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Hems R Us Owner Forced To Change Store Name By Toys R Us Law Firm

By MICHELLE H. LePOIDEVIN
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What is in a name? For Jane Ormsby Zito the name of her seamstress shop, Hems R Us, at 501 South Avenue in Westfield, is so significant that Darby & Darby Professional Corporation, a New York law firm which represents Toys R Us, is forcing her to change the store name.

Ms. Zito is a senior citizen who has owned Hems R Us for approximately 1 1/2 years. The shop, which specializes in alterations and tailoring, is located behind Pan Am Cleaners.

Seated in front of a cardboard, makeshift sign in black marker which read, "We are changing our name to Hems 4 U at the request of Toys R Us," Ms. Zito stated, "I'm not infringing on anything they are doing."

"These big companies are squashing the little guys," she stressed. "I'm not a threat to these businesses.

I feel like I'm fighting Bill Gates here."

Ms. Zito received a letter from Darby & Darby, a firm which "represents Toys R Us and its affiliated companies in intellectual property matters" dated November 17. However, the second page of the warning letter was dated November 11.

Ms. Zito was told that within 10 days of receipt of the letter, she must surrender all business cards, stationary and letterhead which display the name "Hems R Us." She must also remove her store's listing from local telephone books and change her store's sign.

She stressed that 10 days would not be adequate time for her to hire a sign painter to change the store name.

Exactly three weeks from the receipt of the letter, Ms. Zito must forward formal confirmation and evidence of the store's change of title. This may include a copy of a letter

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Austin B. Sayre Honored by Westfield Rotarians With Charles Bailey Humanitarian of Year Award

By JEANNE WHITNEY
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If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone else, according to the proverb.

This year's Rotary Club of Westfield Humanitarian Austin B. Sayre was honored last Thursday at Echo Lake Country Club and Mr. Sayre confirmed the wisdom in the proverb, saying, "Volunteerism is its own reward."

Mr. Sayre, a resident of Westfield for over 40 years, is the 12th recipient of the Charles P. Bailey Humanitarian Award. The late Mr. Bailey, for whom the award is named, was Westfield's Mayor in the early 1950s and a Rotary Club President.

The honored Mr. Sayre, who is a Yale University and Harvard Business School graduate, said simply "I'm humbled." The recognition for his 20 or more years of community service, he said, "made me feel the importance of the work and the re-



HUMANITARIANS HONORED...Westfield resident Austin B. Sayre, pictured back row far right, was named the 12th Charles P. Bailey Humanitarian of the year by the Rotary Club of Westfield last week. Pictured with Mr. Sayre are Humanitarians from previous years. Front row, left to right, are: Lee M. Hale, H. Emerson Thomas, Ernest S. Winter and William T. Meglaughlin; back row, Arthur C. Fried, William D. Peek and Alice Dillon.

sponsibility that goes along with the award. I'm really very honored to be singled out."

New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman said in a written statement about Mr. Sayre, "He embodies the dedication and spirit that are the heart of the Rotarian."

State Assemblymen Richard H. Bagger and Alan M. Augustine presented a resolution from the New Jersey Legislature to Mr. Sayre, recognizing his volunteer efforts.

Over the years, Mr. Sayre, served the Westfield community as President and Board Trustee of the United Fund of Westfield, Board Vice President of the Westfield "Y" and Board President of Youth and Family Counseling Service. At the same time, he was President and Vice President of American Abrasive Metals Company and American Safety Technologies in Irvington, until retiring in 1991.

One of Mr. Sayre's daughters attending the recent Rotary event, Lee DeRosa, said her father's humanitarian naming "brings back so many memories of my childhood — and the morals, values and sense of community" that her father showed her through his volunteerism.

"I remember so many times, seeing him sitting in a chair with the United Fund folder," she said.

Mr. Sayre and his wife, Betty, have four children. One son, known as Bart, spoke of his father at the award ceremony.

"He showed us how to do the right thing," the younger Mr. Sayre said about his father. "He'll go the extra

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HEADING FOR THE MEADOWLANDS...Tom Langton, No. 77, rejoices after the Blue Devils defeated Parsippany Hills, 44-13, on November 21. Westfield will play for the Section 2, Group 3 title on Saturday, December 5, at 10:30 a.m. in Giants Stadium. See story on page 13.

Wyckoff's Lot to Be Used For Citgo Permit Holders

The Town Council's Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee has announced a series of actions to make shopper parking more "user friendly" in downtown Westfield during the holiday season.

Among the improvements are an increased number of spaces dedicated to shopper parking, a "courtesy ticket" program under which warnings, rather than summonses will be issued on a one-time basis to vehicles parked overtime, and an increased enforcement effort to ensure shopper spaces are not filled by meter-feeding long-term users.

An additional 22 spaces will be available to shoppers in the Elm Street municipal lot, referred to as the Citgo lot, located between Taylor Hardware and Trader Joe's. These spaces are currently used as permit spaces for downtown employees.

In addition to the 66 remaining

permit spaces in that lot, permit holders will be able to park in the other municipal permit lots at North and Central or the South Avenue railroad lot. Additionally, the town has arranged with the owner of the vacant Wyckoff's restaurant building, ADCO Electrical Corp. of Staten Island, to use the 14 spaces in that parking lot for municipal permit holders.

The Council was expected to act last night to temporarily use the Wyckoff's lot for permit holders.

"It has been the goal of every group with an interest in our downtown parking situation — the town council, the Downtown Westfield Corporation and the Westfield Chamber of Commerce — to make positive change in time for the shopping season in December" committee chairman and third ward council-

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Superintendent Stresses Immediacy Of Funding Bond Due to Mandates

By MICHELLE H. LePOIDEVIN
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Superintendent of Westfield Public Schools Dr. William J. Foley has stressed the importance of passing the upcoming school bond due to the non-existence of surplus funds to fund the bond projects if the bond is not approved.

Dr. Foley reported, "What the community needs to understand is that long-term debt is the most cost-effective and only way" to deal with the issues of technology, construction of new classrooms at the elementary school level, and the upgrading of existing schools.

He explained that the state has

imposed several mandates on Westfield schools which will strain the purse strings of Westfield's school budget.

Foreign language teachers will need to be hired for a new state-mandated foreign language program in the elementary schools, he re-

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Over 1,000 Persons Turn Out for Grand Opening Of Town Bank in Former Plaster Palace Building

By PAUL J. PEYTON
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Bucking a national trend the past few years in the banking industry, The Town Bank of Westfield, which held its grand opening last Friday, promises to be a service oriented financial institution.

Officially opening October 5, the bank is the first locally-owned, independent commercial bank to open in town in over 70 years.

The Town Bank will serve small to mid-size businesses and residents in Westfield and its primary market area of Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Clark, Garwood, Cranford, Kenilworth, Mountainside, and Springfield.

With more and more banks merging with large institutions, Town Bank officials believe Westfielders want to see a return to local banks where the staff actually know their customers.

"You really are a person here. You are not a number," explained Branch Manager Bill Metz.

Frank Goffreda, the bank's Chief Executive Officer, said the bank ran into a few construction delays along the way causing the opening to be pushed off until now. But all in all, he admitted being "so excited" about

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GRAND OPENING...Elected state officials join with officials of the Town Bank of Westfield during a ribbon-cutting ceremony held last Friday morning. Pictured, left to right, are: Ron Frigerio, Chairman of Bank's Board of Directors; cutting the ribbon, Linda Maggio, Executive Director of United Fund of Westfield, and State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco; Assemblymen Alan M. Augustine and Richard H. Bagger; second row, Town Bank Chief Executive Officer Frank Goffreda; Richard Frigerio and Norman Sevell, Board members; and back row, Germaine Trabert and Anthony DeChellis, Board members.



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GROUP 3 STATE CHAMPIONS...The 1998 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team defeated Delsea, 1-0, in the Group 3 Finals at the College of New Jersey in Ewing on November 20. The Raiders, who also won last year, have won seven state titles.

David B. Corbin for The Times

Fanwood Council To Hear Proposals By Action Groups

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
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Representatives from the Fanwood Community Assessment Committee's four action groups are scheduled to present formal proposals next Wednesday, December 2, to the Borough Council concerning their ideas for guiding the municipality into the 21st century.

These concepts, developed during weekly group meetings held since October 5, will be reviewed beginning at 7 p.m. in the Borough Council chambers, an hour before the governing body's monthly agenda meet-

ing. Funding requirements for the proposals are also expected to be included in the discussions.

Thirty-five volunteers were recruited by the Assessment Committee several months ago to serve as members of the groups, each of which focused on a separate action project. Based on a survey of 100 people conducted last year, these projects address communication, downtown and parking, long-range planning and volunteerism.

"They've done some tremendous work," Assessment Committee Chairman and former Fanwood Councilman David Pickering remarked last week about the collective efforts of the four action groups. "Some of the proposals are absolutely fantastic," he added.

Mr. Pickering described the volunteers as a mix of new and longtime

residents, adding that "many new faces" were visible during discussions held at various locales in the borough. Groups met in the Council Chambers, at the Community House and at the Fanwood Memorial Library.

He noted that the action groups have recommended "some specific things" which members believe would strengthen the community as it approaches the new millennium.

Appointed by Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly in May of 1997, Assessment Committee members reflect a potpourri of professional and civic experience. Their backgrounds include municipal government, business, and non-profit organizations, among other fields.

The committee was charged with evaluating the borough's strengths and weaknesses — as perceived by citizens during the survey last year — and with developing improvement strategies where necessary.

Opinions collected during the survey were the basis for the four action projects chosen by the committee during the summer from among an initial seven proposals.

A special "Time for Action" form outlining each of the projects was then mailed to all Fanwood residents, seeking volunteers to serve on groups for the respective projects.

Each of the projects address aspects of life in Fanwood which officials and residents have frequently cited as important to the future of the borough, and which were featured in the campaign platforms of both Democratic and Republican candidates for the Borough Council this year.

Revitalization of the downtown remains one of the community's paramount goals, as officials and others continue to look at ways to support local businesses and attract more

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Holiday Cheer Arrives With Yuletide Festival At All Saints' Episcopal Church in Township

By SONIA V. OWCHARIW
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The stage at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains was trimmed with holiday cheer this past Saturday, as shoppers browsed through the wide selection of crafts and antiques at the church's annual Yuletide Festival in pursuit of that perfect gift.

The event gave residents an oppor-

tunity to enjoy a Saturday afternoon among a colorful array of merchandise, or to begin their gift shopping before the holiday rush.

"This craft show has been at our church for the past 125 years," said Joe Britt, Chairman of the Yuletide Festival.

Vendors, including church crafters, displayed a wide variety of wares at

the event. Among the offerings were knitted, crocheted, or sewn items, bath products and jewelry, clothing, gifts and novelty items. Cakes and other baked treats were also featured, along with a 50/50 raffle.

Crafters presented everything from Sally Johnston's singing Christmas wreath, to Sandy Watts' home-made pure soaps.

"I make all my soaps from scratch. When the kids fall asleep, that's when I start mixing the ingredients together. Soap takes three weeks to mature before it can be used," explained Ms. Watts.

She said she uses all natural ingredients in her soaps, such as coconut, palm and vegetable oils, but more importantly, no perfumes.

"I started making soap two years ago; it was something I always wanted to try," added Ms. Watts.

Also available for bathing pleasure from her collection were Lavender Memories, Creamy Oat Bran,

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'TIS THE SEASON...Margaret Coke displays original crafts at the All Saints' Episcopal Church's 12th Yuletide Festival, which was held last Saturday in Scotch Plains.

Club Malibu Remains Open As Deadline for Compliance On Safety Violations Nears

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Club Malibu, a long-established nightclub on Terrill Road in Scotch Plains, near the intersection of Route No. 22, has a few more weeks to comply with safety improvements as ordered by the township's Construction Board of Appeals.

The club, located near the Plainfield border, was fined \$2,500 by the board during a November 4 hearing for exceeding by 40 patrons its occupancy capacity of 600. An additional fine of \$200 was levied for a fire lane

violation.

The club has 30 days to submit an occupancy plan, as required by the Construction Board of Appeals, for crowd control. The plan must be approved by both the township's police and fire chiefs, according to Jeffrey Lehrer, who represented the township.

If the club fails to comply with the board, Mr. Lehrer said, the club's fines would revert to \$5,500 for exceeding permitted occupancy, and \$2,000 for the fire lane violation, as

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SHARING THANKSGIVING...Students from both Scotch Plains and Westfield share a holiday meal during the first annual Thanksgiving gathering Monday at the Westfield Neighborhood Council (WNC) on Cacciola Place in Westfield. The children, ages 5 through 11 years old, participate regularly in after school programs sponsored by the Westfield Community Council and WNC. Pictured clockwise around the table starting at the left front are: Fred Cooper, Eddie Simmons, Tyrell Simmons, Derrick Dixon, Ryan Whitehead and Travis Morgan, from Scotch Plains.

Jeanne Whitney for The Times

SP-F High School Students Take Center Stage During All-State Chorus Concert at NJPAC

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

Fanwood residents Jerry Kavinski and Matt Price, along with Jim L'Heureux and Tim Pai of Scotch Plains, can sing with the best of them.

The young men proved it by earning coveted positions in New Jersey's

310-person, All-State Chorus which performed last Saturday night at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark.

The concert was a combined performance of the chorus and the 135-member New Jersey All-State Orchestra. Both the chorus and orchestra are presented by the New Jersey

Music Educators Association.

Jerry, a senior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS), and Jim and Tim, both juniors, were selected from approximately 25 students at the high school who auditioned for a spot in the state chorus.

Matt, a senior at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, audi-

tioned along with 10 of his classmates. The audition was a first for Union Catholic students, since the school only recently formed a chorus.

What Matt enjoyed most, he explained, was "the hard-core chorus experience."

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Private inspection centers will not be routinely re-licensed, according to the state Division of Motor Vehicles, without first qualifying under the tighter policies, but will require training and use of new equipment.

The tougher standards testing will look for three major emissions pollutants, outlined under the Federal 1990 Clean Air Act—nitrogen oxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons. Evidently, these vehicle waste products create New Jersey's ground level

ozone, putting the state over the top in poor air quality. After nearly a decade, the state still lags behind others in meeting Federal standards.

In April, Governor Christine Todd Whitman blamed pollution from southern states in "hampering our efforts to clean our air." With na-

tional weather patterns, New Jersey apparently is downwind of southern states, that the governor claims are in non-compliance with the Clean Air Act as well.

Reportedly, emissions from the states six million vehicles contrib-

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customers to the area, which faces competition from malls and larger retailers along Route No. 22. One of the most recent bids to boost the ambiance of the downtown was an ordinance adopted by the Borough Council last spring permitting local restaurants to operate outdoor cafés during the warm weather months. On the communications front, suggestions have been made in recent months that a regular municipal newsletter, coupled with Internet information and greater use of Fanwood's Channel 35, would help keep residents more fully informed about government meetings and other local events. Volunteerism is another area of particular concern, as many communities face a shortage of daytime personnel to serve on local emergency response units. During next week's presentation to the governing body, the action group dealing with volunteerism is expected to present proposals for encouraging more people to donate time to Fanwood's rescue squad and fire department.

SP-F High School Students Take Center Stage at NJPAC

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"We sing at Mass and at an annual Christmas concert," Matt, a Bass I, explained, "...but I've never really gotten to sing arrangements specially written for choral singing." Jim, who sings Bass II, indicated that approximately 120 musicians vied for his part alone. Forty-one young men were selected for the chorus. "It's almost overwhelming it's so good," he said, referring to the collection of talent which the group draws from high schools around the state. Jerry, a tenor, agreed. The best part of being a member of the chorus, he said, is "hearing the sound generated by so many talented musicians in one chorus." "It's a pretty amazing experience," added Tim, who also sings Bass II. "It's a good feeling to be with all those people who can really sing." Tim explained that Laurie Wellman, Chorus Director at SPFHS, is a big help in preparing students to audition for the state chorus, because she is one of the judges and knows what is expected of each chorus member. After the chorus was selected in the spring, students met for one rehearsal in June "to get situated," explained Jim. During the summer, members received a tape of their individual parts with which to practice. The chorus reassembled for rehearsals in September and October, prior to its debut performance at the annual teachers' convention in Atlantic City. There, during a two-night stay, the chorus practiced nearly 20 hours in anticipation for the November 13 concert in the Convention Hall Ballroom. Lucille De Masi Guarino, Director of Vocal Music at Sparta High School in Sparta, conducted the 65th New Jersey All-State Chorus. Gordon J. Tedeschi, Director of the High School String and Symphony Orchestras in East Brunswick, conducted the 70th All-State Orchestra. During both concerts, the chorus and orchestra combined for the opening number, "The National Anthem." They also concluded the evening's performance in tandem with a powerful rendition of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

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Deadline Nears For Club to Meet Safety Standards

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originally imposed by the Scotch Plains Fire Department. According to Mr. Lehrer, it was decided that the club should not be closed due to severe "economic impact" this would have on its owner. Scotch Plains Police Captain Joseph M. Protasiewicz added that, "Crowds have diminished. Our only concern was the fire regulation." This is not the first violation that Club Malibu has faced. Last May, the club was almost closed for 30 days, but an injunction granted by the Union County Superior Court allowed the establishment to remain open. The club was also fined \$2,000 in May after fire officials were unable to bring an ambulance through the parking lot to the club door. Club Malibu, which has Teen Night on Fridays, has been operated at the same site for over 40 years by the Ricciutti family. The club is open for business on Thursdays through Saturdays, and reportedly features disk jockeys from popular New York City nightclubs and other performers.

All Saints' Yuletide Festival Ushers in Holiday Cheer

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Fresh Garden Mint, Natural Oatmeal and Simply Soap. "Many of the herbs I use are grown in my own garden," revealed Ms. Watts. "The home-made soap was interesting; it brought back memories from the war, when I used to make my own soap," said Peg Miller of Scotch Plains. At another craft table, visitors were shown how to display and maintain their family history for future generations by "scrapbooking." "It is an extension of family history," remarked Mickey Howard, consultant of Creative Memories. "It presents a way to show children (how to preserve their family's history) by piecing photographs with captions." This method is much safer for photographs than regular glued photo pages, added Ms. Howard. "It is a way of documenting past

history," added Marie Ansari, co-consultant of Creative Memories. Antiques were also visible at the Yuletide Festival, as well as fur hats, old-fashioned velour dresses, and custom jewelry. A large collection of vintage clothing was exhibited at the event by a representative of Mary Lou's Memorabilia of Westfield. The store is owned by Mary Lou Strafaci, who specializes in items for school and theater groups. Hermetic Treasures showcased platinum, gold, silver, and other stoned jewelry. "I used to paint and sculpt, and now I hold shows. My collection is a mixture of affordable and important silver and gold," said Lorraine Goldstein of Hermetic Treasures. The show also included an assortment of holiday sweets. All that was missing was a visit from Santa himself.

Westfield Inspection Station Slated To Remain Open

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utes to one-third of New Jersey's air pollution. The privatized stations will be outfitted with a set of rails allowing car engines to accelerate up to 15 m.p.h., to test for emissions. Called a dynamometer, the cost of the machine — an estimated \$40,000 — is said to have discouraged some private garages from staying in the car inspection business. An emissions analyzer device is also part of the package, a spokesman said. At the Westfield inspection station, former Manager Bob Bennett was replaced earlier this year by Tom Delehey, who moved over from a Plainfield inspection office. Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim said keeping the local station open was certainly convenient for residents, however, "I'd like to see it cleaned up a little bit more than that. That parking lot needs some work." Cars queue up in a fenced, over-

grown lot behind the inspection station at the corner of Grandview and Windsor Avenues while waiting for inspection. If a car does not pass inspection under the new standards, motorists may get repairs at stations licensed by Parson's for either safety repairs or full service repairs. There is a \$250 ceiling on emissions-related repairs to a car. The use of the state inspection stations, run privately by Parson's, will still be free of charge to motorists. Inspection okays will be valid for two years. Registration will still be good only for one year. Officials said a poorly maintained vehicle releases about 30 times more pollution into the environment, than a properly outfitted and tuned car engine. Inspection stations will be open Friday, November 27, for customers hoping to beat the end of the month deadline. In prior years, state facilities were closed for the holiday.



OUTDOOR ARTISTS... Under the direction of Nicholas Impalli, an art teacher at Terrill Middle School, Terrill 6th graders took advantage of the great fall weather by moving outdoors. Using the sidewalks as their palettes, great work was produced under the beautiful skies. Some of the work was shown at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education offices and local libraries during American Education Week.

Scotch Plains Towne Centre Slates Holiday Celebration

The Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association (SPBPA) and the Parks and Recreation Commission has organized its 4th Annual "Old Fashioned Holiday Celebration" to be held on Sunday, December 6, from noon to 5 p.m. There will be live entertainment, hay rides, a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, a bake sale, sidewalk promotions, the annual tree lighting, and the arrival of Santa Claus. The historic Osborn Cannonball House will hold an Open House where they will be serving food and refreshments. Live entertainment with performances by local area choral groups will be held on the Village Green throughout the afternoon. Horse drawn hay wagon rides will go around town from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Hay ride tickets are \$2 and children under 2 ride free. There will be a merchant holiday walk contest with no purchase necessary and a chance to win a free lunch/

**DR. MULLENS
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FANWOOD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

A resident of North Avenue reported that the tires on her vehicle were punctured while it was parked in front of her house.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

An attempted burglary was reported on South Avenue. Police believe the suspect, who pushed in a basement window, was scared off by the family dog. Nothing was reported taken.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Joseph Fischbein, 18, of Fanwood was arrested at Helen Street and LaGrande Avenue and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance believed to be cocaine, according to police. He was released on his own recognizance.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

John Evans, Jr., 46, of Amityville, New York was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana after being stopped for motor vehicle violations on Terrill Road, authorities said. Evans was released on his own recognizance.

Small Business Owners Meet To Form Leadership Group

SUMMIT — A group of 15 central New Jersey small business owners met recently at the Marco Polo Restaurant in Summit.

Their purpose was to organize a local leadership committee to identify legislative issues impacting area businesses, as well as to promote the vitally important role that small business plays in the surrounding communities and economy at large.

Working with the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the group is initiating a strategy for its efforts over the coming months.

"New Jersey truly is the small business state," said NFIB Territory Manager Eric Dill.

"While 60 percent of the nation's workforce is employed by small businesses, nearly 90 percent of New Jersey's workforce is employed by companies with less than 100 employees, and virtually all of the net job growth that has occurred in the state since 1993 has come from businesses with fewer than 20 employ-

ees," he noted. Issues that were addressed included legislation currently pending in Trenton which would allow businesses to retain a one percent rebate of the sales tax they remit to cover the cost of compliance, allow the self-employed a tax deduction for health insurance costs, and the impact of deregulation of the utility industry on small business.

Over the next several months this group will continue to identify issues important to area businesses as they promote the important message that small business works for America, and especially for central New Jersey.

The NFIB is the nation's largest business organization with over 600,000 members, approximately 12,000 in New Jersey. There are more than 150 active members in the Westfield and Scotch Plains area. For more information on the NFIB and its efforts, please contact Mr. Dill, or visit the NFIB web site at www.nfibonline.com.

Blood Center of New Jersey To Hold Drive in Township

The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive on Sunday, December 6, at Temple Beth Israel, 1920 Cliffwood Avenue in Scotch Plains, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Blood Center is also looking for people willing to help sponsor a blood drive in their place of business, religious organization, or community group, particularly in December and January.

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen year old donors must obtain parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors, provided those over 65 have donated within the last two years, or have a doctor's note.

Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed form of identification.

Individuals with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning.

Donors who have recently traveled outside of the United States must call the Blood Center for eligibility criteria.

Tiny Tim Fund Sets Carol Night Benefit

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Tiny Tim Fund will hold a Tiny Tim Carol Night on Wednesday, December 9, from 4 to 9 p.m.

Donations will be collected to benefit the Fund, which provides financial assistance to children in Fanwood and Scotch Plains who are in need of medical care and cannot afford it.

To join a group of carolers, or to form a caroling group, please call Mari McDevitt at (908) 233-6513 or Anne O'Brien at (908) 756-3079 for more information.

Contributions may be made directly to: Tiny Tim Fund, P.O. Box 181, Fanwood, 07023.



SERVICE ANNIVERSARY...Dominick J. Bratti of Scotch Plains, second from right, the newly-elected Assistant Secretary of the Youth Consultation Service (YCS) Board of Trustees, joins other YCS officials during the social service organization's 80th anniversary celebration held recently at the Montclair Golf Club. Joining him, pictured left to right, are: YCS President and Chief Executive Officer Richard Mingoia; newly-appointed New Jersey Commissioner of Human Services Michele K. Guhl, and Robert T. Brescia, who was re-elected as Secretary of the Trustee Board. Mr. Bratti and Mr. Brescia were named to their posts at the anniversary event.

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STORM CONTROL...Members of Fanwood's Emergency Management Team met November 6 at Borough Hall with Public Service Electric and Gas officials Stanley Solowski, James Meyers and John Griffith to discuss the difficulties encountered during the severe Labor Day storm which pounded the region. Among the local officials in attendance were Borough Clerk Eleanor McGovern, third from left, and Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, center.

Area DECA Chapter Slates Program, 'Adopt a Family'

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter, an association of marketing students, has announced its fifth annual "Adopt A Family" program for the holiday season.

In conducting their ninth annual Toy Drive, working with the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County and the Scotch Plains Welfare Department, the students are seeking to provide toys and clothing items for the many area children and families in need.

DECA will also be providing gifts for over 60 children served by the Welfare Department. However, there are over 70 families, which include more than 120 children of the Interfaith Council, who are

needy. These families are currently living in various churches throughout the area on a rotating basis, or in other temporary shelters, according to DECA advisor Donald Cababe.

Any individual, group or business interested in adopting a family may contact DECA, which will provide a brief description of the families and their wish list.

The sponsor would then be responsible for purchasing all items on that list for the entire family. The gifts will be distributed by DECA at a Friday, December 18, party which the students are planning with Interfaith.

To participate in the program, please call DECA at (908) 889-8600.



WEDDING HOUSE...The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will hold a Holiday House Tour fundraiser, "Deck the Halls," on Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pictured above is the "Wedding House." One of the four homes to be featured on the tour, this 1929 center hall Colonial, located on Kimball Circle, will be fully decorated with a holiday wedding theme.

Rake & Hoe Garden Club Sets Holiday House Tour

WESTFIELD — The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will hold a Holiday House Tour fundraiser, entitled "Deck the Halls," on Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Four Westfield homes will be showcased on the tour, each featuring a different motif, including "Williamsburg," "Cranberry Christmas," "Holiday Wedding," and "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

The Wedding House, a 1929 center hall Colonial on Kimball Circle, will carry the theme of an elegant holiday wedding. Visitors to the house will see the bride's dress at the top of the ribbon-draped staircase, where at the bottom an elegant cascading floral arrangement of greens and blossoms will greet you. The dining room will be also decorated with a floral wedding cake, champagne and caviar. Floral arrangements will be throughout the house with wedding-white roses,

Singapore orchids and a display of Freesia atop a baby grand piano. There will also be a Christmas tree in the family room with traditional touches.

Wrapping up the event will be a holiday boutique, located on North Avenue, where visitors will find on display many of the items featured on the tour.

Tickets for the tour are available at Clyne & Murphy, Lancaster, Ltd., Periwinkle's, and Rorden Realty, Inc. in downtown Westfield.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to increasing members' knowledge of horticulture and floral culture. Club members also work with the community on various beautification and educational projects.

Soroptimist Club Seeks Scholarship Applicants

WESTFIELD — Soroptimist International of the Greater Westfield Area (SIGWA) is seeking qualified applicants for two annual monetary

scholarships to be awarded at its May 1999 Awards Dinner. The deadline is Tuesday, December 15.

The first award will be the Youth Citizenship Award, which recognizes a 1999 college-bound high school graduate for contributions made to his or her family, school, community or to society.

The contribution may take the form of activities which the applicant has initiated or is involved in which benefit others. To be considered, the applicant must demonstrate a significant level of personal involvement.

Applications may be obtained in the guidance offices of local high schools, from Brand Travel in Westfield, Martin Jewelers in Cranford, or by calling Chairwoman Jeanne Monaghan at (908) 233-3389 or Susan Brand at (908) 654-4063.

The second award, the Women's Opportunity Award, is open to mature women entering or returning to the workforce. It is intended to assist a woman who is the head of a household to obtain additional job skills through training or education.

Applications and further information are available at Brand Travel, Martin Jewelers or by calling Mrs. Monaghan or Mrs. Brand.

Both scholarships were established by Soroptimist International of Americas and are administered locally under that organization's principles and guidelines.

Holiday Concert Slated

December 2 at WHS

WESTFIELD — The Westfield High School Music Department will present its annual holiday concert on Wednesday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

The symphony orchestra, wind ensemble, chamber orchestra and a chamber group will perform under the direction of Raymond Wojcik.

Admission to the concert is free of charge and open to the public.

The symphony orchestra will perform Beethoven's *Egmont Overture*. The chamber orchestra will offer Vivaldi's *Concerto Grosso*, as well as the first movement of Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*.

A third group, composed of violists Christina Yang and Michael Idland, violinists David Paik, Peter Yu, John Chern, and Andy Bhasin, and cellists Deidre Lynn and Allen Yu, will play the first movement of Mendelssohn's *Octet*.

The wind ensemble will play *Victory at Sea* by Richard Rodgers; David R. Holsinger's *On a Hymn of Robert Lowry*; and *Overture for Winds* by Charles Carter.



STATEWIDE RECOGNITION...Patrick Mauro, right, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS), has attained state-wide recognition for his award-winning brochure, "Go For It At UCVTS." Charles S. Mancuso, left, President of the Vocational-Technical Schools Board of Education, was on hand to offer congratulations.

Vo-Tech Brochure Gains Statewide Recognition

SCOTCH PLAINS — A brochure highlighting the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and the Auto Technology Programs at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS) was judged outstanding at the 1998 School Communications Competition.

Sponsored by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the competition produced just 15 winners out of over 200 entries from throughout the state.

The awards were presented during the Association's annual convention held in Atlantic City.

Patrick Mauro, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at the County Vo-Tech Schools, developed the brochure which was an eight paneled, multi-colored fold-over, and angular on top. The brochure was entitled, "Go For It At UCVTS."

Mr. Mauro has achieved recognition for his entries for four consecutive years. He served for 18 years as a vocational educator for the Hillside Township Board of Education prior to his position at UCVTS.

Kiwanis Club Lists Luminary Sale Dates

FANWOOD — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood-Westfield Kiwanis Club will hold its annual luminary sale on Saturdays, December 5, 12 and 19, and Sunday, December 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fanwood Municipal Garage.

There will also be a special sales date on Thursday, December 24, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Luminaries will be 35 cents per unit. Each unit includes a candle, bag and sand. Purchasers are asked to bring a container to carry the sand.

The Kiwanis Club will also serve as a drop-off station for "Food for the Needy" and DECA's "Toys for Tots" drives.

For more information about the luminaries, please call Kiwanis Luminary Chairman Bob Shannon at (908) 322-3960.

Chamber of Commerce Sells Holiday Ornament

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the release of its 10th annual holiday decoration, a burgundy ball with the town of Westfield depicted in ivory, which is now on sale at various town locations.

The artwork on the ornament was taken from an original design created for the Chamber by local artist Harry Devlin. The Chamber, which marks its 50th anniversary this year, uses the Broad Street scene as its logo today.

The 1998 balls, in a limited edition of 500, cost \$7 each and may be purchased at the following Chamber member locations: Backroom Antiques, Book Value, Coldwell Banker Schlott Realtors, First Union Bank, Fleet Bank, Print Tech, Rorden Realty, Scott's Shoes, Summit Bank, Town Book Store, and the offices of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*.

A limited number of decorations from earlier years are also available through the Chamber office. They include the 1991 Mindwaskin Park bandstand, the 1992 Westfield Fire House, the 1994 Bi-Centennial logo; the 1995 Miller-Cory House, and the 1997 Rialto Theatre.

Editions from 1989, 1990, 1993, and 1996 are sold out.

Policeman's Association Announces Toy Drive

SCOTCH PLAINS — Members of the Scotch Plains Policeman's Benevolent Association will hold their fourth annual "Toys For Tots" toy drive through Friday, December 18. This will allow for distribution in time for the holiday season.

Last year, over \$2,000 in games and toys were donated. These gifts were placed in baskets and distributed to local churches and religious organizations throughout the community.

New toys and games are needed for this year's drive. All donations may be dropped off in the police department lobby, where a special barrel has been placed.

For more information, please call (908) 322-7100.

Old Guard of Westfield Slates December Events

WESTFIELD — The Old Guard of Westfield, a social club for retired and semi-retired men from Westfield and other towns in the greater Union County area, has released its program schedule for December.

On Thursday, December 3, a program entitled "Prostate Cancer Awareness" will be presented by Dr. Alan P. Krieger from 10 a.m. to noon in the Kellogg Room of the Westfield "Y," 220 Clark Street in Westfield.

The following Thursday, December 10, a Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Westfield "Y" from 10 a.m. to noon, featuring the Cranford High School Madrigal Singers. This will be the last regular meeting of 1998.

On Friday, December 11, the Old Guard Christmas Party will be held at The Westwood in Garwood from 12 to 4 p.m.

Regular Thursday morning Old Guard meetings will resume on Thursday, January 7, 1999.

For additional information, please call Don Finter at (908) 233-1407.

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Firefighters Announce Holiday Food Drive

The Westfield Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (F.M.B.A.), Local No. 30, is currently conducting the third annual holiday food drive for needy Westfield residents, and extended appreciation to all who participated in last year's program.

Non-perishable food items will be accepted at Fire Headquarters at 405 North Avenue, West, until 9 p.m. on Friday, December 18.

Donations will be distributed to those in need through local churches and civic organizations in time for the Christmas holiday.

In its first food drive in 1996, F.M.B.A. Local No. 30 distributed holiday meals to approximately 50 families in Westfield. Local No. 30 donated one turkey to each meal distributed and will do so again this year.



FIELD STUDY...The fourth-grade classes of Pam Lubiner, Carrie Meyer and Laura Fenn from Wilson Elementary School in Westfield recently visited The New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx, New York. The 250-acre museum of plants, featuring extensive horticultural collections displayed in formal gardens, naturalistic outdoor settings. Pictured above, students are seated on the stairs of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory which provided a learning environment for the children.

Junior Women Announce Fall Spelling Bee Winners

SCOTCH PLAINS — The winners of the annual fall spelling bee sponsored by the Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club and the Scotch Plains Department of Parks and Recreation on October 17 have been announced.

Over 70 children participated from grades 3, 4 and 5. They were asked to spell words at an age appropriate level. This bee was single elimination.

Winners at the fourth-and fifth-grade level will be eligible to compete in the Junior Woman's Sixth District Spelling Bee, which is usually held in late February or March. The time and date of this event will be announced, and the public is invited to attend.

The first place winner for grade 3 was Niten Viswanathan of Brunner Elementary School, with Courtney Slaten of McGinn Elementary School winning second place.

Lauren Friedlander placed first among the fourth graders, with Christopher Polhamas achieving second place. They also attend Brunner and McGinn Schools, respectively.

For fifth grade, Allison Abbott of Coles Elementary School took first place, with Victoriya Gorbach of Evergreen Elementary School taking second.

All first place and second place winners were presented with gift certificates to be redeemed at The

Town Book Store in Westfield, as well as a ticket for a free meal at Burger King. Each participant was also presented with a certificate of participation.

CSH Seeks Donations For Holiday Drive

WESTFIELD — Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) will accept donations of new toys, games and clothing for newborns through individuals 21 years of age until Wednesday, December 9, as part of its Annual Holiday Toy Drive for the hospital's patients.

Each year the pediatric rehabilitation hospital collects new, unwrapped gifts for the children who will be spending their holiday in the hospital. Last year, CSH was able to distribute over 250 bags of presents to the children.

Deliveries must be scheduled. Please call the Volunteer Services Office at (908) 233-3720, Extension No. 5379, to arrange a drop-off time.

All gifts must be dropped off before December 9 to allow for sorting, wrapping and distribution of gifts. Please leave a name and address with each gift.

The hospital's Infection Control Policy restricts CSH from accepting stuffed animals or used toys.

New Jersey EASE Project Recognizes Volunteers

When Union County Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr. learned that two registered nurses volunteered their professional expertise to the County's Division on Aging each week, he said he wanted to meet them and thank them in person.

He had this opportunity during the last public meeting of the board.

"These two dedicated women support the Care Management Unit. Because of the volunteer service of Florence Sisco of Elizabeth and Ruth Geller of Scotch Plains, the county does not have to hire additional staff of this caliber and is saving thousands of dollars," Freeholder Mingo said.

According to Susan Chasoff, Director of the Division on Aging, about two years ago when the county began the New Jersey Easy Access Single Entry Project, (NJ EASE) the Older Womens' League (OWL) offered their help.

"OWL members Ruth and Florence, came to us and started helping the division," Ms. Chasoff said.

One of the new services of EASE is a toll free telephone number, (888) 280-8226, that provides services or referrals to Union County Senior Citizens.

"Ruth and Florence donate their talents weekly and have done everything from helping with client assessments in their homes and determining what kind of services an older person needs to following up with current Division clients," Ms. Chasoff said.

"The Board of Chosen Freeholders is very thankful to have citizens who share their time and expertise. We commend Ruth and Florence for their outstanding service to the Division on Aging and the senior population of our county," Freeholder Mingo said.



ELECTED TREASURER...At a recent Halfway to St. Patrick's Day party, the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee inducted the new officers for the 1999 parade marching on Sunday, March 21, 1999. Pictured, left to right, are: Treasurer of the Newark St. Patrick's Day Committee, Charles Ferns of Scotch Plains and Sergeant Jack McGarry of the Police and Fire Emerald Society Pipe Band.

Carol Dreyer Recognized For Influence as Teacher

WESTFIELD — Carol Dreyer, a teacher of English as a Second Language at Westfield High School (WHS), has been recognized by Rutgers-Douglass College for positively influencing the academic lives of students she has taught.

Ms. Dreyer, who was identified by former WHS student Esther Lee for promoting and supporting her academic achievement, was honored at a special recognition ceremony during the college's annual Teacher Appreciation Day on November 18.

Ms. Dreyer attended the keynote address, "New Trends in Mentoring," and participated in discussion groups that focused on exploring strategies for mentoring young women and identifying ways of enhancing their educational experiences.

"I was thrilled to learn that Esther named me as someone who made a

significant difference in her life," said Ms. Dreyer, upon learning that she was being honored by Douglass College.

"Having one's work in the classroom acknowledged by students is the greatest reward teachers can ever receive," she observed.



Carol Dreyer



COMMENDED BY THE COUNTY...During a public meeting of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr. offered thanks and a special Resolution to volunteers and members of the Older Womens' League, Florence Sisco of Elizabeth and Ruth Geller of Scotch Plains, for supporting the county's Care Management Unit. Pictured, left to right, are: Susan Chasoff, Director of the County's Division on Aging, Florence Sisco, Ruth Geller, and Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr.

Barbara Dalrymple Attends Commissioning Aboard Assault Ship

SCOTCH PLAINS — Navy Airman Recruit Barbara J. Dalrymple, a 1995 graduate of Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains, recently participated in the commissioning of the amphibious assault ship *USS Bonhomme Richard*.

Airman Dalrymple is one of more than 1,000 Sailors who attended the commissioning in Pensacola, Florida.

Airman Dalrymple joined the Navy in November of 1997.

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Bond Approval Will Help Repair Schools While Accommodating Student Enrollment Increase

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Thirdly, as a society we are placing far more pressure on our teachers to ensure that every student in his/her class receives an equal amount of time and therefore achieves a similar educational standard.

Years ago, the teachers taught and you kept up or not, as the case may be, so those who could succeed and those who could not fell by the wayside.

This is fine if you believe in an elitist education system where children are streamlined, according to their intelligence standards, at age 11 as is done in Europe, however, I believe this to go against everything America stands for.

In summary, the above calls for extra classrooms for children of special needs. It calls for the need to introduce computer workstations in existing classrooms thereby reducing the number of students a room will take. It calls for language labs to be built in order to provide for the teaching of foreign languages.

And finally, it reduces the number of children in a classroom that any teacher can reasonably be expected to educate under our society's demand for equal time and education for all.

On a broader scale, one must also look to the future in order to determine the ongoing need for such facilities so that the expense of building them is not wasted on a community where the need is only immediate and not long-term.

Yes, there are the demographic studies to prove that even today's overcrowding will only be magnified in the future, but I believe many people will want to know why there is a growing population and the effect this will have upon their community.

Westfield is a wonderful community and one in which I believe we are all happy to live. Its services work, there is a solid community spirit, it has a homely downtown area and provides many beautiful recreational areas for its inhabitants to enjoy.

Furthermore, and more importantly for this argument, it has one of the finest school districts in the state. Although combined with many of the aforementioned attributes, it is mainly the success of Westfield's school district that attracts many families with school age children (or children approaching school age, or families approaching having children) to opt to become part of Westfield's community.

We have all seen many new developments being built in town over the last five years to accommodate the influx of new residents. Although we may or may not agree with this building spate, demographic studies have shown that families with school age children occupy most of these new homes.

It is no secret that Westfield has become the target for many upscale and modern retail businesses. We only have to walk through town to see Gap, Gap for Kids, Banana Republic and Anne Taylor, all of whom opened their stores based upon positive demographic studies.

We are to assume therefore that these mavens of retailing foresee an increase in the number of local residents that suit their demographic requirements as "ideal customers," in the main, young upwardly mobile families with double incomes and two kids. Yes this may be a stereotype but it is one we will have

to live with.

In summary, these demographic trends could result in the current enrollment calculations showing current and future overcrowding, being too low.

There is, however, a positive effect of this phenomenon on our town and one that we may all benefit from, and that is the increase in value of our real estate. Let me be blunt in saying that real estate values are a function of supply and demand: the more people there are wanting to live in a particular town, the more expensive the real estate becomes.

There are national studies proving that there is a direct correlation between the success of an education system and the value of the real estate within its boundaries.

Therefore, to let the classrooms become overcrowded, to ignore the need for technology and linguistic classes, and to increase the pressure on our teachers will all result in a decrease in educational standards, a change in the town's demographic makeup and a resultant decrease in property values.

Unfortunately, the people who will be effected most by a drop in real estate values will be our senior citizens which I believe to be unfair and unjust.

I am sure we all want to provide our children with the basic necessities they will need to succeed in life. That is the best education we can provide, a sense of what is right and wrong, plus a set of good moral values which, in turn, we hope will allow them to become good people in doing unto others as they would want done unto themselves.

Maybe we should all stop for a moment and think about the message we are sending by turning down an opportunity for them to receive a better chance at education because as working adults we are too wrapped up in our own "yield to me" frame of mind.

Finally, we must address the issue of an increase in taxes. Even though the average Westfield home would have their taxes increased by as little as \$55 per year, this may be a consideration for some of our senior citizens.

The community as a whole will have to decide if agreeing to this increase is worth not only the future education of our children, but the protection our property values and the very basis of the core of our community. With this in mind, we must not forget our senior citizens as they may require the same amount of focus that this community is currently giving its children.

Accordingly, I herein offer to start a Citizens Advice Committee to focus on their needs, as, after all, we should do things that make a difference to everyone.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Mr. Williams is an eight-year Westfield resident has two children one of which is first-grader in the local system. Mr. Williams served on the Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Westfield Board of Education which recommended the \$11.7 million bond referendum for capital improvements, new classrooms and technology improvements. Mr. Williams is the Founder, President and Chief Executive officer of New York City based-Strategic Research Institute, a large market research company.

Letters to the Editor

Westfield Schools Are In Desperate Need of Repair; Vote Yes on Bond

If your roof was leaking you'd fix it - wouldn't you? If your bathroom facilities needed repair, it would be a top priority, right? Well your roof is leaking, and the bathrooms do need repair.

No, they're not in your home, they are in your schools, the Westfield schools, and to protect your investment in your own home, all Westfielders should vote in favor of the upcoming bond issue to repair school facilities on Tuesday, December 15.

Our schools are one of the investments that makes your Westfield home so valuable. Think, for a moment, of who buys that home on your street with the "For Sale" sign on it.

Overwhelmingly, Westfield homes are purchased by families with young children, or plans to raise children. They choose Westfield, in large part, for the same reason my family did: its excellent public schools.

And it is because of those choice schools that a home in Westfield commands a premium in the resale market that families won't pay in surrounding communities.

If the school roof leaks, if the school's physical plant is unsafe or unhealthy, young families will think long and hard about choosing Westfield as a place to raise their kids.

Yes, the bond issue will result in a small increase in property taxes phased in from \$18 to a maximum of \$56 annually on a home with the Westfield average assessed value of \$174,000. Think of that total increase as the cost of a minor repair around your house each year - should you ever sell your home, it will be repaid 20 times over.

I urge all Westfielders to vote for the school bond issue on December 15.

Meryl Justin Chertoff
Westfield

United Fund of Westfield Wishes 'Happy Thanksgiving' to Residents

Thanksgiving is a distinctively American holiday, set aside for giving thanks for the blessings of health, food, shelter, family, friends and community.

During the Thanksgiving season, many Westfielders, who recognize how much they have to be grateful for, say "thank you" by giving to the United Fund of Westfield, which helps maintain the quality of life for all in our community.

We are grateful to all who have generously responded to the 1998 United Fund campaign, and we urge all who have not yet sent in a pledge card to do so now, as a sign of "thanksgiving." By sharing their blessings, Westfielders can extend the spirit of Thanksgiving throughout the coming year.

A past edition of the "Friendly Place," a newsletter for Westfield Community Center Senior Citizens (one of the 20 member agencies supported by our United Fund), contained the following inspirational message which we would like to share again this year:

Be Thankful

"Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings each morning, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are those who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the effort of rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bed-ridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in the magazines, and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have.

There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day, and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life."

On behalf of all of us at the United Fund of Westfield, let me wish everyone a most happy Thanksgiving season.

Alan J. Gutterman
President, Board of Trustees
United Fund of Westfield

Robert Flast Column Labeled 'Utter Nonsense' by Resident

Westfield is a town that we are all happy and proud to live in. A part of that is due to Westfield's excellent school system, that many people move here for.

In response to Mr. Flast's article, it is written, I'm sure, without one of his children attending any Westfield school. While I'm not active in any board meetings or Parent-Teacher Association meetings, I am very moved to respond to his utter nonsense.

Maybe he should spend a day at Franklin School, in a classroom made for 14-18 students. Those classrooms now hold 24-25 students. There is barely any room for these children to move, yet alone learn what they could learn in a class size of 15 (which, by the way, is my idea of a classroom size).

Maybe he should experience an "art cart" being rolled into his classroom, or no lunch room available for 1-3 graders. We also have no music room and two trailers set up outside our school.

Get real Mr. Flast, you need to see it,

Fixing Short-Term Enrollment Hike With Long-Term Bond: Wrong in 1994, Worse in 1998

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be placed on the middle and high schools where the 2003 enrollments are projected to be 21.6 percent and 24.7 percent higher than the 1998 enrollments compared to an elementary school increase of just 7.6 percent from 1998 to 2003.

Dr. Weissman's position that our elementary school enrollments are a temporary problem is consistent with the current thinking in professional demographics circles as reported in the American Demographics Journal and supported by data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census and Department of Education in their projections of elementary school enrollments through 2007.

While expensive, many taxpayers and parents might vote for the \$6 million

improvement and \$0.8 million alteration portions of the bond and against the \$4.5 million for questionable new classrooms, that is, if we were given the choice.

However, given the "all or none" packaging, the only way to communicate our preference to the board is to vote down the referendum and to send the Superintendent and board back to the drawing board to come up with alternative proposals.

Westfield should vote "no" in December knowing full well that this is not a one shot, do or die proposition. If a majority of the voters reject the "all or none" bond package, then the board and Administration will find other ways to "house a temporary bulge passing through the schools."

Letters to the Editor

Overcrowded Classrooms, Enrollment Crunch Increase Need for Referendum

On Tuesday, December 15, Westfield will be asked to vote on a school bond referendum. Voting yes on this referendum will be an affirmative vote for excellence in education for the entire Westfield community.

Currently, there is no additional classroom space available in any of our elementary schools. Overcrowded classrooms in some of our buildings coupled with still ever increasing enrollment necessitate that we build additional elementary classrooms.

As this increasing enrollment filters to our middle schools, the opportunity will exist to move elementary school programs currently housed in our middle schools back to the elementary schools.

If any additional movement of stu-

dents is needed at this level, the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended that the relocation be evaluated by a group of concerned citizens.

Fifty percent of the bond referendum will go toward capital improvements in all of our schools that we have not been able to address in our regular budget. Renovation of six classrooms at the high school level will help to address the increasing enrollment at that level. Use of the National Guard Armory and the former Lincoln School will also be considered as the increasing enrollment filters to Westfield High School.

And last, but not least, the bond referendum will provide for a technological infrastructure that is desperately needed between all of our schools.

This will significantly improve communication among schools, parents and administration and will also enhance school curriculum.

It is my hope that the Westfield community will cast an affirmative vote on December 15 both for the bond referendum and for our children.

Sheri Cognetti
Edison Intermediate School
PTO President

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Christopher Teitelbaum and Ms. Tricia Moloney

Tricia Moloney to Wed Christopher Teitelbaum

Ms. Jacqueline A. Naughton of Burlington, Wisconsin, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Ms. Tricia A. Moloney of Westfield, to Christopher J.

Teitelbaum. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven C. Teitelbaum of Westfield.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mrs. Dorothy Naughton of Chicago and the late Clement Naughton. Her fiancé is the grandson of Mrs. Marilyn Teitelbaum of Lakehurst and the late Arthur Teitelbaum, and Mrs. Eleanor Kalbacher of Hackensack and the late Dr. Joseph E. Kalbacher.

A 1991 graduate of St. Mary's Academy in Nauvoo, Illinois, Ms. Moloney attended the University of Wisconsin, where she majored in elementary education. She is employed by Incheape Shipping Services, an international transportation company in South Plainfield.

The future bridegroom graduated with the Class of 1991 from Westfield High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Providence College in 1995. Mr. Teitelbaum is employed as an operations manager for Bulkhaul USA, Inc. in Cranford.

A wedding is planned for the fall of next year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chris Charlesworth of Manhattan Beach, California have announced the birth of their daughter, Haley Ellen Charlesworth, on Saturday, August 15, at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance, California.

Haley's mother is the former Miss Stacy Olsem of Sacramento, California, and her father is a former resident of Westfield.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bud Olsem of Sacramento.

Her paternal grandparents are Mrs. Fran Charlesworth of Westfield and the late Dr. Tom Charlesworth.

Haley is also the niece of Jim and Kim Charlesworth of Westfield.



MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK H. KURTZ, JR.
(She is the former Miss Cheryl Lauren Frigerio)

Cheryl L. Frigerio Weds Frederick H. Kurtz, Jr.

Miss Cheryl Lauren Frigerio, the daughter of former Westfield Mayor and Mrs. Ronald Frigerio, was married on Friday, January 2, to Frederick Herbert Kurtz, Jr. of Matawan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Kurtz of New Vernon.

The Reverend Nicholas G. Figurelli celebrated the Nuptial Mass during a candlelight ceremony at the Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity in Westfield. A reception was held at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore an off-the-shoulder, full-length, ivory silk satin gown by Priscilla of Boston, trimmed with ivory velvet and pearls around the neckline, sleeves and hem, and a cathedral-length veil of tulle adorned with Alencon lace and pearls.

She carried a posy bouquet of white, champagne, lemon and blush vendela roses hand-tied with ivory satin ribbon.

Mrs. Susan Buckley of Bangkok, Thailand served as her sister's matron of honor. The bridal attendants included Mrs. Holly Antisell of Monmouth Junction and Mrs. Cory Wall of South Amboy, both sisters of the bridegroom; Mrs. Shannon Frigerio of Warwick, Bermuda, the sister-in-law of the bride; Mrs. Grace Gruhler of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Lisa Kurtz of Hamilton, the sister-in-law of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Bridget Troy of Chicago.

The matron of honor and bridal attendants all wore garnet and black tea length dresses in devoré velvet with silk garnet charmeuse trim adorning the square neckline, and short sleeves. They carried asymmetrical bouquets of cymbidium orchids and black magic roses with eucalyptus and berries hand-tied with gold cord and garnet velvet ribbon.

Wayne Kurtz of Hamilton was his brother's best man. The groomsmen were Frank Antisell of Monmouth Junction and Jay Wall of South Amboy, the brothers-in-law of the

bridegroom; Timothy Buckley of Bangkok, Thailand, the brother-in-law of the bride; Arthur Downs of Princeton, R. Gregg Frigerio of Warwick, Bermuda, the brother of the bride, and Peder Gulbrandsen of Tewksbury.

Jack Buckley of Bangkok, Thailand, the nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Scriptural passages were read by Mrs. Judy Hoffman of Piscataway, Ms. Faith Baranowski of Morristown, a cousin of the bridegroom, and Ryan Christiano of Scotch Plains, a cousin of the bride.

Musical selections were performed by a string quartet, two trumpeters and an organist. Ms. Grace Spruiell was the soloist.

A 1988 graduate of Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, the bride earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree and her master's degree from the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, where she majored in communication. She is employed by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority in New Brunswick as a senior project analyst.

The bridegroom graduated from The Pennington School in Pennington and from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he was awarded his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Management. He is a partner and Vice President at I. Heller Construction Company in Edison.

The bride was honored at a surprise bridal brunch hosted by Mrs. Elizabeth Cagnassola and Mrs. Germaine Trabert of Westfield at the Suburban Country Club in Union. A bridal shower was hosted by Mrs. Grace Gruhler in Pittsburgh.

The parents of the bridegroom entertained the wedding party at a rehearsal dinner at the Chez Catherine restaurant in Westfield.

Following a wedding trip to Caneel Bay, St. John in the United States Virgin Islands, the couple reside in Matawan.



Miss Melissa Winberry and Mathew Gleeson

Miss Melissa Winberry To Wed Mathew Gleeson

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Winberry of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Melissa Ann Winberry of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, to Mathew Thomas Gleeson, also of Chagrin Falls. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gleeson of Solon, Ohio.

A 1992 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride-elect was awarded a bachelor's degree from John Carroll

University in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1996. She is employed as a college recruiter with Progressive Insurance in Cleveland.

Her fiancé graduated from Solon High School in Solon, Ohio, and received his bachelor's degree in 1991 from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. He is employed as a systems manager for CBC Companies in Cleveland.

The couple plan to marry in September of next year in Cleveland.

Enrichment Activities Planned for Families At Edison on Dec. 2

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Advanced Learning Program Parent Association will hold an Enrichment Activities Marketplace for parents and children on Wednesday, December 2, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Avenue in Westfield.

This event is free and open to the public.

Representatives from over 20 academic, art, space and sports camps will provide literature and answer questions about their programs.

For additional information, please call Maggie Subhas at (908) 233-3209, Cheryl Siko at (908) 789-1154, or visit <http://www.westfieldnj.com/alpa>.

Westfield YMCA Sets Upcoming Teen Trips

WESTFIELD — The Teen Department of the Westfield "Y," 220 Clark Street, has announced it will sponsor trips and events for youngsters ages 11 to 13 in grades 6 through 9 during the holiday season.

On Friday, December 4, from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m., there will be a trip to play "Lazer Tag" in Paramus. The fee is \$25 and includes transportation and admission. On Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a trip to New York City. Participants will visit the tree at Rockefeller Center, as well as the Manhattan Mall. The fee is \$12 per teen.

All trips will be supervised by "Y" staff members. For further information, please call the Westfield "Y" Teen Department at (908) 233-2700, Extension Nos. 232 or 270.



DENTAL ADVICE...At a recent meeting of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club, Past President Joseph Y. Qutub, right, introduced guest speaker Dr. Richard W. Dobyns. The topic was "Restoring a Smile, Rebuilding a Fractured Anterior Tooth." Dr. Dobyns maintains a dental practice in Springfield. The Rotary Club meets at noon on Wednesdays at Park Place Restaurant in Scotch Plains.

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FOOD DRIVE... Girl Scout Troop No. 989 of Edison Intermediate School in Westfield will conduct a food drive through Friday, November 6, to assist the American Red Cross in its aid to hurricane victims. Pictured, left to right, are: seated, Angela Parisi, Robin Streit and Christine Clark, and standing, Emily Ortuso and Rachel Isaman.

Annual Blood Drive Planned For Monday at UCVTS Campus

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Annual Blood Drive at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools will be held on Monday, November 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Room 344, West Hall Annex, at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

Anyone in good health between the ages of 17 and 75 may donate blood, according to Heinz Ricken, Coordinator of Special Projects.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds.

Participants in the blood drive will be given a free mini-medical examination, including a blood pressure check. An identification card showing blood group and RH type will be issued.

For further information regarding the blood drive, please call Mr. Ricken at (908) 889-2931.



OLD WALKIE-TALKIES... Students in Susan Snauffer's first-grade class at Wilson Elementary School in Westfield recently visited the Westfield firehouse. Firefighter Tony Tiller demonstrated how a fire chief gave orders at a fire scene before walkie-talkies were invented. The trip educated the children about firefighting and safety issues when involved with a fire. Pictured, left to right, are: Robert Shane, Laura Marvin and Emma Waisner.

Land-Use Planning in NJ Key To Economy, Quality of Life

By JOSEPH J. MARAZITI, JR.
Chairman New Jersey State Planning Commission

Governor Christine Todd Whitman's second inaugural speech earlier this year catapulted state land-use planning to the front pages of the newspapers.

She reiterated her commitment to making the State Plan a meaningful document in people's everyday lives. And, she revealed her legacy issue: an ambitious goal of preserving one million acres of open space and farmland for our children and our grandchildren.

Land-use planning and how we manage our growth into the next century is key to the future of New Jersey, its economy and our quality of life. It will determine whether our communities and our state are places with clean water and clean air, places in which we want to live, work, play and raise our families.

The State Plan, formally called the State Development and Redevelopment Plan, is the blueprint for smart growth.

The State Plan, or as I like to call it, New Jersey's Plan or the People's Plan, because that's what it really is — requires a tremendous amount of perseverance and patience.

It sets forth a vision for New Jersey in policies and principles, while pointing out both opportunities and constraints, and replaces the mindlessness of things happening in a haphazard way. We simply can't afford the luxury of that anymore.

The State Planning Commission doesn't presume to know what's best for our towns and villages and suburbs and cities. The plan is the result of a bottoms-up, collaborative process involving the counties and municipal governments, as well as interest groups and the general public.

That process, called cross-acceptance, is going on right now all across the state. We are receiving input from counties, municipalities and others, and negotiating over proposed changes to the plan.

Like any good plan, the State Plan changes and improves over time.

There is still plenty of opportunity for citizens to get involved in the work to improve the State Plan. Our meetings around the state are open to the public. We have a toll-free information line for an up-to-date list of upcoming meetings (800) 522-0129.

You may also call us at (609) 292-5176 or write us at the Office of State Planning, Department of Community Affairs, P.O. Box 204, 33 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0204. Or visit our website at <http://www.state.nj.us/osp/>

The State Planning Commission welcomes public input all the way up to its adoption of the new plan sometime around the fall of next year.

Unfortunately, the current State Plan is a much-misunderstood document. We are trying to change that through increased public information and public support.

The Legislature never intended the State Plan to be used in a sitespecific way to rule on a particular development project. It is not a statewide substitute for local zoning. Rather, it is the basis to guide state agencies' decisions on highways and sewers and historic preservation and open space.

Likewise, it would be a mistake to view the State Plan as a no-growth plan. The State Planning Act requires the State Planning Commission to balance economic development and conservation to ensure that projected growth can be accommodated. Both in its title and in its emphasis is a strong focus on redevelopment.

The plan is being implemented in many municipalities on a voluntary basis. Those communities see the benefits of the State Plan's smart growth approach, which guides development in areas that can accommodate growth because they have infrastructure, they don't have significant environmental problems, they aren't the primest of our farmlands and aren't the most scenic of our natural areas.

By doing this right, we will give a millennium gift to our children and our grandchildren. We can develop appropriately. We can grow. We can provide jobs. And, now, with the help of the citizens' historic November 3 vote backing the Governor's open-space acquisition plans, we can also permanently protect open space and farmlands.

Joseph J. Maraziti, Jr. is a partner in the Short Hills firm of Maraziti, Falcon & Healey. He has specialized in environmental and infrastructure-related issues for 25 years. Governor Whitman appointed him Chairman of the State Planning Commission in April.

WESTFIELD GIRLSCOOTS Girl Scouts Continue Mitten Project, Announce Events for Upcoming Year

Written by Girl Scouts for Girl Scouts

With the season of giving upon us, Westfield's Girl Scouts are hoping to fill the hearts of the needy with warmth in the form of warm new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks for New Jersey's needy children and adults.

Known as the Mitten Tree project, collection boxes are located in all schools in town. In addition, collection boxes will be placed on either side of Santa upon his arrival at 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 29, at the North Avenue train station.

All families attending these Chamber of Commerce sponsored festivities are urged to begin the giving season by donating to this project.

On Tuesday, December 1, all Senior Girl Scout troops in town will meet in Westminster Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Full senior troop attendance is requested.

Cookie Mom training will be held on Tuesday, December 8, at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Franklin Elementary School. The alternate date for Cookie Mom training is Wednesday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the same location. All designated troop Cookie Moms must attend one of the scheduled cookie training sessions.

On Wednesday, December 9, the Westfield Service Team meeting/Holiday Buffet will be held at the home of Liz Fallon, 910 Irving Street, from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Friday, December 11, marks the close of the Mitten Tree project. On this day, school representatives are requested to drop off all collected items to Shirley Walsh at 521 Tremont Avenue.

On Thursday, December 31, younger girl volunteer troops will be setting up luminaria for First Night. Older girl volunteer troops then will provide the lighting of the luminaria. For more information, please call Betty Riker at (908) 233-5705.

Looking toward Westfield's Girl Scout activities for the last year of this century we see:

Wednesday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m., a Cookie Mom training session will be held in the gymnasium of Franklin Elementary School. This is a required session for any Cookie Mom who didn't attend the December training.

The second annual Father (or Special Someone)/Daughter bowling party will be held on Sunday, January 24, from noon to 3:30 p.m. at Strike 'n Spare Lanes, Route 22, Greenbrook. The cost is \$6 per person and includes two games, bowling shoes rental and a soda. All persons attending are urged to wear white-soled sneakers in the event bowling shoe size is not available. Bowling event patches are available for \$1.

Registration forms were mailed to all troops with the October Trailmarker. Registration is on a first-come first-served basis. For further information, please contact Rosemarie Panarese at (908) 233-5517.

The Girl Scout door-to-door cookie sale will be held Friday, January 22, to Monday, February 8. Delivery is scheduled for the week of March 8. Booth sales will take place Friday, March 19, through Sunday, April 18.

Saturday, April 17, is the date slated for Westfield's fourth Service Day. Leaders and older girls are needed to serve on the planning committee. Please call Malissa Cass, Service Day Chair, at (908) 233-6226 if you can be a part of this committee.

The Westfield Girl Scout Encampment will be held Friday to Sunday, June 4 to 6, at Camp Hoover. Each troop attending overnight must have present an adult certified in Camping Is Easy.

The Westfield Girl Scout Service Team is seeking additional members for the upcoming 1999-2000 school year. The Service Team acts as an intermediary between Washington Rock Girl Scout Council and the troops. In addition, the Service Team is instrumental in planning program for the Girl Scouts of Westfield. These volunteer positions are very rewarding for anyone interested in working with girls. For more information, please contact Mrs. Fallon at (908) 233-3484.

The Westfield Girl Scouts wish each and every one of our fellow scouts, leaders, friends and supports a truly happy holiday season. We are indeed grateful to all who support us in our many endeavors.

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

Westfield Library Plans Hanukkah Celebration

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street in Westfield, will hold a "Festival of Lights" celebration for children in kindergarten through third grade on Wednesday, December 16, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.

Conducted by Lisbeth Brodie, the program will feature Hanukkah stories, the dreidel game and potato latke refreshments.

In-person registration will begin on Wednesday, December 2. All children must have a Westfield Library card in order to participate.

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GOLDEN GLOVES...The College Men's Club of Westfield recently presented a dinner and amateur boxing event in the Ballroom of the Newark Airport Marriott Hotel. Pictured, left to right, are: Joseph Guasconi, Andrew Muldoon three of the boxers, and Salvatore Caruana.

College Men's Club Enjoys Golden Gloves Boxing Event

WESTFIELD — On October 9, the College Men's Club of Westfield presented Golden Gloves Boxing and a dinner at the Ballroom of the Newark Airport Marriott Hotel.

The amateur boxing program, attended by approximately 250 spectators, featured combatants from New York and New Jersey in seven different weight classes.

Boxing columnist Burt Sugar provided commentary during the dinner hour. In between matches, memorabilia items were auctioned, including autographed boxing gloves of Muhammad Ali and autographed

boxing shorts of Willy Pipp.

The College Men's Club will hold its annual dinner dance and auction at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield on Saturday, March 13. Funds raised at both this program and the Golden Gloves event will benefit qualifying male Westfield High School graduates attending college in September of 1999.

Individuals interested in becoming a member of the College Men's Club may request an application from the club by submitting their name and address to: P.O. Box 841 in Westfield.



COOKIES BAKED WITH LOVE...Eighth-grade volunteers from Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains recently baked cookies for the St. Joseph's Shelter in Elizabeth. Pictured, left to right, are: Mary Williams, Family and Consumer Science teacher, and volunteers Rebecca Babicz and Judy Wicker-Briscoe.

Historical Society to Discuss Legacy of Area Theater Group

WESTFIELD — "The Westfield Community Players, 1934-1999" will be the subject of a discussion by Group President, Cynthia Olsen Smyth of Scotch Plains, at the first Wednesday luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society at noon on December 2 at B.G. Fields Restaurant.

The talk will be followed by memories of Lucy Buck Ellsberg, First President and one of 12 founders of the Westfield Community Players (WCP), by her grandson, Edward "Ted" Ellsberg Pollard of Radnor, Pennsylvania.

Over the past 65 years, the WCP has brought more than 185 com-

edies, dramas, musicals and mysteries to Westfield, for the past 23 years at its 150-seat theater at the corner of Edgewood and North Avenues.

The WCP is an all-volunteer organization with the slogan "We need hands that clap and hands that work." Auditions are open for casting of all productions.

Regular attendees at the First Wednesday luncheon will be contacted by a committee of the historical society to verify their reservations.

For seating information, please call (908) 233-2930 before noon on Monday, November 30.

Coalition for Arts Slates Santa Visit at Fundraiser

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Coalition for the Arts will hold a fundraiser featuring a visit from Santa Claus on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, December 1, 2 and 4, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Rorden Realty, 44 Elm Street in Westfield.

Optional appointments for a specific date and time may be made by calling (908) 654-5790.

On Saturday, December 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, pictures will be taken at The Town Bank of Westfield, located on the South Avenue circle. All pictures will be \$7.

Santa will be played by Joseph DeAlessandro, a member of The Town Bank's Board of Directors. The Town Bank of Westfield and Camera 3, located at 222 East Broad Street, will underwrite the cost of the fundraiser.

The Westfield Coalition for the Arts is an art and music advocacy group offering programs, scholarships and grants to Westfield students and teachers. For more information about the Coalition, please call Patty Minsky at (908) 654-8348.



POSING WITH SANTA...Pictures with Santa Claus will be offered at Rorden Realty, 44 Elm Street in Westfield, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, December 1, 2, and 4, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The Town Bank of Westfield, located on the South Avenue circle, will host Santa on Saturday, December 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. The Town Bank of Westfield and Camera 3 will underwrite this fundraiser for the Westfield Coalition for the Arts. Pictured, left to right, are: Sarah Spitz, Olympia Theresa Wilson, Mia Spitz, Lee Rosenthal, and Warren Rorden with Santa Claus, played by Joseph DeAlessandro.

St. Barnabas Medical Center Announces Special Meetings

Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston will hold a series of support group meetings and workshops later this month and in December.

A Family and Friends Support Group meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Suite 302 of the East Wing Building.

The group, which meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, offers family and friends of cancer patients a forum to discuss issues related to caring about someone with cancer. For more information, please call (973) 322-8414.

On Wednesday, December 2, the Saint Barnabas Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery, Memory Disorders Program, will sponsor a free community program entitled "Alzheimer's Disease Seminar: Experiencing Memory Loss" from 7 to 9 p.m.

The program will be held at the Saint Barnabas Ambulatory Care Center, 200 South Orange Avenue in Livingston, across from the Livingston Mall.

Dr. Ronald Schwartz, Director of the Memory Disorders Program; Dr. Cornelia Santschi, Neuropsychologist at the Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery, and Andrea Beloff, Geriatric Care Coordinator at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, will be the guest speakers.

Light refreshments and complimentary parking will be provided. Please call (973) 322-4325 to register.

On Thursday, December 3, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., St. Barnabas will host a program entitled "Cancer in the Family: Should I Be Concerned?" with guest speaker Karen Brown, Director of Cancer Genetic Counseling at the Mount Sinai Medical Center.

The program is free and will be held in the Radiation Oncology Classroom on the first floor of the Medical Center. To register, please call Lissa Parsonnet, Director of Psychosocial Support Programs, The Cancer Center, at (973) 322-8414.

On Wednesday, December 9, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., a Lymphedema Education Support Group will meet in the Joslin Classroom on the second floor of the St. Barnabas Ambulatory Care Center.

This month's meeting will be an open forum with a group discussion on lymphedema. Complimentary valet parking will be available at the Main Entrance.

For more information about the support group, please call (973) 322-7293.

Single Parents Group Plans Monday Meeting

The Single Parents Association of Essex and Union Counties will meet on Monday, November 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. George's Church, 550 Ridgewood and Woodland Roads, in Maplewood.

Dr. Laura Alper, a psychologist specializing in single parent issues who is a single parent herself, will be the guest speaker.

She will discuss strategies for coping with the holiday season as a single parent.

Admission is free and babysitting is available.

For more information, please call (973) 313-0481.



NOVELTY CRAFTER...Union Catholic High School will hold its ninth Annual Holiday Gift Market and Craft Fair this Saturday, November 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pictured above is Paul Loures, a crafter who makes novelty sports footstools with team logos, which will be among the many items featured at the event.

Holiday Market, Craft Fair On Tap at Union Catholic

SCOTCH PLAINS — Union Catholic High School will hold its ninth Annual Holiday Gift Market and Craft Fair this Saturday, November 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The school is located at 1600 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Handmade craft items and gift merchandise will be featured by more than 125 vendors from throughout the tri-state area.

Stained glass pieces, themed gift baskets, handmade candles and personalized items for children, including clothing, toys and books, will be among the items available for sale.

Birdhouses, as well as tree ornaments made from a variety of materials, will also be displayed. Victorian decorations and American Girl Doll clothing will also be available.

The Candy Cane Café will offer breakfast sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee for early shoppers. A luncheon of freshly-carved turkey and baked ham may be ordered in sandwiches or platters.

Grilled hot dogs, French fries, soda, regular or flavored coffees and tea will also be available, along with dessert.

Union Catholic High School students will sponsor the Elves Work-

shop, a children's craft area where youngsters may make holiday decorations while parents are shopping.

The building is handicapped accessible and parking is available. There is a \$1 admission fee to benefit the school's Technology Fund. For additional information, please call (908) 889-9475.

Jewish Coalition Plans Relief Fund for Victims Of Hurricane Mitch

The American Jewish Committee is appealing for donations to aid the survivors of Hurricane Mitch throughout Central America. Millions have been left homeless and the survival of thousands threatened by the devastating storm.

Organized by a consortium of national Jewish organizations, the Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief is designed to respond to emergencies such as the one caused by the hurricane.

Contributions may be made payable to the Joint Distribution Committee, and sent to the American Jewish Committee, 225 Millburn Avenue, Suite 301, Millburn, 07041.

Runnells Volunteer Guild To Hold Holiday Boutique

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will sponsor its annual Holiday Boutique on Thursday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room at the facility on 40 Watchung Way in Berkeley Heights.

"The public is welcome to attend our Holiday Boutique, one of our monthly vendor sales held due to the efforts of our Volunteer Guild" said Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan.

"A portion of each sale is returned to the Volunteer Guild, to purchase items for the hospital's residents and patients, such as televisions, video-cassette recorders, and prizes for the bingo games," he explained.

"In addition, the Guild sponsors a holiday party/gift distribution and a summer picnic, in conjunction with

the Berkeley Heights Lions Club," Mr. Sullivan added.

Gift items for the holidays from vendors' tables will be available at the boutique, including toys, candles, accessories, and baby blankets.

Gift items such as toys, candles, accessories and baby blankets will be among the items available for sale at the boutique, as well as holiday crafts, decorations, ornaments, Christmas tree skirts and table runners.

In addition, picture frames of various sizes and items from the Volunteer Guild Gift Shop, "The Guilded Cage," will be sold.

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County is in need of volunteers. Interested individuals may call the Runnells Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5847.

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NINETY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY KISS...Former Westfield Mayor H. Emerson Thomas, known as "Mr. Westfield" to many, received a birthday kiss on his 96th birthday Tuesday, from United Fund Director Linda Maggio, during a surprise party at his office in downtown Westfield. Asked about the future, Mr. Thomas said, "I'll wait and see, but I'm looking forward to it. I don't want to do nothing."

Rob Cassie Awarded Bond For Winning Portrait Entry

WESTFIELD — Newly re-elected Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and Greg Gradel, the owner of the Westfield MotoPhoto and Portrait Studio, recently presented Tot Shots winner Rob Cassie and his parents, Beth and John, with the prize of a \$500 United States Savings Bond.

Rob's portrait was chosen from over 400 entries taken at MotoPhoto by the studio's portrait photographer, Ken Hoffman.

The youngster's photograph will go on to be judged in the national Tot Shots contest as the Westfield store's

entry. If he is selected as the national grand prize winner, Rob and his family will travel to Hollywood, California, courtesy of MotoPhoto.

Also awarded were six first place prizes of a \$50 savings bond and a two-pack of Fox videotape: Jake Tooley, Kristen Benda, Brendan Halpin, Emma Kao, Thomas Clark, and Alison Ricardo.

These children will also be eligible to win the Hollywood national grand prize. As an added bonus, all 400-plus contestants were given a coupon for free French fries at the Garwood McDonald's on North Avenue.



SMILE FOR THE CAMERA...Rob Cassie and his parents, Beth and John, were recently awarded a \$500 saving bond for Rob's winning portrait in the Tot Shots contest sponsored by Westfield MotoPhoto and Portrait Studio. His photograph will go on to be judged in the national Tot Shots contest as the entry from the Westfield store. Pictured, left to right, are: Greg Gradel, owner of the Westfield MotoPhoto and Portrait Studio, Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, Rob, and Beth and John Cassie.

F.E.M.A.L.E. Reveals December Schedule

The North Central Jersey Chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge), now known as the Union County Chapter, has announced its schedule of events for December.

On Wednesday, December 2, at 7 p.m., the group will host a game night at the Cranford Free Public Library on Walnut Avenue in Cranford. Participants are asked to bring a favorite board game.

On Wednesday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m., the chapter will meet at the Hanson House, 38 Springfield Avenue in Cranford, for a holiday hors d'oeuvre party and fundraiser.

F.E.M.A.L.E. is a national support group for women who have temporarily left the workforce to stay at home with their young children.

The Union County Chapter offers activities including evening discussion groups and presentations with outside speakers, mom's night out, book discussion and weekly daytime play gatherings.

Discussion groups are usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Cranford Library. Formal meetings with outside guest speakers take place on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Hanson House.

For additional information on F.E.M.A.L.E., please call Karyn at (908) 272-2471 or Debbie at (908) 862-7781.

Westfield Old Guard Sets Christmas Party

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Old Guard will hold its Christmas Party on Friday, December 11, at The Westwood in Garwood from 12 to 4 p.m.

Organized in 1933, the Old Guard is governed by an executive committee of 12 officers which meets monthly. The full membership meets weekly, from 9:30 a.m. until noon, on Thursdays at the Westfield "Y," 220 Clark Street.

In addition to short committee reports, the meetings include films, guest speakers and other presentations.

The Old Guard of Westfield, one of 22 chapters in New Jersey, is an organization of retired and semi-retired men who meet for fellowship and activities.

Activities include golf, tennis, bowling, bridge, shuffleboard, day trips, holiday luncheons and "The Merryman," the organization's choral group.

Talent Committee Seeks First Night Performers

WESTFIELD — The Talent Committee of First Night, Westfield has announced that it is seeking local people to compete in a Talent Show which will be part of the First Night celebration to be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Westfield.

The Talent Show is open to all ages, and committee members hope to attract singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, jugglers, lip synch artists and more.

Performers will have an opportunity to showcase their talents in five-to 10-minute slots and must provide their own accompanist or equipment. Microphones will be provided.

Individuals interested in participating must pre-register by Thursday, December 10, by purchasing a First Night Admittance Button.

First Night is a community-wide, alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration designed to bring the community together for a festival of the arts.

Held at various venues around Westfield, it is made possible through contributions by the Westfield "Y," the Westfield Foundation and the town, among other sponsors.

For more information about the Talent Show, please call the First Night hotline at (908) 518-2983. Additional information about First Night is available by calling the Westfield "Y" at (908) 233-2700.

Holiday Gift Boutique On Tap at Thrift Shop

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Thrift Shop, located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, will host its Christmas Gift Boutique from Tuesday, December 1, through Saturday, December 19.

Featured will be holiday clothes for the family, including ladies' fashions, velvet and silk, tailored items for office and day wear, winter coats, jackets, sweaters, shoes, boots, scarves and gloves.

Children's clothes will also be available, including girls' dresses, sweaters and coats, as well as winter wear for infants and toddlers.

Men's suits, slacks, sport jackets, sweaters, shirts, shoes, outdoor and work clothes, boys' dress and school clothes, and shoes will also be on hand.

Additional merchandise will include stuffed animals and toys. Donations of warm coats for the family, along with other winter clothes, are needed.

The Thrift Shop, operated by Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League volunteers, is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, please call the 24-hour Thrift Shop hot line at (908) 322-5420. All profits benefit local and county charities.



FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS...The Garden Club of Westfield and The Rake & Hoe Garden Club held a joint meeting on November 11 which featured Leslie Miklos, co-owner of the Brooklawn Flower Shop. Ms. Miklos is pictured completing one of the floral arrangements she demonstrated during the meeting.

Garden Clubs Hold Meeting Featuring Floral Designer

WESTFIELD — The Garden Club of Westfield and the Rake & Hoe Garden Club held a joint meeting on Wednesday, November 11, at the Westfield "Y."

Leslie Miklos, formally Leslie Harris, co-owner of the Brooklawn Flower Shop in Brooklawn, was the guest speaker, and demonstrated sea-

sonal flower arrangements.

The Rake & Hoe Garden Club supplied refreshments for the meeting.

Library flower arrangers for the Garden Club of Westfield for November are Jody Melloan, Alice Salvato, Cass Kinney, Dot Archer and Jennie Williams.



AWARDED ACTORS...Actors from the Cranford Dramatic Club's production of *She Loves Me* recently received R.E.C.T. (Recognition of Excellence in Community Theater) awards. The winners, pictured left to right, are: Bobby Selig, Peter Clark and Richard Sibello. Mr. Selig received an award for Best Featured Actor in a Musical, Mr. Clark was named Best Director of a Musical, and Mr. Sibello won for Best Leading Actor in a Musical.

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

Devils Sink Vikings, 44-13; Win Trip to Giant Stadium

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Despite being chosen as five-point underdogs, the Westfield High School football team set out to gain the respect that they deserved and the Blue Devils did it in a big way by flattening Parsippany Hills, 44-13, in Parsippany on November 21. Senior fullback Todd Dowling played his part in sinking the Vikings by rushing 152 yards and adding one touchdown.

The Blue Devils will play Morristown for the Section 2, Group 3 Title at Giant Stadium on December 5 at 10:30 a.m. The last time that the Blue Devils appeared at Giants Stadium was in 1977 when they battered Barringer, 33-12, in the title game before a record-setting 32,232 screaming fans.

Viking Johnny Morant received the kickoff on the 10 and returned it to the 27. Quarterback Steve Smithers flicked a pass to R.J. Cobbs who moved the ball to the 35. After an incomplete pass, Smithers rolled left and was brought down within one foot of a first down. With confidence on fourth down, Smithers attempted a quarterback sneak, but the fired up Blue Devil line stuffed him for no gain.

"They had confidence in their offense and went for it," said Blue Devil Head Coach Ed Tranchina. "We thought it was going to be a quarterback sneak and we stopped them. That gave us a lot of momentum."

"We didn't think that they were going to go for it at first," said Dowling. "The coaches were calling

for the punt return team." With possession on the Viking 36, the Blue Devils decided to go right at

the Viking defensive line. Dowling bashed forward six yards then slanted off the right guard for another three

yards on second down. Dowling got the ball again and blasted to the 19 for a first down. Next Turner slashed

dashed to the 41, then Morant made a spectacular leaping, one-handed catch at the Blue Devil 40. However, the Blue Devil defense got rough. Dowling and Kyle Martinowich crunched Smithers for no gain, McCormack made a bone crushing tackle, then Matt Krug and Devin Griffiths pressured Smithers twice and forced him to make incomplete passes. The Blue Devils took over at the 35.

After each team had stalled drives, the Blue Devils had the ball on their own 45. Dowling carried to the Viking 47, then battered his way to the 44 for a first down. Quarterback Brandon Doerr handed off to Turner who accelerated right and flew into the endzone with 2:42 left in the first quarter, upping to lead to 13-0. The extra point was good.

Hard, earth-vibrating tackles and blocks by the Blue Devils astounded the fans and one of the first big cracks came when Anthony Pecoraro hammered Cobbs at the 20. Later in the game, Will Hannis popped ears with a shattering block which registered 8.3 on the 'Wrecked Him' scale.

Blue Devil Tom Lee bashed Smithers, jarring the ball loose, then recovered the ball on the 13 to give the Blue Devils another scoring opportunity. Penalties against the Blue Devils ruined their scoring opportunity and the Vikings took over at the 11.

The Vikings were driving toward the Blue Devils' goal, but Smithers' pass was intercepted by Dowling at the 29 who returned it 65 yards to the Viking six. On the next play, Turner rolled right and reached for the goal but was one foot shy. On the next play, with 9:07 left in the half, Lee plunged over for the touchdown. The score stayed at 20-0 when the extra point failed.

The Vikings scored with 1:41 left in



DOWLING EN ROUTE TO SINKING THE VIKINGS...Blue Devil fullback Todd Dowling, No. 44, carried for 152 yards in the semifinal game against Parsippany Hills High School on November 21 in Parsippany. Westfield sank the Vikings, 44-13, and earned a trip to the Meadowlands to play for the Section 2, Group 3 Championship on December 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Raiders Dump Delsea, 1-0, in Finals; Win 7th State Soccer Championship

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Senior Todd Moser and junior Eugene Ferrara have been the players that opposing teams had to look

crossbar with 38:27 left in the game.

The piercing blow came with 33:46 remaining when Moser, on the right side, looped a shot into the middle to Laing and Zotti. A large scuffle for the

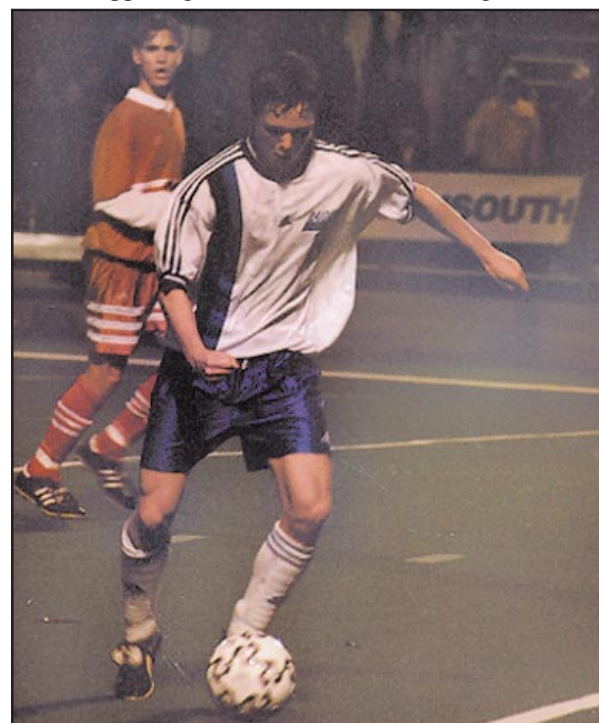
ball resulted in Zotti kicking the ball past the goalie but off the upper body of a defender. When the ball bounced back toward the center, Franzone rushed in from the right and ripped

the ball into the net for the score.

"Fiorino caught the ball and Moser kind of blocked out the goalie. Zotti got the shot off but hit it with the outside of his foot," said Franzone. "The ball went out and it was open for me. And, I kicked it in with my left foot."

With 26:46 remaining, Zotti had the ball in the right-center, curled around clockwise to throw a defender out of position, then banged a left-footed shot which just missed to the right of the right post.

Lowyns courageously held his ground when Crusader Ken Muits



BRINGING THE BALL DOWNFIELD...Dave Sigmon moves downfield in the Group 3 finals against Delsea.



A PHYSICAL GAME...Pete Koblikska, No. 8, gets tangled with a Highlander during the semifinals on November 17.

out for when playing the third-ranked Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team. On November 20, however, it was sophomore Mike Franzone who drove the stake through the heart of the Delsea Crusaders to give the Raiders a 1-0 victory and their seventh Group 3 Title at the College of New Jersey in Ewing.

Both teams had to adjust to the artificial turf and on several occasions, early in the game, overshot their intended lead shots. The Raiders also had several of their designed plays cut short when several players slipped on the slick artificial turf. Four minutes into the game, Ferrara, from about 43 yards out, kicked a lead shot to Tafarie Laing who was crossing into the box, but the lead skid just by him and into Crusader goalie Dean Minton's hands.

Delsea put some pressure on the Raider defense with about 22:22 left in the half when a Crusader broke through in the middle and launched a shot which was tipped over the crossbar by Raider goalie Brad Lowyns. The Crusaders had a corner kick from the right side. The ball sailed into the box and a Crusader headed the ball at the goal; however, Lowyns tipped the ball on top of the net.

Just minutes later, Lowyns made a nice sliding save. Then kicked the ball to midfield to put the Raiders on the offensive.

The Raiders' best scoring opportunity in the first half came with 17:03 left when Laing gained control of the ball about 16-yards out on the left-center and blasted a shot which deflected off a defender and into the left post. The ball rebounded to Laing who had a clear shot. His shot bounced off the underside of the crossbar and into the hands of the goalie.

Starting the second half at midfield, Moser quickly brought the ball down the middle and skid the ball left to Jeff Fiorino who took a shot which was knocked out of bounds by a Crusader defender.

Fiorino took a corner kick from the left and lobbed it toward Laing who headed it to Ferrara. From about 29 yards out, Ferrara sizzled a shot over the

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RAPUANO BECOMES SCORING ACE

Blue Devil Boys Showed Spirit, Talent in Soccer

By **DAVID B. CORBIN**
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Competitive spirit highlighted the Westfield High School boys soccer team this season and, because of that focus, several Blue Devils have made good use of their talents. Junior Ralph Rapuano has drawn much statewide attention for his outstanding offensive skills.

The Blue Devils finished their season with a 10-8-2 record and qualified for the state sectionals. Only one of those losses were by more than two points. Early in the season, the Blue Devils played very well against No. 3 Scotch Plains-Fanwood, losing 3-1, and lost a 1-0 overtime heartbreaker to Cranford. The Blue Devils tied a strong Elizabeth team, 2-2, then later

job well in keeping attacking opponents off balance. Also, Stotler did contribute one goal and Stroud had two goals and three assists.

Sophomore Conner Mulvee, one of the best sweepers in the county, was also highly successful in repelling the opposition. Mulvee also scored one goal and added an assist. Junior defensive back Mike Todd also was a major part of the stubborn Blue Devil defense which yielded only 1.2 goals per game.

Senior stopper Jeff Nahaczewski also did an outstanding job of warding off offensive attacks and could possibly receive some county recognition. Senior defensive back Brian Gillin was all over the field and contributed heavily in turning away



SPF Soccer Strikers Trick U-9 Somerset Wizards, 1-0

The SPF U9 Strikers defeated the Somerset Wizards, 1-0, on November 15 in a gut wrenching game that demonstrated the skill and tenacity of these two teams. As expected, the Strikers assumed the offensive with Timmy Leischner and Rob Cunningham leading the Striker effort early in the first quarter.

Leischner made the first attempt that was blocked by a strong Wizard defense. Over the course of the first quarter, Michael DeVizio, with assists from fellow Strikers, made four strong shots on goal, all of which were blocked by the Wizard defense. Outstanding defensive play by Tommy Sutter, Ryan Krueger and goalie Taylor Molinaro held the Wizards scoreless.

In the second quarter, the Strikers attacked. Brandon Reddington fed the ball to Tyler Stanek whose shot was blocked by the Wizard goalie. The Wizards countered but were thwarted by a tremendous effort by Cunningham. This time, Stanek fed the ball to Reddington whose shot was intercepted by the goalie.

The second half opened with both teams scoreless. Jeff Stuart began the Striker attack with a strong left foot shot that was thwarted by the Wizard defense. Molinaro continued the effort with his ever powerful foot.

The Wizards countered but were stopped cold when goalie Reddington made a tremendous save. Next, LiVolsi and Cunningham moved the ball down field with LiVolsi feeding Cunningham for a shot that was intercepted by the Wizard goalie. Moments later, Striker Eddie Kahn scored with an 18-yard shot that deflected off a Wizard defenseman to make it 1-0 Strikers.

In the fourth quarter, the intensity picked up as the Wizards mounted a strong offensive effort. Tommy Sutter, stopped the Wizards, regained control and kicked to ball downfield so that Tim Stuart and Krueger could regain the Striker offensive. Taking the feed from Leischner, Tim Stuart made a strong shot that was intercepted. Goalie Daniel LiVolsi and the Striker defense successfully stopped the Wizards to end the game 1-0.



SP-F U-11 Express Captures Flight Soccer Championship

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood U-11 Express soccer team won their flight championship with a 3-0 victory over Woodbridge on November 22. Both teams played well during a scoreless first half, with the Express having the better of play but Woodbridge threatening now and then.

Ten minutes into the second half, the Express's Ryan Cerrick took the ball down the right side and laid a beautiful cross in front of the net that Mark Ciccura skillfully converted into the go-ahead goal.

Minutes later, Woodbridge had its best opportunity to score when a lofted shot appeared certain to clear the goalie's head, but D. J. Garrett, with

probably his best save of the year, leaped up and back and hammered the ball away with a closed fist. That seemed to shift the momentum as it was all Scotch Plains-Fanwood for the rest of the game.

Jonathon DiFiore scored on a long lead pass from Ciccura and later Brian Halpin hustled a ball off the end line, fired into a crowd and Brian Osbahr hammered it in on the deflection from his fullback position to make the score 3-0.

Anthony Baliaicco had his best game of the year at fullback and Joseph Jacobi, Clayton Balch, Matt Fleissner and Jack Davis played well. The Express finished the regular season with a 6-0-4 record.



in the season defeated a highly talented New Providence squad.

Rapuano was a major shining star. Whenever he got the ball, opposition shuddered and backedpedaled to defend their goal. Rapuano rippled the net 16 times this season while adding one assist and was clearly one of Union County's best offensive threats.

Team captains and seniors Mike Idland, Michael Stotler and Bob Stroud provided the leadership and created the competitive spirit. As a goalie, Idland recorded six shutouts this season and allowed only 23 goals while recording 125 saves. In the meantime, the Blue Devils netted 35 goals. Also Idland came out of his den on occasions and scored one goal and had an assist. Idland has been one of the most effective goalies in the county.

Stotler's and Stroud's responsibilities were defense and they did their

Hangover 5K Sets Date for Race

The Central Jersey Road Runners Club will conduct its 17th Annual Hangover Run 5K on Friday, January 1, 1999. Race time is scheduled for noon at Tamaques Park in Westfield. Last year, 493 runners competed on a new course which encompassed the park and local neighborhoods.

All entrants of this USATF-NJ 400-point Grand Prix event will receive a cotton T-shirt, hot chocolate and bagels. There will be a random merchandise drawing, awards to the top 3 overall male and female finishers, age group awards and special awards to the top Westfield winners. A ceramic mug will be presented to every 10th finisher.

Registration fees are \$10.00 prior to December 26 and \$12.00 on race day. For further information or to request an application, call race directors Nancy or Peter Wilderrotter at 908-464-2665 or Mark Zenobia at 732-381-0318.

Hockey Rockets Win Challenge Cup Title

Robert Castelo and Philip Buonocore have been members of The New Jersey Rockets Mite "A" Hockey Team which skates out of The Bridgewater Sports Arena. The team whose record is 27-0-1 most recently won the gold medal at The CAN/AM Challenge Cup Tournament held in Lake Placid, N. Y. on November 5-8.

Castelo, a third grader at the Wilson School, plays right wing and Buonocore, a fourth grader at the Tamaques School, is a defenseman. By winning the Philadelphia Regional Silver Stick Championship in October, the Rockets earned the right to compete in the North American Silver Sticks Tournament to be held in St. Clair Shores, MI on January 29-31, where they will face the best teams from Canada and the United States.

attacks and bringing the ball upfield, putting the Blue Devils on the offensive. Gillin also contributed one goal. Senior Joe Schaffer contributed one goal and two assists and senior Tom O'Connell added one goal.

Junior striker Alex Lau netted two goals and set up four assists and sophomore midfielder Brad Gillin found the net five times and added one assist. Juniors Erik Finne and John Humphreys contributed two goals each while Finne added three assists and Humphreys added one. Juniors Mike Sanocki, Frank Ianni and Willy Cashman contributed four, one and one assist, respectively. Sophomore Greg Scanlon had one assist. Junior goalie Erik Schoenemann had 18 saves and yielded one goal.

Although the Blue Devils will be graduating 11 seniors, the several talented returning juniors and sophomores will meld very well with members of the junior varsity team which won the Union County JV title this season.



PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14271-97.

CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. RICARDO URIARTE AND GARCIELA URIARTE, HIS WIFE; NELSON URIARTE, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$167,174.26.

The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 38.5 CEDAR AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.

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Dimension of Lot: Approximately 30.43 feet wide by 100.00 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: South Elmora Avenue.

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There is due approximately the sum of \$171,560.21 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-19359-97.

CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. RALPH JONES, BERNISE SIZEMORE, GRADY SIZEMORE, HER HUSBAND, ET AL., 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 I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER 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 \$133,932.22.

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There is due approximately the sum of \$137,456.63 together with lawful interest and costs.

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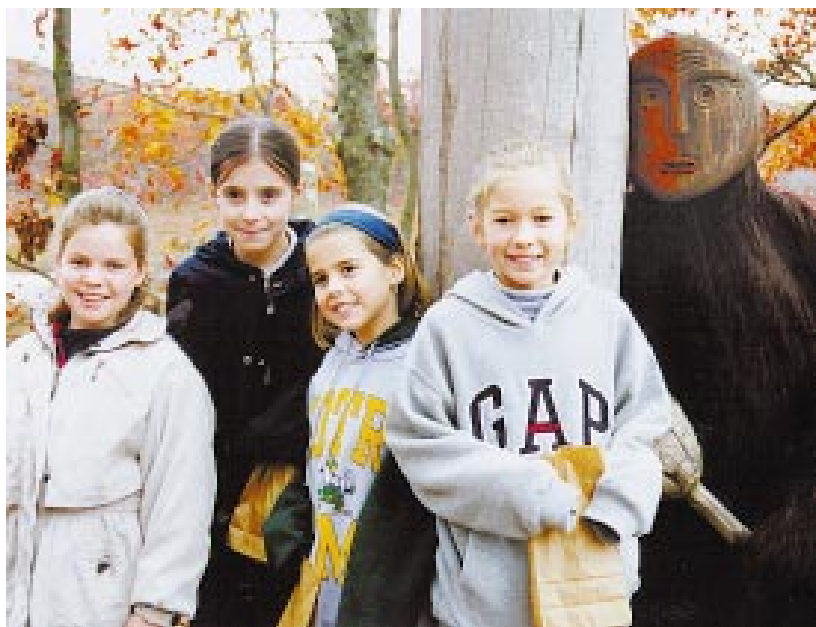
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DEADLINE INFO.

Sports deadlines are: All sports that take place during the week MUST be submitted by FRIDAY, 4 P.M. Weekend sports ONLY will be accepted up till Noon on Monday. Articles must be typed, double spaced, upper and lower case and no longer than 1-1/2 pages. NO EXCEPTIONS



VISIT TO WATERLOO...Third graders from School One Elementary in Scotch Plains recently traveled by bus to the historic Waterloo Village in Stanhope. They visited the 400-year-old Lenape Indian Village there and viewed reproductions of Woodland longhouses, dugout canoes, toys and tools. They also saw live demonstrations of primitive crafts and gardening. Pictured, left to right, are: Ashley Carfagno, Natalia Golaszewski, Kelly Blom and Christine Roser with a replica of a legendary Lenape character.

Tim Gaydos to Judge Exhibit By Westfield Art Association

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Art Association has chosen artist and instructor Tim Gaydos to judge its 74th Annual Members' Oil, Pastel and Sculpture Exhibition.

The exhibition will be held Saturday through Tuesday, December 5 to 8, in the Westfield Community Room at 425 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Mr. Gaydos teaches portraiture and painting figures in interiors for the Somerset Art Association, the Livingston Art Association, and at the Ridgewood Art Institute. His works in oil, acrylic and pastel have won over 100 state and national awards.

On Friday, December 4, the Bergen Museum in Paramus will open a display of Mr. Gaydos' near-abstract acrylics, composed from views inside deserted factories. For the museum's schedule, please call (201) 265-1248.

The preregistration deadline for the December exhibit is Monday, November 30, and the in-person receiving day is Thursday, December 3, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Please call Jane Annis at (908) 232-3381 for a copy of the prospectus or information on membership.

The Westfield exhibit will open at 10 a.m. on December 5. The reception and awards presentation will be held that afternoon, from 2 to 4 p.m. Viewing hours will continue on Sunday, December 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Monday and Tuesday, December 7 and 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. both evenings.

The gallery is wheelchair-accessible and admission is free. For further information, please call (908) 232-7058.

Library Computers To Provide Magazines For Patrons At Home

WESTFIELD - Westfield Memorial Library will introduce new computer technology by mid-December that makes the text of 1,000 current magazines and periodicals available at home to patrons with computers.

To access the software, called EBSCOhost, library members will sign onto the library's new web site. Ebscohost is already in use via the library's nine (soon to be increased to 15) online computers, providing either full text or summaries of millions of articles.

The Westfield Library is currently marking its 10th anniversary. Friends of the Westfield Library will celebrate the anniversary with a gala party at the library on the evening of Saturday, December 12.

For more information, please call (908) 789-4090.

Westfield Library Plans Toddler Time Event

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Memorial Library will hold Toddler Time Stories on Tuesday, December 15, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Registration for the program begins on Tuesday, December 1.

Children must be 2½ years old, be registered in person and be members of the Westfield Library in order to participate.

Toddler Time is a one-session instruction for youngsters and accompanying adults to story time, special collections and other services of the library.

The 30-minute program consists of audience participation in finger games, songs and simple stories.

Elan Arbtsman Shares In Trooper Youth Week

WESTFIELD - Elan Arbtsman, a senior at Westfield High School, was one of about 80 high school students from the state who were selected to participate in the 48th "Trooper Youth Week" sponsored by the New Jersey State Police Academy in Sea Girt.

The week-long program, held last August, simulated basic training for new police recruits and introduced students to various aspects of law enforcement. The units live in a quasi-military environment similar to basic training.

To be eligible for the program, students must have completed their junior year of high school and be recommended by a guidance counselor or a police officer.

Elan participated in many activities, among them military drills, work detail, physical fitness, presentations from various law enforcement departments, and weapons training. A graduation was held on the last day of the program.

Elan is interested in majoring in law and justice or computer science in college. He is active in Model United Nations, Youth and Government, and the "Y" Leaders Club, and is President of the Young Republicans Club.

As an intern for the town, Elan designed the new official Town of Westfield web site. At the high school, he serves as manager of the Varsity lacrosse team, and is the new Blue Devil mascot.

Elan is the son of Sheraine and Yossi Arbtsman.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood News Releases Can Be Dropped Off at Our New Location: 1906 Bartel Avenue Scotch Plains

Newark Academy Breaks Ground for Field House

Newark Academy, (NA) a private day school in Livingston, recently broke ground for the new William E. and Carol G. Simon Family Field House on Friday, October 16. Also dedicated at the ceremony was the S. Dillard '77 and Jefferson W. '80 Kirby Gymnasium, located within the Field House.

The Simon and Kirby families were thanked for their vision and support in making this Field House a reality.

U. S. Secretary of the Treasury and NA graduate, William E. Simon, class of '46, was one of many speakers who addressed the Academy.

The Simon family's vision and commitment to the academy spearheaded this comprehensive project back in 1996. "This building represents a family's belief in helping, and giving back in meaningful ways, to those who will hopefully follow that lead and continue that cycle of service to their fellow man," said William Green, Chairman of the Capital Campaign.

The new athletic facility will add 48,000 square feet to the school's physical plant. It will include two cross courts; a 6-lane pool, with spectator area; a 4-lane track, 14 laps per mile; wet and dry locker rooms for women and men; faculty and coaches offices; a fitness room; athletic director's office; and much needed storage space.

The actual ground breaking concluded the ceremony. The Simon and Kirby families gathered outside along with honored guests, faculty and members of the Board of Trustees. There, Mr. Simon broke ground, marking a monumental time in Newark Academy's history.

For 225 years, Newark Academy has offered education to young men and women of strong academic ability. Founded in 1774, Newark Academy is one of a handful of pre-Revolutionary schools still operating in the United States and is the second oldest independent day school in New Jersey.

Thrift Shop Schedules Annual Christmas Sale

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Service League's Thrift Shop, located at 114 Elmer Street in Westfield, will hold its annual Christmas sale on Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The sale will include new clothing, toys and gift items at prices reduced from the original retail value. Also featured will be a toy section, with new toys available at Thrift Shop prices. These toys are contributed individually by Service League members.

Ornaments and seasonal decorations will also be sold, as well as gently-used items and clothing.

The Westfield Service League, which owns and operates the Thrift Shop and Consignment Shop, also provides dispatchers to the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad and drivers for Mobile Meals of Westfield.

All proceeds from the Christmas sale will be donated to local charities. For information about the sale, please call (908) 233-2530.



HELPING HANDS...The Westfield Service League, which has added Mobile Meals of Westfield as a service project for its members, will be responsible for a delivery route one morning per week. Pictured are provisional members Dianne Mroz, left, and Karen Biener as they prepare meals for delivery to homes.



Jordan Schiff

Jordan Schiff, Principal Earns Doctorate Degree

WESTFIELD - Jordan Schiff, Principal of Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield, recently completed his requirements to receive a Doctorate Degree in Education from Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

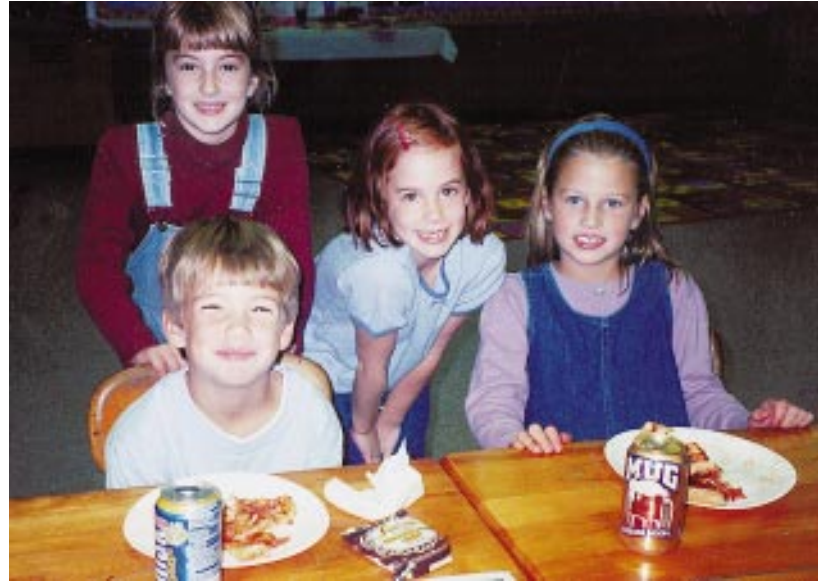
His dissertation was entitled "Student Achievement and Self-Concept in Schools with Different Racial Compositions."

Mr. Schiff received a Master of Education Degree in Elementary Education from Rutgers in 1990, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from Cook College in 1988.

He came to Westfield in 1996 to fill the Principal's position at Jefferson, having previously served as Principal of High Bridge Elementary School. Mr. Schiff had also been an Assistant Principal, elementary school and special education teacher, as well as a supervisor of Fine Arts and a teacher trainer.

"One of the most fulfilling parts of completing my dissertation is being able to inspire students and staff to work a little harder in their studies and further their education," he stated.

Mr. Schiff and his wife, Debra, have two children, 3-year-old Tyler and 1½-year-old Rebecca.



WE LOVE PIZZA...Second-grade students at Washington Elementary School in Westfield were all smiles as they enjoyed "Pizza Day" with their classmates. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Christopher Graft, Mairead O'Boyle and Casey Reimlinger, and back row, Elizabeth Antonelli.

Astronomer Tells Students About Career Experiences

WESTFIELD - Seventh-grade students at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield were recently visited by astronomer Dr. David Wittman as a part of the school's Career Talk Soup Program.

Dr. Wittman, who is employed by Bell Laboratories, talked about the preparation needed for a career in astronomy, as well as his experiences at observatories.

He explained that, to be an astronomer, a good background in mathematics and physics is required. Dr. Wittman spent seven years in graduate school and is only one of 5,000 astronomers in the country.

Guidance counselors Brenda Benimeo and Deborah Lyons coordinated the program, which is held twice a month as part of the Sharing Talents and Skills program, now in its 21st year in the Westfield Public Schools.

Girl Scout Council Sets Safe Dating Workshop

WESTFIELD - The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council (WRGSC), in cooperation with the Union County Rape Crisis Center, will hold a "Decisions for Your Life" Safe Dating Workshop for all girls in grades 10 through 12 on Wednesday, December 2, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The program will be held at the WRGSC Service Center, located at 201 Grove Street, East, in Westfield. Parents are invited to attend with their daughters.

Workshop topics will include safe-dating awareness, myths and misconceptions about rape, and male and female perceptions and sex roles.

This program is free to all Girl Scouts. The cost is \$7 for all non-Girl Scouts and includes membership registration. Financial aid will be available.

For more information or to register for the workshop, please call (908) 232-3236, Extension No. 218.

Special Dinner Event Set to Honor Memory Of Tom O'Reilly

WESTFIELD - The Tamaques Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization will host a dinner to remember Tom O'Reilly, a former member of the Tamaques School staff, on Friday, December 11, at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

Mr. O'Reilly died suddenly last month leaving behind his wife, Maggie, and three children. He was a member of the school's staff for approximately 20 years.

Only adults are invited to attend the memorial dinner. In lieu of a charge for dinner, please send donations to the O'Reilly family in care of Tamaques Elementary School, 641 Willow Grove Avenue.

For reservations for the dinner, please call Tamaques School at (908) 789-4581.

Westfield Students' Art Shown at Area Airport

WESTFIELD - The artwork of students in the Westfield Public Schools will be on display through the end of this month at Newark International Airport's Terminal B.

The artwork includes prints, drawings and paintings created by approximately 40 students from Roosevelt Intermediate School.

Anne Cohen, Tracy Brostek, and Frank Thompson instruct the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade art program at Roosevelt School.

"We are very proud of our art program at Roosevelt, and it is a privilege to have our students' talents displayed to worldwide travelers," stated Roosevelt Intermediate School Principal Kenneth Shulack.



EMERGENCY...Cub Scout Pack No. 98 from Scotch Plains recently held a "911 Emergency Night." The boys learned about what to do in emergencies with the help of many community workers. Members of the Scotch Plains Fire and Police Departments spoke to the scouts and demonstrated the use of their vehicles and equipment. The St. Barnabas Smoke House was also on site for the scouts and their families to tour. Concluding the tour was a simulated "fire," allowing scouts to practice safe evacuation procedures. Pictured are Den Leader Carmella Resnick and Cub Scout Chris Thompson as they evacuate the simulated smoke-filled house.

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