVC Sanitary Sewer	510 L.F.
12 inch PVC Storm Sewer	580 L.F.
Alternate Bid - Orenda Circle Off Road Alignment	
Manhole (Sanitary)	3 Units
8 inch PVC Sanitary Sewer	485 L.F.
4 inch Concrete Walk	1,970 S.F.
Asphalt Drive	100 S.Y.
Top Soil and Sod	560 S.Y.

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) working days after the start of work.

Proposals shall be in writing on the forms furnished and must be delivered at the place and before the hour above mentioned, and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Town of Westfield in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the base amount of the bid, but not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$20,000.00. Each bid must also be accompanied by a Surety Company Certificate stating that said Surety company will provide the bidder with the required Performance bond in the full amount of the Contract, by a Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor's Qualification Statement, Statement of Ownership, on the forms included in and explained in the contract documents.

Bidders must be in compliance with all provisions of Chapter 127 P.L. 1975 supplement to the law against discrimination (Affirmative Action) and must pay workmen the prevailing wage rates promulgated by the New Jersey State Department of Labor and Industry for this project, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Town Engineer.

Plans and specifications may be seen or procured at the office of the Town Engineer, Public Works Center, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey. The Mayor and Council 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
Fee: \$74.46

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TAKING A SHOT AT GOAL...Raider senior Todd Moser, No. 2, begins to take a shot at the Governor Livingston goal in Scotch Plains. The Raiders toppled the Highlanders, 10-1, and upped their record to 13-0.

Local Area High School Boys Soccer Results:

OCTOBER 12:

Cranford 3, Roselle Catholic 0

Rob Sands had two goals and Ron Kulik added one as the Cougars elevated their record to 8-3-1. Jeff Baer had two assists. Goalie Gennaro Somma picked up the shutout.

Cranford	1	0	3
Roselle Cath (4-4)	0	2	0

OCTOBER 13:

A. L. Johnson 3, Governor Livingston 1

The Crusaders, seeded fifth for the upcoming the Union County Tournament, got a goal from Ryan Best in the first half, then received goals from Jeff Drozowski and Jeff Howlett. Brian Harris scored for the Highlanders.

Gov. Livingston	0	1	1
A. L. Johnson (10-1)	1	2	3

New Providence 11, David Brearley 0

The Pioneers had no mercy as they nearly made the Bears an endangered species in New Providence. Joe Gennaro, Joe Fillano and Dan McElligott had two goals each for the Pioneers, seeded fourth in the upcoming Union County Tournament.

Brearley (2-8)	0	0	0
New Prov. (10-0-1)	6	5	11

OCTOBER 14:

Westfield 2, Elizabeth 2

The Minutemen quickly jumped out to a 2-0 halftime lead but the Blue Devils battled back in the second half to tie the score in Elizabeth.

Dan Sovkowitz and Victor Arcila scored for the Minutemen. Senior Bob Stroud found the net for the Blue Devils just after the second half started,

Westfield	2	0	0
Elizabeth	2	0	0

OCTOBER 15:

Westfield 3, Summit 0

The sixth-seeded Blue Devil boys advanced when Eric Finne ripped a goal in the first half and Ralph Rapuano added two in the second half in Westfield.

Summit (3-11)	0	0	0
Westfield (6-5-2)	1	2	3

Union Catholic 1, Union 0

The Viking boys, vastly improved from last year, took to the seventh-seeded Farmers in Union. Erik DaRocha scored on a direct kick with 11:00 remaining in the game.

Goalie Bill Cuartas had eight saves for the Vikings who improved to 5-2-2. Union fell to 5-8-1.

Union Catholic	0	1	1
Union	0	0	0

New Providence 2, Oratory 0

The fourth-seeded Pioneer remained unbeaten and got goals from Teddy Neidzielski in the first half and Tommy Doyle in the second half.

Oratory (6-8)	0	0	0
New Prov. (11-0-1)	1	1	2

Cranford 3, Roselle Park 0

The third-seeded Cougars roared with two goals from Andy Cusamano and one from Rob Sands in Cranford. The Cougars upped their record to 10-3-1 and the Panthers slipped to 5-5-1.

Elizabeth 8, David Brearley 0

The second-seeded Minutemen clocked the Bears in Elizabeth. Dan Sobkowitz had three goals as the Minutemen upped their record to 9-3-1. Kenilworth slid to 2-10.

Elizabeth	8	0	0
David Brearley	0	0	0

OCTOBER 16:

Plainfield 2-7-1

Plainfield (2-7-1)	0	0	0
Sc Plains-Fanwood	9	0	9

1 T - 10/22/98, The Times Fee: \$17.85

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 98-10-139
CONTRACTOR: JEM Engineering Inc., P.O. Box 1691, Cranford, New Jersey 07016-5691

NATURE OF SERVICE: Engineering services for the Storm Water Piping Reconstruction of North Avenue Between Martine Avenue and Forest Road, North Avenue IIIA.

DURATION: For a period ending no later than October 15, 1999.

AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$11,300.00.

A copy of the resolution and contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

1 T - 10/22/98, The Times Fee: \$17.85

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the Planning Board meeting of October 19, 1998. The files pertaining to these applications are in the Office of the Planning Board and are available for public inspection during regular office hours.

1 T - 10/22/98, The Times Fee: \$17.85

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RESOLUTION NO. 98-10-140
CONTRACTOR: JEM Engineering Inc., P.O. Box 1691, Cranford, New Jersey 07016-5691

NATURE OF SERVICE: Engineering and Land Surveying Services for the Design for Replacement of CMP Storm Water Pipe between Hunter Avenue and PSE&G Right-of-Way.

OFFITZER HOMERS AND GETS 5 RBI; LOPEZ HOMERS

Marauders Hush the Thunder; Seize JCC Championship, 19-7

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times
Red Thunder held the upper hand by virtue of being the regular season champs; however, the Marauders seized the opportunity in the playoffs and ran away with the Jewish Community Center Softball League title game, 19-7, at Tamaques Park in Westfield on October 11. Barry Offtizer led the raiding by blasting a three-run homer and ripping a two-run single. Mark Friedman led off the top of the first with a single over third, Don Merkelson slashed a single to right, then Neal Leitner lashed an RBI single to left.

The Marauders were temporarily stunned by the "offensive" behavior of the Thunder, but failed to provide any offense in the top of the second. The Thunder followed suit and failed to score in their portion of the inning which allowed the Marauders to regain their senses. Marshall Feldman ripped a leadoff double and Todd Krell hopped a single over third. Dave Livingston was presumed to have hit an RBI double to center, then Offtizer's bungled grounder to third allowed Krell and Livingston to score. Down 4-3, the Red Thunder banged out three more runs in the bottom of the third. Jerry Powers reached safely on an error and Lou Safirin singled to center. Steve Baker bashed an RBI single to center and Weiss whacked a two-RBI double to left. The Marauders answered with three in the fourth to take a 7-6 lead. Leitner scribbled a single past short, Dave Heiden drilled a double to left, then Ethan Kramer knocked a two-RBI double to left. Later, Tom Lopez

brought Kramer home with a grounder to the pitcher. Tischler tapped a single for the Red Thunder, Jon Applebaum banged a single to left, then Larry Fleishman hit into a force play. Mark Stein bounced an RBI single to left to tie the score and Warren Cohen poked a single to left, but outfielder Leitner gunned Fleishman down as he attempted to score. Elated with the great defensive play, the Marauders roared loudly with a six-run fifth inning. The looting began with singles by Krell and Livingston. Offtizer launched his three-run homer to faraway left field. With the bases empty, Sol Heitner walked then Andy Lawrence looped a single to left. Friedman wiggled an RBI single by short, then Merkelson tomahawked an RBI single past third. Leitner drove in the sixth run of the inning by yanking a single over third. The Red Thunder was shocked by the Marauders' audacity and failed to score in the fifth and sixth inning. In the meantime, the Marauders jumped their lead to 17-7 with four more runs in the top of the seventh. Barry Levine doubled to left, Krell beat out an infield single and Livingston singled to left. Offtizer smashed his two-run single, Jim Polonsky sacrificed Livingston home, then Heitner singled Offtizer home. After the Thunder remained silent, the Marauders added a run in the eighth. Leitner grounded a single to short, then Heiden looped a wind-blown RBI double to right. The Thunder could salvage only a single from Applebaum in the eighth, but the Marauders picked up their 19th run in the ninth when Lopez lambasted a solo homer to deep, deep right. The storm was over and the Red Thunder's 'rain' of terror became history.



THE 1998 JCC CHAMPION MARAUDERS...The Marauders defeated the Red Thunder, 19-7, at Tamaques Park in Westfield on October 11 to win the Jewish Community Center Title. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Barry Levine and Todd Krell; second row, Andy Lawrence, Sol Heitner, Tom Lopez, Ben Chodor and Ethan Kramer; third row, Don Merkelson, Marshall Feldman, Jim Polonsky, Barry Offtizer and Mark Friedman; back row, Carl Hauser, Neal Leitner, David Livingston, David Heiden and Jeff Silverstein.



PUSHING FOR THE 'ALL CORBIN TEAM'...Todd Krell of the Marauders safely does a face dive into home plate in the fifth inning against the Red Thunder.

Scoreboard for Marauders vs Red Thunder. Marauders: 103 360 411 19. Red Thunder: 303 100 000 07.

Local Area High School Girls Field Hockey:

OCTOBER 12: Pompton Lakes 2, Cranford 0. A very tough Pompton Lakes team shutout the hosting Cougars, 2-0. Rachael Radulic and Daniella Avenoso both scored in the second half. Pompton Lakes which tied Westfield early in the season, upped its record to 7-1-2. Cranford dropped to 5-3-1.

UNION COUNTY TOURNAMENT: OCTOBER 17: Oak Knoll 2, Summit 1. Seventh-seeded Oak Knoll toppled the Hilltoppers in Summit. Emily Sheridan converted a penalty stroke with 4:30 left in overtime. After Hilltopper Katie Bowman scored, Millie Ford tied the game with a goal only 2:00 left in regulation.

OCTOBER 13: A.L. Johnson 3, North Plainfield 2. Danielle Castaldo, Melissa Paniewicz and Danielle Novello had one goal each for the Crusaders who improved to 5-5-1. The Canucks fell to 3-7. Ridge 3, Governor Livingston 1. The Red Devils burned the Highlanders in Berkeley Heights in the second half when Jessica Rothchild and Amy Bramel each score a goal.

Cranford 4, Union 0. The second-seeded Cougars snarled with two goals from Lora Grutzmacher and one goal each from Becky and Emily Taylor. The Cougars lifted their record to 7-3-2 while the Farmer fell to 3-5-4.

OCTOBER 14: Roselle Park 2, Governor Livingston 0. The Panthers eliminated the Highlanders from the Union County Tournament. Roselle Park (2-8) 1 1 2. Gov Livingston (1-8) 0 0 0.

PUBLIC NOTICE. BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION BY ORDINANCE 98-15-RAND PUBLIC HEARING. An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on October 15, 1998. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Devil X-C's Dust Cardinal Girls

Maura McMahon led the 'Pac' as the Blue Devils seized the first nine top slots to eradicate the Plainfield High School girls, 15-0, on the 3.1 mile course at Cedar Brook Park on October 13. The Westfield girls remained undefeated, boosting its record to 7-0. 1. Maura McMahon (W) 20:16, 2. Heather Dennis (W) 21:43, 3. Lindsey Totams (W) 21:49, 4. Kyle Legones (W) 22:07, 5. Claire Tafelski (W) 22:12, 6. Tara Bhandari (W) 22:24, 7. Tanya Tran (W) 22:26, 8. Aubrey McGovern (W) 22:54, 9. Sara Carpenter (W) 22:57, 10. Priscilla Hazelwood (P) 23:32.

Local High School Football Results:

Table of football results for October 16 and 17. Includes games like Union 20, Elizabeth 18; Plainfield 46, Kearny 7; New Providence 41, Bound Brook 0; Ridge 39, Governor Livingston 7; Gov. Livingston 0, Ridge (3-2).

Bulldogs' F-G Block Hands Westfield it's First Loss, 12-9

hot dogs, sodas and hamburgers; however, this time they were mesmerized by the utterly fantastic and highly energetic performance given by the Shabazz marching band, majorettes and talented, entertaining drum corps. Performing synchronized dance routines tirelessly throughout, the Shabazz marching band received a huge applause from the fans. Throughout the third quarter both offenses stalled even though Shabazz got a big break on a questionable interference call. During that quarter, the ever-dangerous Turner grabbed a Bulldog punt at the 12 and returned it 31 yards to the 43; unfortunately, the Blue Devils could not move the ball, then had their punt blocked and recovered by the Bulldogs at the 50. Later, Jackson recovered another fumble and the Blue Devils got the ball at the 35, but soon gave up possession. Minutes later, McCormack picked up a bungled pitchout attempt by Harrison 47. The next series of offensive plays by both teams were riddled with penalties. The offensive stalemate ended when Kenjuan Macklin sliced 24 yards for a Bulldog touchdown with 8:35 left in the game. The conversion failed and the Blue Devils trailed, 12-9. After the Blue Devils self destructed with a painful 15-yard blocking below the waist penalty which included a loss of down, the Devil defense held the Bulldog offense on the following series of downs. Time was running down and the Blue Devils, from their own 24, moved to the Shabazz 33 on com-

pleted passes to Dowling for 16 yards, to Gabe Perez for 20 yards, then to Turner. The penalty inflammation continued and the Bulldogs took over. "We did nothing with the ball in the second half. We didn't deserve to win. We made too many mistakes and had too many penalties," responded Tranchina. "Shabazz also made many mistakes and gave us several opportunities, but we didn't capitalize on them." With :54 remaining, Merritt blocked a Bulldog punt and the Blue Devils took over at the Shabazz 40. An interference call against the Bulldogs advanced the ball to the 25, then Turner, who caught a short pass in the backfield, glided to the 14 for a first down. Next, Turner rushed to the eight, then Doerr completed to Turner where he was knocked out at the one with only :12 left. "I ran out on the field and thought that Shabazz called the time out, but the referee said that one of our players called it and that left us with no time outs," pointed out Tranchina. "We had momentum on our side and I thought that our best chance would be to kick the field goal and send it into overtime," explained Tranchina. "Our kicking game is better than theirs and I figured that we could beat them in overtime." With no time outs remaining, the Blue Devils opted to go for the field goal and the tie, hoping to win it in overtime. The ball was temporarily juggled by the holder and the attempt was blocked. Shabazz upped its record to 4-1. The Blue Devils slipped to 4-1.

North, Section 2, Group 3 Football Power Points:

Table of power points for football teams: Morristown (5-0): 54.00; Parsippany Hills (5-0) 34.00; Shabazz (4-1) 33.00 Westfield (4-1) 27.00; West Morris Central (3-2) 25.00; Orange (3-3) 25.00.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE. SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-13298-96. BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ADVANTAGE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 1992-1 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1991, PLAINTIFF vs. RONSON L. SMITH; BRENDAN ANN SMITH; ADVANTAGE LEASING CORP., ET AL, DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 1, 1997, FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

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BLASTING THROUGH FOR A GAIN...Todd Dowling surges for a gain.

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ATTENTION: Westfield Basketball Association Registration. PLACE: Westfield Y. DATE: Friday October 23 • 7:00pm to 9pm, Friday, October 30 • 7:00pm to 9pm, Saturday, October 31 • 9:00am to Noon. Call 908-654-6361 for information.

PUBLIC NOTICE. SHERIFF'S SALE. SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-003400-98. SOVEREIGN BANK, FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. MARK RAVAIOLI AND KELLY RAVAIOLI, HIS WIFE; DONALD RAVAIOLI, ET ALS, DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 21, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

PUBLIC NOTICE. SHERIFF'S SALE. SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12219-96. FIRST NATIONWIDE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. ROBERT EDOUARD AND EVELYNE EDOUARD, HIS WIFE; ET ALS, DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 11, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

HOLD THAT TIGER...Raider Kristan Serieux, No. 68, makes initial contact with a Tiger as Joe Franzone, No. 5, Ron Jenerette, No. 83, and Scott Paterson, No. 54, close in for the gang tackle.

Raiders' Defense Prevails; Humbles the Tigers, 14-6

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With a fine second-effort run by Jones, the Raiders advanced the ball to the six. On the first play of the fourth quarter, McDaniel burst through the Tiger line into the end zone; however, the ball was stripped and recovered by a Tiger for a touchback.

Holding on to the slim 7-6 lead, the Raiders began their final offensive. Jones received a Tiger punt at midfield and returned it to the 43. Carries of 13 and four yards by Jones placed the ball on the Tigers' 26 and a face mask call against the Tigers advanced the ball to the 13. Franzone rolled left to the four-yard line, then Jones plunged to the one.

An illegal shift by the Raiders moved the ball back to the six. Jones moved the ball back to the one, then a delay of game penalty brought it back to the six. With only two seconds left in the game, Jones zipped virtually untouched into the end zone. Franzone added the extra point and the Raiders had won their second straight game.

"Our defense played very well. We held them to 31 yards in the second half. They controlled the line," said Ciccotelli. "The one touchdown they had was on blown coverage."

Pleased about the performance of his special teams, Ciccotelli said, "Our special teams played very well. Our punts were good, the wedge worked well and Grabel got through to block the field goal attempt."

Also happy with the offensive line's performance Ciccotelli commented, "Nathan rushed for 135 yards which means that the blocking was good."

The Raiders boosted their record to 2-3 while Linden dropped to 1-4.

Scoreboard table showing Linden 0, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 14.

Special Sports Announcement:

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Homecoming will take place on Saturday, October 31 when the Raiders will take on Irvington High School at 1:30 in Scotch Plains. There will be special presentations for all the senior football players, members of the band and cheerleading squad.

In addition, there will be a special presentation given to Alex DiPace who is a 1942 graduate of Scotch Plains High School. DiPace lettered three years in baseball, in football and in track. DiPace won a state championship in the shot put.

DiPace has been a local barber in town since 1947. DiPace served in the Air Force immediately after graduating from high school. DiPace was heavily recruited by several top colleges, including the University of North Carolina; however, because of his duty to his country, he passed up the opportunity.

Field Hockey Devils Bury Farmers and Panthers

By SARA BURNETT

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School Blue Devil field hockey team eliminated the competition by defeating Union, 2-1, on October 14 in Union and Roselle Park, 6-1, on October 17 in Westfield heightening their record to 8-1-2. By beating Roselle Park, the Blue Devils have advanced to the semifinal round of the Union County Tournament (UCT).

The Blue Devils picked up the lead early in the second half against Union with a goal scored by left wing Valerie Wicks. The Farmers soon avenged the goal to even the score. The initial Farmer shot was taken from outside the 16-yard circle and was heading out-of-bounds until it ricocheted off the goal post and stopped dead on the goal line. Then, the ball was then tapped in by a Union player to tie the game.

The Blue Devils rebounded quickly, however, and within five minutes another goal was scored by Wicks. Stephanie Flynn and Kelsey III each assisted Wicks with her goals. The loss sunk the Farmers to 2-4-4.

On October 17, the Blue Devils blazed past Roselle Park in the quarterfinal round of the UCT. As the top-seeded team in Union County, the Blue Devils were relentless in their offensive attack. Two goals were netted by Wicks and Allison Cook, while Jessica Wyckoff and Kelsey III each added one goal apiece.

Securing the lead early in the game, the Blue Devils ended the first half with a 3-0 lead. It was only during the second half that the Blue Devils momentarily broke down and allowed

the Panthers to score off a corner; however, the Blue Devils continued to dominate and scored three more goals by the end of the game. Paige Corbett and Kristen Leonardis had two assists each and Cook had one. The Blue Devils seized their eighth win as the Panthers plunged to 2-10.

Wicks said, "I'm really happy with the way the team has been playing, and I hope we can fulfill our goal and win the county title."

In both games, the Blue Devil attack was a combined effort by Cook, Wicks, III, Wyckoff, Leonardis, Megan Pollock, Christine Thompson, and Allison Rosenthal. Supporting the offense were halfbacks Liz McKeon, Corbett, and Flynn.

Defenders Lauren Mattes, Laura Bonavita, Sara Burnett, Amanda Pirozzi, Meghan McMahon, Nicole Bentivegna, and Linnea Liscinsky were consistent and only allowed the Union and Roselle Park offense to penetrate the net twice. Goalie Jennifer Woodbury made key saves which kept the Blue Devils in the game.

Coach Margaret McFadden said, "The kids played outstandingly. It was a good start and a nice win. I am looking forward for it to carry over to the semifinal round."

The Blue Devils faced rival Cranford on October 19 and will play Mount St. Mary's today in Westfield at 4:00. The Blue Devils will also play in the semifinal round of the UCT on Saturday, October 24.

Scoreboard table showing Westfield 2, Union 0, Roselle Park 1, Westfield 3.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

NO STOPPING HIM...Raider Jeff Fiorino, No. 6, maneuvers around a Highlander and moves the ball toward the goal. The Raiders demolished Governor Livingston, 10-1, in Scotch Plains on October 16.

High School Girls Volleyball Results:

OCTOBER 13: East Brunswick over Westfield, 15-10, 16-14

The 20th-ranked hosting East Brunswick girls felt at home as they upped their record to 13-1. Megan O'Neill had 11 kills and seven aces. The Blue Devils sagged to 5-6.

OCTOBER 14: Westfield over Irvington, 15-5, 15-0

Senior Co-Captain Melanie Page was on fire as she had 11 service points, five aces and three kills for the Blue Devils in Irvington. Teammate Breigh Anne Menza stacked the deck with five aces as the Blue Devils improved to 6-6.

Union Catholic over Elizabeth, 15-12, 15-13

Viking ace Lisa Dolansky had 17 kills and six digs. The 13th-ranked Vikings elevated their record to 10-0. The Lady Minutemen slipped to 7-2.

Rahway over Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 15-10, 15-5

Indian Laura Vallarta had 11 service points and five aces in Scotch Plains. Rahway upped its record to 7-4 while the Raiders skid to 4-7.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12462-97.

BANK UNITED OF TEXAS, FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. CARLOS ZUNIGA, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 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 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 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 \$85,584.61. The judgment amount is \$85,584.61. MUNICIPALITY: City of Elizabeth.

COUNTY AND STATE: Union County, New Jersey.

STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 528-530 Adams Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202.

TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: Lot No. 14, Block No. 12.

DIMENSIONS: Approximately 50.00 feet x 150.00 feet x 50.00 feet x 150.00 feet.

NEAREST CROSS STREET: Approximately 200.00 feet from Julia Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$88,435.65 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

Devil Netters Blank W. Morris Central

The Westfield High School girls tennis team got off on the right foot by trampling West Morris Central, 5-0, in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2 Group 3 tennis tournament held in Westfield on October 14.

The Union County Champions breezed through nearly every set that they had with the Wolfpack girls.

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KENNETH B. MARSH TOWN ENGINEER

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MANY GREAT RETURNS...Blue Devil Lisa Gorbaty, left, positions herself as second singles partner Rebecca Goldberg prepares to make a return to their Wolfpack opponent.

Local Area High School Girls Tennis Results:

OCTOBER 12: NORTH JERSEY PAROCHIAL A:

Immaculata 5, Union Catholic 0

1st Singles - Robin Mattessich (I) d. Dana Boyer, 6-0, 6-2

2nd Singles - Kara Smith (I) d. Elizabeth Lee, 6-1, 6-1

3rd Singles - Claire West (I) d. Gina Hernandez, 6-3, 6-2

1st Doubles - Danielle Scorra and Jennifer DuBois (I) d. Tami Colangelo and Theresa Applegate, 6-0, 6-0

2nd Doubles - Jessica Neeman and Laura O'Neill (I) d. Sheena Scat and Laura Boes, 6-1, 6-0

REGULAR SEASON: Summit 3, Oak Knoll 2

1st - Leigh Slonaker (OK) d. Allison Johnson, 6-2, 6-1

2nd - Erin Arnold (S) d. Gaby Lega, 6-0, 6-1

3rd - Tina Kaufmann (S) d. Ibbey Cizmar, 6-2, 6-1

1st - Jessica Arnold and Emily Gamble (S) d. Erin Moran and Lindsay Ott, 6-0, 6-1

2nd - Laura Demourelle and Katie Wade (OK) d. Liz Bomgaars and Julie Krell, 6-1, 6-4

OCTOBER 13: Ridge 5, Union Catholic 0

1st - Jen Levanchy (R) d. Dana Boyer, 6-1, 6-3

2nd - Jamie Yang (R) d. Elizabeth Lee, 6-1, 6-0

3rd - Katie Heath (R) Gina Hernandez, 6-4, 6-1

1st - Christine Rozzelle and Stephanie Byrd (R) d. Kim Koza and Tammy Coangelo, 6-0, 6-0

2nd - Kristen Waller and Erin Heckles (R) d. Tiernan Applegate and Sheena Sikat, 6-1, 6-0

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1st - Carolyn Pilkington (SPF) d. Meredith Masters, 6-2, 6-1

2nd - Diego Notoane (SPF) d. Julie Lin, 6-0, 6-1

3rd - Cara Bristol (SPF) d. Karen Lai, 6-0, 6-2

1st - Danielle Kapner and Jan Weiner (SPF) d. Pooja Mundrati and Joanne Lai, 6-4, 6-3

2nd - Rajavi Pabani and Sue Huang (P) d. Kari Whitley and Gail Hannigan, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1

REGULAR SEASON: Westfield 5, Elizabeth 0

1st - Jen Matro (W) d. Christina Minkovich, 6-0, 6-0

2nd - Becky Matro (W) d. Nicole Palmieri, 6-0, 6-0

3rd - Ilka Netravali (W) d. Kelly McGuire, 6-0, 6-0

1st - Katie Richards and Maggie Wei (W) d. Laura Gisinger and Kate Salce, 6-0, 6-0

2nd - Lisa Gorbaty and Rebecca Goldberg (W) d. Elizabeth Bukowski and Natalie Torres, 6-0, 6-0

Union Catholic 4, North Plainfield 1

1st - Dana Boyer (UC) d. Kristina Kuebler, 6-2, 6-2

2nd - Elizabeth Lee (UC) d. Megan Cummins, 6-1, 6-1

3rd - Gina Hernandez (UC) d. Christie Aybaosi, 6-1, 6-1

1st - Melissa Wells and Kelsey Russell (NP) d. Sabina Sabados and Kim Koza, 6-4, 6-3

2nd - Tiernan Applegate and Tami Coangelo (UC) d. Laura Pepe and Londyn Crowder, 6-4, 6-0

OCTOBER 16: Westfield 5, Cranford 0

1st - Jen Matro (W) d. Stephanie Clay, 6-0, 6-0

2nd - Katie Richards (W) d. Lisa Lavikoff, 6-2, 6-0

3rd - Maggie Wei (W) d. Christine Polidoro, 6-1, 6-0

1st - Jen Phillips and Leanna Kong (W) d. Robyn Eisert and Rachel Ramsey, 6-2, 6-2

2nd - Brittany Miller and Erin Corbett (W) d. Jackie Pelliccio and Andrea Szymona, 6-0, 6-0

Scotch Plains-Fanwood 5, Roselle Park 0

1st - Kari Whitley and Gail Hannigan (SPF) d. Andra Nobre and Nih V, 6-0, 6-0

2nd - Aneesa Sataur and Corrina Quijano (SPF) won by default.

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Another winner...Blue Devil first singles tennis player Jen Matro serves another winner against her West Morris Central opponent. Matro won 6-1, 6-1, and Westfield defeated the Wolfpack, 5-0.

P.A.L 'D' Team Football Starts Season With Split

The Westfield Police Athletic League's "D" team football squad has opened up their 1998 schedule by earning a split in their first two games. After being out muscled by a bigger more experienced Summit team in the season opener 38-0, the young "riders" rebounded nicely with a 26-12 victory over Cranford.

The "D" team is an instructional team consisting of 43 third, fourth, and fifth grade players. Their games have a running clock of an hour and twenty minutes, and the coaches for both the offensive and defensive squads stay out on the field to guide their respective players into their appropriate positions. However, once the ball is snapped the players are on their own making for an intense exciting game of football.

The "D" team's head coach is Owen Brand. Mr. Brand said his young squad showed tremendous character coming back against Cranford after the Summit game. "The kids are enthusiastic and they're learning quickly. Against Cranford the offense clicked and the defense swarmed."

Mr. Brand is assisted by John Dugan, offensive line coach, Pat Ferro, defensive coordinator, Jim Heffernan, offensive line coach, and Mike McCrea, defensive backs and linebackers coach. The next game will be Sunday, October 25 at home against Perth Amboy.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-12620-98

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: CATHERINE D. SAUNDERS; P.R. LOIZEAUX FUEL CO.

YOU ARE HEREBY summoned and required to serve upon ALLOCCA & PELLEGRINO, P.C., Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4 Century Drive, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint (if any) filed in a Civil Action, in which FUNB c/o D.H. & Assoc. is plaintiff and Catherine D. Saunders, et als., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within 35 days after October 22, 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.

You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

You are further advised that if you are unable to obtain an attorney you may communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the county of venue and that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the county of venue.

The names and telephone numbers of such agencies are as follows: Lawyer Referral Service: 908-353-4715 Legal Service: 908-354-4340

THE ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the following tax sale certificate(s):

1. A certain tax certificate 95-062, recorded on September 26, 1996, made by Sally A. DiRini, Collector of Taxes of Plainfield, and State of New Jersey to Plaintiff, and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, FUNB c/o D.H. & Assoc. This covers real estate located in Plainfield, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, known as 214 Spooner Avenue, Block No. 113, Lot No. 14, as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of Plainfield.

YOU, Catherine D. Saunders, are made a defendant because you are the owner of a property which is the subject of the above entitled action.

YOU, P. R. Loizeaux Fuel Co., are made a defendant in the above entitled action because on November 20, 1964, you recorded a Mortgage for a debt of \$1,940.40, in Book 2672, Page 79, in the Union County Clerk's Register's Office.

DONALD F. PHELAN CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

ALLOCCA & PELLEGRINO 4 Century Drive Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 1 T - 10/22/98, The Leader Fee: \$61.20

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-17977-97.

INLAND MORTGAGE CORPORATION D/B/A IMC MORTG CORP. PLAINTIFF vs. ALBERTO GOMEZ, ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 17, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

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The judgment amount is \$94,731.04. 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 more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southwestern



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SINGLE TO CENTER...Marauder Barry Levine lashes a single to center field in the ninth inning against the Red Thunder in the JCC title game.

SP-F Fire Soccer Clashes With the Clash Boys

The Fire and the Clash of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association second grade division treated their fans to an outstanding game on October 17. Both teams did an excellent job on offense and on defense. Both teams displayed hustle and great soccer skills throughout the game. Vincent Bianco turned in another superb performance in goal for the Fire. He came up with several key saves, as he has done all season long. He also amazed the crowd as he used his powerful right foot to clear the ball completely out of his zone. Bianco was helped out by a very solid defense. Chris McManus continued to come up big from his sweeper position. He, along with John Maxwell, Brian Gerrity, Jimmy Walsh, James Mason and Phillip Rosenkrantz supplied a defense that kept the ball in front of them and away from their goal.

Collectively, the defense came up with several steals throughout the game. They then in turn got the ball out to the forwards who constantly attacked the Clash goal. The forwards, Joseph Del Prete, Jeremy Kaufman, Matt Graziano, Brendan McEvoy, Tom Reade and Blake Van Buskirk hustled over the field all game long. They used speed and outstanding ball handling skills to keep constant pressure on the Clash goalie. Thanks to some excellent defense supplied by the Clash, however, the Fire's offense was not able to get a score. Del Prete and Graziano had several chances to score, but were thwarted by the Clash defense. The Fire finally broke through on the scoreboard when Kaufman made a nice pass to Van Buskirk who put the ball past the Clash goalie for the score.

S P-F Jazz U-11 Girls Tie Montclair Leopards, 2-2

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jazz U-11 girls soccer team traveled to Montclair to tangle with the Montclair Leopards on October 18. The Jazz jumped out to early 2-0 lead, but the Leopards clawed their way back in the second half to earn a 2-2 tie. The first goal for the Jazz was set up nicely by Lauren Mains as she dodged her way through the middle of the field and found Katie Van Haasteren open on the left side. Upon receiving the pass, Van Haasteren immediately chipped the ball over to the right side where Shannon Hauser lined up a clear shot and fired in goal number one. Hauser scored again midway in the first half when she was set up by Becca McGuire who threaded an indirect free kick through the Montclair defense and onto the foot of Mains in the middle. Mains sent the ball to the

right wing where Hauser knocked in goal number two. The Jazz had another scoring opportunity late in the first half when Jessica Churgin worked the ball out of the right corner and found McGuire open for a shot that just bounced wide. Montclair got on the board with a goal at the 26 minute mark, but the Jazz defense tightened as Meaghan Kelly and Lauren Herchel lassoed the Leopards from their full-back positions to prevent any further first-half scoring. Montclair scored early in the second half to tie the score and then withstood a barrage of Jazz shots by Gaby Falco and her linemates Mains and Hauser. One final scoring opportunity was set up by some determined work by Lindsey Fitzgerald, who stole the ball, passed it to McGuire who blasted a long shot that was deflected away.



DANGEROUS SP-F STRIKER...Rob Cunningham of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood strikers controls the soccer ball. The SP-F Strikers defeated the Wizards from Somerset Hills, 3-2, on October 11.

SPF Strikers Soccer Defeats Somerset Hills Wizards, 3-2

The SP-F Strikers defeated the Somerset Hills Wizards 3-2 on October 11. The Strikers scored in the first thirteen seconds of the game Tab a Michael DiVizio goal on an assist by Daniel LiVolsi Skilled defense on the part of Tommy Sutter and Ryan Krueger kept to ball in Wizard territory to enable LiVolsi and DiVizio to again combined for DiVizio's second goal. The Wizards tried to make some magic only to be repelled with two great saves by Taylor Molinaro to hold the Wizards scoreless at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Strikers kept up the offensive pressure with a big left foot attempt by Rob Cunningham. Tyler Stanek followed with two more big attempts on the

Wizard goal. Eddie Kahn and Timmy Leischner were outstanding at defense, holding the Wizards scoreless at the half. In the third quarter, the Wizards came on strong. Brandon Reddington was stupendous in goal, blocking several Wizard attempts. Jeff Stuart kept the offensive pressure going for the Strikers with a tremendous attempt on goal. The Strikers' scored when DiVizio dealt a hat trick to make it 3-0. In the final quarter, the Wizards retaliated with two successive goals. Strikers' Tim Stuart quickly resumed the offensive battle to keep the ball in Wizard territory. The Whistle blew just as the Strikers were set to score again.



JUNIOR OLYMPIC NATIONAL CHAMPS...Celebrating their victory at the Junior Olympic Group National Championships in Downers Grove, Illinois SPARKS Rhythmic Gymnasts, from left to right, are: Claire Czekaj (gold, ribbon), Jennifer Alonzo (gold ribbon, silver hoop), Annmarie Klimowicz (silver hoop), Kristi Gayara (gold ribbon, silver hoop) and Stephanie King (gold ribbon, silver hoop).

Westfield Killer Bees Defeat Rahway Lightning, 4-0

The Westfield Killer Bees combined a strong offensive effort with a rock solid defense to defeat the Rahway Lightning on October 18. In the first half, fullbacks Amanda Dickson and Emily MacNeil, stoppers Marykate Maher and Hannah Burke, and sweepers Jessie Elkoury and Gio Palatucci, worked effectively to blunt the offensive challenges by Rahway.

Most impressive was the smart play of the Bees. For example, rather than just clearing the ball, time and again the defense controlled the ball into space so they could make a solid pass to the outside halfbacks Ali Carter, Jessica Schor, Stephanie Bridgeman, and Justine Palme. The few shots on goal were easily saved by first half keeper Annie Onishi. However, the highlight of the Rahway game was the first half offensive barrage by the Bees. The offense started with Bridgeman, Lauren Purdy and, Caroline Cariste who scored early in the quarter of a free kick by MacNeil. Although the kick was deflected by a Rahway defender, Bridgeman recovered the ball. The Rahway goalie set up for a shot to the near side and was unprepared for Bridgeman's cross to the far post where Purdy tapped in the first goal. During the first quarter, Palatucci played a very strong center half to keep the pressure on the Rahway defense. Late in the first quarter she lofted a shot towards the right post, although the Rahway keeper seemed to be well positioned, Purdy received the pass, made a quick

spin, and shot the ball between the goalie and the post for the second goal. At the beginning of the second quarter, the Bees sent in three new forwards, Anne Siwulec, Melissa Rosen, and Sarah Hansen, to continue the pressure on Rahway. After a foul in the box, Palatucci came up from sweeper to rocket a penalty kick into the upper left of the goal. Unfortunately a player had crossed into the box and the kick had to be retaken. Although the goalie now knew Palatucci's best shot was to the left, Palatucci brilliantly changed tactics launching a shot to the right that hit the upright and rebounded into the net for the Bees third goal. Late in the half, Elkoury at center half made a nice pass to Rosen at center forward, who finished the play with a crisp shot and the Bees fourth goal. In the second half the Rahway defense tightened and shut out Westfield, however, the continued solid Killer Bees defense limited Rahway to only a few shots on goal, which were easily handled by keeper Elkoury. One memorable defensive play featured the skills of Maher at sweeper. After a Rahway forward had made a breakaway down the left side, Maher made a great run to the sideline where she delayed and contained the player, preventing a shot, and allowing the Bees defense time to come back into position. With the final score 4-0 the Killer Bees improved to 2-1-2 in their flight.



COMPETING AT NATIONALS...Four local women, Kim Selert, Sue Faulkner, Stacy Frankfort and Karen Mazalewski have achieved what most adult tennis players dream about. They will compete in the USA's national 4.5 tennis championships held in Tucson, Arizona on October 24. These athletes are part of a 4.5 team playing out of Manalapan. They earned the right to compete in the nationals by winning their district and sectional championship. The national competition consists of 16 teams playing doubles and singles in 3 days of intense competition.

Westfield PAL B Defeats Scotch Plains PAL, 14-7

On a October 18, the Westfield Blue Devils PAL B Team traveled to take on the Raiders of Scotch Plains. Westfield won the toss starting on their own 35 yard line. The Blue Devils went three and out, then an Andrew Garrison punt put the Raiders on their own 40-yard line. On third-and-10, Alex (Kordell) Regenstreich intercepted a Raider pass and returned it to midfield. On the very next play from offense a 40-yard gain on a sweep by Kirt Giresi brought the ball down to the 10. Two plays later, Bart Walsh exploded out of a perfectly executed counter and scrambled into the end zone to give Westfield a 6-0 lead. Garrison kicked the extra point. Scotch Plains went three-and-out thanks to a great Westfield defensive effort, led by Adam Trzesniowski, Terrance Bryant, Montel Glasco, and Jan Coccoziello. Before the half ended Westfield attempted a 20-yard field goal that came up just short. The second half started out with Scotch Plains on their own 35-yard line, but another tough defensive Westfield stand led by Tyshon Blackmon, Rich Brautigam Marc Dowling, Tom Roche, and Brad Trzesniowski left the Raiders only three plays and a punt. Westfield's three-and-out would be more interesting, after the punt by Garrison the ball took an unusual bounce sending the ball back towards Westfield's line of scrimmage, as the Blue Devils scrambled to down the ball, it appeared that Giresi had dove on the ball and downed it, as the ref. marked the spot of the ball but never blew the whistle, a Raider player quickly picked up the ball and ran 60

yards for a touchdown for the Raiders. The extra point was good and the game was tied 7-7. Midway through the fourth quarter, Westfield put together an eight-play scoring drive. Great runs by Coccoziello and Bart Walsh brought the Blue Devils to the three, then Coccoziello punched it in for the touchdown. Garrison's point-after-touchdown was good and that made the score 14-7. Late in the game Andrew Shaffer, Marc Dowling, Rich Brautigam and Tom Roche all ran the ball with significant gains to secure the win. The Blue Devils record improved to 5-0 and will host Perth Amboy on October 25 at the High School Stadium.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-7747-97.
CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. PIERRE L. JOSEPH AND ELINA JOSEPH, H/W; WILLIAM J. SCHIRMER, M.D., ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 31, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed 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 28TH 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 \$161,499.76. The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 102 WESTFIELD AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07208.
Tax Lot No. 1622 in Block No. 13. Dimension of Lot: Approximately 64.05 feet wide by 125 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Cherry Street.
Situating at a point on the southerly side-line of Westfield Avenue at its intersection with the westerly side-line of Cherry Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$165,738.10 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH
SHERIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-003664-98.
CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. MIGUEL DELLA CORTE AND NOEMI DELLA CORTE, HIS WIFE; ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 31, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed 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 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 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 \$152,498.55. The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, New Jersey 07202, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 30 SPENCER STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202.
Tax Lot No. 1276 in Block No. 5. Dimension of Lot: approximately 25.00 feet wide by 100.00 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Second Street.
Situating at a point on the southerly side-line of Spencer Street distance approximately 121.60 feet easterly from its intersection with the easterly side-line of Second Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$156,513.35 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-4332-98.
BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. MANUEL PIMENTEL AND MRS. MANUEL PIMENTEL, HIS WIFE; ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 26, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed 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 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 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 \$119,639.88. The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, New Jersey 07201, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 136 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07201.
Tax Lot No. 329 a/k/a 329.W01 in Block No. 1.
Dimension of Lot: Approximately 25.00 feet wide by 100.00 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Second Street.
Situating at a point on the southwesterly side-line of Magnolia Avenue distance approximately 325.00 feet southeasterly from its intersection with the southeasterly side-line of Second Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$122,827.35 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

Saul Excels; Leads S. Connecticut SU

Westfield High School graduate Lauren Saul, now at Southern Connecticut State University made a major breakthrough on September 26. At the Rhode Island Invitational she finished ahead of teammate Sara Titus by .60 seconds (19:27.10 to 19:27.70). She had been the No. two runner behind Titus for over two years. In the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Championship she finished sixth overall at 18:59 and led her team to a fourth placed finish among 13 Division 1 schools.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **NOVEMBER 5, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, the Scotch Plains Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing to consider the following appeals:
WARREN and SYBIL SLATEN for a renewal of the Temporary Operating Permit to continue the operation of a design/consulting business by telephone, computer and mail advertising services only at the premises located at **424 GRANT AVENUE (BLOCK NO. 501, LOT NO. 9)**. Scotch Plains. Permission, if granted, is pursuant to **Section 23-4.3** of the Zoning Ordinance allowing for temporary permission for a period not to exceed one (1) year.
EASTERN MARBLE AND GRANITE SUPPLY CO., INC. for a Temporary Operating Permit to allow the placement of one (1) to three (3) storage containers in the rear of the property located at **2353 BERYLLIUM ROAD (BLOCK NO. 6901, LOT NO. 23)**, Scotch Plains. Permission, if granted, is pursuant to **Section 23-4.3** of the Zoning Ordinance allowing for temporary permission for a period not to exceed one (1) year.
JOSEPH and PATRICIA CEPARULO for a Variance to permit the addition of a front porch to the premises located at **2271 EVERGREEN AVENUE (BLOCK NO. 3201, LOT NO. 35)**, Scotch Plains, which is contrary to the requirements of the following section of the Zoning Ordinance:
Section 23-3.4A, Paragraph H, Column 7 whereby minimum front-yard setback required is thirty (30) feet; proposed: approximately twenty-three (23) feet (+/-).
PYLON 22 CORPORATION for Use Variance to permit the replacement of the existing free-standing sign, a non-conforming use in the B-3 Zone, at the property located at **1715 ROUTE 22 WEST (BLOCK NO. 703, LOT NO. 4)**, Scotch Plains. Said sign is contrary to the provisions of the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance:
Section 23-6.1a3 whereby "no non-conforming use may be expanded." The proposed enlargement of the existing free-standing sign constitutes an expansion of the non-conforming use and requires a Use Variance.
Section 23-2.3q.11 whereby "All signs with... (iii) exposed neon tubes; (iv) neon tubes encased in clear glass, clear plexiglass, or other clear or transparent substance; ... are prohibited uses and require a Use Variance.
Section 23-2.2.a whereby "No structure shall be built within 50 feet of a stream bed which carries water on an average of six months of the year..." which requires a Use Variance.
The applications of **OMNIPONT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**, which were previously advertised, will also be heard.
All interested persons may be present and be heard.
The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains, and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.
Linda M. Lies
Secretary to the
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Township of Scotch Plains
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Congressman Franks, Mrs. Vernick Unveil Senior Tax Relief Plan

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played to help pay their taxes in their retirement years.

The three-term Congressman, who is being challenged by Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly in his reelection bid this year, said the goal of the legislation is to allow seniors to stay in their homes after retirement, instead of being forced to move because they cannot afford to pay their property taxes.

"Living in an area where home prices are exorbitant, the property tax burden can be greater than many seniors can bear — even if they have paid off their mortgage and own their house free and clear," Congressman Franks explained.

To be eligible to deduct property taxes, a senior would have to be at least 65. Also, only taxes on a principal residence could be deducted.

As an example, a senior with an income of either \$20,000 or \$30,000 and \$3,000 in property taxes could save \$450 in federal income taxes.

The Senior Property Tax IRA would enable individuals at any age to deposit up to \$2,000 a year, or \$4,000 for a couple, into a tax-free account to be used solely for future property taxes.

Starting at age 59½, a senior could begin withdrawing the money, tax free, to pay their property taxes.

"This legislation would allow homeowners — at any stage of their lives — to set aside a property tax payment nest egg for their retirement years," said Congressman Franks.

In her proposal back in 1994, when she first ran for Town Council, Mrs. Vernick offered a four-part plan to help seniors with property taxes.

Plan A was an insured annuity type that would cover the annual increase in property taxes for a selected term of five or more years beyond the age of 65. Plan B's fund would have paid the total tax for the term of the plan, while Plan C was for a single payment as part of the other two plans.

The fourth part of the Westfield Cares Plan called for a 10 percent reduction of the increase in property taxes for all residents age 65 to 74. In order to make up for the reduction in tax rates generated by seniors, the plan would have resulted in non-seniors paying an average increase of \$17 in Westfield property tax bills.

Mrs. Vernick said she met with hundreds of seniors in 1994 who expressed a common theme that they were being forced out of their homes because of high taxes.

"It was heartbreaking, and I knew that something had to be done to address this long-standing problem," she remarked. "Many retirement incomes are not large enough to pay for living in towns like Westfield and long-term residents are forced to leave," Mrs. Vernick added.

"Westfield suffers when this happens," she continued during the press conference, which was held at the Westfield Municipal Building. "We lose one of our greatest assets, the diversity of age groups, which is part of what makes Westfield a great place to live."

Congressman Franks said his legislation "goes further than any bill on the Federal level to provide relief for the 580,000 senior homeowners in New Jersey."

He said the state and Federal governments can help lessen the burden on local property taxes by funding mandated programs they put on municipalities.

Mr. Franks noted that in 1980 he introduced the version of the "State Mandate, State Pay Concept" which only recently has been signed into law. He also referred to a commission established by Governor Christine Todd Whitman to look at the property tax situation in New Jersey.

Among the suggestions contained in the commission's report was shared municipal services and other forms of consolidating government services.

In attendance at the press conference were several senior citizens, all of whom indicated they felt the legislation was more geared to younger people than senior citizens already on fixed incomes.

"I don't think it (the legislation) goes far enough," said Doris Williams, a former 32-year Westfield resident forced to move to North Carolina due to spiraling property taxes in Westfield.

"I don't think it's going to do much for senior citizens; I'm talking about senior seniors, not 60 to 65; I'm talking about 70 and over," she said. "They've already paid their dues. They've paid taxes in this town for ever and ever and they are not getting any break at all," Mrs. Williams observed.

Meanwhile, her friend Edith Keough, a 44-year town resident who lives on Westbrook Road, said the proposed legislation is a "wonderful way" for younger generations to put away money for taxes in years to come. However, she said it has little impact on today's seniors.

Mrs. Williams noted that she raised a family in town only to discover her adult children cannot afford to buy a house and pay taxes in Westfield.

Bill Brown of Hort Street, a 46-year resident, reiterated the sentiments of the other seniors in stating the legislation helps younger people.

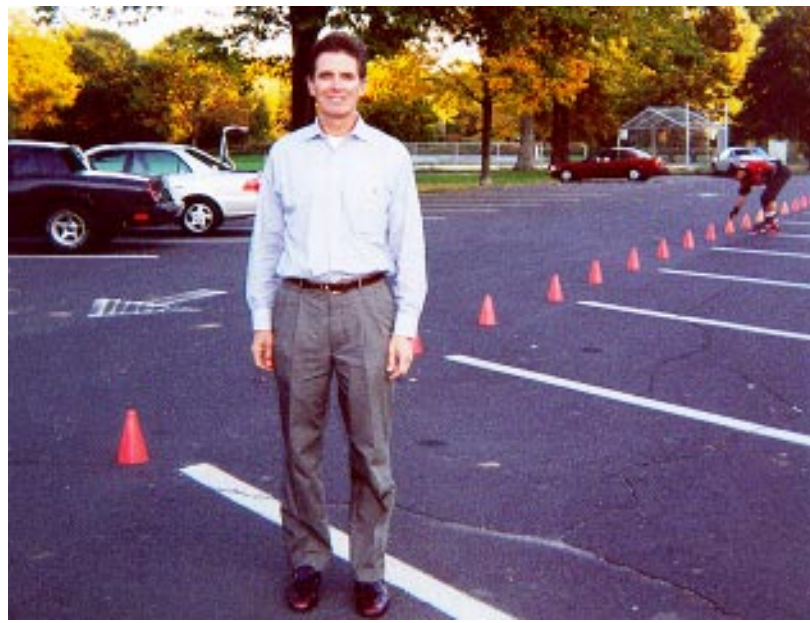
"For senior citizens, what the hell good is it going to do them? They don't have the money now. They're not working. They can't put the few thousand (dollars) away in advance. It's impossible," he said.

Sixty-year plus resident Owen McWilliams, a one-time resident of Hort Street now living on Westbrook Road, said he does not believe the Federal government has much control or, for that matter, cares about lowering property taxes.

He said this action must be taken at the local government level.

Mrs. Vernick said that, "It took this many years, but many different groups, companies and universities that Bob Franks and his staff and myself have spoken with feel that this plan should be very well received."

Congressman Franks said he hopes the legislation will be passed in the next session of Congress.



STANDING FIRM....Westfield Fourth Ward Town Council Republican Council candidate Tom Cusimano is shown here in Tamaques Park in Westfield. Mr. Cusimano has come out against a plan to build additional parking lots at the park.

Tom Cusimano Opposed To New Lots at Tamaques

WESTFIELD — Fourth Ward Republican candidate for the Westfield Town Council Candidate, Tom Cusimano, said he feels that there is a marked increase in town-wide activities at Tamaques Park that has caused increased traffic in the Fourth Ward.

"I have, and will continue, to be very active in Westfield athletic programs such as soccer, softball and baseball," said Mr. Cusimano, currently a Commissioner on the Westfield Recreation Commission.

"Thus, I am very aware that Tamaques Park is the center for many town-wide athletic and special events. During my door-to-door campaign, many residents in the Tamaques Park area (Village Green, New England Drive, Seward Street, Dickson Drive) have expressed to me their concern as to the increased activity at Tamaques Park.

"This increased activity results in a heavy increase in traffic in and around the park area. In addition, the New England Village Association and residents near the park have expressed their concern as to the proposed increase in parking spaces at Tamaques Park. In fact, they at-

tended a recent Recreation Commission Meeting to personally express their views.

"I support their position and I voted against the expanded parking proposal at this meeting," Mr. Cusimano stated.

The candidate noted that Tamaques Park attracts many out-of-town visitors and users, and some of the increased activity can be traced to these sources. The increase in number of special races and events at the park also causes nearby residents to experience more traffic, pollution and litter.

The Fourth Ward is the home of the Conservation Center and the town swimming pool which causes heavier traffic, Mr. Cusimano noted.

"I fully support the many excellent athletic programs in the town. I feel it is time to revisit the possibility of utilizing more of Westfield's available park area for active sports programs, thus, alleviating and reducing the activity and increased traffic at Tamaques Park.

"If elected to Town Council, I intend to pursue and actively resolve this problem," Mr. Cusimano concluded.

Councilman Walsh Urges Campaign Code of Ethics

WESTFIELD — Westfield Third Ward Democratic Councilman John J. Walsh reacted this week to the recent polling controversy by suggesting that Westfield be in the forefront of a new era of campaign politics.

Councilman Walsh proposed that a committee be formed to create a non-binding ethical code to which candidates would voluntarily adhere and which avoids the negativism of modern politics.

"I definitely agree with everyone who has said the polling question about a candidate's spouse is way out of bounds," Mr. Walsh remarked. "Equally, I understand, but do not agree with, the rationale behind the question: the Mayor's campaign was looking to counter anticipated Republican negative materials which are always dropped on doorsteps at the last minute, affect the election and then are quickly forgotten after the election.

"The perception on the Democratic side is that the Republicans always seem to get the last punch under the belt without anybody looking," said Councilman Walsh.

This does not excuse retaliation by the Democrats, according to Mr. Walsh, who believes that the creation of a voluntary code of ethics would break the "dysfunctional chain of retaliation" that seems to escalate each election.

Councilman Walsh said the campaign code of ethics should invite each candidate to pledge that the candidate will neither cause nor allow any communication with which his or her name is associated to be disseminated which in any way attacks or criticizes the character, beliefs or actions of any other candidate or anyone affiliated with the candidate, including wife and family.

Under Councilman Walsh's proposal, the candidate would further pledge only to propose positive ideas, beliefs and proposals which suggest that he or she is the superior candidate and to avoid statements which suggest that the opponent is an inferior candidate.

He said he recognizes that such a code would, in certain instances, limit



John J. Walsh

legitimate debate that may benefit the town by bringing to light certain harmful practices that should be eliminated.

"The most recent example I can think of is the politics regarding the placement of town's insurance. There have been several instances in which allegations that improper influences were at work with the placement.

"The town needs to hear about such practices, even though such discussion could be characterized as negative campaigning. The challenge in creating such an ethical code is to segregate the relevant issues from the irrelevant ones in the Pandora's box where they belong," said Mr. Walsh, who is seeking a second term on the council.

Councilman Walsh does not believe that polling is inherently harmful. He pointed out that in a recent poll taken by the Mayor's campaign, 83 percent of Westfield believes that the town is moving in the right direction.

"That finding greatly supports all that we have been doing," Mr. Walsh commented.

"Credit has to go to Democrats and Republicans alike in getting such a consensus, but in sharing such credit, the Republicans have to admit that such a result occurred during the tenure of a Democratic Mayor," he concluded.

INCUMBENTS RESPOND TO GOP REPORT

Democrats Say They Have No Plans to Sell Runnells Spec. Hospital

By SONIA OWCHARIWI
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan and Freeholders Mary P. Rutolo and Lewis Mingo, Jr., this week responded to criticisms from their Republican opponents in the upcoming election over the debt incurred by the county for the operation of Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.

The Democratic Freeholders addressed the recent reports by their Republican opponents of "draining county tax-dollars" during their press conference held Tuesday at the hospital.

Freeholder Sullivan announced that as long as the Democrats control the board, they have no intentions of selling the hospital as proposed by opponents — Juan Fernandez, George Gore and Andrew MacDonald.

Mr. Sullivan also commented that this was "a war on seniors by privatizing Runnells."

Freeholder Sullivan also added that the Republican account of a "\$7 million and \$12 million" deficit at Runnells is inaccurate. According to the Freeholders, Runnells has been managed fiscally sound.

"Runnells Hospital has an operating budget of nearly \$26 million, with revenues totaling nearly \$25 million, creating an operating deficit of slightly more than \$1 million," Freeholder Sullivan explained.

Mr. Sullivan further commented

that by comparison, the deficit is not that bad. Runnells policy is not to turn down anyone into its facility for care.

The Freeholders said in a joint statement that their goal is "quality of care and the high level of care provided to residents."

Freeholder Democrats fear that since Runnells sits on 45 acres of prime real estate that it could be attractive to potential developers in addition to its ideal location to Route 78.

Mr. Sullivan stressed that the quality of patient care at Runnells has always been the focal point for its county residents since they are the "freshest part of our community."

"Our concern is to provide quality care for Union County senior residents who have already contributed to society and now need our help," said Mr. Sullivan.

Runnells was noted by another panel speaker as the "working class hospital." Runnells has been county run since 1912 and has a doctor on-call 24-hours-a-day and seven-days-a-week and two registered nurses. In addition there are countless numbers of volunteers who contribute daily to the hospital needs and their patients.

"At times when everything is closing down, being compassionate is what we are about and reducing deficit and managing county business," said Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr.

Privatization of Runnells could mean negligent care on senior citizens and "they are the frailest part of the county," he added.



REACHING THE COMMUNITY....Mountainside Republican candidates for council, Glenn Mortimer, left, and Werner Schon, right, are shown visiting with Kim Hain and her sons.

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Carl A. Salisbury Weighs In on Downtown Parking; Supports Deck on Conditions



Carl A. Salisbury

WESTFIELD - Carl A. Salisbury, the Democratic Candidate for First Ward Council in Westfield, stated this week that, "Our parking problems in Westfield suffer from a condition I call 'paralysis by analysis.'"

He pointed out that, "In 1995, the Town Council commissioned a task force to study downtown parking. It was the sixth such study done since 1987. The 1995 report has many helpful recommendations."

"Among them is stricter enforcement of the anti-meter feeding ordinance. In 1990, 25,000 parking tickets were handed out in Westfield. In 1995, that total went down to 9,000. If only 50 percent of the meter feeders in town (employees and shoppers who illegally feed parking meters beyond the two-hour limit) had been ticketed, it would have done two things: it would have freed up about 750 on-street parking spaces per day for shoppers downtown; and it would have resulted in about 25,000 parking tickets being issued, for an increase in revenue of \$300,000."

"That \$300,000 could be used as an initial investment in a parking deck," Mr. Salisbury explained.

Mr. Salisbury noted that if all of the Westfield Parking Task Force's recommendations are implemented, "it would help to resolve, in the short run, some of the downtown and commuter parking problems."

"It would free up hundreds of on-street parking spaces per day and dozens of spaces at the South Street Train Station parking lot, helping to alleviate the intolerable waiting list for Train Station parking permits."

"With the opening of the new national retail stores this fall, holiday season is going to bring gridlock to our downtown. That is both a quality-of-life problem and an economic one," the candidate said.

"If people cannot find parking, they simply won't use downtown Westfield to shop. That puts at risk the vibrant downtown that the council, the special improvement district, and the Chamber of Commerce have worked so hard to build. No one I know wants to see property values decrease because of vacant store fronts. We simply cannot go back to the days of 22 percent vacancies," the candidate explained.

Mr. Salisbury said he would support a plan to build a parking deck on the following three conditions: "First, it has to be financed with the help of investment by merchants and landlords — the people who stand to benefit most from a deck."

"I envision merchants and landlords bearing 60 percent of the cost of the deck, with the amounts determined on a sliding scale based upon proximity to the deck and annual sales."

"A bond issue would finance the rest. Second, income from parking receipts would be used to pay back the initial investments made by the merchants, landlords, and bond holders. In the three years following the payoff of the bond, there would be a mandatory tax cut equal to the amount per house-

hold that had previously been paid for financing the bond.

"In this way, the deck would be self financing. Third, its architecture must be in harmony with the buildings that surround it," the candidate stated.

On the issue of a referendum for a parking deck, Mr. Salisbury stated: "We don't live in California. Government by referendum has often been disastrous there. The parking problem is a complex one. Most of us have neither the time nor the inclination to study it, come up with the best solutions, and then implement them. That's what we elect council people to do."

"It makes little sense to me to shift back to the voters the responsibility for studying problems and coming up with solutions. Why elect people to public office in the first place if they can't — or won't — do what we elected them to do?" the candidate concluded.

Fanwood GOP Candidates Launch Site on the Internet

FANWOOD — Will Coronato and Dave Trumpp, Republican candidates for Fanwood Borough Council, have announced the launching of their website — <http://home.att.net/~wcoronato>.

"We believe we are the first local candidates in Fanwood history to have a web site," Mr. Coronato said. "We believe communication with Fanwood residents is essential. So we have developed a website which will allow residents to identify our position on local issues."

Mr. Trumpp noted that literature distributed by the Democrat opponents doesn't discuss issues, asserting merely that the Democrats are familiar with local issues.

"Our literature and our website, however, show what we believe are some of the salient issues affecting our community," he said.

"We also invite questions from the community," Mr. Trumpp said, "and provide a link to our e-mail address to make it easy for citizens to ask us questions."

Questions may be submitted to the candidates by e-mail to: wcoronato@worldnet.att.net.

Mr. Coronato added that he and Mr. Trumpp believe Fanwood should have its own web site, touting the many

Councilman Goldman Committed to Town SID

WESTFIELD — Westfield Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman emphasized his commitment to Westfield's downtown special improvement district as he continued his campaign for reelection.

"When I walked door-to-door two years ago the then questionable state of downtown Westfield was clearly a dominant issue on peoples' minds. The turnaround in two years has been quite impressive," Mr. Goldman observed.

The Councilman noted that immediately after being elected in 1996 he and Mayor-elect Thomas C. Jardim started to attend meetings of the "Save the Rialto Committee," a citizens group organized under the Main Street Organization, predecessor to the special improvement district.

"I disagreed with the hands-off



Lawrence A. Goldman

attitude of the then governing body. Keeping the Rialto Theater open was extremely important to most people with whom I spoke, and I believed that public sentiment and the importance of the theater to the vitality of the downtown warranted a show of Support for the effort of the citizens' group," Councilman Goldman said.

Councilman Goldman added that he also started attending meetings of the newly organized Board of Directors of the Downtown Westfield Corporation (the special improvement district governing body) after becoming a Councilman, and ultimately was elected by the Town Council to become its voting representative on the SID Board.

"I had supported the concept of a special improvement district, but disagreed with certain aspects of the initial proposal presented by the Main Street organization to the Town Council in early 1996. I expressed my views as a candidate in 1996 and ultimately my concerns were addressed satisfactorily," he stated.

He elaborated by explaining his disagreement with an original proposal that would have increased taxes on residential properties town-wide to support SID operations.

"I continue to believe that the downtown property owners and business operators are the direct beneficiaries of the business development, promotions and design activities of the SID and they ought to pay for the annual operating costs," he stated.

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Freeholder Republican Slate Questions Democrats Claim Of '97, '98 Accomplishments

"During this campaign, our opponents have bragged about the jobs the 9-0 Democrat controlled Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders have brought into the county," said Republican Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders candidates Juan Fernandez, Andrew MacDonald and George Gore in their campaign weekly press statement.

"They also constantly remind us that they did not raise county taxes in 1997 and even decreased taxes slightly in 1998. Unfortunately, for Union County taxpayers, once you take a long, hard look at these so-called accomplishments things are not quite as rosy as the Democrats claim."

"In fact, it appears that most of the jobs the Democrats brought into the county were those they created in county government for their family, friends and campaign contributors," the candidates stated.

"The (Daniel P.) Sullivan controlled Freeholder Board has placed great emphasis on achievement they have made in the area of economic development of the county. But just what they accomplished?"

Citing a 1997 Department of Commerce report, the Republicans indicated that 105 out-of-state companies relocated to New Jersey in 1997. Those 105 companies brought 14,826 jobs into the county. Of these 14,826 jobs, only 254 (less than 2 percent) came into Union County. By comparison, they said 17 percent of those jobs went to Bergen County, 11 percent to Middlesex County, 8 percent to Hudson County and 4 percent to Essex County.

"All those around the world, and the 9-0 Democrat Freeholders delivered of 254 jobs, a little more than 12 jobs per

county municipality. Nothing to brag about, but they do."

"The Sullivan Freeholders did indeed deliver a 'no tax increase' budget in 1997, but they funded that budget by using \$21.4 million of surplus that had been saved by the previous Republican controlled board. The Republicans were able to accumulate that surplus by eliminating costly, unnecessary county jobs and waste in spending," the candidates continued in their statement.

"The Democrats took control in 1997 and immediately re-instituted those unnecessary county jobs and created new ones for their friends and family. Even with anticipated revenues down by \$2.7 million dollars, the Democrats expanded the county payroll with names connected to those power in power."

"In 1998, with anticipated revenue still down, the Democrats increased spending by \$7 million, increasing the budget to \$278.9 million, and increasing taxes. How does a government create new government jobs, despite shrinking revenue, and not increase taxes. Easy. Just eat into the surplus created by the more efficient Republican Freeholder Board," the candidates said in their combined release.

"Unfortunately, sooner or later the taxpayer is going to pay for these Democrat directed excesses. The 9-0 Democratic Freeholder board is doing nothing to generate revenue because they are too busy spending your tax dollars to undo every tax saving program instituted by the previous Republican controlled board," the Republican concluded in their final release of the campaign.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-10291-95.

FERNANDO AZEVEDO AND ROSALIA AZEVEDO, PLAINTIFF vs. EMMANUEL CARAVANO, ANTOINETTE MAZZA, MC INC. OF NJ, DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 15, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 28TH 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 \$148,455.12. The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as: 201-203 and part of 205 SOUTH FIFTH STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.

Tax Lot No. 1226 in Block No. 05. Dimensions of Lot (Approximately): 62 x 100. Nearest Cross Street: SECOND AVENUE.

There is due approximately the sum of \$152,403.18 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

HOWARD CHERNOFF, P.A., Attorney
Box 493
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Noreen Lund Enters Final Phase of Her Campaign

WESTFIELD — Noreen Lund, Republican candidate for the Third Ward Westfield Town Council seat, entered into the final phase of her campaign this week by emphasizing the reasons she is seeking her first elective office and by outlining her plans if she is elected.

"I have lived on the south side of Westfield all my life. I grew up in the Third Ward. My parents, Tony and



Noreen Lund

Mildred Bianco, were life-long residents until my father retired from his business, Colonial Barbershop, on East Broad Street.

"I believe I understand the challenges facing the Third Ward more intensely than any other candidate simply because I have such a long perspective of where we have been," the candidate said.

Ms. Lund pointed to the major transportation arteries on the south side of town as requiring special attention from the Third Ward Town Council member.

"The Westfield Train Station has undergone this wonderful restoration, but, unfortunately, the neglect of South Avenue is more apparent. The flower beds and plants surrounding the parking area should be updated and maintained to enhance the new exterior. However, the only way any of these improvements will occur is if the Third Ward Council

member makes them his/her priority," the candidate stated.

Central Avenue, Ms. Lund emphasized, is an even sadder story. "Central Avenue is a 'gateway' to Westfield, yet there is no detailed plan to help rejuvenate this critical asset. Look how much the area improved just by repainting the railroad underpass. I have worked with the residents in the area to use the Exterior Property Maintenance Code, to help address some of the deteriorated conditions of buildings on Central Avenue.

"If I am elected on November 3, I will work with local businesses, landlords, and residents to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to redevelop these areas. This effort would benefit everyone," Ms. Lund noted.

The candidate observed that as the central business district (CBD) completed its evolution, with national chain stores, the South Avenue and Central Avenue shopping area seems to be picking up more of the traditional shops.

"Part of the Third Ward's charm is the local flavor of the bakeries, merchants, coffee shops, and services that cater to so many of the day-to-day needs of Westfield. Clearly the redevelopment of the CBD is critical, but now the town's attention should shift to the South and Central Avenues.

"It is simply a matter of equity, and if I am elected I will make sure that this area becomes the priority that it should be," the candidate stated.

Electing Ms. Lund vowed to make Westfield town government work for everyone in the Third Ward.

"I work as a substitute nurse in the Westfield schools. I am in Westfield everyday. Therefore, I can meet with local officials when it's necessary to advocate for my neighbors, and make sure that the services are being delivered as promised," she said.

Ms. Lund concluded by thanking her neighbors for the opportunity to run for Westfield Town Council, stating that, she has "met so many wonderful people during this campaign."

Paulette Coronato Says Live Telecast With Phone Link is 'Open Government'

SCOTCH PLAINS — "I could be wrong, but isn't the ultimate test of an elected official his or her ability to conduct the affairs of government during a live TV broadcast? With an audience? Then take questions from that TV audience via a direct link telephone line?" asks Republican Scotch Plains Township Council candidate Paulette Coronato, who's lived in the township for 21 years.

"There have been many politicians on both sides of the aisle who have admired the initiative of our current Mayor, Joan Papen," explained Ms. Coronato.

"Under her Republican leadership, Scotch Plains became one of the first municipalities in the state to broadcast its council meetings live.

"I find it ironic, then, that our opponents are calling for 'open government,' when that door has never been closed. They themselves have not been denied the opportunity either in the past or during the campaign, to air their questions and comments at the broadcasts of the council meetings.

"On the other hand, although all three of our opponents just recently surfaced at the council meetings, it is apparent that they are not aware of the many township communications outreach efforts, such as the special mailing on taxes, the township newsletters and the Recreation Commission roster of services," Ms. Coronato explained.

"In addition these people who call for 'open government' — our opponents — have caused the League of Women Voters sponsored debate to be canceled. After years of accepting questions from the floor, as does the incumbent Republican council candidate, this year our opponents refused an open debate.

"They would only participate if the responses required of them were to written questions previously submitted and approved," Ms. Coronato ex-

plained. "We, on the other hand, were ready to participate in an open debate."

"This week my running mate, Gail Iammatteo, detailed the many volunteer services that enhance the quality of life in Scotch Plains," indicated Ms. Coronato, a member of the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment and former member of the Planning Board.

"I should not have to point out to our opponents the fact that close to 200 volunteers participate in activities in our township. These range from the Recreation Commission to the Environmental Commission to Cultural Arts to the Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squads, to the Library Board and the Cultural Arts Committee," the candidate explained.

"I congratulate the Republican council leadership on the fact that they have continually encouraged participation no matter what a person's party affiliation is. In cases where the decision for inclusion on these various committees lies with the council, the main criteria for appointment is the resident's willingness to serve and his/her suitability to the service he/she is offering to provide," Ms. Coronato continued.

"Thus, many Democrats and Independents have been appointed to serve on these committees and commissions. In fact, many have risen to leadership positions," Ms. Coronato stated.

"Compare Scotch Plains to some other Union County towns, where vital volunteer services such as the Fire Department and Rescue Squads are hard pressed to fulfill residents' needs due to the lack of volunteers.

"I do feel that the spirit of 'open Government' is one of the reasons why newcomers are attracted to our town and once they move here, are inclined to stay on as long-term residents," Ms. Coronato concluded.



GAINING SUPPORT...Fanwood Borough Councilwoman Karen Schurtz and her Democratic runningmate Kathy Mitchell candidates for the Fanwood Borough Council, recently received contributions from Political Action Committee share funds of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors. On hand for the presentation of the check, left to right, were: Patricia Plante of Fanwood, a Realtor Associate with Burgdorff-ERA in Westfield; Mary Ellen O'Boyle, Chairwoman of the Realtor Political Action Committee; Roger Love, President of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors; Ms. Mitchell and Councilwoman Schurtz. The campaign funds are made possible through Realtors Political Action Committee collections from members of the local Board of Realtors and the New Jersey Association of Realtors to candidates who they feel will further the interests of the real estate community, as a whole.

Councilman Gruba Vows To Continue Supporting Efforts in Business District

WESTFIELD — "When the Town Council created the special improvement district and the Downtown Westfield Corporation, the mechanism for the revitalization of our downtown was put in place," Westfield Republican Second Ward Councilman James J. Gruba, seeking reelection, said this week.

"The many restaurants and retail establishments which renovated their facilities and opened new locations have substantially enhanced the business district. I will continue to support the good work that is being done to enhance our commercial district and attract businesses and shoppers to our town," said Councilman Gruba.

He continued by stating, "The resolution of our parking needs is key to this downtown vitality. With my support, the Town Council will develop the best possible plan to provide adequate and convenient parking for shoppers, our Westfield commuters, and downtown employees."

"With the many young, new families arriving in town, the use of our parks, athletic fields and playgrounds has increased. The current capital

budget of the town includes money for enlargement and improvement of these facilities, and we will continue to allocate funds so that the recreational life of our residents will be second to none.

"In addition to those important areas of our town life, we will provide the most efficient leaf collection and snow removal for our residents," noted Councilman Gruba.

"Road construction and maintenance will be significantly improved in the years ahead. The present council has approved a program of reconstruction and repair that uses new methods for this work. The result of this program will be more effective, smoother, and safer roads in our neighborhoods," he explained.

Speaking as Chairman of the Town Council's Finance Committee, Councilman Gruba expressed confidence that the improvements he cited can be provided while controlling property taxes in a responsible manner.

Second Ward residents who have opinions and comments can reach Councilman Gruba by calling him at (908) 233-0235 or by Fax at (908) 518-0482.



CAMPAIGN STRATEGY...Westfield Republican Second Ward Councilman James J. Gruba discusses Westfield community concerns with his reelection campaign Co-Chairmen Lisa Cassidy and Jim McCabe.

SP Democrat Candidates Consider Overcrowding In Local School System

SCOTCH PLAINS - "A lack of long range planning by the all-Republican council is a primary cause for the present school overcrowding crisis," stated Franklin P. Donatelli, Tarquin Jay Bromley, and Geri Morgan Samuel, Democratic candidates for Scotch Plains Township Council in their last campaign release before the Tuesday, November 3 issue.

"The school enrollment crisis is another example on a growing list of lost opportunities that the Township Council should have acted upon," they stated in a joint statement.

Mr. Donatelli commented, "As the all-Republican council let one developer after another build more and more dwelling units, the council failed to meet with the school board to prepare for the onslaught of new pupils. Had the council practiced the basics of good planning it would have provided the school board with essential demographic data that would have allowed the board to develop a timely plan for the burgeoning number of students."

"The board needed to know the number of dwelling units being constructed, the number of bedrooms per dwelling, and the approximate selling price. These factors were

needed in order to project increased enrollment. But it didn't happen," explained Mr. Donatelli.

Mr. Bromley added, "As a result, the school board is forced to look at many options. One includes converting Terrill Middle School to a third, south side elementary school. This could have a significant negative impact on property values and lead to cramped quarters at Park Middle School."

"Both north side and south side students will bear the impact of this. But the board has been left few options due to council's poor planning," he stated.

"Elementary enrollment climbed from 1,801 students in the 1993-1994 school year 2,194 pupils at the close of school this past June. That's an increase of nearly 400 pupils. Interim measures to deal with the surge in pupils might include locating trailer classrooms at some school sites and town-wide redistricting. These choices," emphasized Mr. Bromley, "wouldn't have to be considered had council planned adequately and sat down with the school board years ago."

Mrs. Samuel stressed that, "The

Democrats Point to Success Of Cutting County Taxes While Maintaining Services

This year, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders dedicated itself to several important goals: cutting taxes, bringing new jobs and economic opportunities to residents, improving access to education countywide, and improving the county's parks and recreational areas.

Democratic Freeholders Daniel P. Sullivan of Elizabeth, who is Chairman of the Freeholder Board; Lewis Mingo, Jr. of Plainfield and Mary Ruotolo of Westfield said they have led the county in areas that make a difference in the lives of Union County's 500,000 residents.

"We believe that county government touches the lives of residents every day," said Freeholder Sullivan. "The voters of Union County chose this Freeholder Board because they wanted to see real results. They wanted a county that works hard to improve their lives and the lives of their children."

The Democratic Freeholder slate noted that for the second straight year, the Freeholder board has cut county property tax rate. This year's \$1.5 million tax cut brings the county's portion of property taxes down to their lowest level since 1994.

"Even with the \$1.5 million tax cut, this Freeholder board has maintained and improved services to residents, taken on much-needed repairs to county roads and bridges and maintained our AAA bond rating," said Freeholder Sullivan.

"In the two years since voters placed Democrats in control of the Freeholder Board, we have cut the county's portion of property taxes both years. Property taxes actually increased in the two prior years, when Republicans controlled the board," he said.

Union County is one of only four counties with the AAA bond rating, and is the only urban county with such an achievement, a campaign spokesman noted.

The Democratic Freeholder Board also made important investments transportation, education, and on parks and open space that contribute to the quality of life for county residents.

The Access 2000 program developed by this Freeholder Board will provide matching grants to every school district in Union County to ensure that by the year 2000, every classroom in the county has a computer and Internet access, and every teacher has training in computers and technology.

"Our investment of more than \$3 million in grants to districts will pay out in the coming years with a highly educated workforce and with children better prepared for higher edu-

cation and better jobs," said Freeholder Ruotolo.

The candidates also noted that the Freeholder board also made a strong commitment to recreation, parks, open space and athletics in 1998. Through its "Project Pocket" parks grant program, the board provided the 21 municipalities of Union County with a total of \$1.7 million in matching grants to improve town parks and athletic fields and preserve open space.

The board is also near completion of a year-long project to bring all county playgrounds up to modern safety standards with a \$1 million investment.

It also approved the purchase of a 14-acre plot of land on the Union-Elizabeth border to ensure that it stays open and undeveloped in that densely populated area.

The board also approved more than \$20 million in repairs to county roads and bridges.

The candidates noted in a joint statement that through the board's lobbying efforts, the county received more than \$30 million in federal funds to develop a light rail system linking the eastern and western parts of the county and someday connecting residents to Newark International Airport, Port Elizabeth and the stores at Exit 13A on the New Jersey Turnpike.

It also ordered a study of the North Avenue Corridor, the most important east-west link in the county, to improve traffic flow.

"Services to senior citizens also are a top priority for this board," said Freeholder Mingo, liaison to the county's advisory council on aging. "We provide these services to help ensure that seniors can live healthy, independent lives in the home of their choice."

This year, the freeholders developed a hospice program that will serve house-bound or terminally ill seniors in their homes.

Also Union County Sheriff's officers are now transporting prisoners from municipalities to the county court in Elizabeth in pilot sites around the county so local police are patrolling the streets, not ferrying prisoners.

The Democratic candidates noted the board's effort on taking on welfare dependence. Through a \$5 million federal grant, it is providing the longest-term welfare recipients with job training, day care and transportation assistance to help ease them become independent, productive citizens.

The campaign spokesman also noted that the board invested in a welfare fraud program to catch those who would steal money intended for children and families.

Gail Iammatteo Points Out Increasing Value of SP Homes

SCOTCH PLAINS — "When you're in the crucial hours of a political campaign and you're also moving to a beautiful new home, both the campaign and the new home have to be worth it," said Gail Iammatteo, Republican candidate for Scotch Plains Township Council, who serves as Deputy Director of the New Jersey Real Estate Commission.

Ms. Iammatteo pointed out that her experience in selling her first Scotch Plains home reflected the September 8 *Star-Ledger* article, "Property Sales Signal New Boom for Home Owners."

Statistics place Scotch Plains as second only to Summit in Union County with regard to the increased value of its average home sale over the last five years, the candidate noted.

"The average home in Scotch Plains increased in value by \$39,000 over the last five years," she stated. "Over the course of those five years, taxes on that average home totaled \$29,250. Thus, the average homeowner got to live in that home and come out ahead by \$10,000."

"For the record, by the way, only 17 percent of your tax dollar goes towards municipal taxes, with the remaining 83 percent going to school and county government taxes," she added.

Ms. Iammatteo pointed out that her reasons for moving within the township paralleled her reasons for running for Township Council.

"As a long-term resident, I am proud of the quality of life that Republican leadership has built with the help of its many volunteers," she explained.

"After many years of my own as a volunteer — as a member of the Cultural Arts Committee, as a member and currently Chairwoman of the Board of Adjustment, I would like the opportunity to continue my service to the Township of Scotch Plains as a member of its Council.

"In the recent Labor Day weather emergency, as always, we could count on our many volunteer emergency squad and fire department members, who donated their time that week and many at the sacrifice of paychecks and personal agendas," Ms. Iammatteo said.

"It's hard to believe that in this day and age of soaring waste disposal costs that our Republican leadership can still manage to provide for the pick-up of household and yard items in the many programs offering residents the

opportunity to keep their homes clean and free of environmental debris.

"These programs include the Annual Spring Clean - up, the pick up of leaves and gum balls in the spring, the pick up of leaves and branches in the fall and the bimonthly pick up of recyclables. Also through a shared ser-



Gail Iammatteo

vices program, we can utilize the Fanwood recycling center," commented Ms. Iammatteo, who has seen an increasing array of these services throughout her 23 years in Scotch Plains.

"And they have done this by maintaining a tax rate that is consistently among the lowest in Union County," the candidate observed.

"Senior needs are met through a variety of programs including free meals at Scotch Hills Country Club, free flu shots, the seniors bus service the family oriented Village Green Summer Series," Ms. Iammatteo stated.

"Programs that also benefit our families include Neighborhood Watch, the police bicycle patrol, the annual health fair, free monthly blood pressure testing, the Clean Communities program, free dog and cat rabies clinics and, last but not certainly not least, the many programs sponsored by the township's Recreation Department.

"When it came time for me to move," concluded Ms. Iammatteo, "like an increasing number of Scotch Plains residents, I moved right within Scotch Plains. And I'm making a commitment to maintaining the high quality of life, the many services to Scotch Plains residents, and the retention of property values that is the legacy of the current Township Council. That is why I am a candidate for Township Council."



LIKE MOTHER, LIKE SON...When it comes to public service, this mother and son team have a common goal. Paulette Coronato of Scotch Plains and her son, Will Coronato of Fanwood, are running for council seats on the Republican line in their respective towns.



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Robert Johnston Stresses Commitment to Maintain Open Space Areas in Town

SCOTCH PLAINS — Since being elected into office in 1993, Scotch Plains Councilman Robert Johnston said he has spent his many years in office working to preserve open space areas.

As he runs for reelection, Councilman Johnston has stressed his strong commitment to maintain open space as a recreational outlet for all Scotch Plains citizens.

"Preservation of open space in our town has always been a major concern among residents. I have worked closely with the Parks and Recreation Commission to make sure that we don't lose our precious natural resources which beautify our community," said Councilman Johnston.

Over the past year and half, Councilman Johnston and Deputy Mayor William F. McClintock have been working as a sub-committee with the Parks and Recreation Commission to develop a plan to repair and build baseball and soccer fields.

They have recently completed an agreement with Union County to use space in front of the Vo-Tech school for a baseball field which is expected to be in place by the spring of 1999.

This agreement comes under a five-year plan which calls for building five or more ball fields by the year 2003. These fields are expected to be a com-

bination of baseball and soccer fields with at least two of them included for adult use, according to Councilman Johnston.

"We cannot say yet where all of these fields will be. We are currently examining some existing town property and may need to acquire additional property, if and when it becomes available," said Councilman Johnston.

Both Councilmen Johnston and McClintock stressed that this is an "action-oriented game plan with a definitive end-result."

"Goals have been defined; we plan to put words into action as we identify the available parcels to meet our objectives," emphasized Councilman Johnston.

The Councilman and the Recreation Commission are presently developing a guideline that will serve as the basis to develop and maintain open space in Scotch Plains.

"We will be utilizing our open-space and part resource inventories. Investigative studies have been conducted at selected parks to examine their potential and optimum use. Under the guidelines, we will review private property which may become available.

"We will also research grants, such as Green Acres funding and other programs that may help finance these projects," the Councilman concluded.



IN NEED OF REPAIRS...Westfield Second Ward Town Council candidate Joe Stoner, shown here on a recent visit to Gumbert Field in his ward, advocates using some of the revenue from the sale of town assets to invest in improvements to Westfield's parks and fields.

Improving and Maintaining Parks and Fields Should Unite Westfield, Mr. Stoner Says

WESTFIELD - Improving and maintaining the quality of Westfield's parks and playing fields should be an issue that unites town residents, regardless of political affiliation, according to Second Ward Democratic Town Council candidate Joe Stoner.

"We have a magnificent collection of public parks in this town," said Mr. Stoner, "and our residents are clearly concerned with not just maintaining them, but making them even better. They are particularly concerned about the condition and quality of the playing fields their children use."

"It is very clear from discussions with the residents of my ward that they are worried about the apparent difficulty in making needed improvements to these facilities when, in their view, tax assessments and other town revenues would seem to provide adequate funds."

"One comment I've heard frequently is, 'With all the money we pay in taxes in this town, how come we can't do a better job of fixing up the playing fields?'" Mr. Stoner stated.

"That's a good question and a genuine concern, particularly when we see our playing fields in constant use by the various youth sports leagues and other civic organizations that abound here. Perhaps we have been penny wise and pound foolish with the monies in our town coffers," said Mr. Stoner.

"In the very legitimate interest of conserving precious revenue and investing it for future use. We may be neglecting a very important use for our funds that enhances our town," he continued.

"Westfield has two investment funds. One the town has typically used to invest budget surpluses to provide for times when we may face budget shortfalls. There is a second fund we have used to deposit revenues from the sale of town assets."

"While that fund may have been originally intended to help finance special projects, we have lately been using it more like the other 'rainy day' fund. But I think we would be doing ourselves and our children a big favor by using more of those revenues for improving Westfield's physical assets, our parks and fields."

"Gumbert Field in my ward is just one example. Hundreds of children use Gumbert every week — spring, summer, and now fall - for organized baseball competition. And often we host teams from other towns there. We need to provide our children and our visitors with better facilities there."

"But whether it's Gumbert, Tamaques, Sycamore or Mindowaskin, we increase the value of all the real estate in Westfield by making these places more convenient, more comfortable and more beautiful for our citizens."

"And we can do that with funds we have now and without endangering our future financial well-being. That's why I think it makes sense to support the efforts of Mayor (Thomas C.) Jardim and the Town Council in carrying out these much needed improvements to our parks," the candidate stated.

The candidate invites second ward residents to contact him with their ideas and suggestions at (908) 232-8334.

Councilman Goldman Committed to Town SID

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"However, clearly all property taxpayers in Westfield benefit from a healthy and vibrant downtown. Therefore, I have been an advocate in the Town Council of general taxpayer support of the special improvement district in the form of capital projects," Councilman Goldman stated.

A demonstration of the first of these projects, new lampposts, is scheduled to be put in place later this fall.

Councilman Goldman also noted that the ordinance enacted by the Town Council which created the SID contained a "sunset" provision providing that the district would cease to exist after December 31, 1999, unless renewed by the Council.

"As Chairman of the Town Council Laws and Rules Committee, I have urged that the Council act upon the sunset provision prior to the end of 1998 so that the Board of Directors of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, its executive director and volunteer committee members, can continue development of the long-term down-

town improvement plan with the comfort that municipal government of Westfield remains supportive of its activities," he explained.

"One disappointment with respect to downtown Westfield over the past two years has been the difficulty experienced by some of the independent 'mom and pop' stores. It is important to note, however, that the SID is not responsible for attracting more chain stores to Westfield.

"That is a function of market forces and deals struck by landlords. The SID has been providing assistance to dislocated businesses in locating new space," Mr. Goldman concluded.

Going to be out of town on Nov 3? See Page 21



GETTING OUT OF THE TRAP...Scotch Plains Township Councilman Robert Johnston, who seeking reelection, finds the sand trap on the ninth hole at Scotch Hills Country Club.

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picture doesn't get any better. Efforts by a national developer to construct a 116-unit town house complex on a 7.7 acre tract of land on the north side of Route 22—in a flood area no less—will add an estimated 60 additional students. This could touch off a multi-million dollar school construction project, driving property taxes to new heights.

"At an average cost of \$9,000 per pupil, these 60 new students represent another costly bill to be paid for by the taxpayers that could be avoided if the 7.7-acre tract of land is set aside by the council as open space," the candidate

noted.

Mr. Donatelli, Mr. Bromley, and Mrs. Samuel concluded by stating that, "The council's failure to plan jointly with the school board is having dire consequences. The townspeople themselves recognize that the council missed the boat yet one more time.

"Our town-wide survey issued in August indicates that 95 percent of respondents feel that council needs to communicate better with the board of education about plans to add more residential dwellings in town to prevent overcrowding in the schools."



CONCERNED FOR SCHOOLS...Scotch Plains Democratic candidates for Township Council, left to right, Franklin P. Donatelli, Tarquin Jay Bromley, and Geri Morgan Samuel, stand outside Coles Elementary School. The candidates say a lack of long-range planning by the all-Republican C Township Council is a primary cause for the present school overcrowding crisis.

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Elvira Ardrey and Kathy Shea Earn NJAR Silver Level Status

WESTFIELD - Sales Associate Elvira Ardrey and Real Estate Associate Kathy Shea, both of Coldwell Banker's Westfield office, were recently named members of the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Million Dollar Club, Silver



Elvira Ardrey

The associates were honored for sales in excess of \$5 million last year. Both received their awards in Mountainside during the NJAR's

recent annual banquet.

Ms. Ardrey is a relocation expert who specializes in working with international transferees. With more than 25 years in the real estate profession, she has earned status in the Million Dollar Club every year since 1980.

Mrs. Shea, who has been a real estate agent for 22 years, was named to the Million Dollar Club for the 10th year. A large portion of her business is from personal referrals, according to Office Manager Marilyn Kelly.

Both Mrs. Shea and Ms. Ardrey are members of Coldwell Banker's International President's Circle.

The Westfield office of Coldwell Banker is located at 209 Central Avenue. Ms. Ardrey and Mrs. Shea may be reached at (908) 233-5555.



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ONE OF THE ELITE...Hye-Young Choi, a Sales Associate in the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker, recently attended the firm's Elite Retreat, a conference in San Francisco. She is pictured with Alex Perriello, President and Chief Executive Officer of Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation.

Hye-Young Choi Attends Coldwell's Elite Conference

WESTFIELD - Hye-Young Choi, a Sales Associate in the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker, was part of a select group of Coldwell Banker professionals representing the greater New York region at the firm's elite retreat in San Francisco last month.

The annual conference brings Coldwell Banker sales professionals together to exchange ideas, develop new skills, and network for business with their peers across the continent.

Invitations are issued only to those who belong to Coldwell Banker's International President's Elite and International President's Circle, representing the top 2 percent of the sales force.

"Our industry is changing so rapidly, these top level meetings are essential to keep up," said Ms. Choi. "If I am to provide the very best service to my clients, I must stay abreast of the resources that are available and the trends that impact my business."

"There is no better way to know what's happening than to meet face to face with the leaders in the industry," she noted.

A real estate professional for 15 years, Ms. Choi qualified for the International President's Elite, Coldwell Banker's highest sales award, with a 1997 volume of over \$20 million.

Ms. Choi has been named the number one Realtor for the Coldwell

Banker Westfield office since 1994, and the number one Realtor for Coldwell Banker in New Jersey for 1997.

Ms. Choi holds master's degrees in music and music education, and is a former faculty member at Westminster Choir College at Princeton and at Kings College Westchester.

A former opera singer, she resides in Scotch Plains with her husband, Paul Tse, a music professor at Union County College.

Ms. Choi may be reached at the Westfield office, located at 209 Central Avenue. The telephone number is (908) 233-5555.

Burgdorff Assoc., Linda Daly, Raises Money to Aid MDA

WESTFIELD - Linda M. Daly, a sales associate with Burgdorff ERA in Westfield, recently appeared on the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon which aired on Channel 9 on Monday, September 7. Ms. Daly exceeded a goal which was set at \$2,500 raising over \$3,000 for the Muscular



Linda M. Daly

Dystrophy Association (MDA).

Ms. Daly was "arrested" and tax deductible donations towards her "bail" were given by many donors.

Among those local businesses "bailing" out were the Fanwood

Open Space Theatre Company Announces Studio Classes

The Open Space Theatre Company, under the direction of the company's founders and artistic directors Joe Nierle and Sharon Reynolds, has announced that Studio Classes in several areas of performing arts are now forming.

Located in Plainfield at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, the Open Space Theatre Company will offer a Musical Theatre class where participants can learn to deliver a song, analyze lyrics and determine emotional impact. Classes are one- and-a-half hours in length once a week.

Acting classes will cover two levels, from 12 to 16 years and 17 years and up. Students will have the opportunity to learn techniques for finding emotional life and analyze the characters script life to create a fully integrated stage character.

Theatre games and exercises, improvisation, self-awareness and scene presentations will be covered. Classes are 90 minutes once a week.

Voice classes will focus on the younger untrained singer. Correct breathing techniques will be learned and practiced to develop a healthy voice. Classes are once a week for one hour.

The Master Voice Class is for the advanced voice student already taking weekly voice lessons at any studio. Songs are worked with a focus on proper voice techniques and classes are held twice a month.

Each class costs \$15 and is taught by Mr. Nierle and Ms. Reynolds. Registrations are now being taken. Please call Ms. Reynolds at (908) 707-4752 for the day and time of specific classes.

Special workshops will be held once a month for the students and those interested in the theater. The October workshop is entitled "Acting For The Cameras" and will be presented by a former New York City casting agent.

The workshop will cover show strategies for a successful on-camera audition and the process to get that audition.

The Open Space Theatre Company's regular season schedule will include The Music of Kander and Ebb *And the World Goes Round* in February, Alfred Uhry's *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* in April and the popular Webber and Rice rock musical *Jesus Christ Superstar* in June.

For information on classes, reservations for the shows or audition notices, please call (908) 226-0082.

Bernadette Houston Wins Prudential Award

WESTFIELD - The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield (JLEP) will receive a grant from Prudential as a result of an award won by Bernadette Houston for her work last year as president-elect.

As one of Prudential's Community Champions Award winners, Ms. Houston was a guest of honor at a reception on September 22. Held in Dryden Hall at Prudential's Corporate Headquarters in Newark, the reception recognized outstanding volunteers from New Jersey and New



Bernadette Houston

York who are in the Prudential network.

She is the manager at Prudential New Jersey Realty's Westfield Office.

The Junior League is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Ms. Houston, who is President this year, received the award for a long list of activities at the Junior League, including work in preparing a strategic plan and developing a vision for the organization, leading training sessions for new and emerging leaders as well as for stress management.

She is noted for serving in the organization's Thrift Shop, helping to renovate the kitchen/pantry for a home for single mothers, and working in conjunction with the Community Research and Development Committee. She has been a member of the Junior League for about 10 years.

"We are pleased that Prudential New Jersey Realty, Degnan Boyle Division, has taken part in this very special volunteer program," stated John Van Der Wall, President of Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, of which Prudential New Jersey Realty is a member.

"We are proud of the volunteer efforts of active and retired colleagues in so many communities and are pleased to recognize their important work," added Mary P. O'Malley, Vice President, Local Initiatives, Community Resources at Prudential headquarters in Newark.

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Lucent Awards Scholarship To 1998 Westfield Graduate

WESTFIELD — Lucent Technologies recently announced that George Wu, the son of Ed and Yen Wu of Westfield, is among 74 children of Lucent Technologies employees from across the country to receive an Academic Award scholarship for 1998.

George graduated this year from Westfield High School, where he was Captain of the Academic Team. He provided on-line tutoring to fellow students and worked as a volunteer in a nursing home.

He is enrolled at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and plans to become a doctor.

Each year, dozens of scholarships, valued at up to \$6,500 annually, are awarded to children of Lucent employees nationwide who demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence as well as community service involvement.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have achieved a 3.25 cumulative GPA in high school and

maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA at a regionally accredited two or four year college or university.

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of volunteer service activities and projects in their schools and communities and academic achievements. Academic awards, work experience and a statement of education and career goals are also considered.

Recipients are selected by the Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of America, a national non-profit student aid service organization.

Established in 1992, the program was jointly developed by Lucent, the Communications Workers of America (CWA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) as a result of contract negotiations to grant scholarships to children of CWA- and IBEW-represented employees. In addition, scholarships are awarded to children management and non-represented employees.

Lucent Technologies designs, builds and delivers a wide range of public and private networks, communications systems and software. business telephone systems and microelectronics components. Bell Laboratories is the research and development arm of the company.

For more information about Lucent Technologies, please visit its Web site at <http://www.lucent.com>.

Student Acclaimed For Academic Merit By Dartmouth College

WESTFIELD — Adam Cowburn of Westfield, a junior at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, was cited for outstanding academic achievement during the spring term of 1998.

Adam, the son of Drs. Elizabeth and David Cowburn, was recognized for outstanding work in a course in Latin.

Members of the Dartmouth faculty are invited to submit citation reports only when a student's work is sufficiently distinguished to merit special recognition.

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

**Cashier needed - Part Time
Call (908) 232-1921
Between 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

HELP WANTED

Medical office front desk, P/T, afternoons. Phone, insurance, posting charges, etc.

Please Call Cindy (908) 232-5092

HELP WANTED

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Part time. Busy primary care internal medicine office seeks energetic, personable indiv. to assist physician with office patients. Hours: 2-7 p.m., Mon.-Wed. & Fri. Fax resume to (908) 964-9580 or call for interview (908) 964-3705.

HELP WANTED

Small growing Westfield law firm specializing in trusts and estates, medicaid planning, litigation and R/E seeks full time secretary experienced in above areas. MS-Word, Excel & excellent communication and organizational skills a must. Fax resume and salary requirements to: **(908) 232-7214**

HELP WANTED

Teachers Aid - for Westfield Nursery school - P/T - 4 mornings per week. Experience with young children necessary. **Call (908) 233-0766**

- CLASSIFIED -

HELP WANTED

GAS ATTENDANT

Full time. Day shift. Apply in person to:

**Benhams Garage
414 Springfield Avenue
Berkeley Heights
(908) 464-1395**

HELP WANTED

Real Estate Sales

OCTOBER IS CAREER MONTH AT PRUDENTIAL NEW JERSEY REALTY

Income opportunities are better than ever. Come to any of our Career Nights & learn about licensing procedures, income potential, work schedule/hours & training programs.

TUESDAY EVENING 7PM OCTOBER 27

153 Mountain Ave.
Westfield, NJ

Call 1-800-345-9624 x63 for additional information

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Exp. woman to babysit children or older person. Will do light housework.

Call (908) 754-1345 or (908) 754-0639

HOUSE CLEANING

Polish woman is looking for homes to clean. Good ref., experience and own trans.

Call (908) 687-9604

MOVING SALE

OSOM - Moving Sale Westfield

**Saturday, October 24
7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
\$5/Box After 2 p.m.**

Rain or Shine

Antiques, collectibles, mahogany furniture, twin beds, clothes, Bolens lawn tractor, 4x8 folding utility trailer, bookshelves, stereo, garage stuff, lots of beer paraphernalia, linens, T.V., old bikes, Total Gym, household, futon & rack, pool furniture, and more.

**Barn Sale at
229 Dudley Avenue**

NOW HIRING

- Make Friends
- Make Money
- Have Fun



Excellent benefits, flexible scheduling, great work environment. Come join our team!

**Bussers, Host/Hostess, Waiter/Waitress
Full and part time.**

Apply in person

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GARAGE SALE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.**

**400 OTISCO DRIVE
WESTFIELD**

Furniture, tools, PC, games, lawn & more.

GARAGE SALE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
8:30 AM**

**MARLBORO STREET
WESTFIELD**

Household items, adult and children's clothes (infant - 4 yr. old) and toys.

FOR SALE

Dining Rm. set, good cond., traditional style-\$800; twin bed trundle w/matching chest w/hutch-\$300; computer desk-\$100; oak micro-wave hutch, exc. cond.-\$400; washer/dryer-\$50 ea.; portable regulation basketball hoop-\$100.

Call (908) 654-1831

AUTOMOBILE FOR SALE

'92 Lexus ES300, 75K, all options, mint. Asking \$13,500.

**Call Dr. Sussman
(908) 232-6432**

OFFICES FOR RENT

WESTFIELD - Approx. 700 sq. ft., 2nd flr. office w/2 private rooms, 1 general area, storage & 1 parking space. Great downtown location! \$850/month.

(908) 647-9327

EARLY CLASSIFIED DEADLINE

**Friday, October 23
2 PM CALL:
(908) 232-4407**

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a municipal consent hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 1998 at 8:30 P.M. in the Township of Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

This hearing will be held for the purpose of evaluating the Application of Comcast Cablevision of New Jersey, Inc. for renewal of its municipal consent to own, operate, extend, and maintain a cable television and cable communications system in the Township of Scotch Plains and is held in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-23, N.J.A.C. 14:18-11.6, and all other applicable statutory and regulatory provisions.

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard with respect to this Application. Copies of the Application will be on file with the Clerk of the Township of Scotch Plains and can be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

This Notice will be published again between the fourteenth (14th) and seventh (7th) days prior to the hearing.

Clerk of the Township of Scotch Plains
1 T - 10/22/98, The Times Fee: \$24.99

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

INVITATION TO BID

Invitations are extended to qualified Bidders to bid for the following Project:

PURCHASE OF VIBRATORY SELF-PROPELLED ROLLER WITH HYDROSTATIC DRIVE WOLFPAC tm 3600 OR EQUAL

Bids will be accepted only by mail or in person to the Office of the Township Clerk, Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 (ATTN: Barbara Riepe, Township Clerk) until November 18, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. The Township of Scotch Plains (hereinafter "Township") shall not be responsible for any bid mailed which is lost in transit or delivered late by the Postal Service. At the above time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids must be presented in sealed envelopes which are clearly marked "Bid for Purchase of Vibratory Self-Propelled Roller With Hydrostatic Drive Wolfpac tm 3600 or Equal" Township of Scotch Plains, New Jersey. No bid will be received after the time and date specified.

After receipt of bids, no bid may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening except if provided for herein. The bid of any Bidder who consents to an extension may be held for consideration for a longer period of time as may be agreed upon between Bidder and the Township.

All bids must be on the bid forms provided by the Township of Scotch Plains in the Bid Package Specifications and bid forms may be obtained from the Office of the Director of Public Property, 2445 Plainfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bid proposals and all required documents must be completed and submitted by the date as set forth above. All documents in the enclosed Bid Package must accompany the bid proposal.

In addition to the above documents, a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond issued by a responsible bank, trust company or insurance company, payable to the Township of Scotch Plains shall be submitted

with each bid as a guaranty that if a contract is awarded the Bidder shall execute said Contract. The Bid Security shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid or Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), whichever is lower.

All bid Security, except the Bid Security of the three (3) apparent lowest responsible Bidders shall, if requested in writing, be returned after ten (10) days from the opening of the bids (Sunday and holiday excepted) and the bids of such Bidders shall be considered withdrawn.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive immaterial informalities, or to accept any bid which, in the opinion of the Township of Scotch Plains, will be in the best interest of the Township all in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. In the event of an equal or tie bid, the Township shall award the bid to the Bidder which, in the Township's sole discretion, best serves the interest of the Township.

The Township also reserves the right to reject any and all bids if sufficient funds are not available and/or appropriated.

The selected Bidder, will, within seven (7) days of award of the bid, enter into an appropriate contract with the Township.

All Bidders must comply with P.L. 1975, Chapter 127, entitled "An Act Relating to Affirmative Action in Relation to Discrimination in Connection with Certain Public Contracts and Supplementing the Law Against Discrimination" approved April 16, 1945 (P.L. 1945, Chapter 169), N.J.A.C. 17:27, as amended from time to time, and the Americans with Disability Act.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Thomas E. Atkins
Municipal Manager

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk

Walter F. DiNizo
Director of Public Property

1 T - 10/22/98, The Times Fee: \$82.11

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JOINING THE STABLE TEAM...Union County Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, left, is joined Hilton Williams of Mountainside, right, Manager of the county's Watchung Stable in Mountainside to accept a new equine member to the team at the Watchung Stable. This latest member, a six-year-old chestnut quarter horse named Seattle, was presented by the Watchung Stable Junior Hunt Club. Seattle is surrounded by club members Ellen Levittian of Mountainside, second from left; Darcy Ginsberg of Springfield, three from left; Jenn Ferro of Hillside, Club Secretary, fourth from left; Jennifer Holzbach of Scotch Plains, Club Vice President, fifth from right; Lisa Paul of Westfield, fourth from right; Dana Adelaar of Scotch Plains, third from right, and Stacy Salvato of Linden, second from right.

Watchung Stable Club Donates Horse to Stable

The Watchung Stable Junior Hunt Club, with about 60 members, ages nine to 17 donated a chestnut quarter horse named Seattle to Union County's Watchung Stable in Mountainside. "The \$1,800 needed to buy the six-year-old horse which, will be used in the lesson/troop program at the stable, was raised by the club members who ran and participated in their own horse show (with entry fees) and by running bake and candy sales," noted Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo.

"I was pleased to learn that one of the advisors felt that these young people had the cooperation of several county employees who really think about the kids. He believed that the kids needed that cooperation in order to succeed," she said.

Those persons who like to join the Junior Hunt Club are asked to call Diana Schaefer or Rachel Baris, part-time instructors at the Stable, at (908) 789-3665.

Ms. Schaefer and Ms. Baris, together with Tom O'Neil of Scotch Plains and Darlene Rasel of New Providence, are the club's advisors.

F-SP College Club Plans Anniversary Reception

SCOTCH PLAINS - The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will hold a reception on Sunday, November 15, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains to celebrate its 65th anniversary of raising money for college scholarships.

State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco will be the guest speaker. Music will be provided by Skip Ungar. Both are Scotch Plains residents.

The event will honor past presidents of the College Club for their contributions to women's education. There will also be a lively auction to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Invitations to the reception are now

being mailed to College Club members, scholarship recipients, local public officials, advertisers and friends of the College Club.

The public is invited to help celebrate the event. Reservations should be purchased before hand. Tickets are \$25 per person. There is also a Patron and Sponsor level for \$200 and \$150, respectively, which includes two reservations. Sponsors and Patrons will be listed in the program.

For ticket information, please call Jean Pauley at (908) 233-1601 or any College Club member. If unable to attend, donations are tax deductible and may be mailed to P.O. Box 32, Fanwood, NJ 07023.

Girl Scouts Seek Items For Benefit to Aid Needy

WESTFIELD - All Washington Rock Girl Scout Council (WRSGC) troops will participate in national "Make a Difference Day" on Saturday, October 24 by collecting donations of venous items for 19 social service organizations.

"Make a Difference Day" is the most encompassing national day of helping others," stated WRSGC Program Director Catherine Davis.

"It's a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors and we are asking everyone to get involved in town-wide collection efforts. In just one

day, Girl Scouts of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council will be out in 21 communities collecting items to feed the hungry, comfort the sick, clothe the poor, inspire a child, unite a community, and change the world," she stated.

The following items will be collected: first aid items; non-perishable foods; children's books and games; toiletries; coats; hats; socks; slippers and scarves for children and adults; school supplies; sweaters and long-sleeved shirts; and baby items.

Locally, these items will be collected in Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Fanwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, and Westfield.

All items must be in either new or good and clean condition.

To participate, please call Catherine Davis at (908) 232-3236, Extension No. 210, to learn which items are being collected in the nearest collection site.

Donations of any of the above items may also be brought directly to WRSGC Service Center, 201 East Grove Street, Westfield, on Saturday, October 24.

All items will be sent to the social service agencies on Wednesday, October 28.

"Make a Difference Day" was created by USA Weekend magazine and is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October.

In 1997, 1.3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns and helping millions.



THE HANDYMAN CAN...The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross has announced the continuation of the Fall Handyman Program. This year, the program began on October 12 and will continue through to Thanksgiving at the Red Cross. The program is limited to Westfield residents and Mountainside and will aid seniors and disabled residents in raking leaves, weeding, lawn mowing and other small tasks. Pictured, left to right, are: Brian Gately, Fall Handyman and Dennis Kinsella, Executive Director of the Westfield/Mountainside American Red Cross.

Rake and Hoe Garden Club Schedules Floral Workshop

WESTFIELD - The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has scheduled a floral design workshop for Tuesday, October 27, at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Room in Westfield.

Kay Cross, member of Rake and Hoe and owner of her Westfield-based home business, "Flowers Naturally" will instruct the workshop. Ms. Cross is a popular floral designer in Westfield and an Accredited Master Floral Judge with the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

She will concentrate on the main principals of floral design and instruct the uses of a floral pin holder. Members are asked to bring floral and green materials and a pin-holder if they have one.

Members of the Westfield Garden Club are invited to attend, as well as persons interested in becoming a member of Rake and Hoe.

There is no cost to participate. To become a member, please call Beth Hanscom at (908) 232-5497.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is dedicated to the education of garden related subjects as well as serving the community.

Members meet once a month at the Westfield "Y" for informative lectures and continually maintain associations with a wide variety of organizations both local and national. Its members are diverse in knowledge and skill but share a passion for gardening and floral arranging.

Group for Widowed Lists Upcoming Events

The Widower Persons Activities (WPA), a group for widowed people seeking to meet other widowed individuals in a social and friendly setting, has announced its schedule of activities and meetings for the year.

The WPA meets monthly at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, located at 300 Central Avenue in Mountainside. Meetings are usually held on the second Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

Programs and activities deal with a wide range of interests, and are followed by a social period afterwards. Field trips and dances are also held throughout the year. An annual Christmas party wraps up the group's calendar of events.

New members are especially welcome. For additional information, please call the WPA President Gene Sommers, at (908) 276-4879.

Battleship Foundation Shows Exhibit at Festival

The Battleship New Jersey Foundation, Inc. was one of the exhibitors at the NJ 50+Plus Festival this past weekend.

In addition to a scale model of the USS New Jersey BB-62, the Foundation sponsored: a drill team performance by the award winning NJ82 1st Air Force JROTC from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and a Flag Ceremony of the Flags Across America Students for the Battleship New Jersey campaign.

A video and photo display of the USS New Jersey and a selection of merchandise from the Battleship New Jersey Commemorative Collection was also exhibited.

The Battleship New Jersey Foundation is the fund-raising arm of the USS New Jersey Battleship Commission appointed by the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

Events such as the Senior Festival is a forum for the Foundation to promote interaction and communication between New Jersey's young students and the Senior Citizen Community.

Among the plans for the USS New Jersey is to create an educational and cultural museum and memorial for all branches of the Armed Forces.

The Battleship New Jersey Foundation has actively participated in hundreds of events, parades, festivals, flag-raising and conventions across the State of New Jersey during 1998.

From county fairs to the dedication of the Vietnam Era Educational Center, the Battleship New Jersey Foundation raises public awareness of the importance of bringing the most decorated naval ship in history, the USS New Jersey, home to New Jersey.

School District Plans Educational Forum

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district will present an educational forum on Wednesday, October 28, on "How to Encourage Your Child to Become a Life-long Reader."

Dr. Dennis Adams of Montclair State University will present the strategies to assist in the development of a life-long reading habit.

Parents and interested community members are invited to attend. The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room of the H. B. Brunner School on Westfield Road in Scotch Plains.

Local Adult School Painters Plan Exhibit

SCOTCH PLAINS - Students from The Community School of Scotch Plains-Fanwood will exhibit their oil and watercolor paintings from Monday, October 26, through Saturday, November 7, at Pack N' Send, 549 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The artwork may be viewed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

The students will exhibit a variety of styles, subject matter and media in paintings they developed in classes with instructor Barbara Prestridge.

Students displaying their work include Lilly Shelton, Patricia McGovern, June Risher, and Carmella Resnick of Scotch Plains; Sigal Lenz and Jeanne Smith of Fanwood; Judy Borom of Plainfield, and Claudia Arici of Edison.



UPFORADOPTION...People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a pet adoption event on Saturday, October 24, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the PetsMart store at 1022 Route No. 22 East at West End Avenue in North Plainfield. Many cats, kittens and dogs will be available at this special adoption event. Among these pets will be Lucky, described as a sweet Dalmatian mix. This friendly, playful and gentle puppy is only four months old. Lucky is the result of neighborhood dogs not being altered and owners not being responsible to spay/neuter their pets. Now there are unwanted puppies that the owner could have prevented, noted People for Animals spokeswoman Dawne Wood Luetscher. To adopt a pet, or for more information, please call (908) 688-1073 or visit www.petfinder.org/shelters/pfa.html on the Internet. For low cost spay/neuter information, please call the People for Animals Clinic at (908) 964-6887. Spay/neuter surgery costs range from \$35 to \$55 and include rabies and distemper vaccinations. Update: Darby was adopted at the Saturday, October 10 event along with six other dogs and seven cats.

Bud Boothe
6 Hawthorne Drive
Westfield, NJ 07090

To the Voters of Westfield:

The campaign literature currently being distributed by Tom Jardim in his reelection campaign is misleading in several obvious respects.

He claims credit for the results of efforts of a lot of other people, having done nothing himself to bring the results about - or even worked for a contrary result!

Under the headline he claims that in just two short years he has accomplished a lot for Westfield. Let's look at those claims:

With the caption "Improving the lives of Westfield's Commuters," is a picture which includes the renovated train station. He had nothing to do with the train station project other than showing up for the ribbon-cutting last April.

This project started in 1993, before he even moved to town. I immediately enlisted the support of several Westfield groups and many individuals in the Westfield Historical Society, the Architectural Review Board, the Historic Preservation Commission and the Westfield MainStreet, all of whom worked with me in reviewing New Jersey Transit's proposals and persuading NJT that Westfield had to have a station that was aesthetically and historically acceptable as well as efficient for railroad operations and ADA compliance.

Commuters owe their thanks for the station improvements to this group, not Mr. Jardim.

Incidentally, I appear in the picture, which was printed without my permission, and I am certainly not endorsing his candidacy.

The second picture caption is "Revitalizing our business districts." The effort to revitalize downtown started in 1991 under my predecessor, Mayor Richard Bagger, who, in typical Westfield tradition, recruited many residents to work on a downtown study commission. Many of the same, and many other Westfielders, then worked with me to secure MainStreet New Jersey status for the Town, and to do in-depth studies of creating a special improvement district and parking.

Neither Mr. Jardim nor any of his running-mates participated in any of this; their contribution was carping during the 1996 campaign that the SID should not cost taxpayers anything, a policy decision previously decided - and clearly articulated - by all of us who did work on revitalizing downtown and creating the SID.

Finally, Mr. Jardim appears in front of the writing for the Excellent Diner, saying "Turning an eyesore into an improved tax ratable". This is the same property he urged in his 1996 campaign, and again this year, should become a pocket park - maybe even a miniature golf course - which would totally remove the property from the tax rolls as well as cost hundreds of thousands of Westfield tax dollars in addition to the freeholder grant! That idea faded when the owners said they planned to build an office building. I hope they do, but it hasn't happened yet, and this site will not turn into an improved ratable until the building is up.

Political leaders are entitled to claim credit for what they do themselves, and what others do under their leadership - in both cases, where they will take the flak if things go bad.

Westfielders are entitled to accurate, not misleading, information when campaign literature is prepared. This piece fails dismally, and Westfielders are owed an apology and retraction.

Bud Boothe
Garland "Bud" Boothe
Mayor, Town of Westfield, 1992-1996

Paid for by Bud Boothe, 6 Hawthorne Drive, Westfield, NJ 07090