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STREET CORNER ARTISANS... Maxwell Sang, right, and S. Allyn Schaeffer work on their ice sculpture last Sunday as part of the "Welcome Home to Westfield" ice sculpting contest, sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation.

AGA Appointed as New Insurance Agent After Council Vote Along Party Lines

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

In what may be the first of a number of changes in Mayoral and Town Council appointments, the firm of Bollinger Fowler was replaced as the town's insurance representative Monday night by Amalgamated General Agencies (AGA), a firm owned by former Westfield Mayor Ronald Frigerio.

Four of the five Republicans present voted against Bollinger and in favor of AGA, while the Democrats supported Bollinger. Republican First Ward Councilman Gregory S. McDermott abstained from both votes, citing a personal conflict of interest. First Ward Councilwoman

Gail S. Vernick was not present.

The risk manager handles town property casualty and workers' compensation claims for the town.

Bollinger Fowler was re-appointed last year, by a 4-3 vote, after former Councilman Norman N. Greco abstained from the vote and Mrs. Vernick was absent, thus leaving just three of the five Republican members of the 1997 council available to cast votes against the appointment. The four Democrats voted in favor of Bollinger.

Louis Lefevre, who has handled Westfield's account for Bollinger for the past 15 years, told *The Westfield Leader* the change in insurance firms was done "purely for political rea-

sons," noting that AGA has tried in the past to gain the town's account over Bollinger.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim questioned whether Republicans had the authority under the Town Charter to make the appointment of what is known as the insurance risk management consultant.

Town Attorney Charles H. Brandt stated that, being more of a consultant, the insurance risk manager requires council consent.

Assistant Town Attorney Paul Strauchler, in disagreeing, said he believes the Mayor can make the appointment of the insurance representative without council consent. However, he requested more time

from the council to check state and municipal legal codes on the appointment.

Republican Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr. referred to a press release put out by the Democrats following last week's meeting as a "character assassination" and a "personal attack" on Mr. Frigerio.

Democratic Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman said the council was convened to appoint the new risk manager, "because of raw partisanship at its worst."

He feared that the appointment of AGA will open up other consultants the town utilizes to the political appointment process.

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Scotch Plains Resident Continues Battle Against Expansion Underway at Bowcraft Amusement Park on Route No. 22

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
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From her home on Mountain Avenue in Scotch Plains where she has lived for over three decades, Thelma Gerber battles the expansion of Bowcraft Amusement Park on the westbound side of Route No. 22. She admits that her efforts over the years have not gotten her very far, but she keeps trying.

Bowcraft attorney Daniel Bernstein defends the ongoing development program as the owners' effort to improve the amusement park as a source of "safe family entertainment."

Bowcraft's latest venture is a proposed water park for which Mr. Bernstein will seek township planning board approval on January 14. The proposal also includes plans for construction of a storage facility on the Bowcraft property.

"I'm very concerned about this water park," explained Mrs. Gerber. "It's a big deal and a noisy deal. I don't think it's fair that neighbors should have to put up with it."

Through the years, the senior citizen has pled her case before township officials in a series of letters and

appearances before the zoning board and township council. Despite this, "there's a lot of unanswered questions," complained Mrs. Gerber.

Bowcraft is in the process of revising its change-of-use application for the water park and storage facility in response to concerns from neighbors like Mrs. Gerber. The revised proposal calls for the storage facility to be constructed away from neighboring homes and for trees to be planted around the structure.

The latest request follows zoning board approval earlier this month for a 19-foot high children's ride which is being imported from Italy. The park hopes to have the ride up and running for the start of the 1999 season.

"That's as high as a two-story building," exclaimed Mrs. Gerber, who resents the noise and lights that emanate from the park.

Though the park offers indoor arcade and video games for teens and adults, Mr. Bernstein said Bowcraft has a "history and tradition" of focusing on activities for little children.

"Why would a kiddie park be open

until midnight?" Mrs. Gerber asked.

Under the provisions of a resolution passed by the township's zoning board of adjustment, park hours are 10 a.m. to midnight during the summer season.

When asked why a park for children would be open to that hour, Mr. Bernstein replied, "As the father of three boys, if we go over at seven or eight (o'clock), (we can) lose track of time."

According to the Bowcraft attorney, the proposed water park is designed to attract more activity during the hot days of summer. It represents the culmination of Bowcraft's five-year upgrade program.

Other elements included installation of the Flying Dragon roller coaster, purchase of two new rides, construction of a storage building and conversion of tent facilities to brick and mortar structures. In addition, township approval was granted for a restaurant facility and birthday party room (presently under construction).

"That's pretty much it for room," said Mr. Bernstein, who noted that the rides imported from Italy were simply replacements for other attrac-

tions that had gotten old. "People want to see new things," he added.

Before the present owners of Bowcraft, the Markes brothers, took over, the park was owned and operated by its founder, Ted Miller. He launched the amusement park in the 1940s, "prior to zoning in the area," said Mr. Bernstein.

With respect to neighbors' zoning concerns, Mr. Bernstein replied, "Bowcraft has been there since before most of the homes, and (there is) noise on (Route) 22, 24 hours a day."

"Aside from the commercial enterprise, it provides needed recreation in a wholesome atmosphere," he continued.

In preparation for the January 14 zoning board meeting, Mrs. Gerber plans to review the revisions to the Bowcraft proposal.

"What bothers me is the water park," she reiterated. "I'm not even sure where it's going. The only place I can see (it fitting) is opposite me."

She will try to enlist support from other neighbors prior to the meeting. Their likely response, she said, will be, "You haven't gotten anywhere; why should we get involved?"



William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader

FLYING DRAGON...The Flying Dragon Roller Coaster is one of three new rides added to Bowcraft Amusement Park in Scotch Plains as part of the park's five year upgrade program. The program also includes the construction of a storage building, the conversion of tent facilities to brick and mortar structures, as well as the possible addition of a water park. The water park proposal is scheduled to be heard by the township planning board on Thursday, January 14.

Sale of Woman's Club Property, End of District's Desegregation Policy, Frank X. McDermott's GOP Chair Reelection Tops First Half of '98

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

A number of news events transpired over the course of 1998. The following is a summary of both local and county news for the first six months of the year. The second part will be published in next week's issue of *The Leader*.

January

The Westfield Leader and its sister paper, *The Times of Scotch Plains and Fanwood*, broke a story that Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly was considering a run for Congress against veteran Republican incumbent Bob Franks of Berkeley Heights. The Seventh District has been a longtime stronghold for the Republican Party.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced that it was considering a complete revamping of the flight paths on the eastern seaboard. FAA officials noted that flights at Newark International Airport nearly doubled between 1983 and 1997.

The FAA has been under increasing pressure from citizens groups in this area regarding the increase of air traffic noise ever since flight patterns were reconfigured in 1987 to reduce traffic delays at the local airports.

Republicans Gregory S. McDermott and Janis Fried



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

A TOUCHING MOMENT...Members of the Westfield Fire Department pay their last respects as the fire engine bearing the coffin of their colleague, John Fiorino, passes by en route to Fairview Cemetery last Friday. Firefighter Fiorino, a life-long Westfield resident, died suddenly at age 38 on March 30.

Weinstein, representing the first and fourth wards, respectively, were sworn into office as members of the 1998 Westfield Town Council during the governing body's annual reorganization meeting.

Sworn into new terms were Second Ward Councilman Matthew P. Albano and Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr.

The Republicans' victory the previous November, over Democrats Marc McCabe, Ken Rotter and incumbent Donnell Carr, prevented Democrats from gaining the council majority for the first time in the town's history. The GOP, in winning Mr. Carr's seat, increased their majority to 6-3. Democrat James Hely had previously held the seat for 10 years.

Seymour Koslowsky was re-ap-

pointed to a three-year term on the Recreation Commission and was again named its Chairman. Thomas Cusimano and Maureen Regan were named to the Commission, replacing long-time members Melba Nixon and Daniel M. Schwebel.

Glenn de Brueys, William Heinbrockel were named full board members with Realtor Frank Isoldi named to fill an alternate slot on Board of Adjustment. Long-time members C. Graydon Curtis and Thomas C. Phelan decided not to re-appointment this year.

At the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders reorganization meeting, Deborah Scanlon of Union, Chester Holmes of Rahway and Alexander Mirabella of Roselle Park were sworn in as new board members, thus increasing the Democrats majority on the board to 9-0.

New Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan launched a busy agenda for the board including a number of grant programs focusing on open space, "Project Pocket Park," Internet Access in all county classrooms by 2000, "Access 2000," and the arts, "Union Arts," now called "HEARTS."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley recommended to the school board that the district end its desegregation policy. That policy required that 37 children living in the vicinity of Cacciola Place be bused to Wilson, Tamaques and Washington Elementary Schools.

The change, later approved by the school board, moved the children to Jefferson Elementary so they could be with their friends.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

A FUN EVENING...This 1946 Buick Roadmaster convertible was part of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce's 1948 Night celebration April 27, held in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the chamber. Members of the community enjoyed a meal at the WindMill restaurant on East Broad Street, followed by a special showing of the Academy Award-winning 1948 film *Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, at the recently-refurbished Rialto Theatre.

Westfield-based attorney Donald Hamilton was sentenced to nine years in prison by Union County Superior Court Judge John Triarsi in Elizabeth after pleading guilty to embezzling \$1.25 million from the estates of five clients over a period of eight years.

Twenty-six of the remaining 27 non-unionized municipal employees announced their decision to form an association for the purpose of having their interests represented as a whole. Fire Chief Paul A. Battiloro, Jr., emphasized that the employees were not joining a union but simply wanted to have more of a voice with the town's administration on issues such as work-

ing conditions. Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla released his Executive Budget of \$278.9 million, a spending plan which called for no increase in the county's tax levy over from last year. The \$282 million budget called for \$151.7 million to be raised in taxes. This amounted to 54 percent of the budget.

In a surprise announcement, the Woman's Club of Westfield announced that its clubhouse on South Euclid Avenue was on the selling block.

The club's decision to go before the Planning Board to seek a subdivision

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Merry Christmas from Our Family To Yours



WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

• A Fanwood Avenue resident reported a burglary to her home, during which a bag of Christmas gifts was taken from the dining room. An unknown amount of jewelry was also discovered missing, according to police.

• Authorities received a report of a burglary and theft which occurred at a West Court apartment complex.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

• Spare tires valued at \$3,600 were reported stolen from a North Avenue business.

• Police confirmed that a burglary and incident of criminal mischief occurred on Ross Place.

• Angela Praitano, 38, of Port Richey, Florida was arrested at South Chestnut Street and charged with driving with a revoked license, her third offense, according to police. Praitano, who was also taken into custody on a fugitive warrant out of Edison, posted \$1,250 bail.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

• A South Plainfield resident reported

that the entire length of the right side of her motor vehicle was scratched with a key while it was parked in the lot of a North Avenue store.

• Nicholas Pino, 18, and Jeffrey Kivetz, 19, both of Westfield, were arrested at a South Avenue liquor store and charged with attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages underage, according to police.

Pino was additionally charged with possession of an altered driver's license, authorities maintained. Both men were released on their own recognizance.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

• A resident of New England Drive reported that someone let the air out of a tire on her motor vehicle.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

• A woman reported that someone removed a grave cover she had placed at Fairview Cemetery on East Broad Street.

• Police received a report that a storage trailer behind a South Avenue business had been burglarized. Nothing was reported missing.



WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

• Four hundred block of North Avenue, West - system malfunction.

• One hundred block of Cardinal Drive - system malfunction.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

• Five hundred block of Downer Street - smoke scare.

• Eight hundred block of Nancy Way - unintentional alarm.

• Three hundred block of Clark Street - system malfunction.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

• Three hundred block of Clark Street - system malfunction.

• Eight hundred block of Harding Street - carbon monoxide detector activation.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

• Two hundred block of Eaglecroft Road - carbon monoxide detector activation.

• Six hundred block of South Avenue, West - automobile accident.

• Eight hundred block of Rahway Avenue - transformer arcing.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

• Five hundred block of North Chestnut Street - structure fire.

• Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue - system malfunction.

• Locust Street in Garwood - mutual aid.

• One hundred block of East Broad Street - unintentional alarm.

• One hundred block of New Providence Road - unintentional alarm.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

• Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue - unintentional alarm.

• Two hundred block of North Avenue, East - unintentional alarm.

• Two hundred block of Elm Street - unintentional alarm.

• Ten hundred block of Harding Street - smoke odor investigation.

• One hundred block of West Grove Street - smoke odor investigation.

• Two hundred block of Palsted Avenue - gas odor investigation.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

• Six hundred block of North Scotch Plains Avenue - gas leak.

• One hundred block of Osborne Avenue - water leak investigation.

• One hundred block of Summit Court - carbon monoxide detector activation.

• Two hundred block of Wychwood Road - unintentional alarm.

• Six hundred block of Willow Grove Road - smoke and odor removal.

AGA Appointed as Agent Following Party Line Vote

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Mayor Jardim said the council was headed toward the same type of political "cancer" and "slash and burn politics" demonstrated in the nation's Capitol, a reference to the impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton.

Republicans had said last week that their concern was of a potential conflict of interest, since Bollinger Fowler represents not only Westfield's insurance interests but also that of the Suburban Joint Insurance Fund, of which Westfield is a member.

The JIF, as it is referred to, consists of nine towns which operate as an insurance pool to save municipalities money on workers' compensation and liability insurance. The town is currently assessed \$635,000 for its membership, with the risk manager receiving 6 percent of the municipal assessment.

Mr. Lefevre said he did not see a conflict, noting that he personally does not handle Westfield's insurance matters for the JIF.

Several individuals came out in support of Mr. Lefevre, including former Republican Councilman Jubb Corbet of Colonial Avenue, and former Democratic mayoral contender Carolyn Klinger-Kueter of St. Mark's Avenue. Ms. Keuter ran unsuccessfully against Mr. Frigerio for Mayor in the 1980s.

Ms. Klinger-Kueter said her belief is that the appointment "shouldn't be a partisan thing."

Mr. Corbet, who served as Finance Committee Chairman for six years during his days on the governing body, recalled council discussion on the same issue back in 1991.

It was that year when AGA was terminated by Pearsall & Frankenbach Inc. as a secondary insurance agent for the town. AGA submitted the bid directly to the town rather than go through Pearsall.

Mr. Lefevre said AGA wanted to be the insurance agent of record, and thus Pearsall could no longer work with the firm.

Mr. Lefevre said AGA refused to submit a bid from Continental Insurance to Pearsall as the town's agent of record.

Mr. Corbet supported Mr. Lefevre at that point, noting that at the time, the town received national commendation as one of the 19 best financially run towns in the country.

He attributed that success to Mr. Lefevre, as well as other officials, noting that, "when it came down to it, this (Mr. Lefevre) was my guy" to handle the town's insurance matters.

Council Republicans, who hold the majority on the governing body, have indicated they are not pleased with the overall process by Democrats to fill vacancies on boards and commissions as well as for town officials.

The Mayor said his proposed appointments this year were done for "continuity and nothing else."

He said he would like to fill slots currently held by officials in acting roles with permanent replacements.

One area Republicans said was a concern was that Bollinger Fowler, which has changed names over the years, was no longer located in Westfield, while AGA is in town.

Mr. Lefevre said his firm moved a few years ago to a larger office in Short Hills. AGA is located on Grove

Street.

Democratic Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh charged that if appointed, AGA might use revenues associated with the position for Republican interests. During questioning from Democrats, Mr. Lefevre said neither he nor Bollinger Fowler had ever made contributions to either political party in town.

Fourth Ward Councilwoman Janis Fried Weinstein called that claim that funds might now go to support Republican campaign efforts "outrageous."

"This (the appointment of the risk manager) is politics, Jack. I can't believe you are so shocked, but I also can't believe you (referring to the Democrats' press release) are also making an accusation that \$40,000 is going to be used to fund the Republican campaign next year."

Councilman Walsh warned Republicans that appointing AGA was, in effect, "opening a Pandora's Box." He said the removal of Bollinger will forever make the appointment political.

"You (Republicans) are throwing away something very precious at a very small price," Councilman Walsh stated.

In realizing that the Democrats could not stop the defeat of the Bollinger Fowler appointment, Mayor Jardim asked Republicans to allow other insurance risk managers to be considered by the council for the opening.

Republican Second Ward Councilman Matthew P. Albano said he wanted to move the process along to assure the insurance risk manager appointment was made in December in keeping with a council tradition.

Just last week, however, Republicans stated that they wanted to delay the appointment until the January appointments were officially put before the council for a vote.

Upon learning of his firm's appointment, Mr. Frigerio said AGA's business record "speaks for itself," adding "we will do our best for the town." He said the firm works hard to cut premiums by looking for the best rates available in the insurance marketplace.

AGA was the subject of a State Department of Insurance investigation in 1988. The department inquiry whether AGA was allowed to earn interest on insurance premiums being held for transmittal to an insurance company.

Noting that there were no such provisions against such an action, the department determined, "there does not appear to be any violation of the New Jersey insurance laws" by AGA's handling of the county's insurance premiums at the time.

Insurance trust account funds can be placed in interest bearing accounts and retain the interest provided that the principal, town or county, has given written authorization, the report found.

A 1991 report issued by the Union County Prosecutor's Office was critical of the method the county has used to retain insurance consultants. While the report found no irregularities, it did question a system which allowed for significant profits by AGA and other agents through commissions without notice to the public.

Woman's Club Property Sale Among Top Issues of 1998

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of the property was criticized by neighbors who feared an over development of the lot.

Six people were arrested by police and charged with promoting prostitution in two separate incidents in town. The arrests were made at the Asianna Accupressure and Therapeutic Center on North Avenue, West, and at a private residence on Downer Street. Authorities believed that faced with tougher New York City laws, these types of operations have begun to filter into New Jersey.

The Freeholder board announced its efforts to lure the local professional soccer team, the MetroStars, to Union County as part of the board's economic development initiatives. The team is seeking a 40,000 seat stadium.

February

The town discussed its plans for upgrading a section of town between Central Avenue and Grove Street. The Town Council said it was looking to apply to the state's Neighborhood Preservation Program which offers significant money and guidance over several years to upgrade a neighborhood.

Keith S. Hertell announced that he would not seek a second term on the school board. He was Finance Committee Chairman during the last year of his term.

Mary Ruotolo of Westfield was named to the Freeholder board to fill the seat vacated by Carol Cohen upon her being named County Counsel. Mrs. Ruotolo joined Lewis Mingo of Plainfield, who replaced Walter D. McNeil on the board, at a swearing-in ceremony.

The Planning Board approved a plan by the D. Villane Construction Company to develop the remainder of Clarence Street with 26 homes. Another nine homes were constructed by Spring Lake developer Charles A. Higgins.

Grandview Avenue residents ripped a request by a developer to have the town vacate a portion of the town's right-of-way on the street in order to accommodate additional development on the street.

Developer David Kervick, a local attorney, said he planned to construct 34 housing units.

The Federal Railroad Administration announced that Westfield's plan to install additional railroad barriers at the Rahway Avenue railroad crossing had been approved.

Town Administrator Edward A. Gotko released a preliminary municipal budget of \$22.7 million which called for a \$433,000 or 1.9 percent increase or 2.5 tax points over the previous year.

Hunan Wok III, a Chinese restaurant on East Broad Street, sustained extensive damage during an early morning blaze.

Carol Cohen of Westfield was named the first female Union County counsel during an afternoon ceremony at the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth. Ms. Cohen had resigned her Freeholder seat to take the \$109,233 full-time post. Elected to the at-large board in 1996, she served two of the three years of her term on the board.

First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick launched a program where the community could donate funds to pay for cellular phones to be used by the town's school crossing guards as part of Bell Atlantic's "Wireless at Work" program. Mrs. Vernick donated the first phone, a gift that was matched with a second phone from Bell Atlantic.

March

The Planning Board granted, by a 6-1 vote, the controversial subdivision of the Woman's Club of Westfield property. The club sought the approval to enable the club to sell not only the existing clubhouse but the two additional vacant lots created by the board's action. The board did include a restriction, though, that the existing home remain a single-family home for five years in an effort to prevent it from being bulldozed by a builder.

The school board approved a \$52.02 million school budget representing a 2.33 percent increase in overall spending over 1997. The budget would be supported by a tax levy of \$45.18 million, representing a 2.88 percent increase over 1997 or 3.5 tax points. Eighty-eight percent of the budget was slated to be raised through property taxes with 5.79 percent coming from state aid.

Exxon received approval from the Board of Adjustment to expand its gas station at South and Central Avenues. The plan includes a Tiger Mart retail store, two new pumping islands and a 15-foot high fee standing canopy. McEwen Florist, which had leased a building on the site, was outbid for the building by Exxon. The building was demolished and McEwen has moved to East Broad Street in the former Auster's appliance store.

The Facilities Committee of the school board announced a five-year plan of \$17.52 million for improvements to the town's school buildings and administration offices.

Police officials announced they were investigating a possible scam case where individuals targeted senior citizens for home repairs. No arrests were made but workers from a Long Island firm were found to be working without a permit.

A woman was critically injured when struck by a school bus under contract with the Union County Educational Services Commission. The woman's life was saved due to the quick actions of firemen who used air bags to quickly lift the vehicle off of her. The woman recovered from her injuries.

The Town Council introduced a \$22.92 million budget calling for a 3 cent increase on an average assessed home in Westfield (\$180,000). The council used additional funds from the sale of municipal assets account to lower taxes from an original four cent hike.

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ PAC) welcomed the Westfield Young Artists Cooperative Theater (WYACT) in the joint presentation of *Carousel*. The performance sold out during four dates in July.

April

Westfield mourned the sudden death of firefighter John Fiorino, 38, while vacationing in South Carolina.

Westfield paid tribute to social activist and renowned entertainer Paul Robeson, a former resident, during a tribute to the 100th anniversary of his birth.

An attorney for the Woman's Club announced it had signed contracts to sell two adjoining lots to successful bidders who planned to build Colonial-style

homes, fronting on Tremont Avenue. The existing Colonial Revival home was purchased by a Westfield couple who plan to renovate it and make it their new home.

During its convention in Garwood, County Republicans chose George Gore of Plainfield, Juan Fernandez of New Providence and Andy MacDonald of Fanwood to run under the GOP for the county Freeholder board.

Meanwhile, Democrats endorsed incumbents Daniel P. Sullivan of Elizabeth, Mary Ruotolo of Westfield, and Lewis Mingo, Jr. of Plainfield.

Westfield Republicans endorsed Mrs. Vernick for Mayor, and Jon Brannick, incumbent James J. Gruba, Noreen Lund and Thomas Cusimano for council seats. Democrats endorsed Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, and Carl A. Salisbury, Joe Stoner and incumbents John J. Walsh and Lawrence A. Goldman for the council.

Norman N. Greco, a former Republican mayoral contender and three-term councilman, threw his hat into the ring for mayor as an independent candidate.

The council approved a resolution to apply for a county grant to obtain the former Excellent Diner site on North Avenue. The \$100,000 grant, which was part of the "Pocket Park" program, was matched by town funds. The Planning Board has since approved a three-story building for the site. The grant funds have been instead dedicated for improvements to existing parks and fields.

Congressman Bob Franks launched his reelection bid for a fourth term.

Local and NJ Transit officials held a press conference to celebrate the completion of the \$6.2 million upgrade of the Westfield train station including a new pedestrian tunnel. The passageway contains tiles highlighting the town's transportation history. The tiles were done by Westfield native Stacy Farley.

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 50th anniversary with a 1948 Night promotion highlighted by the showing of the film *Treasure of the Sierra Madre* at the Rialto.

Danielle Walsh, Ginger Hardwick were reelected to the school board along with former member Eileen Satkin. They were unopposed in their quests. The school tax levy was also passed by voters.

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction since 1977, Dr. David J. Rock, and long-time Assistant Westfield High School Principal George Scott announced their retirements effective at the close of the school year.

They joined Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Robert Rader and Assistant Business Manager Jean Poquette, who announced their retirements earlier in the year.

The school board's Policy Committee recommended the district end its desegregation plan as supported by Dr. Foley.

County Freeholders approved a contract with a Jersey City firm to conduct a study of a light rail system. The board hopes to have the system in place within three years.

May

Westfield postal worker Ramon H. Juarez was credited with saving the life of a 65-year-old South Plainfield man who went unconscious after his heart began to beat irregularly.

Over 500 people attended a *Passport to Education* dinner-dance fundraiser for the Westfield public schools technology program. The event was held at the Westfield National Guard Armory on Rahway Avenue.

The Freeholders adopted \$282.15 million budget with the lowest tax levy, \$151.7 million, since 1994.

The Westfield "Y" held its 75th annual meeting at The Westwood in Garwood. "Y" board Vice Chairwoman Carolyn Fleder received the annual Golden Volunteer Award, the highlight of the evening.

The Freeholders authorized a new grant program for towns along NJ Transit's Raritan Valley commuter train line to conduct economic development studies. County GOP Chairman Frank X. McDermott of Westfield unveiled a proposal to create Freeholder districts in an effort to "ensure two-party government" in the county, thus ending the 9-0 Democrat majority on the board. The board also would be reduced from nine to seven members with one of those spots an at-large seat.

Jesse Sayegh, the new owner of the Rialto Theatre, unveiled a newly renovated and expanded theater during a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The theater was expanded to six screens with a capacity for a combined 1,000 patrons. The total cost of the renovations was \$750,000.

The council's Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee began a series of public forums for input on improving the downtown parking situation.

The Union County Educational Services Commission unveiled its first owned facility, the former Commerce Clearinghouse Building on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield, for the new home of Beadleton High School and Westlake Elementary School for physically-handicapped students.

Police officials announced an investigation was underway into a spree of automobile burglaries. Two juveniles, aged 15 and 16, were later arrested.

Union County College officials unveiled plans for a \$16.5 million expansion of its Elizabeth campus. Half the funding would be returned to the county through state funding.

Union County received a \$5 million Welfare-to-Work Federal grant, one of only two awarded in the state and 49 nationally out of 600 applications. The county program is to focus on the 500 most difficult to employ Welfare recipients.

June

Mr. McDermott narrowly won reelection to his County GOP Chairman post for another two years, defeating Anthony Di Giovanni of Union by 29 votes.

Charles Soriano announced his decision to leave Westfield High School after seven years as an English teacher and advisor to the school paper, *HT's Eye*. He accepted a position as Chairman of the Bernards High School English Department.

Vandals damaged one of the baseball fields at Gumbert Park by cutting the word "Cranford" into the field. In addition, two portable toilets were burned to the ground.

A series of classic car shows on Quimby Street, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, began.

Recent Home Sales

Janet M. Tyre to Dominic A. and Carl M. DiGiorgio, 73 Barchester Way, \$419,000.

J. F. and T. M. McHugh to Richard and Lynn Mayer, 319 Orenda Circle, \$387,250.

M. R. and K. R. Benou to Michael J. and Karen M. Peretz, 758 Prospect Street, \$212,000.

K. and J. Brown to George and Cynthia Clarke, 613 Short Hill Court, \$307,000.

K. A. Hoebich and Michael Skero to Eliot Powell, 601 Short Hill Court, \$253,000.

P. L. and R. H. Bollinger to Karen Ludwig-O'Leary, 538 Lawrence Avenue, \$975,000.

N. and V. Luppescu to Marc J. Loinaz, 832 Winyah Avenue, \$615,000.

J. E. C. Cherry to Mark Evan Friedberg and Shannon Klaerich Friedberg, 105 Linden Avenue, \$370,000.

D. and S. Kenna to Keith Tanis and Karin A. Brockman, 120 Nelson Place, \$224,000.

Wah Investors, L. P. to Edward A. Galauski, Sr., 224 Prospect Street, \$140,000.

R. S. and M. M. Mehorter to Dinah Laurie Whitlock, 884 Dorian Road, \$270,000.

B. A. Aufiero to Cory A. and Karen C. Mermer, 635 First Street,

\$220,000.

T. W. and L. K. Ackermann to Daniel and Theresa Cogan, 833 Dorian Road, \$325,000.

J. S. and D. D. Kephart to Pierre D. Nies and Kathleen Ann Oates-Nies, 427 St. Marks Avenue, \$418,000.

J. N. and G. S. Moscovitz to Bruce and Merry Regenstreich, 633 Fairmont Avenue, \$689,000.

R. L. and K. M. Carlson to Joseph G. and Susan G. Pink, 638 Fourth Avenue, \$253,500.

S. E. and J. B. Joseph to Robert S. and Margaret M. Mehorter, 815 Nancy Way, \$431,000.

C. and M. T. L. Pecoraro to John C. and Cassandra L. Hatto, 829 Tice Place, \$250,000.

M. P. and R. C. Fela to Mark S. and Sandra Ciasco, 403 Grove Street, West, \$229,000.

R. E. Galauski to Harold R. Getting, 102 Cedar Street, \$181,300.

M. N. and N. M. Kelly-Weiss to Edward T. and Mary A. Schaffer, 1117 Rahway Avenue, \$243,000.

W. D. and L. A. Griffin to Michael G. and Bonnie A. Carlin, 102 Dickson Drive, \$305,000.

E. A. Galauski to Bryan and Carol Humphreys, 106 Surrey Lane; Mail: 20 Ocean Vista, \$230,000.

Estate of M. M. Harrison to David A. and Gina M. Klemm, 96 Summit Court, \$230,000.

Workshop for the Arts Welcomes New Members

WESTFIELD - The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts has welcomed new staff members to its faculty of instructors.

Anne Marie Pandolfo will use her guitar playing skills for the Tots 'N' Arts Program. She helps youngsters with motor coordination and rhythm with her sing-along format.

Stephen Shevino, pianist, has performed as a soloist in chamber ensembles and as an accompanist throughout the Metropolitan area.

Adam Niewood, a woodwind player who started playing at the age of nine,

has performed with Buddy Rich, Chuck Mangione, Simon and Garfunkel, and Liza Minelli.

Orlando Wells will teach violin and viola. He has performed with the Summit Symphony, the Montclair Chamber Orchestra, St. Peter by the Sea, the Out of Town Quartet and the Murray Hill Trio.

Jeanne Jaubert, cello instructor at the Workshop since 1994, recently won a position with the Louisiana Philharmonic. She will be replaced by Wayne Smith.



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FLYING DRAGON...The Flying Dragon Roller Coaster is one of three new rides added to Bowcraft Amusement Park in Scotch Plains as part of the park's five year upgrade program. The program also includes the construction of a storage building, the conversion of tent facilities to brick and mortar structures, as well as the possible addition of a water park.

Councilman Bruce Walsh Recalls Eight Years of Service to Fanwood

By MICHAEL P. BABIK
Specially Written for The Times

Bruce H. Walsh, who currently serves as Fanwood's Council President and Police Commissioner, will conclude his tenure on the borough's governing body at the end of this month.

Having served on the council between 1987-90 and 1993-98, Mr. Walsh said he hopes to have more time for his career as an attorney, while also pursuing other interests.

"I don't have time to attend the two to three meetings per week required of a councilman," he explained, noting that he hopes to remain active in the community by serving as a volunteer on a board or commission.

First elected to the council in 1987, during the administration of Fanwood's first woman mayor, the late Patricia MacDonald Kuran, Mr. Walsh has been involved in just about every aspect of municipal government.

He has chaired various council committees, including Administration and Finance; Education, Health and Welfare, and Building and Zoning.

From 1987 to 1990, and from 1993 to 1996, he served as Fire Commissioner, and in recent years he has served both as Police Commissioner and Council President.



Bruce H. Walsh

"Public safety has always been a common thread," he explained, reflecting on his roles as both police and fire commissioner, as well as work he has done regarding the rescue squad.

"It is important to get to know how the volunteer system works, and the people involved," Councilman Walsh explained.

At first he questioned the knowledge and dedication of volunteer public safety officials, but revealed he was quickly impressed by the women and men who volunteer for Fanwood's fire department and res-

cue squad. Over the years on the council, Mr. Walsh has found that the most rewarding part of being a local elected official is representing the interests of the people who work for the borough.

"I never thought it was fair to balance the budget on the backs of the people who work for us," he explained, noting that members of the council are often the only people who represent the issues of borough employees and volunteers.

In 1996, he helped to negotiate the contract between the Fanwood Policeman's Benevolent Association and the borough.

Mr. Walsh also has striven to keep partisan issues out of Fanwood politics.

"I tried to achieve a consensus between Republicans and Democrats, since most local issues are not political, and I wasn't afraid to disagree with the Mayor or fellow Democrats," he said.

In 1993, Mr. Walsh volunteered his legal services to a Fanwood grass roots group to help prevent the construction of a cellular tower next to the post office. Many Fanwood residents were against the proposed, 100-foot tower, which they believed would

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Township Resident Continues Ongoing Battle With Bowcraft

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

From her home on Mountain Avenue in Scotch Plains where she has lived for over three decades, Thelma Gerber battles the expansion of Bowcraft Amusement Park on the westbound side of Route No. 22. She admits that her efforts over the years have not gotten her very far, but she keeps trying.

Bowcraft attorney Daniel Bernstein defends the ongoing development program as the owners' effort to improve the amusement park as a source of "safe family entertainment."

Bowcraft's latest venture is a proposed water park for which Mr. Bernstein will seek township planning board approval on January 14. The proposal also includes plans for construction of a storage facility on the Bowcraft property.

"I'm very concerned about this water park," explained Mrs. Gerber. "It's a big deal and a noisy deal. I don't think it's fair that neighbors should have to put up with it."

Through the years, the senior citizen has pled her case before township officials in a series of letters and appearances before the zoning board and township council. Despite this, "there's a lot of unanswered questions," complained Mrs. Gerber.

Bowcraft is in the process of revising its change-of-use application for the water park and storage facility in response to concerns from neighbors like Mrs. Gerber. The revised proposal calls for the storage facility to be constructed away from neighboring homes and for trees to be planted around the structure.

The latest request follows zoning board approval earlier this month for a 19-foot high children's ride which is being imported from Italy. The park hopes to have the ride up and running for the start of the 1999 season.

"That's as high as a two-story building," exclaimed Mrs. Gerber, who resents the noise and lights that emanate from the park.

Though the park offers indoor arcade and video games for teens and adults, Mr. Bernstein said Bowcraft has a "history and tradition" of focusing on activities for little children.

"Why would a kiddie park be open until midnight?" Mrs. Gerber asked.

Under the provisions of a resolution passed by the township's zoning board of adjustment, park hours are 10 a.m. to midnight during the summer season.

When asked why a park for children would be open to that hour, Mr. Bernstein replied, "As the father of three boys, if we go over at seven or eight (o'clock), (we can) lose track of time."

According to the Bowcraft attor-

ney, the proposed water park is designed to attract more activity during the hot days of summer. It represents the culmination of Bowcraft's five-year upgrade program.

Other elements included installation of the Flying Dragon roller coaster, purchase of two new rides, construction of a storage building and conversion of tent facilities to brick and mortar structures. In addition,

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Bus Stop Ordinance Set to Go Into Effect In Fanwood on Jan. 6

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

An ordinance formally designating 17 bus stops along South and Midway Avenues in Fanwood will go into effect on Wednesday, January 6, officials confirmed this week.

Borough Council members voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance during their December 10 regular meeting. It had been introduced by the governing body on October 15.

The measure is designed to eliminate traffic and parking hazards on South and Midway caused by commuters parking their cars in close proximity to driveways and intersections along the two streets.

According to Fanwood Police Chief Robert Carboy, four bus stops have been established in each direction along South and Midway, for a total of 16.

An additional stop has been designated on the Fanwood side of the South Avenue and Terrill Road intersection. There is already a stop on the Plainfield side.

In accordance with the council's recent decree, busses will stop on South Avenue at Hetfield and Martine Avenues and at Staggard Place. Along Midway Avenue, passengers will board at Terrill Road, Martine Avenue, Forest Road and Shasta Pass.

Chief Carboy told members of the governing body at the time the ordinance was introduced that the desig-

nated stops will generally be the same as they were before, although not as many.

Up until now, he said, busses had been picking up passengers at nearly every corner along the two thoroughfares, whether or not they were actual bus stops.

As the Chief explained to the council during its December 2 agenda meeting, cars parked by bus commuters near driveways and intersections had resulted in restricted visibility.

Although the number of accidents in the area has been low, Chief Carboy maintained that the potential for accidents remains high if visibility is limited near driveways and intersections.

The official stops on South and Midway were determined in cooperation with NJ Transit, Chief Carboy confirmed. He said these boarding points are near areas where bus passengers can safely park their vehicles without creating any traffic hazards.

Ken Miller, a spokesman for NJ Transit, told The Times on Tuesday that the transportation agency plans to install identification signs at those bus stops recognized by the borough sometime in January.

He added that there have been no requests from municipal officials to install bus shelters at any of the designated bus stop locations.

Mayor's Run for Congress, Pocket Park and Proposed Commuter Lot Take Center Stage in Borough of Fanwood During the Year 1998

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

Editor's Note: The following is the first half of a two-part series recapping the year 1998 in Fanwood. This article covers the months of January through June. The second half of the series, covering July through December, will appear in next week's edition.

During the year 1998, Fanwood residents experienced milestones and major news events, changes and challenges, while the community continued preparations for the arrival of the next millennium — now just one year away.

On New Year's Day, newly-sworn in Police Chief Robert Carboy assumed command of the Fanwood force upon the retirement of his predecessor and friend, former Chief Anthony J. Parenti. Mr. Parenti is now the Director of the John H. Stampler Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

Also sworn in January 1 were Borough Council representatives Joel Whitaker, a Republican beginning



Suzette F. Stalker for The Times

CHANGING OF THE GUARD...New Fanwood Police Chief Robert Carboy was sworn in New Year's Day by Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly before a packed audience of family members, colleagues and other well-wishers. Pictured, left to right, are: the Chief's mother-in-law, Dorothy Kunstmann; his wife, Diane; Mayor Connelly, and Chief Carboy.

his freshman term on the governing body, and Democratic incumbent William E. Populus, Jr., now in his second full term. Mr. Whitaker succeeded two-term former Councilman Dr. Chester R. Lindsey.

After less than two days in command, Chief Carboy demonstrated his leadership skills by coordinating his department's response to a strong-arm robbery January 3 on Paterson Road. Fanwood police, in conjunc-

tion with Plainfield units, collared two suspects on robbery and other charges in the incident.

The Fanwood Planning Board began a new era as well this year, after officials opted at the end of 1997 to disband the Board of Adjustment and merge the responsibilities of the two municipal boards. Several former Board of Adjustment members were subsequently named to serve on the Planning Board.

Local newsmakers in January included Democratic Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, who announced her intention to challenge three-term Republican Congressman Bob Franks for his Seventh District seat in the November General Election. She formally kicked off her campaign in March.

While admitting the race would be a challenge in the heavily Republican Seventh District, Mrs. Connelly cited her success in being only the third woman and the third Democrat to be elected Mayor of Fanwood in the borough's 103-year history.

The Borough Council focused attention during February on several issues of concern to the community at large, including a proposal to allow local restaurants to operate outdoor cafés during the warm weather months. An ordinance endorsing the cafés was introduced in March and adopted on April 9, with two related ordinances approved later in the year.

An ordinance was also introduced in February to amend the Borough Code regarding sexually-oriented businesses. Adopted on March 12, the measure prohibits such businesses from operating within 1,000 feet of residential areas and public facilities in the borough. The former regulation mandated a distance of 500 feet.

Members of the governing body also unveiled in March their \$5.5 million municipal budget for 1998. The spending plan, which called for



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CLEANUP KICKOFF...An enthusiastic group of volunteers gathered at the southside Fanwood Train Station April 18 in preparation for the community cleanup which began the borough's annual Earth Day celebration. Members of the public were later treated to tours of the Fanwood Nature Center, which marked its 25th anniversary in 1998.

a 2 percent increase over the previous year's budget, was adopted by the governing body on second reading April 9.

Another March highlight was the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad's 50th anniversary celebration, which included a resolution from the Borough Council. The squad also marked its first half century with the debut that same month of its new ambulance.

In April, four candidates for two open seats on the Fanwood Borough Council launched their campaigns. Council President Bruce H. Walsh, a Democrat, announced he was wrapping his career on the governing body this year and would not seek reelection to a fourth term.

Taking his place on the party ticket was Katherine Mitchell, then the Fanwood Democratic Committee

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Merry Christmas from Our Family To Yours

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Bruce H. Walsh Recalls Eight Years of Service

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be an eyesore and a safety concern. He was a proponent of a Fanwood ordinance to limit the number of low-income houses required in the borough by the state Council On Affordable Housing. The measure prohibited local builders from tearing down existing housing to create vacant land to build affordable housing. In his career on the council, Mr. Walsh has seen the rise of the Democratic party in Fanwood politics. When he was first elected to the council, the governing body was split evenly between Republicans and Democrats, with a Democratic Mayor, as it is today. This was the first time in the borough's history that the council was not dominated by Republicans. Mr. Walsh received his bachelor's degree from Iona College in New York, and his master's degree from the City University of New York. Originally a high school teacher, he went to law school at night, earning his degree from Brooklyn Law School. He started practicing law in 1979

and currently has his own firm, Walsh and Keegan, with offices in Fanwood and Staten Island. He has also served as assistant Union County Counsel. Colleagues, this week, said they will miss Mr. Walsh's experience and dedication to the Borough of Fanwood. "He is a warm, sensitive, and reasonable person who seeks first to understand and always help the people of Fanwood," said Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, who has served with Mr. Walsh since he first was elected to the council. "He is an unselfish man, who became an elected official for the right reasons," she added. "I think the people of Fanwood are well served by public officials," Mr. Walsh said. "We try to be open before we take action, and are not political when it comes to the decisions that affect Fanwood." He will be succeeded on January 1 by Councilwoman-elect Katherine Mitchell, who was elected in November to fill his seat.



PRAISING PERFORMANCES... Charles S. Mancuso, President of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Board of Education, recently congratulated three Union County Magnet High School students for exemplary achievements outside of the classroom. Pictured, left to right, are: Daniel Vissani of Union who was honored by the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City for his efforts as a member of its Volunteer Services Department; Alyshia McGuire of Rahway who was chosen as the outstanding junior member of the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers; and Brian Raiff of Westfield who spent three weeks in China as a member of the People To People Student Ambassador Program.

Year 1998 Highlights Told For Borough of Fanwood

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Chairwoman. She was joined in this year's race by Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz, who sought a second term on the governing body. Throwing their hats into the ring for the GOP were first-time candidate Wilfred P. Coronato and David B. Trumpp. Mr. Trumpp, the son of former Fanwood Mayor Theodore "Ted" Trumpp, had previously run for a seat on the council in 1997. On April 18, local volunteers banded together once again for the borough's annual Earth Day celebration, which began with a community clean up. Organized by the Fanwood Clean Community Committee, under the direction of Public Works Chairman Raymond Manfra, participants pitched in with work gloves, trash bags and plenty of hard work to spruce up local areas in need. The cleanup effort was followed by tours of the Fanwood Nature Center on Cray Terrace, which marked its 25th anniversary this year.

A week later, on April 24, borough officials observed Arbor Day with the planting of a Red Spire Callery Pear tree in honor of former Shade Tree Commissioner William L. Crosby. The tree was planted on the grounds of the Fanwood Rescue Squad headquarters. Mr. Crosby retired in January from the Shade Tree Commission after 30 years of service. He has been a member of the rescue squad for more than 40 years and serves as its President. In May came the announcement that all 21 Union County municipalities, including Fanwood, had been approved for matching grants under the one-year Project Pocket Park Program. These grants, ranging from \$10,000 to \$125,000, were designated for acquisition or development of park land or for renovation of existing parks. Fanwood was awarded a total of \$125,000, which officials expect to match through a combination of funds and in-kind services for the creation of a pocket park on a piece of Watson Road land once occupied by the borough's administrative offices and Fire Company. The proposal, however, sparked a controversy which has continued through the remainder of the year. Proponents of the idea say it would beautify the site, which has been vacant for more than a decade and has become unkempt. Others believe the land should be reserved for ratables, or that the money should be spread out among a number of projects, including upgrades to existing parks. Various development alternatives proposed over the years for the property, including senior housing, commuter parking spaces and subdivision, were abandoned after failing to garner sufficient support from the community. As May came to a close, Fanwood residents observed Memorial Day with the traditional carnival at LaGrande Park. A heavy thunderstorm, however, canceled the annual Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Parade, at which women veterans were to have served as Grand Marshal. Organizers had also planned to honor the USS New Jersey battleship by having a replica of the distinguished vessel appear in the parade. Some Fanwood residents are among those campaigning to have the actual ship returned to the Garden State. In June, borough officials met with NJ Transit representatives to discuss a proposal for an additional commuter parking lot adjacent to the present south side Fanwood Train Station lot. The project was one of several conceived by the agency to meet an increased demand for commuter parking along the Raritan Valley Line. A review by Fanwood's governing body of final plans for the supplemental lot are still pending. Vincent Testa, an equipment operator with the Fanwood Department of Public Works, captured second place in the third annual "Joe Strauss Rodeo" at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools campus in Scotch Plains. The competition, open to Public Works equipment operators throughout the state, tests individuals' speed, accuracy and ability in maneuvering their vehicles. This was the first year that Fanwood entered the event.

Resident Continues Battle Over Bowcraft Expansion

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tion, township approval was granted for a restaurant facility and birthday party room (presently under construction). "That's pretty much it for room," said Mr. Bernstein, who noted that the rides imported from Italy were simply replacements for other attractions that had gotten old. "People want to see new things," he added. Before the present owners of Bowcraft, the Markes brothers, took over, the park was owned and operated by its founder, Ted Miller. He launched the amusement park in the 1940s, "prior to zoning in the area," said Mr. Bernstein. With respect to neighbors' zoning concerns, Mr. Bernstein replied, "Bowcraft has been there since before most of the homes, and (there is) noise on (Route) 22, 24 hours a day."

"Aside from the commercial enterprise, it provides needed recreation in a wholesome atmosphere," he continued. In preparation for the January 14 zoning board meeting, Mrs. Gerber plans to review the revisions to the Bowcraft proposal. "What bothers me is the water park," she reiterated. "I'm not even sure where it's going. The only place I can see (it fitting) is opposite me." She will try to enlist support from other neighbors prior to the meeting. Their likely response, she said, will be, "You haven't gotten anywhere; why should we get involved?"

Joseph Plumeri Elected To Board of Directors

SCOTCH PLAINS — Joseph J. Plumeri of Scotch Plains, Chairman and CEO of Primerica Financial Services (PFS), has been elected to the Board of Directors of The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA). PFS, a subsidiary of Citigroup, Inc. of Georgia and Mr. Plumeri have contributed more than \$1 million to create the PFS Family Studies Center at CASA. The center promotes substance abuse awareness, understanding and prevention among families of schools, churches and communities. CASA and PFS created "A Parent's Guide to Raising Drug-Free Kids" and distributed the publication to families across the country. PFS is

also the 1999 official sponsor of CASA's website, www.casacolumbia.org. Mr. Plumeri, who resides in Scotch Plains and Atlanta, Georgia, is also co-owner of the New Jersey-based Trenton Thunder "AA" baseball team affiliated with the Boston Red Sox. He is a member of CASA's Commission on Sports and Substance Abuse, a board member of The Council on Foreign Relations, a Commissioner on the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, Emory University's Board of Visitors and Boy's Town of Italy. In 1991, he was inducted into The Italian-American Hall of Fame for his career achievements and support of the Italian-American community.

Union County College Plans Resume, Interview Workshops

SCOTCH PLAINS — Union County College will host two single-session seminars for effective resume preparation and job interviewing techniques during January. The seminars will assist individuals who wish to upgrade their status in a chosen field, as well as those who are looking to start a new career path. "Make Your Resume Work for You" will enable students to learn the rationale behind effective resume writing and how it can be worked to the individual's advantage. The class will review the mechanics of writing a resume and cover letter. The resume workshop will also help participants learn to balance marketability with accuracy, gain some tips on making a resume scannable for employers who rely on computerized screening, and become fa-

miliar with the do's and don'ts of good editing practices, layout, and professional printing strategies. The college will conduct the seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20 at its Cranford Campus. "Developing Confidence for the Job Interview" will enable participants to develop strategic selling skills to market themselves for the employment marketplace. They will learn techniques to prepare effectively for a job interview. The job interview workshop will also teach participants how to conduct preliminary research, the importance of networking, the handling of trick questions, the types of questions an interviewee needs to ask, how to negotiate for the salary, and how to close the interview to one's advantage. The college will conduct the seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27 at its Cranford Campus. For more information, please call the College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at (908) 709-7600.

Mark Hemmingway Reaches Halfway Mark In Naval Deployment

SCOTCH PLAINS — Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Mark Hemmingway of Scotch Plains recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Hemmingway joined more than 5,000 sailors and marines aboard the ship which returned to its home port of Everett, Washington after leading the USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group. The battle group was comprised of 10 tactical air squadrons, five surface combatants and two submarines. During the deployment, the USS Abraham Lincoln aided multinational interception operations in prohibiting contraband transports to and from Iraq. The planes from the embarked air wing flew 1,855 missions during Operation Southern Watch to support sanctions imposed by the United Nations against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War. Mr. Hemmingway and crew members visited Hong Kong, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates. The crew also participated in Project Handclasp which provided food, hygienic items, toys, books, and paper to a disaster relief organization, a school for the mentally handicapped and an international Christian school. They also cleaned, repaired and painted buildings. Mr. Hemmingway graduated St. Patrick's High School in Elizabeth. He joined the Navy in September 1992. He is the son of Marco S. Hemmingway of Scotch Plains.

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
 • King Hawkins, 67, of Plainfield, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated pursuant to a minor motor vehicle accident on Spruce Mill Lane.
 • A patron of a Westfield Avenue convenience store reported that upon returning to her vehicle in the parking lot, discovered a man in the rear seat brandishing a handgun and demanding her to drive off. The victim immediately fled to the store and called police. A search of the area utilizing the Union County K-9 unit was fruitless.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
 • A Front Street resident reported that someone had smashed his vehicle's side door mirror.
 • Craig M. Williams, 28, of Plainfield, was arrested for possession of under 50 grams of marijuana, and Robert L. Fuller,

30, of Branchburg was arrested for being under the influence of a narcotic pursuant to an investigation of a disturbance.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
 • Vito Acosta, 23, of Hillside, was arrested for a burglary of a Sleepy Hollow Lane residence that occurred during daylight hours. A description of a vehicle seen in the area was provided to surrounding jurisdictions and Acosta was detained by detectives from the Plainfield Police Department in their town. Police recovered a computer taken in the burglary.
 • An employee of a Park Avenue beverage store reported that a man entered the store and then fled with a case of beer.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
 An employee of a business in the 1900 block of Route 22 reported the theft of a wallet and cash taken some time during the day.

Recent Home Sales

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 Michael Savage to Greg J. and Margot L. Denning, 4 Kempshall Terrace, \$169,000.
SCOTCH PLAINS
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 Obdulia Corral to Mark A. and Coralina Krutis, 1989 Farmingdale Road, \$200,000.
 Mario Guerriero to Charles Lellman and Michelle Mohan, 2346 Promenade, \$206,000.
 Peter E. Busch to John H. Luzan, 1248 Maple Hill Road, \$272,000.
 Gregg H. Tuttle to Mark A. and Janet D. Braxton, 536 Willow Avenue, \$180,000.
 Jack Matteo to John D. and Kay E. Petersen, 2228 Elizabeth Avenue, \$193,500.
 Eugene Maykish to Milton A. Faith, 12 Wareham Court, \$175,000.
 Gerard J. Dinicola to John C. and Maryrose Mehorter, 1874 Lake Avenue, \$248,500.
 Charles E. Yetka to Anthony C. and Jessica F. Cerino, 364 Stout Avenue, \$183,000.
 Thomas P. Garrigan to Larry E. and Theresa M. Michele, 981 Fox Hill Lane, \$580,000.
 Lewis Stranich to Antonio Mastrocola, Sr., 2304 Jersey Avenue, \$195,000.
 Carlos S. Eliseo to Linda Burris, 1290 Martine Avenue, \$330,000.
 John A. Ferrara, Sr. to Linda Tomasso Saaavedra, 544 Forpaugh Street, \$123,900.

Automobile Club Offers Tips On Credit Card Fraud

The New Jersey Automobile Club (AAA) has announced tips that can help holiday shoppers to safeguard their credit and purchases. Pam Fischer, Assistant Vice President of Financial Services for the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park cautioned that shoppers are expected to spend \$2.3 billion online, and while the Internet can make shopping easier, it can also lead to credit card fraud. "With consumer confidence in the economy high, shoppers won't be afraid to use credit cards during the holidays. Shopping online can be safe if consumers are cautious and follow a few basic steps to increase their security," she noted. To safeguard your credit and purchases, AAA offers these tips:
 • Use merchants you are familiar with. Web sites can be located through a search engine, a catalog or by calling the local store.
 • Read the guarantees, warranties, return policies and delivery policies on the merchant's home page. Find out if you can return an item for a refund or credit.
 • Read the merchant's privacy statement. It should tell you how the

personal information you provide will be used and whether or not it could be sold to other companies. If you don't like what you see, find another merchant.
 • Look for Web site security information. Some Web sites may include information on their encryption capabilities on the home page (40-bit encryption is standard and 128-bit is state-of-the-art).
 • Check with your credit card issuer to find out whether they have a purchase protection policy that includes online purchases. Some cards protect the buyer if an item is lost, stolen or damaged in delivery.
 • Keep records of online transactions. Print out the online confirmation of your order and save it just as you would save a receipt from a store.
 • If you're concerned with an online merchant, contact the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org) or other consumer agency for more information.
 AAA provides financial services to its members through AAA Financial Services (offered by PNC Bank and its affiliates). For more information, please call 1-800-680-AAA4 or go online at www.financial.aaa.com.



IN GOOD COMPANY... Scotch Plains resident Stephen Kendall, left, Program Manager with Potomac Group Homes in Paramus, joins David Daumit, founder and Chief Executive Officer of Potomac, at a breakfast lecture sponsored recently by the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The event, which took place at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park, was held as part of Good Company, the chapter's membership program which links the service delivery needs of businesses with the resources of the Alzheimer's Association. Potomac is a member of Good Company. For more information about the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, please contact the chapter offices at 299 Cherry Hill Road, Parsippany, 07054, or call (973) 316-6676.

Seton Hall Prep Prep Announces Honor Roll Students

Seton Hall Prep in West Orange has announced the names of area students who received academic honors for the first trimester. Students must obtain an average above 4.0 to qualify for First Honors. Edward Smith of Westfield, an 11th grade student, achieved First Honors. Students must obtain an average between 3.5 and 4.0 to qualify for Second Honors. Michael Panza, a ninth grade student from Westfield, Robert Murphy,

a ninth grade student from Scotch Plains, Rory Verducci, a ninth grade student from Fanwood, and Russell Verducci, an 11th grade student from Fanwood, achieved Second Honors. Students must obtain an average between 3.0 and 3.5 to qualify for Commended honors. William Davidson, a 10th grade student, John Murch, a ninth grade student, and Brian O'Neill, a 10th grade student, all of Westfield, achieved Commended honors.

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By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Reports of garbage coming across a rail link from Staten Island to Union County's incinerator in Rahway drew the ire of Union County Freeholders last week.

The action follows news accounts that New York plans to ship 5,900 tons per day of solid waste originating from the boroughs of Manhattan and Queens to as-yet-to-be-built waste transfer stations in Newark and Carteret.

New York is looking to fund an alternative to the Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island, which has been designated for closure within three years.

The Freeholders pulled out as the main sponsor of a rail link between Staten Island and Union County over concerns that their objective of increasing economic development along the proposed line was being ignored.

Published reports state that Freeholders also became concerned upon learning that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey had budgeted \$22 million for the project.

In a strongly worded resolution sponsored by Freeholder Donald Goncalves and passed by the board, the county government officially noted its opposition to a New York City plan to transport garbage to New Jersey via a garbage barge.

"This plan represents an outrageous assault on the state of New Jersey by jeopardizing the quality of life of New Jersey citizens and everything the state has accomplished through an enormous commitment in the past decade to cleaning up its beaches and shorefront areas and eliminating practices that could threaten them," according to the resolution.

Freeholder Goncalves noted that state legislators plan to look into the issue. Especially of concern is that the garbage will not be in containers, thus increasing the risk of pollution along the Jersey shoreline.

Published reports note that New York officials plan to send the trash to sites in Newark and Carteret, where it will be unloaded and placed in containers before being shipped to disposal sites inside and outside of New Jersey.

The Freeholders' resolution notes that under the state's Solid Waste Management Act of 1970, transfer facilities of the type proposed to receive New York City garbage must be approved by county Freeholder boards and by the state Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

It also urges the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to "scrutinize and review, in the most

environmentally sensitive, aggressive and thorough manner possible" the New York proposal.

While New Jersey's solid waste system was effectively deregulated through a court decision, all New Jersey disposal facilities must be DEP approved.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan said last week that the Rahway incinerator is at full capacity and thus there is little chance New York's garbage will be headed there.

Nearly half that capacity — some 250,000 tons — represents long-term contracts with 13 communities in Union County. Ogden Martin Systems Inc., the builder of the facility, is in charge of marketing the remaining capacity as part of a 25-year lease agreement it signed with the Union County Utilities Authority earlier this year.

In other business, Freeholder Sullivan received the accolades of board members in his final meeting as Chairman.

Freeholder Vice Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari, who assumes the Chairmanship on Sunday, January 10, noted that Mr. Sullivan came before the board with an aggressive agenda which he and the board followed through on as the year progressed.

The 1998 Chairman put through a program to preserve county parks by issuing grants of up to \$125,000 to municipalities, as well as grants to school districts to help connect all classrooms in the county to the Internet by the year 2000.

The county also started a grant program for artists this year to help

Freeholders to Observe Holidays With Carols

The 42nd Annual "Christmas Carol Sing Along" will take place Thursday, December 24, at the Old Courthouse in Elizabeth, with the Ric-Charles Choral Ensemble performing.

The traditional event, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and County Manager Michael J. Lapolla, will begin at 11 a.m. around the Rotunda Christmas Tree on the first floor of the Old Courthouse at the corner of Broad Street and Rahway Avenue.

Mr. Lapolla will be the Master of Ceremonies, and Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan will lead fellow members of the board in welcoming the public to the event. The Reverend William Guyer will deliver the invocation and the benediction.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in this holiday celebration.

them continue their diversity within the county.

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella noted that Mr. Sullivan brought a "strength and vision" to the office of board chairman. He added that Freeholder Sullivan "walked the walk and talked the talk."

County Manager Michael J. Lapolla, a former Freeholder Chairman himself, said Freeholder Sullivan put forward an agenda while exhibiting a "sense of fairness and a

sense of humor."

Accepting the praise from the board, Freeholder Sullivan said the Freeholders came together this year with a "sense of purpose" to accomplish the issues he had put before them.

"Basically, I just think we had a tremendous year," he added.

Freeholder Sullivan was reelected to another three-year term in November. He joined the board in 1993 to fill a board vacancy.

Volunteers Lauded for Efforts Against Substance Abuse

Union County Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr., spoke of the importance of fighting drug and alcohol abuse during the Annual Meeting of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) held recently at the Westwood in Garwood.

LACADA is a Freeholder-appointed advisory board responsible for providing policy input, development of programs and resource allocation of funds for prevention and treatment of substance abuse in Union County.

In addition to being the featured speaker, Freeholder Mingo was one of 27 honorees recognized during an award ceremony for the 1998 Municipal Alliance Volunteers of the Year.

"We are at a time when drug and alcohol abuse continues to be at an all-time high. Not long ago, this was an adult problem. That is no longer the case," Freeholder Mingo said.

"The problem we now face is drug

abuse among school students. Figures show that 22 percent of eighth graders and up to 50 percent of seniors have tried marijuana, and 2.5 percent of those seniors have tried heroin," Freeholder Mingo added.

"Alcohol and drugs play a predominant role in most crimes. We are doing our best to stem that tide," concurred Carol Berger, an Assistant Prosecutor with Union County for 14 years and LACADA Chairwoman.

Ms. Berger, along with Freeholder Mingo and Diane Litterer, Chairwoman of the Professional Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (PACADA), presented the Appreciation Awards to the 1998 Municipal Alliance Volunteers of the Year.

Among the award recipients were Sue Winans, Mountainside Recreation Director; Elizabeth Gordon of Scotch Plains-Fanwood, and Elizabeth Riker of Westfield.



HOLIDAY CRAFT FUN...Students and their families from School One Elementary in Scotch Plains recently enjoyed the annual PTA Craft Fair. Pictured, left to right, are: Linda Kolb, Mary Jo Van Buskirk, Paige Van Buskirk, Kevin Regan and Judy Dougherty.

Councilman Hart Bids Farewell to Colleagues On Mountainside Body

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

After serving the Borough of Mountainside for six years, David M. Hart performed his last official duties as a councilman during the governing body's December 15 meeting.

A resident of the borough for 44 years, Councilman Hart also served as Mountainside's representative to the Union County Regional High School District for 12 years.

He additionally performed many leadership roles through his involvement with the Boy Scouts, the Lions Club, the Mountainside Music Association and the Jonathan Dayton Choral Parents Association.

Councilman Hart also served on the Mountainside Recreation Commission, and has been active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

During his tenure as a Councilman, he served as a Liaison to the borough's library, as well as to the Board of Education, and to Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH). He announced that he is proud of the accomplishments that all three groups have made in recent years.

He especially commended the efforts of the borough's Board of Education and the newly-formed Strategic Planning Committee, which he noted is made up of community volunteers as well as members of the board and teachers.

He stated that the focus of the Strategic Planning Committee is to review the goals and objectives for the district and make suggestions for improvements that can be made.

Councilman Hart also commended the efforts of Children's Specialized Hospital in trying to affiliate itself with the Robert Wood Johnson Health System and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

He added that through these affiliations, the hospital would be able to offer even more services to patients and their parents.

The outgoing Councilman also served on the hospital's Building and Grounds Committee, whose efforts resulted in the construction of a new parking garage for CSH two years ago.

Councilman Hart served as a science teacher at Roosevelt Junior High

School in Westfield from 1951 to 1959, and as Assistant Principal at Deerfield School from 1959 to 1962.

In 1963, he became Principal of Charles H. Brewer School in Clark, and later Principal of Carl H. Kumpf School, also in Clark, a position he held from 1983 until he retired in 1985.

During his career in education, Councilman Hart also taught at Kean College in Union as an Adjunct Professor of Science Education.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Science Education and his Master of Arts Degree in Administration and Supervision from Montclair State College, now Montclair State University, in Upper Montclair.

In 1948, he married his wife, Dr. Marilyn Hart, who also served the borough for many years. Dr. Hart, who holds a Doctoral Degree in Urban Anthropology from Rutgers Uni-



David M. Hart

versity, served on the Borough Council for 12 years. She also served for three years on the Union County Regional High School District Board.

While on the council, Dr. Hart served as a Liaison to the Mountainside Board of Education. In addition, she served as the Fire Commissioner.

Councilman and Dr. Hart have three children. Their son, Michael, is a dentist who operates Gentle Dental Care in Edison. They also have two daughters, Ellen Richardson, an insurance executive in Ohio, and Allison Brafman, an attorney who owns the Journeyman Title Agency with her husband in Westfield. The Harts also have six grandchildren.

In 1994, the Councilman and his wife started the David Hart annual Westfield High School scholarship award of \$1,000 for a student who has shown respect for the environment or who is aware of the ecological balance of nature.

When asked about his retirement from the governing body, Mr. Hart responded, "I appreciated being a member of the Borough Council and working with such a dedicated and professional group."

"I am also proud to know a group who gave such a tremendous amount of time and dedication to the community," he added.

With his pending extra free time, Mr. Hart stated that he would be doing more fishing, including fly fishing and fishing for shad, bonefish, steelhead, and salmon.

Mr. Hart said he also plans to continue serving as a member of the Board of Directors for Trout Unlimited, a national organization for the preservation and enhancement of cold water fishing.

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REWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE...Frances Trees, a computer science and mathematics teacher at Westfield High School, shows school Principal Dr. Robert G. Petix the excellence award she received from the Siemens Foundation.

High School Teacher Earns Advanced Placement Award

WESTFIELD - Frances Trees, a computer science and mathematics teacher at Westfield High School, has been awarded \$1,000 for excellence in Advanced Placement studies, instruction and administration by the Siemens Foundation.

The organization awarded 26 high schools students, 20 teachers (12 regional and 8 urban teachers) and 10 high schools (6 regional and 4 urban schools). Students received scholarships of \$3,000 each and teachers and schools received recognition awards of \$1,000 each.

Ms. Trees has been a teacher for over 25 years. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics

from LaSalle University; a Master of Arts degree in computer science from Montclair State University; and a Master of Arts degree in education and mathematics from Beaver College. She has also been enrolled in graduate school courses for teaching computer science.

Ms. Trees has written publications including "Teacher's Guide to Advanced Placement Courses in Computer Science" and "C++ and the AP Program."

She also has been awarded the Tandy Technology Scholar Outstanding Teacher Award and Advanced Placement Recognition Award for the middle states region.

Women for Women to Hold Stress-Free Writing Workshop

WESTFIELD - Women for Women of Union County will hold a hands-on writing workshop entitled, "Write Away Stress" on Monday, January 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Community Room of the Municipal Building in Westfield.

Michelle Bernstein of Cranford, who designed the workshop, will offer writing exercises to help participants alleviate stress.

Ms. Bernstein explained, "Some people think of writing as a stressful activity. Journal writing and personal writing are designed to be very non-stressful. It helps you safely release tension, frustration and anger, solve problems and work through issues, make decisions and learn to write spontaneously and with joy."

Ms. Bernstein, an artist and certified journal instructor, serves on the faculty of The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. She has presented workshops for Barnes and Noble, Christ Hospital, The Resource Center for Women, The Center for Journal Therapy, Hadassah and other groups and organizations.

Admission to the workshop is free. For further information, please call Women for Women at (908) 232-5787.

Union County College Slates Open House After New Year

Union County College (UCC) will hold an Open House on Saturday, January 9, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Roy W. Smith Theater at its Cranford campus.

Information will be presented on admissions, financial aid, the college level entrance program, international student requirements, allied health programs, student activities, and transfer opportunities to four-year schools.

Tours of the 48-acre Cranford campus will also be available, along with information on UCC's other campuses, located in Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains.

UCC offers more than 75 programs of study in a variety of disciplines at its four campuses. The spring semester is set to begin on Wednesday, January 20.

For more information about the college or the Open House, please contact Mary Beth Reilly at (908) 709-7518, or by e-mail at mreil222@hawk.ucc.edu.

Old Guard Announces List Of January Events, Speakers

WESTFIELD - The Old Guard of Westfield has released its calendar of events and guest speakers for January.

All programs will take place on Thursdays and will begin with a social period from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Speakers will present topics from 11 a.m. to noon.

• January 7 - Former Fanwood Police Chief Anthony J. Parenti, now the Director of the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains, will speak at the group's first regular Thursday meeting of 1999.

• January 14 - Ellen Goldberg from Raptor Trust in Basking Ridge will speak about saving and nursing

injured birds.

• January 21 - Patty Colligan-Levine from Overlook Hospital in Summit will discuss how to prepare a living will.

• January 28 - Dan Kalem from Chime, an organization which promotes the use of medical alert necklaces, will discuss Medicare alert.

The Old Guard is a social club for retired and semi-retired men from Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside, Cranford, Rahway, Clark, Linden, Springfield, Garwood, Roselle, Union, Roselle Park and other surrounding communities.

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

Franklin Elementary Elects Student Council Officers

WESTFIELD - New Franklin Elementary School student council officers and class representatives took their oaths at a recent ceremony.

Principal of Franklin Elementary, Dr. Margaret Dolan, reminded the newly-elected students that along with the privilege of becoming elected, students must attend meetings and represent the classmates who elected them.

Assistant Principal Pat Rooney began the ceremony and inducted Jeff Perella, President; Katie Tutela, Vice-President; Secretary Ben Walker and Treasurer Jesse Cohn. Mr. Rooney and Music Teacher Wendy Woodfield will guide the council.

The student council has held fundraisers including a hat sale, a car wash as well as pizza and bagel sale days. Several projects suggested by the students are currently underway.



YOUNG POLITICIANS...At a recent ceremony at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield, newly elected student council officers and class representatives took oaths of office. The council will be guided by Assistant Principal Pat Rooney and Music Teacher Wendy Woodfield. The officers, pictured, left to right, are: front row, Lee Bernstein, Kevin Smith, President Jeff Perrella, Vice President Katie Tutela, Tara Dieiso, and Bobby LaForge; back row, Treasurer Jesse Cohn, Jennifer Evans, Katherine Jarmas, Emily Kieczkowski, Ellen Ramage, Ryan Kuppersmith, Secretary Benjamin Walker, and Eric Zagorski.



SERVICE PROJECT...The students at St. Bartholomew School in Scotch Plains recently provided four families in the community with a complete dinner for Thanksgiving. They have planned future service projects in preparation for Confirmation. Pictured, left to right, are: top row, Zennie Anne Piedad, Janet Johnson, Sarah Chmielewski, Aimee Antoine, Christopher Breen, Ernesto Cerimele, Ray DiNizo, Kevin Gates and Anthony D'Errico; middle row, eighth grade teacher, Patricia Graham, Cristina Dyogi, Jennifer Juba, Alison Clark, Kathleen Murray, Shannan Osbahr, Ann Cossolini, Cara Yupango, Thomas Ritter, Principal Sister Louise Lauretti and Anthony Isidrow, and, bottom row, Eufrazio Velarde, Christian Nicosia, Brian Searls, Sean Bennett, Michael Jiran and Michael Perinelli.

St. Bartholomew Students Organize Service Projects

SCOTCH PLAINS - Eighth grade students at St. Bartholomew School have held and organized several service projects in preparation for their Confirmation in May.

Recently, the students provided four families in the community with a complete dinner for Thanksgiving. The students have held recycling projects, organized school events, created ornaments for the parish Giving

Tree and served at Mass services. Students have planned to provide food baskets for Easter, fundraising to donate proceeds to a chosen charity, and assistance in soup kitchens.

To provide the students with opportunities for community services, please contact St. Bartholomew's School at (908) 322-4265.

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POPCORN™ Star Trek: Insurrection Far Out Lessons

By Michael S. Goldberger



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What's this? Hippiess in the 23rd century? Has Captain Jean-Luc Picard and his illustrious Starship Enterprise crew stumbled upon a lost colony of flower children?

Are these gentle souls the descendants of the Love Generation, secretly living their lives in the far reaches of the galaxy after making a wrong turn in 1969 at the corner of Haight and Ashbury? Literally, no, metaphorically, of course.

The peace-loving folk in *Star Trek: Insurrection* reside in a virtual Valhalla, tucked away on the rough fringes of the universe in an otherwise inhospitable area known as the briar patch. They may be called the Ba'Ku, but all they're missing is the tie-dyed outfits. Artisan-farmers, they have mastered and then rejected technology.

"You've achieved warp?" Picard asks incredulously.

Yup, been there, did that, got the t-shirt, relates potential love interest Anij (Donna Murphy), although she explains it in the more highly evolved, politely descending manner of the Ba'Ku.

These intergalactic philosophers serve as a perfectly dramatic contrast to Picard's pushy Federation gang, whose obvious exploratory ambition makes them look like the Yuppies of the universe.

But the much starker contrast, which constitutes the pith of screenwriter Michael Piller's nicely etched script, is between the Ba'Ku and the jealously evil Son'a, who have major differences (and surprising similarities) despite a mutual affection for apostrophes in their name.

It appears that Ponce DeLeon was searching in the wrong place all along. The sixteenth century discoverer of Florida should have looked skyward. For the fountain of youth exists, here in director Jonathan Frakes' wonderfully hokey outer space, and the Ba'Ku have found it. They're going to live forever. No wonder they're so smug and calm.

Naturally, the ugly Son'a, a dying civilization made up of ghouls who all look like the leper dad in *Braveheart*, want this Pepperland for their own.

And they aren't willing to share. In a bit of despicable manipulation reminiscent of Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler, Son'a leader Ru'afu, portrayed with heinous splendor by F. Murray Abraham, has gained the Federation's blessing for his planetary takeover; the Ba'Ku are to be relocated.

But something's rotten in outer space. The Son'a plan sticks in Picard's craw. Relocation of an indigenous population is a Federation charter no-no (and you think we Americans have a constitutional crisis?), and even though the Ba'Ku had actually emigrated to this youth-promoting planet about 300 years ago, the uncharacteristic Federation action seems rash.

Surely that governing body had not made an informed decision. Yet star fleet admiral Dougherty (Anthony Zerbe), on hand for the relocation, nervously assures the indignant captain that there has been no mistake. He orders his cooperation.

Hence, there is only one thing for a sophisticated, self-assured hero of the universe to do. Risking court martial, Picard goes gallantly renegade in defense of the Ba'Ku. And of course his loyal crew, including a lackluster Riker and an amusing-as-ever Data (Brent Spiner), follows him into the breach.

Special effects-laden battles follow. By combining a modicum of sociology with an astute helping of political science and then adding a sprinkling of psychology, *Star Trek: Insurrection* weaves a convivial tale of humanism, providing yet another moral lesson to live by.

But do you really care how many gigatrons it takes to energize the photosphere and thus activate the bio-nucleic gobbledygook shield, or something to that effect?

If so, there's plenty of that to warm the cockles of your technospew-loving heart.

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ANGEL, EVANGELIST

At some point on the colorful palette of religious history, painters of spiritual themes decided to affix wings to their artistic portrayals of celestial messengers.

While from that point on, the word "angel" has been taken to mean "divine messenger," angels were not always divine. Rather, "angel" is derived from the Greek word "angelikos," meaning, simply, "messenger."

Meanwhile, back here on earth, the word we currently use to describe a secular messenger of the divine word, "evangelist," is also derived from angelikos.

In the case of evangelist, evangelical, et al, the Greek prefix "eu-," meaning "good" (later changed to the Latin ev-) was added to angel, thereby expanding the literal definition to "good messenger." Accordingly, an evangelist is "one who zealously spreads the gospel."

There you have the "good news" about angel and evangelist. We hope you got the message.

WESTFIELD GIRLSCOUTS

Girl Scouts Announce Future Events; Thankful to Community for Support

Written by Girl Scouts for Girl Scouts

The Westfield Girl Scouts would like to thank the people of Westfield for their support of the recent TROOPS project.

The TROOPS project, run in conjunction with the American Red Cross, collected coffee, teas, hot chocolate, popcorn, audio and video tapes, books, holiday decorations and luminaria in order to provide our servicemen and women in Bosnia, Hungary, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia with a touch of "home" for the holidays. As a result, 21 cases were collected and shipped to our service people.

A special thanks goes to Leslie Streit and her Cadette Troop No. 989, who were in charge of carrying out the project. Thanks, too, to all the school representatives who coordinated the project within their respective schools.

The seventh annual Mitten Tree Project was also a huge success. Over 700 new mittens, hats, scarves and socks were collected. These donations were distributed to New Jersey's needy via St. Joseph's Coalition for the Homeless in Elizabeth, St. Clare's Home for Children with AIDS and HIV in Elizabeth, Newark and Jersey City, and, lastly, Madonna House in Neptune.

Our thanks to Nancy Kielar and her Cadette Troop No. 540, who organized the town-wide effort, and to all school representatives for coordinating the drive within their schools.

We are indeed grateful to the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce for permitting the Westfield Girl Scouts to enact the Mitten Tree collection during Santa's arrival at the northside train station on November 29. This doubled our usual community support, and for this we again thank the people of Westfield for their generosity.

The first order of business for the Westfield Girl Scouts in this new year of 1999 calls for a Service Team meeting on Wednesday, January 6, from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. at the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

A Cookie Mom training meeting will also be held on January 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Franklin Elementary School gymnasium, and will be repeated on Thursday, January 7, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Christine Mason at 617 Prospect Street. Any troop Cookie Mom who did not attend the December 8 training session must attend either one of these two scheduled meetings.

A Leader's meeting will be held on January 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Edison Intermediate School. This meeting will include the Community Association meeting with a policy vote and/or delegate's report. All senior Girl Scout troops are asked to be present at this meeting in lieu of the regularly scheduled first-Tuesday-of-the-month meeting at Westminster Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

It's Girl Scout Cookie time. The cookie sale begins on Friday, January 22, and will run through Monday, February 8. Delivery date of cookies in Westfield is Friday, March 12, with the Girl Scouts delivering to homes thereafter.

The second annual Father (or Special Someone)/Daughter bowling party will be held on Sunday, January 24, at Strike-N-Spare Bowling Lanes in Greenbrook, from noon to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person and includes two games, bowling shoe rentals and a soda.

All persons attending are urged to wear white-soled sneakers in the event their bowling shoe size is not available. Bowling patches are available for \$1. Please call Rosemarie Panarese at (908) 233-5517 for further information.

Mark your calendars for the Girl Scout Dance which will be held on Friday, February 5, in the cafeteria of Edison Intermediate School. Girl Scouts in kindergarten through third grade will attend from 4:30 to 6 p.m. A second session will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for Girl Scouts in grades 3 and up. Cost is \$3 per person and includes a patch and refreshments. A disk jockey will provide the music.

Future events include: Service Day is slated for Saturday, April 17. Leaders and older girls are needed to serve on the planning committee. Please call Malissa Cass, Service Day Chairwoman, at (908) 233-6226 if you are interested in being a part of this committee.

Westfield's Encampment will be held June 4 to 6 at Camp Hoover. Informational letters have been mailed to all troops. Your prompt response is requested.

At the conclusion of this year of 1998, the Westfield Girl Scout community is happy to report that the Girl Scout population in Westfield is continuously growing. There are currently 92 troops made up of 956 girls and 355 leaders/adults. It is great to see so many active participants in such a worthwhile and important extracurricular activity.

Thank you for joining us in this edition of the Westfield Girl Scout news. We wish all of our Girl Scouts, our leaders and all the people of the community a truly happy, healthy, prosperous and peaceful New Year.

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

Please See More Columns On Page 5

We Thank Exiting Officials for Service; Look for Downtown Improvements in '99

As Christmas approaches this Friday, and with Hanukkah now passed, it is important that we remember the critical issues and events that occurred over the past year. In today's issue we have summarized the first half of the year in the towns we cover. (Mountainside will be in next week's issue). We encourage our readers to recall with us the many interesting news stories covered by *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* over the past year.

At this time, we would like to take the opportunity to wish the best to those officials who will be leaving office at the end of this year. In Westfield, Gail S. Vernick will be leaving the Town Council after four years. Meanwhile, in Fanwood, longtime Councilman Bruce H. Walsh is retiring from the governing body after 10 years of service, the past three as Council President.

In Scotch Plains, Mayor Joan Papen, Councilwoman Irene T. Schmidt, and Councilman Robert E. Johnston are leaving the governing body after many years of service to the township. Also exiting is Donald T. DiFrancesco as Township Attorney, a position he has held the past 16 years. Westfield Town Attorney Charles H. Brandt is leaving after two decades in his current position.

Mountainside Councilman David M. Hart is retiring after a long tenure of service to the Borough Council and, before that, the now defunct Regional Board of Education.

We thank these officials for the years they have put in to make our towns a better place to live.

As we enter the last year of this decade, our hope is that our local political parties can work together to achieve united solutions to the many issues facing our towns. Our Governor has promised to put property taxes at the top of her agenda.

Mr. DiFrancesco, in his other role as State Senate President, has said municipal aid to towns will head the list on his 1999 Senate agenda. Any reduction in these funds, especially below the cost of living, will result in an increase in property taxes unless towns can offset this loss through other sources of revenue. A bi-partisan solution to this issue is of utmost importance in 1999.

As we await the new year, let us try to focus on the efforts our communities are making to concentrate on our business districts through the spirit of volunteerism.

We, at *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*, wish our readers a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Letters to the Editor

United Fund Brings Peace and Joy Through Programs in Community

Peace on earth requires more than good wishes. It means reaching out to all people. The holidays are a special time to reach out and share our joys by bringing happiness to others in our community. The United Fund of Westfield is devoted to bringing peace and joy to everyone.

The 20 member agencies of the Westfield United Fund provide year-round services and programs to Westfielders. Many programs are necessary and enriching to the quality of life during the holidays. Our agency clients say:

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"Thank you for providing my grandmother with a hot meal every day."
"Thank you for helping me care for my mother with Alzheimer's."
"Thank you for taking me to my dialysis treatment twice a week."

Agency services are designed for you, and are made possible by you. The holidays are brightened for children, families and the elderly by special seasonal activities conducted by United Fund agencies, and the spirit of caring and sharing will continue throughout the new year.

All Westfielders are invited to become part of the caring network by contributing to the United Fund Campaign.

Your gift enables 20 community agencies to meet the needs of thousands of Westfielders, and helps make Westfield a better place in which to live and to work.

The United Fund is grateful to the many Westfielders who already have contributed to the 1998 campaign. Those who have not yet sent in a donation are urged to do so today. The support of each and every Westfielder is important!

From all of us at the United Fund and on behalf of our agencies, we thank you and wish you a joyful and peaceful holiday season.

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

Student From Chicago Seeks Local News Clippings, Postcards, Tapes, Etc.

In my seventh grade social studies class in Chicago, we are studying United States history. One of our assignments is to write a research paper about a particular state and how it relates to the history of the country. I have chosen New Jersey as the subject of my research.

I would very much appreciate if you could send me items that would be of interest. Post cards, newspapers with unique features about New Jersey, clippings, articles, video tapes, old license plates, unique products from your region, or other items that might help geography

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and history to come alive in my classroom.

We are to present a report to the class and anything especially interesting would make my report the best in the class. Please help me learn about your state and spark the interest of my classmates. Besides, everyone enjoys getting mail!

Our school is on the northern side of Chicago, about six miles from the downtown area (The Loop). We have about 100 students in the seventh grade and about 1,000 students in our building (Kindergarten to grade 8). Most of our students are either immigrants or children of recent immigrants.

We have students from many parts of the world - Mexico, Bulgaria, Korea, Nigeria, India, Bosnia, Vietnam, Guatemala, The Philippines, and many other places. Most of the students have not lived outside Chicago.

I was born in Pakistan but moved with my family to Chicago. I enjoy watching television and listening to the radio. I chose New Jersey to write about because I want to know what is the important role of this state in the United States. Besides, I heard of this state many times and it sounds interesting!

I look forward to receiving mail from you. Thank you for your interest in my education and your kindness.

Lubna Durrani
Chicago, Illinois

Board of Ed Thanks Westfield for Support

On behalf of the Westfield Board of Education, I would like to express our gratitude to the community for its overwhelming support of the December 15 school bond referendum.

The almost 3 to 1 margin of votes in favor of the \$11.7 million bond was a strong message from members of our community that their priorities are on the children and their education.

I would also like to express our thanks to the many volunteers who helped develop the bond proposal and present it to the public. This was a community effort from beginning to end.

We can now look forward to implementing the important classroom additions, capital projects and technology infrastructure our children and our schools deserve.

Danielle Walsh, President
Westfield Board of Education

Bob Franks Should Keep Opinions About Possible Impeachment Private

The United States House of Representatives is these days suffering a massive case of obsessive-compulsive disorder. Poor things. Our 7th District Congressional "Representative" Robert Franks and his Republican cronies would do well to go on Prozac.

Every good thing is susceptible of abuse and - human nature being what it unfortunately is - every good thing is abused sooner or later. The mechanism of impeachment provided for by the Constitution is alas the casualty du jour. Impeachment is not a means to undo an

election, Congressman Franks.

That, though, is precisely the process your vote on December 19 has begun. You have effectively helped to snatch from the people of the land the power explicitly vested in them.

Sex, I'm afraid, is here to stay. Forget about the President's private sex life and get on with the real needs of your constituents. That, I think, is why we are paying you your handsome salary.

I, for one, am fed up and disgusted with the political games in Washington and will never, ever again vote Republican.

Dr. Ferdinand Gajewski
Westfield
Assemblymen Thanked
By SP/FCAAN Board

The Board of Directors of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Citizens Against Aircraft Noise, Inc. (SP/FCAAN) wishes to thank our District 22 state representatives for actively supporting noise relief.

Recently, Senator Donald T. DiFrancesco, Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger and Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine wrote individually to Federal Aviation Administrator Jane Garvey.

They each recommended that the 260-degree test be mothballed and that the New Jersey Citizens Against Aircraft Noise Ocean Routing Plan be live-tested for six months.

We sincerely appreciate their continued advocacy of relief for our communities and the Garden State. We wish everyone a healthy and, hopefully, quieter 1999.

Martha Sides
Secretary, SP/FCAAN

Appreciation Expressed For Fiorino Benefit

This very special thank you goes out to a caring community of loving friends and family. The First Annual John Fiorino Dinner-Dance that was held at Temple Emanu-El on November 7 of this year was an amazing tribute to my late husband, John.

I would like to personally thank the members of The Fiorino Committee, Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff and the congregation of Temple Emanu-El for their generosity. Cosimo's Restaurant, and the hundreds of people who purchased tickets, made donations, came to the dinner, and once again, let me and my children feel very special.

It was an enjoyable evening with terrific food, good music and lots of outstanding friends. I can't tell you how much this has been appreciated and I can't thank you enough.

Allison Fiorino and Children
Westfield





Understanding the Ins, Outs of Fixed & Variable Annuities

By RICH PRESTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Annuities are sold by life insurance companies to provide benefits during your lifetime. An annuity provides a guaranteed lifetime income that you can elect to have start either immediately after purchase or at a future date.

In general, there are two types of annuities—fixed and variable. A fixed annuity provides a specific income for life. With a variable annuity, payouts above a guaranteed minimum level are dependent on investment return.

In both fixed and variable annuities, you do not have to pay income tax on the accumulated earnings until payouts start.

Payout, when the time comes, may be in one of several forms:

- **Straight Life Annuity**—You receive an income for the rest of your life. However, no payments are made to anyone, even your dependents, after your death. This is sometimes called a "pure" annuity. It provides the largest amount of income per dollar of purchase money.

This type often is recommended for a person who needs the maximum amount of income and either has no dependents or has taken care of them through other means.

- **Joint and Survivor Annuity**—Payouts are made for as long as either you or your designated survivor lives.

- **Installment Refund Annuity**—Payouts are somewhat less than a straight life annuity, but they will at least equal the amount paid in premiums, regardless of when you die; any refund is paid to your beneficiary in installments.

- **Life Annuity with Period Certain**—Payouts are made to you for your life. However, this type of annuity features a "guarantee" provision. This means that if you die within a certain period after you start receiving income, usually 10 or 20 years, your benefi-

ciary will receive regular payments for the balance of that period.

Because annuities have many different features, there are a number of factors to examine before you buy. For example, are there penalties for early withdrawals? Are there graduated withdrawal charges over a period of years? How much can you withdraw at any one time without a penalty?

In addition, if you are considering the purchase of an annuity, you should ask:

- What is the current interest rate and how often does it change?
- What is the minimum interest rate guaranteed in the contract?
- Is there a "bail-out option" that permits you to cash in the annuity, without withdrawal penalties (there may be tax penalties), if the interest rate drops below a specified figure?
- Are there front-end load charges or annual administrative fees? How much are they and how will they affect your return?

Annuities are a popular product, providing an important retirement savings vehicle for many Americans. Consumers should consider carefully their options when purchasing an annuity.

For questions about a specific annuity product, contact the insurance company directly or ask your agent. For general information about annuities, call the National Insurance Consumer Helpline (NICH) at 1-800-942-4242. This toll-free telephone line is staffed by trained personnel and licensed agents who can answer a wide variety of questions and can provide consumer brochures.

Rich Preston, a native Westfielder now residing in Madison, is an agent for Northwestern Life Insurance in Springfield.



SCOUTS AND BAKERS...Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 456 at Washington Elementary School in Westfield recently conducted a bake sale at their school, with all proceeds being given to the New Jersey Greyhound Adoption Program, a non-profit organization which places 10 to 15 greyhounds per month. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Kate Matthews, Jennie Scollon, Diana Goodman, Emily Cleaves and Julie Bennett, and back row, Anna McGrath, Danielle Partenope, Katlin Swadosh and Diana Spiridigliozzi.

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FROM THE DESK OF JOAN PAPAN Mayor Papan Addresses FAA Regarding 260-Degree Test

— MAYOR OF SCOTCH PLAINS —

The following is a letter I sent with the council's full approval to the FAA. They had requested input regarding the recent 260-degree test plan. Dennis Hardie, our township representative to the Union County Aircraft Noise Committee, was very instrumental in putting our reply together.

Since the change of the aircraft flight patterns in 1989, this council has been actively pursuing every possible alternative to help alleviate the aircraft noise. We have done more than just pass resolutions. We hired a nationally known firm out of Washington, D.C., Cutler & Stanfield, to do an air traffic study and research areas of the country who had similar problems.

Last year prior to the 260 test, Frank Hatfield, FAA Air Traffic Manager for the Eastern Region, made a live presentation on Channel 34. This council has always been open minded to investigate any alternate proposal as long as it is safe. For your information, the following is the letter which I sent to the FAA:

"Early in 1998 Frank Hatfield, FAA Airspace Manager, gave a presentation at a public meeting in Scotch Plains, at my invitation, on the proposed SID2 (260 degree) test. His maps showed air traffic would utilize an industrial corridor between Carteret and Rahway, providing significant aircraft noise relief to Scotch Plains and the surrounding area.

Based on Mr. Hatfield's presentation, the Scotch Plains Township Council adopted a resolution supporting the six-month test of the 260 route provided that:

1. The Township Council receives bi-monthly updates on the noise levels and other pertinent data; and
2. The FAA provide a copy of the ocean route study to the Township Council; and
3. The FAA continue to pursue other alternatives to reduce aircraft noise for all residents of Union County and New Jersey.

None of these conditions were every implemented.

The Scotch Plains Aircraft Noise Committee, Inc., in cooperation with the Port Authority of New York New Jersey, collected noise monitoring data and radar flight track maps before and during the 260 test.

The data indicates a 20 percent increase in aircraft noise in Scotch Plains caused by the 260 route. Radar track maps show that aircraft did not follow the designated route, turning too soon

and passing over residential areas of many communities including Scotch Plains.

In late summer, Mr. Hatfield admitted the SID2 (260 degree) test was not working as planned. He did not explain why.

Your (FAA Eastern Region Air Traffic Division administrator Stu Cohen) November 23 letter says "it was determined that a 260 heading would be required to ensure better reception of the Solberg 100 radial signal because pilots had trouble receiving the signal."

The Scotch Plains Aircraft Noise Committee, Inc. recently acquired aviation safety reports submitted by pilots to the Aviation Safety Reporting System. These reports cited poor FAA chart design that led them to expect the controller to tell them when to turn towards Solberg. This caused pilots to miss the turn and fly into LaGuardia Airport arrival airspace compromising aviation safety.

It is disturbing that FAA continued the 260 test in spite of numerous incidents in which aviation safety was compromised, and explains why controllers and pilots did not follow the 260 route.

Your map (Exhibit 1) shows the 260 heading negatively impacts more residential areas in New Jersey than the original 220 heading.

The six-year, \$10 million Final Environmental Impact Statement of air routes over New Jersey said the FAA preferred alternative was to modify current procedures to incorporate a mitigation measure to reduce aircraft noise in the Scotch Plains area of Union County, called the Solberg Mitigation Proposal. This route included the 220 heading and provided Scotch Plains with relief during the short time it was actually flown.

We want the Solberg Mitigation Proposal (SMP) implemented as it was originally designed, including the 220 heading. For this reason the Township of Scotch Plains, opposes alternatives one and two. We favor Alternative Three only if the SMP is implemented as designed.

Performing an Environmental Assessment of the SID2 (260 degree) route is a waste of tax dollars. Port Authority radar flight track maps show that the route was ignored by controllers and pilots, reportedly because it compromised aviation safety. Therefore, the data used for an assessment will be flawed."

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Westfield Academic Team Prepares For Competition

By GABRIELLA SPINATO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — The Westfield High School (WHS) Academic Team has begun pre-season training for Rutgers University's inaugural Academic Challenge.

The February competition provides WHS with the perfect opportunity to defend its reputation of academic excellence and to form student relationships beyond town borderlines.

The Rutgers Academic Challenge was developed by the University's Relations Department and is managed by Rutgers Office of Television and Radio. The state-wide competition builds future leadership and challenges intellectual thought among high school students.

Field teams composed of eight students are invited from participating schools throughout the state.

The new Academic Challenge consists of a series of educational tournaments linked closely to New Jersey's Core Curriculum Standards.

Unlike competitions that favor traditional testing techniques, Rutgers Academic Challenge alternatively tests students in various general areas — social studies, language arts, mathematics, science and technology.

The participants must use their knowledge in these areas to perform six "tasks" which measure their skills in group problem-solving, creative and critical thinking, public speaking, and rapid response to questioning.

These mind-boggling tasks include: "History-in-a-Box"—where students must decipher and report on clues regarding a particular event in history; "Mystery Desk"—in which students decipher and report on a contemporary or historical person; "What's your point?"—in which students are addressed with a major contemporary issue and must propose two solutions; "Piles of Tiles"—where students solve a range of mathematical problems by

using only tiles of various lengths; and "Science-Outside-the-Box"—where students follow particular requirements to construct a specific object out of supplied materials.

The ultimate area of competition is the "3-way Quiz." In 3-way, the first to hit a buzzer and answer a question correctly earns points for his or her team.

The winners of the event are chosen according to the number of team-earned points. Eventually, after many challenges, three regional winners and one state champion are declared during a television broadcasted championship tournament.

The winners of the competition receive scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000. As an added bonus, the winning team will receive the Rutgers President's Cup and a cash prize for their school.

The members of the WHS Academic Team include seniors Nefthi Sandeep, Nora Murphy, Tracy Aliche, Carla Aranjó, Lee McDermott, and Erin Spafford; junior Gabriella Spinato, and sophomores Molly McDermott and Dana DeSimone.

The team's leader, history teacher, Linda Cruz, said she holds great expectations and high faith for her group.

"I am looking forward to this historic first challenge for our Westfield Academic Team. Our team is dedicated and I have every confidence that more of our academic community will become involved," she said.

WHS Assistant Principal Bob Eyre explained that, "It is always exciting to see young people engaged in intellectual challenge, debate and discussion. The Rutgers program offers an ideal forum for that kind of experience. We wish our students all the best."

Gabriella Spinato is an 11th grade journalism student at Westfield High School who is covering the Rutgers Academic Challenge Program.

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*Miss Jennifer Sameth
To Wed Robert Bell, Jr.*

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Sameth of Mantoloking, formerly of Westfield, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jennifer Lynn Sameth of Charlotte, North Carolina, to Robert Joseph Bell, Jr., also of Charlotte. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Bell,

*Katerina Ann
Welcomed By
Truch Family*

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Truch, Jr. of Mount Laurel have announced the birth of their daughter, Katerina Ann Truch, on Friday, December 11, at Rancocas Hospital in Willingboro.

Katerina weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces and measured 20 inches in length at birth.

The mother is the former Miss Theo Gude of Westfield.

Katerina's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gude of Westfield.

Her paternal grandparents are Mrs. Anna Truch of Carteret and the late Charles Truch, Sr.

**Fanwood Prepares
Winter Arts Program**

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Recreation Department will hold registration for its Arts Program on Saturday, January 9, from 9 to 10 a.m. at LaGrande Park in Fanwood.

Barbara Prestridge, an art teacher with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system, will instruct the classes, which will begin on Friday, January 15. The classes will run for eight weeks and take place at LaGrande Park.

There will be a session for younger children from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., and another program for older children from 4:45 to 6 p.m. The cost of the program for residents is \$35 and \$50 for non-residents.

For more information, please call the Fanwood Recreation Office at (908) 322-8236.



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH DEVIZIO
(She is the former Miss Joanna Iuliano)

*Miss Joanna Iuliano
Weds Joseph DeVizio*

Miss Joanna Iuliano, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Iuliano of Scotch Plains, was married on Saturday, August 22, to Joseph DeVizio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom DeVizio of Edison.

The afternoon ceremony took place at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains, with the Reverend John Doherty officiating. A reception followed at the Richfield Regency in Verona.

The bride, who was escorted down the aisle by her father, wore an off-the-shoulder, A-line white matte satin gown designed by Tomasina, and trimmed with aurora crystals and rice pearls. She carried a cascade bouquet of white and champagne roses.

Mrs. Caroline Grill of Palm Harbor, Florida, the sister of the bride, was the matron of honor.

The bridal attendants included Mrs. Elisa Iuliano of West Orange, the sister-in-law of the bride; Mrs. Cathy Gerardi of South Plainfield, the sister of the bridegroom; Mrs. Maria DeVizio of Scotch Plains and Mrs. Bettina DeVizio of Piscataway, the sisters-in-law of the bridegroom; Miss Teresa Radogna of Scotch Plains, a cousin of the bride, and Mrs. Danielle Lagana of Roselle Park, the bride's best friend.

Miss Stefanie DeVizio of Scotch Plains, the niece of the bridegroom, was the flower girl.

The matron of honor and bridal attendants wore mink-colored gowns by Watters and Watters and carried cascade bouquets of peach and champagne roses.

Tom DeVizio of Scotch Plains and Danny DeVizio of Piscataway, the brothers of the bridegroom, were the best men.

The ushers included Phil Iuliano of West Orange and Michael Iuliano of Scotch Plains, the brothers of the bride; Charles Grill of Palm Harbor,

Florida, the brother-in-law of the bride; Carmine Gerardi of South Plainfield, the brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and Joe Attanasio of Edison, the bridegroom's best friend.

Thomas Grill of Palm Harbor, the nephew and godson of the bride, was the ring bearer.

A 1988 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, the bride earned a degree in cosmetology from Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains. She is employed as a manicurist by Flip 10 Salon in Scotch Plains.

The bridegroom is a 1989 graduate of J. P. Stevens High School in Edison, and received an associate's degree in business management from Middlesex County College, also in Edison. A restaurateur, he is the owner of D'Italia in Colonia.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the bridegroom at Alfonso's Restaurant in East Brunswick.

Following a wedding trip to the islands of Oahu and Maui in Hawaii, the couple reside in Edison.

*Eelman Family
Welcomes
Kelsey Danielle*

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Eelman of Westfield have announced the birth of their daughter, Kelsey Danielle Eelman, on Wednesday, November 25, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Kelsey weighed 7 pounds and measured 20 1/2 inches in length at birth.

She joins her sister, Nicole, 2.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sanchez of Melbourne, Florida.

Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eelman of Fair Haven.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID RINN
(She is the former Miss Laura Oldham)

*Miss Laura Oldham
Marries David Rinn*

Miss Laura Oldham, the daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Macvey of Vancouver, British Columbia, was married on Saturday, April 25, to David Rinn, the son of Howard and Linda Rinn of Westfield.

The ceremony took place at the Four Seasons Olympia Hotel in Seattle, with Cantor Elliott Levine officiating. Cantor Levine is the father-in-law of the bridegroom's brother, Steven Rinn, who served as best man.

Mrs. Nancy Kyte, the sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. The bridal attendants included Mrs. Lori Rinn, Ms. Eve Boehm and Ms. Jen-

nifer Vaccianina. Miss Lauren Meagham Kyte was the flower girl, and her brother, Spencer Kyte, was the ring bearer.

The ushers were Jim Wright, David Friedland and Bill Hague.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Washington in Seattle.

A 1981 graduate of Westfield High School, the bridegroom received his bachelor's degree from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, and his Master of Business Administration Degree from UCLA. He is employed as Senior Director of Finance at Microsoft, Inc.

The couple reside in Seattle.

**Miller-Cory Museum Plans
Reopening, January Events**

WESTFIELD - The Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield will begin its 27th year as a living museum when it reopens on Sunday, January 3, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Visitors to the museum will experience daily life on an early American New Jersey farm as volunteers in period costume demonstrate crafts and chores appropriate to the seasons of the year. The last tour will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students. Children under six will be admitted free.

The museum has also announced its Sunday events for January, which are as follows:

- January 3: The Italian Legend of La Befana - the performance of an old Italian story about the newborn king.
- January 10: Stenciling - a popular and attractive method used to decorate Early American homes.
- January 17: Leatherwork - the techniques used to treat, tool and produce decorative leather items.
- January 24: Dame Schools - "We have a right to read, too!"
- January 31: Applejack Production in New Jersey - from apple tree to applejack.

For more information about the museum and its schedule of events, please call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

**Local Music Studios Hold
Holiday 'Piano Parties'**

WESTFIELD - The piano students of Paul Nazzaro and Carolyn Klinger-Kueter participated in one of two holiday performance parties on December 12 and 13 at their teacher's respective studios.

These "piano parties" give students the opportunity to play in front of their peers, siblings, friends and parents, according to the two teachers. The two-day get-together was the second of four planned throughout the year.

Students played Christmas and Hanukkah songs on the piano and digital keyboard, and enjoyed holiday cookies brought by families who shared their special family recipes. The next piano party will be the Spring/Irish Party in March.

Students at both studios made holiday cassette tapes of pieces they have learned during the season. They shared their tapes with friends and family who would like to hear them play, but do not

have a piano or keyboard, the piano teachers revealed.

For the holiday season, Ms. Klinger-Kueter has also developed an Anthology of Music Gifts, which is described as "a child's wish list to parents and grandparents for musical gifts for students."

It provides suggestions and ideas for recordings, books, instrumental kits, catalogs, and other gifts, according to Ms. Klinger-Kueter.

She and Mr. Nazzaro have taught a combined 45 years in Westfield. They teach all aspects of piano and keyboard repertoire, including classical, popular, jazz, seasonal, theory, and MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface).

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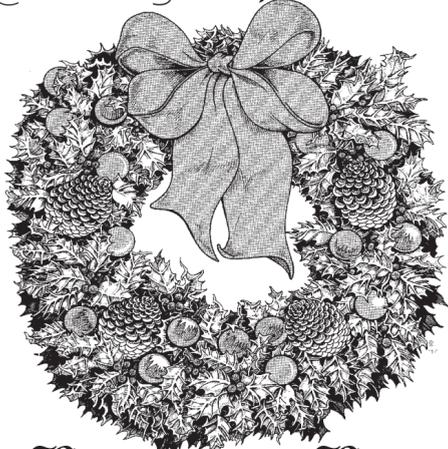
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Roosevelt Announces First Period Honor Roll

The names of 405 students who earned Honor Roll standing during the first marking period at the Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield were announced recently by Principal Kenneth Shulack.

In the sixth grade, 67 students, or 30.73 percent of the 218-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, which requires an "A" in all major academic subjects and no grade below a "B" in any minor subject.

One hundred nine students, or 50 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll, which requires an "A" or "B" in all subjects, major or minor.

In the seventh grade, 45 students, or 23.56 percent of the 191-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, and 87 students, or 45.55 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll.

In the eighth grade, 25 students, or 12.77 percent of the 188-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, and 72 students, or 38.30 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll.

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Arielle A. Confino
Christina N. Cordeiro
Lyndsay Couture
James Davy
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Jacqueline M. Delafuente
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Emily Dura
Glad Edelman
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Tristan Favro
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Julia Gormley
Sara Gouydy
Emily Rose Greenberg
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Jake P. Brandman
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Gina Castrorao
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Sara A. Lesko
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Zachary S. Lowenstein
Alyson Ludmer
Brendan J. Mahoney
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Katherine Albino
Stephen Anderson
Brooke Austin
Rebecca Bellon
Sabrina C. Bengal
Hannah N. Burke
Bradford Cantor
Dorothy Chau
Alex C. Crawford
Tyler G. Deieso
Sagiv Edelman
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Jacqueline Ramalho
Tracy Rodd
Kathryn M. Ropars
Alexa Rose
Jaclyn W. Rosenberg
Matthew Rothstein
Jennifer L. Rubino
Andrew K. Ruotolo, 3rd
Kathleen Salmon
Pryce T. Gaynor
Eileen M. Gessner
Corrie L. Gosko
Thomas J. Greene
Emily Gross
Timothy Heine
Toby L. Hershkowitz
Vanarelli
Ryan Hoens
Allison Jacob
Daniel R. Kane
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CELEBRATING CENTENARY...Scotch Plains residents Josephine Kelly and Brian Kelly enjoy a festive evening at a reception honoring Centenary College held at Perona Farms in Andover. The reception, co-hosted by Perona Farms and RoNetco Supermarkets, Inc. in Ledgewood, recognized Centenary's role in enhancing the educational, recreational, social, and cultural lives of the residents of Northwestern New Jersey.

Dr. Andrew Levy Opens Sports Medicine Facility

Dr. Andrew S. Levy has recently established The Center for Advanced Sports Medicine, Knee and Shoulder, at Overlook Hospital in the Medical Arts Center in Summit.

The facility specializes in sports medicine, arthroscopy and disorders of the knee and shoulder.

Dr. Levy is a board certified orthopedic surgeon. He completed his fellowship training in Sports Medicine, Arthroscopy and Shoulder at Duke University Medical Center. He also focuses on cartilage repair and replacement.

Dr. Levy is an Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and has served as Director of Sports Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the American Orthopedic Society of Sports Medicine.

He is a member of the Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine for the New Jersey Medical Center, and a char-

ter member of the International Society for Cartilage Repair and The Cartilage Transplantation Study Group.

Dr. Levy is one of four doctors nationwide to receive the 1996 American Orthopedic Association North American Traveling Fellowship Fahey Award. He is an international lecturer on knee and shoulder problems as well as cartilage and ligament repair and replacement. He has authored publications and book chapters on orthopedics.

Dr. Levy has been listed several times as one of "The Best Doctors in America" and was recently highlighted in *New Jersey Monthly Magazine* as one of "New Jersey's Best Doctors." He is also listed in "How to Find the Best Doctors in the Metro New York Region."

Dr. Levy has established offices in Summit at Overlook Hospital and in Newark.

For more information, please call (973) 290-9600.



GUEST VIOLINIST...The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts recently provided musicians to entertain shoppers in Westfield as part of the "Welcome Home to Westfield" events sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation and the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. Pictured, above, is Daniel Zavaro of Westfield who played his violin in The Town Bookstore.

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'Hands On Science' Event Planned For Students

WESTFIELD - The Optimists Club of Westfield will sponsor the eighth annual "Hands On Science" program, an after school enrichment activity, in cooperation with the Westfield school system and the Parent Teacher Council.

"Hands On Science" is scheduled to run from Monday, February 22 to Friday, April 23.

The goals of the program are to encourage young children's interest in science through fun, hands-on, actual science activities aimed at the elementary school level. These projects involve chemistry, mathematics, physics, biology and environmental sciences.

Each class will meet once a week for eight weeks, with about 10 to 14 children per class.

Classes will be instructed by teachers from Westfield and other school systems. The classes will meet at the various elementary and middle schools in town. Nearly 300 children participated in the program last year.

Courses offered will include "Kitchen Chemistry," "Blast Off with Science," "Scientific Explorations," "Creepy Crawly Critters," "Dinosaur Detectives," and "F-Zero Rocket Car Club."

Registration forms will be distributed through the elementary schools the week of Monday, January 18. Early registration is recommended.

Class Mothers will once again be needed to help in the classes, to organize volunteer classroom helpers, or to set up "telephone trees," among other activities. Those serving as Class Mothers will only have to pay 50 percent of the registration fee for one course.

Local Students Earn Academic Recognition At Delbarton School

The Delbarton School in Morristown has announced that three Westfield residents are among those students recently named to the Headmaster's List for the 1998 Fall Term.

Albert Thrower, Grade 11, achieved Highest Honors, which requires scores between 90 and 100. Thomas Wade, Grade 10, received High Honors, which reflects scores between 87 and 89. Michael Krivak earned Honors, for which students must obtain scores between 83 and 86.



HOLIDAY SONGBIRDS...Westfield High School Choraleers practice for their holiday concerts. The singing group held performances throughout the holiday season at the high school and in the community.

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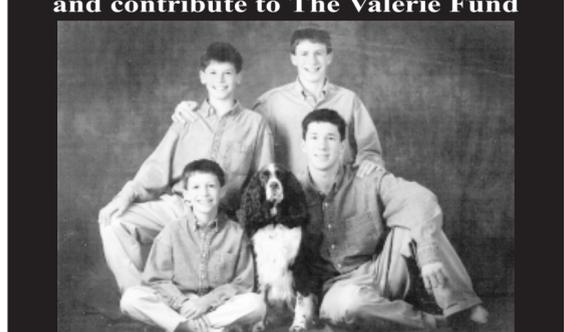
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Salvation Army Seeks Red Kettle Donations

The Salvation Army New Jersey Headquarters in Union is once again seeking "red kettle" donations to help the many people from all across New Jersey who turn to the organization for assistance throughout the year.

"The Salvation Army red kettle donations are down this year," remarked Lieutenant Colonel William LaMarr, State Commander.

"The goal for kettles is \$1 million, and there are only 2 days left until Christmas," he added. "We are asking our friends to give generously when they see the red kettle."

According to the Salvation Army headquarters, donations made to the organization during the holiday season helped provide assistance to more than 500,000 individuals in the Garden State last year.

In addition to the red kettles, donations may also be made by calling (877) NJS-ARMY. Checks may be sent to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 3170, Union, 07083.

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CHORALEERS PERFORM...The Westfield Rotary Club was entertained by the Westfield High School Choraleers during a recent meeting of the club. Pictured are a section of the Choraleers and their director, Jim Beil, at the piano.

Choraleers Entertain Rotary With Holiday Program

WESTFIELD - During a recent meeting, members of the Rotary Club of Westfield were treated to a holiday program presented by the Westfield High School Choraleers.

Twenty members of the Choraleers sang songs from their repertoire of mostly jazz and show music.

The program included seasonal selections such as "I'll Be Home For Christmas," "Carol of the Bells," "The 12 Days of Christmas," "Have

Yourselves a Merry Little Christmas," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The Choraleers performed under the direction of Jim Beil, who played the piano during the program.

Gordon Kaslusky, the son of this year's Rotary Club President, Stanley A. Kaslusky, also performed in the program. Rotarian Cindy McGaha, a former Choraleer, greeted Mr. Beil at the end of the performance.

Chloé Zeitounian Among Cast Of A Christmas Carol on Stage

WESTFIELD - Chloé Zeitounian, a fourth grader at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield and a student at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA), also in Westfield, has made her Broadway debut in the Madison Square Garden fifth annual production of *A Christmas Carol*.

The holiday classic, this year starring Roger Daltrey of the legendary rock group The Who as "Scrooge," will be performed through Sunday, December 27, at the Theater at Madison Square Garden.

This year's production stars Roger

Daltrey as Scrooge. Roger Daltrey is widely known for his legendary rock group "The Who."

Chloé was cast as child swing, or double understudy role. She understudies the roles of Cratchit Girl/Fan and Grace Smythe. Both roles feature solos and the ensemble.

The youngster has studied voice under Deborah Eberts at the NJWA for the past year, and has performed in Workshop recitals and summer programs.



Chloé Zeitounian

including "Traveling Players."

Chloé was cast this summer in the role of Laurey in the Stage Door Manor's production of *Oklahoma!* in Loch Sheldrake, New York, and won a "Best Actress" award for her performance.

A member of Actors' Equity Association, Chloé plans to continue studying music and intends to pursue a professional singing and acting career.

Richard Diemer, Jr. Named New Officer At Allied-Signal

WESTFIELD - Allied-Signal, Inc. has announced that Richard J. Diemer, Jr., Vice President and Controller, has been elected an officer of the company. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Diemer of Westfield.

Mr. Diemer joined Allied-Signal in 1997 as Assistant Controller and he became Controller later this year.

He worked for KPMG Peat Marwick for 17 years, serving the U.S. and London. He was a partner in the firm's U.S. capital markets group from 1993 to 1995 and a partner in its information, communications and entertainment practice from 1995 to 1997.

Mr. Diemer graduated Westfield High School in 1976. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in commerce with a concentration in accounting from the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia in 1980. He is also a certified public accountant.

First United Methodist Sets Christmas Services

WESTFIELD - The First United Methodist Church of Westfield has announced its Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve services.

There will be a Celebration of Christmas Children's Service at 5 p.m. A musical presentation of "A Shepherd's Story" by Hal Hopson will be led by the children.

A Service of Lessons, Carols and Communion will be held at 8 p.m. The story of Christmas in Scripture Lessons and Carols will be led by the Youth Choir, with Candlelight Communion.

The Reverend David Harwood,

Senior Minister, will preach the sermon "Go and See."

At 11 p.m., a second Service of Lessons, Carols and Communion will be held, led by the Sanctuary Choir. The choirs will be under the direction of Trent Johnson, Director of Music.

The community is invited to attend any of the services. For more information, please call the church office at (908) 233-4211.

Concert Set for Sunday At Immaculate Heart

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Choir will present its Christmas Concert this Sunday, December 27, at 5 p.m.

The concert will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church at 1571 South Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

Faith Lutheran Plans Christmas Celebrations

Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South Street in New Providence, will hold three Christmas Eve liturgies and one Christmas Day service for area residents.

The first service on Christmas Eve will be a Children's Service of Lessons and Carols beginning at 5 p.m. Candlelight Eucharistic liturgies will be offered at 8 p.m. and again at 10:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, a Festival Eucharist will take place at 10 a.m.

For more information on any of these liturgies, please call the church at (908) 464-5177.

Temple Emanu-El Plans Film Discussion

WESTFIELD - Temple Emanu-El will host a discussion featuring Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff about the new film *Life is Beautiful*, by Italian director Roberto Benigni, on Friday, January 8.

The discussion will be held as part of the temple's Erev Shabbat Service, which will begin at 8:15 p.m. Guests are invited to attend.

For further information, please call (908) 232-6770.

Fanwood Presbyterian Sets Christmas Services

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Presbyterian Church has announced its schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

On Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, a family service with children's choirs will take place at 5 p.m. An 11 p.m. candlelight communion service will be preceded by special music beginning at 10:40 p.m.

A Christmas Day worship service will be held on Friday, December 25, at 10 a.m., followed by coffee and sweet rolls.

The church is located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues, and is wheelchair accessible. For further information, please call the church office at (908) 889-8891.

Candlelight Service Set At Scotch Plains Baptist

SCOTCH PLAINS - Scotch Plains Baptist Church will hold its Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Thursday, December 24, at 7:45 p.m.

The service will feature Christmas musical selections by the Sanctuary Choir and soloists, as well as favorite carols sung by the congregation. Pastor Gary Rothwell and his wife, Carol, will present the Christmas story through a special reading.

The service will conclude with the lighting of the Christ Candle and a candlelight ceremony involving the congregation. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, please call (908) 322-5487.

Coles Students and PTA Help Dominican Republic Children

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and students from Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains have been involved in several service activities during the holiday season.

In November, the PTA hosted its annual Food Drive to help local needy families.

Earlier this month, the children donated dog and cat food, kitty litter and pet toys, as well as old towels to benefit the local Humane Society.

Currently, the students are participating in a clothing and toy drive to aid the children of the Dominican Republic, which was recently ravaged by Hurricane Georges, leaving many people without even the basic necessities.

Kristin Santin, a teacher at Coles School who is presently on leave working for the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic, has informed colleagues and students back home

how desperately the children there are in need of clothing and toys.

Coles students, in cooperation with the PTA, will be collecting appropriate items and shipping them to Ms. Santin in order to help meet the needs of youngsters in the island country.



Kristin Santin

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WISHING STARS...Students from Wilson Elementary School in Westfield recently crafted wishing stars to be displayed in Westfield store windows to celebrate First Night Westfield '99. Plenty of glitter, bric-a-brac, and glue were used to create the dazzling stars. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Katherine McKinley, Chloe Birkenthal, Alyssa Hatch, and back row, Heema Khedr, Ricky Nugent, Lucas Nugent and Andrew Marino.

Westfield Community Center Announces Meeting, Officers

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Community Center, a member agency of the United Fund of Westfield, will hold its annual meeting on Monday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m. at 558 West Broad Street in Westfield.

Wiley M. Woodard, President of the Board of Directors, has announced that the following officers, trustees and directors will be elected to serve in 1999: President, Mr. Woodard; First Vice President, Lewis Corno; Second

Vice President, Elizabeth McDiarmid; Secretary, Janice Williams, and Treasurer, Louis Francaz.

Directors to be elected are: Ernest Davis, Joyce Pretlow, Donnell Carr, Noel Brown, B. Carol Molnar, and Joe Lockerman.

Trustees to be inducted are: James Avery, Esther Simon and Joyce Pretlow. James Avery, Lawrence Brown and Joe Lockerman will continue their positions as director from last year.



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Service of
Readings & Carols**

7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 24
music for meditation at 7:00 p.m.

The First Baptist Church of Westfield
170 Elm Street, 2 blocks north of train station
908-233-2278 www.westfieldnj.com/fbc

**Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m., plus
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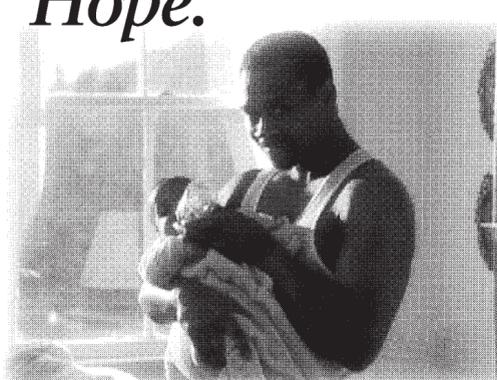
**First United Methodist Church of Westfield
Christmas Eve Worship Services**
One East Broad Street
(across from monument, parking lot
accessible from Ferris Place off of Prospect St.)



Service Times
Children's Service
5:00 p.m.
Candlelight Services
8:00 p.m.
11:00 p.m.

Christmas is for remembering, sharing and discovering deeper resources for hope and joy in the company of family and friends.

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Christmas Day - 10:00am Worship

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James A. Simms, Director of Music
Annette White, Organist

Alva D. Higgins, Longtime Nurse; Volunteered With Support Groups

Alva Denton MacDonald Higgins of Pittstown died on Wednesday, December 16, at her home.

Born in Union, the daughter of Arthur and Myrtle MacDonald, she was descended from an original Charterer of Elizabethtown. She graduated in 1955 from the Presbyterian School of Nursing in Newark before embarking on a nursing career which lasted 43 years.

Mrs. Higgins had served on the staffs of several hospitals, and also worked

Shirley Telgarecz, 80

Shirley B. Telgarecz, 80, of the Rossmoor section of Monroe Township, died on Friday, December 18, in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Union and Westfield before moving to Monroe Township 12 years ago.

Mrs. Telgarecz was a former member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and a greeter at the Rossmoor Community Church.

She was a member of the Garden Club and the Guild of Rossmoor.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Telgarecz, and a brother, Larry Boehm.

Surviving are a daughter, Shirley-Ann Varn of Durham, North Carolina; a sister, Florence Bell of Leonardo; two grandsons and a great-grandson.

A Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, December 22, at the Rossmoor Community Church in Jamesburg, with the Reverend Edward Schulte officiating. Interment took place at the Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the A. S. Cole Funeral Home in Cranbury.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rossmoor Community Church, Village Mall, Jamesburg, 08831.

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for several years as Director of Resident Care for the Society of Friends' life care community near Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. She completed her career as an employee health nurse at Prudential in South Plainfield.

Mrs. Higgins attended graduate school at Rutgers University, as well as at Immaculata and Wilmington colleges.

Although disabled for the past two years, Mrs. Higgins volunteered with two support groups at Hunterdon Medical Center in Raritan Township, including "Partners in Healing" and "Chemocare."

She was a member of the Alumni Association of Presbyterian Hospital, the American Nursing Association and American Brain Tumor Society.

Mrs. Higgins was additionally a member of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Pittstown and a supporting member of the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, Warren County.

She was predeceased by a sister, Patricia Kuran, the first woman Mayor of Fanwood.

Surviving are her husband of 42 years, Vincent P. Higgins, originally of South Amboy; two sons, Vincent Paul Higgins, 3rd of Marietta, Georgia and John Arthur Higgins of Washington; two daughters, Tracey Kathleen Higgins and Amy Margaret Higgins, both of Tewksbury; her parents, Myrtle and Arthur MacDonald of Westfield; a sister, Mrs. Thomas Horan of Tucson, Arizona, and six grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, December 19, at the Martin Funeral Home in Clinton. Interment was to be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Center at Hunterdon Medical Center, 2100 Westcott Drive, Flemington, 08822.

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Obituaries

Madeleine Naething, 99, CSH Supporter; Figure on Golf Circuit During 1920s-'30s

Madeleine Louise Naething, 99, of Westfield died on Friday, December 18, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in England on May 25, 1899, she had moved to Bayonne at age nine. She settled in Westfield in 1914.

Mrs. Naething played on the golf circuit during the 1920s and 1930s with Babe Didrikson Zaharias, the

Arthur G. Poppele, 85

Arthur G. Poppele, 85, of Bradenton, Florida died on Wednesday, December 16, at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Westfield before moving to Bradenton.

Mr. Poppele was a technical director for the National Broadcasting Company (NBC).

He was a member of NBC's Peacock North and the River Isles Golf Club and Homeowners Association.

Surviving are his wife, Billie Poppele; two sons, Kenneth Poppele and Donald Poppele; a sister, Dorothy McCain; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, December 19, in the Manatee United Methodist Church in Bradenton.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Griffith-Cline Funeral Home in Bradenton.

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Herbert J. Haslam, 75

Herbert John Haslam, 75, of Charlotte, North Carolina, formerly of Westfield, died on Wednesday, December 16, at his home.

Born on July 17, 1923, in Weehawken, he was the son of the late Herbert and Harriet Kendrick Haslam.

Mr. Haslam was educated at Blair Academy and at Lehigh University.

He served in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

A member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Charlotte, Mr. Haslam also was a founding partner and President of Comp-Air & Equipment, Inc.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Ann Maxwell Haslam; two daughters, Cynthia H. Graham of Baltimore and Nancy Gooch of Cincinnati, Ohio; a son, John K. Haslam of Charlotte; a sister, Jean H. Connell of Spain, and four granddaughters.

He was predeceased by his brother, George H. Haslam.

A memorial service was held on Friday, December 18, at the Christ Episcopal Church, with the Reverend Martha Hedgpeath officiating. Interment was to take place in Westfield.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Harry and Bryant Company.

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He had been a self-employed mechanical engineer in the Mountaineer area for 20 years.

Mr. Schaaf had previously been Vice President of Sales for Pyro Plastics, Inc. in Union, where he had worked for 27 years.

He graduated in 1949 from the

first female golf professional.

She had been a fundraiser for Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaineer for 35 years before retiring in 1975.

Mrs. Naething was a member of the altar guild of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield, the Woman's Exchange, and the Ladies Professional Golf Association. She also was a volunteer at the Westfield Day Care Center for 15 years.

She was predeceased by her husband, Herman Emile Naething in 1969, and her daughter, Mary Louise Buehler, in 1990.

Surviving are two sons, Arthur Naething of Westfield and Robert Naething of Benbrook, Texas; eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 21, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Box E, 1275 York Avenue, New York, 10021.

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Jessie Smallwood, 56, Was Specialist In Infection Control and Detection

Jessie R. Smallwood, 56, of West Orange died on Thursday, December 17, at home.

Born in Newport News, Virginia, she had lived in Newark and in Scotch Plains before moving to West Orange nine years ago.

Mrs. Smallwood was employed by University Hospital in Newark for 27 years, first as a medical technologist and, for the past 17 years, as a practitioner in infection control and prevention.

Her responsibilities in the latter capacity included conducting programs for detection, recording, analysis and reporting of hospital-acquired and other infectious diseases at the hospital's 530-bed acute care facility, New Jersey Trauma Center, National Tuberculosis Center, the New Jersey Dental School and The Stone Center. She prepared monthly reports on infection for the entire hospital.

Mrs. Smallwood served as Acting Director for infection control in 1988 and 1989, and also helped develop infection control procedures which she taught to staff members.

Prior to joining the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, she had been a medical technologist in the immunology and hematology departments at Seton Hall University Medical School and at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Mrs. Smallwood was awarded a bachelor's degree in community and

Newark College of Engineering.

He was a United States Army veteran of World War II and served in the Pacific.

Surviving are his wife, Lauretta A. Schaaf; a son, Steven P. Schaaf; two daughters, Susan O'Brien and Mary Ellen Lerner, and seven grandchildren.

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Henry Cody, 61, Was Army Veteran; Truck Driver for Jersey Millwork

Henry Cody, 61, of Plainfield died on Sunday, December 20, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Jersey City, he moved to Plainfield in 1971.

Mr. Cody had been a truck driver for Jersey Millwork in Newark for more than 25 years. He was a warehouseman at Middlesex Lumber and Supply Company in Middlesex for the past 10 years.

He was a United States Army veteran.

He was predeceased by his brother, William L. Cody, in 1995.

Dr. Peter Carosella, 37, Gastroenterologist Had Served Several Local Hospitals

Dr. Peter J. Carosella, 37, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, December 16, in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Born in The Bronx, he had lived in Bloomfield and in Dumont before moving to Scotch Plains four years ago.

Dr. Carosella was an attending physician at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Union Hospital, Rahway Hospital and Elizabeth General Medical Center from 1993 to 1997.

He graduated from Rutgers University in Newark with a degree in biology in 1983, and received his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 1988.

He became board certified in internal medicine in 1992, and in gastroenterology the following year. Dr. Carosella completed his gastroenterology fellowship in 1993.

He had been Chief Resident at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center from 1990 to 1991.

Dr. Carosella was a member of the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, the American College of Gastroenterology, the New Jersey Medical Society, the Union County Medical Association, and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth

Carosella; his parents, Peter and Marie Carosella, and a sister, Lynn Carosella.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, December 21, in St. Raphael's Church in Livingston.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Quinn-Hopping Funeral Home in Livingston.

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Vincenza Romeo, 63

Vincenza (Nancy) Romeo, 63, of Westfield died on Sunday, December 20, at Union Hospital in Union.

Born in Formicola, Italy, she came to the United States in 1958, settling in Westfield.

Mrs. Romeo was a homemaker. She was a parishioner at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Surviving are her husband, John Romeo; a son, Rocco Romeo of Westfield; three daughters, Mimma Reilly of Bridgewater, Rosemarie Makris of Plainfield and Jane Romeo of Basking Ridge, and four grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Wednesday, December 23, at 10 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Church. Interment will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 200A Cottontail Lane, Somerset, 08873, or to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland, 20852.

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David Roy Staack, 53

David Roy Staack, 53, of Westfield died Friday, December 18, at home.

Born in New Jersey, he had lived in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma before moving to Westfield 10 years ago.

He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Staack was a sales representative for Elm Radio and Television in Westfield for 10 years where he was still active.

He was a member of the Vietnam War Post of Westfield and The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. He was also a member of the "Y" Squares and the Square Dance Club of Clark.

Surviving are his aunts, Marion Jones Cory of Toms River and Carolyn Wallace of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, December 27, at 1 p.m. at the Chapel of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson Street, Westfield, 07090.

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Edison School Announces First Period Honor Roll

The names of 279 students who earned Honor Roll standing during the first marking period at the Edison Intermediate School in Westfield were recently announced.

In the sixth grade, 53 students, or 30.81 percent of the 172-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, which requires an "A" in all major academic subjects and no grade below a "B" in any minor subject.

Sixty students, or 34.88 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll, which requires an "A" or "B" in all subjects, major or minor.

In the seventh grade, 28 students, or 15.38 percent of the 182-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, and 62 students, or 34.07 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll.

In the eighth grade, 29 students, or 19.33 percent of the 150-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, and 45 students, or 30.00 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll.

SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Jeffrey Bayne
Evan Blilheimer
Rebecca Cass
Lisa Constantin
Lauren Cordes
Lindsay DeGiralomo
Thomas Del Duca
Amanda Dickson
Carina Don
Mark Doss
Shaun Elwell
Michael Fantini
Allison Feldman
Megan Fowler
Lauren Gelmetti
Michael Gorski
James Hanas
Camille Hausheer
William Heaton
Peter Hrinewski
Anthony Infantino
Kate Judd
Bryan Kahn
Edward Kerins
Colleen Kirk
Rebecca Korn

SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Cassandra Badyna
Shamsa Baksh
Amy Bernstein
Robert Broadbent
Joseph Buontempo
Derek Candelore
Rachel Carr
David Cognetti
Katie Cole-Kelly
Ashley Current
Marc Dowling
Jeffrey Dresely
Meaghan Egan
Jessie Elkoury
Jamie Elbaum
Evan Falk
Daniel Foltz-Morrison
Alana Fraser
Keivan Ghorbanzadeh
Deanna Goldner
Paul Goldweitz
Ashton Golembo
Jeffrey Greenlaw
Marie-Claire Hausseguy
Christopher Hild
Jeffrey Hogan
Rachel Isaman
Wintingham
Daniel Jekelis
Daniel Kelman
Brian Kender

SEVENTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

John Boyd
Sean Callahan

Stefanie Courtney
Mikaela Cruz
Reine Duff
Rebecca Fallon
Suzanna Fowler
Danielle Gelber
Amanda Genova
Kevin Hobson
Carrie Jubbard
Anthony Johnson
Paul Johnson
Thomas Killian

SEVENTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Tara Amelia
Brittany Avena
Carl Baron
Maximilien Blanton
Benjamin Bogen
Kathryn Brucia
Nicole Brunetto
Ryan Burslem
Matthew Calvaruso
Michael Checchio
Jason Chironna
Daniel Clark
Danielle Coleman
Joshua Dennerlein
Kathleen Fario
Daniel Francis
Carolyn Freundlich
Jennifer Frost
Ariel Garfinkel
Adam Gerckens
Brendan Gorman
Robert Greiffeld
Jessica Guerriero
Joseph Hagmann
Christina Hamway
Heather Ireland
Alessandra Imdomenico
David Israelow
Steven Jacobsen
Katherine Kiehar
Kimberly Lam

EIGHTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Sara Ackerman
Sean Adams
Rej Bhandari
Shannon Boyle
Marc Castells
Angelina Chaplygina
Emily Chen
David Eisenberg
Jessica Fylyn
Zontee Hou
Katherine Lechner
Christine Leiz
Joshua Lerner
William Masket
Mun Yin Yeow

EIGHTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Robert Baldwin
Beniam Biftu
Catherine Bonard
Katherine Cass
Douglas Chananie
Jennie Chang
Paul Cognetti
Holly Coleman
Margaret Curran
John Daly
Tammil Dondiego
David Falk
Michael Federici
Stephanie Finn
Jennifer Fleck
Shannon Gilmartin
Kirt Giresi
Charles Hely
Dean Jan
Christa Jensen
Matthew Kahn
Lawrence Kao

EIGHTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Melissa Walsh

Meghana Limaye
Alison McCabe
Emily McDermott
Alexandra McMahon
Richard Moran
Pamela Musat
Amanda Nehring
Laura Pietruszki
Andrew Rozustyn
Laura Steller
Tovah Tripp
Jenna Zorn

Justin Lewis
Sabrina Lewis
Kaitlin Lipe
Cassandra Lo
Kristina Lucarelli
Dana Ann Marra
Jeffrey Mathews
Jillianne May
Matthew McManus
Jason Mesches
Christine Milazzo
Catherine Mouton
Pooja Patel
Carolyn Pecoraro
Sean Perlman
Andrew Pular
Melissa Rosen
Zachary Rosenberg
Alice Ryan
Rebecca Sabreen
Scott Saggio
Neril Sandeep
Christina Santilli
Gillian Corcia
Rachel Shopiro
Rachel Squillace
Jaclyn Steinbach
Rachel Trevisst
Shanna Vella
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Surviving are his wife, Magnolia Arrington; two sons, William H. Cody of Edison and Steven Cody of Westfield; a daughter, Bunnie Cody of New Brunswick; a brother, Leroy Cody of Jersey City; three sisters, Lucille Johnson and Bessie Cody, both of Jersey City, and Ola Johnson of Newtonville, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 28, at 11 a.m. at the Higgins Home for Funerals in Plainfield.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

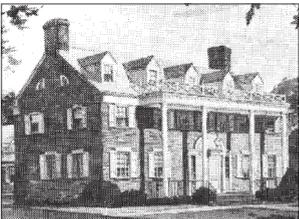
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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

MELENDEZ BATTLES STATE-RUNNER UP TO OVERTIME

Raider Matmen Win Opener; Ground the Kardinals, 48-30

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

A seven-year jinx was broken in a big way on December 18 when the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team plucked the Kearny Kardinals, 48-30, in Scotch Plains. The match was highlighted by an exciting overtime bout between two potential state wrestling contenders.

With the temporary absence of heavyweight Jim Feeley, the Raiders, starting from the 160-lb class, strate-

ger yielding a penalty point, Tripet caught Almeida in a single grapevine and closed the score to 8-5 as time ran out.

At 130, A. J. Romeo boosted the Raiders' lead to 24-3 when he pinned Kardinal Anthony Yevella with a front-arm and headlock in 3:00.

The big showdown came. Raider Tony Melendez and Kardinal Dave Cordova, both state contenders, faced off at 135. Cordova got an initial, 2-0, drop by getting a single leg

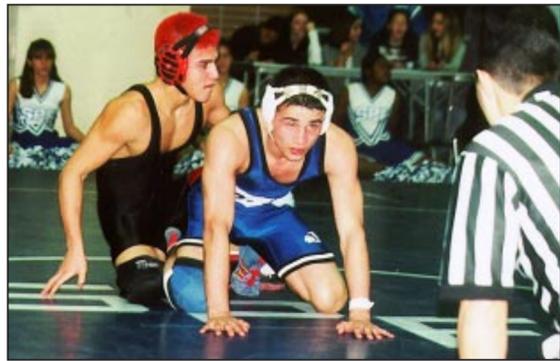
takedown in the first period. Cordova increased his lead early in the second period to 5-0 after gaining an escape and another takedown.

Melendez came back. Cordova tired and began to hang on using a Guillotine maneuver to ride Melendez. After two warnings for stalling, Melendez received a penalty point. Moments later, he escaped to make the score 5-2. Melendez shot for a single leg takedown and Cordova effectively used a single-leg elevator to avoid being taken down. Cordova continued stalling and Melendez picked up another penalty point as the period ended.

With the score 5-3 in the third period, momentum was shifting to Melendez as he continued to be the aggressor. Cordova continued hanging. Bang! Melendez received two more penalty points to knot the score. Time ran out and overtime was next. Melendez again became the aggressor and shot for the takedown. Cordova elevated again, but this time he came around and scored the takedown on Melendez to win 7-5.

"Tony's match obviously built us up," expressed Artigliere. "I wrestle with him in the room and I know that he is one of the best in the state. He showed us that tonight. He hung with a two-time state place winner."

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
CREAM OF THE CROP...Two of the best wrestlers in the state, Raider Tony Melendez, front, and Kardinal Dave Cordova wrestled into overtime at Scotch Plains.

gically bumped each wrestler up a weight class.

Quite impressive in his varsity debut, freshman Lucas Francavilla took it to Angel LaPorta after Gary Fletcher and Andria Christiani sang the National Anthem. Francavilla registered a single leg takedown in the first period, then turned LaPorta to his back using a tight-waist and a half nelson to take a 5-0 lead. In the second period, Francavilla immediately escaped, then added another single-leg takedown. Finally, with :41 left in the second, Francavilla, turned LaPorta for good, using the same pinning combination.

"I knew that he was going to be good," said Raider Head Coach Mike Artigliere with a Cheshire cat-like smile. "He has been kind of a secret. I haven't let him out of the bag yet."

At 112, Junior Dave Loewinger received a forfeit to put the Raiders ahead, 12-0. Mike Loewinger faced Ron DiGravina at 119. After being taken down, Loewinger came to life, recorded an escape, added a takedown then rolled DiGravina to his back for a two-point nearfall to take a 5-2 lead into the second period. After allowing an escape, Loewinger added a takedown, then pinned DiGravina in 3:30 with a half nelson and body press.

Senior Raider Charlie Tripet dropped an exciting, 8-5, decision to Santiago Almeida. Tripet was taken down and put on his back in the first period. Down 5-0, Tripet recorded a takedown but was reversed by Almeida to make the score 7-2. Af-

Raider Matmen Scare Panthers; Lose 39-30

By DAVID B. CORBIN
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A nervous pride of Panthers were biting their claws when the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team carried a 30-27 lead into the 215-lb weight class at Roselle Park on December 19. Unfortunately for the Raiders, a very close bout at 215 concluded in a fall in favor of Roselle Park and the Panthers went on to squeeze out a 39-30 victory.

The Panthers got off in the right step when exceptionally talented

freshman Danny Appello won by technical fall over Lucas Francavilla, a fine wrestler in his own right. The Raiders came back at 112 and seized a 6-5 team lead, when junior Dave Loewinger scored an escape, then took down Chris Levine and flattened him in the third period.

The Panthers regained the lead, 9-6, but back came the Raiders. At 125, senior Charlie Tripet yanked and cranked his way to a fall over Travis Meadows using a half nelson and a

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
EXECUTING THE SWITCH...Raider Tony Melendez reverses his Panther opponent, Bryan Garrison, using a switch maneuver. Melendez pinned Garrison in 3:59 at Roselle Park.

JONES AMASSES MORE THAN 1 MILE IN TOTAL YDS

Raiders Finish Grid Season Stepping in Right Direction

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

Baseball has been described as the "game of inches;" however, this year, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team unfortunately has experienced its own "game of inches" go in favor of opposing teams. But, the Raiders came back gallantly on Thanksgiving Day and proved that they have indeed been a quality team. Junior halfback Nathan Jones also took giants strides in the right direction, finishing with more than a mile total yardage.

Early on, the Raiders were plagued with injuries which prevented them

from showing their true potency until the final game of the season, but injuries have always been a part of football and the Raiders had to deal with the inconvenience.

Along the way, the Raiders had some memorable experiences. On October 24, the Raiders were down, 21-0, against Rahway but battled back in the second half with touchdowns from La'Marr McDaniel and Jones to finalize the score 21-14.

A game which will always be remembered occurred the following week when the Raiders defeated Irvington, 37-13, on Homecoming. Jones scored four touchdowns and

set an All-Time Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School record by rushing 316 yards.

The next week, against Newark East Side, the Raiders experienced the real effect of the "game of inches" which prevented them from qualifying for the sectional playoffs. With the score 20-20 in the first overtime, the Raiders missed the winning extra point which missed only inches to the left. After East Side made the score 26-20, Ron Jenerette blocked the extra point to give the Raiders another chance to win. Moments later, on fourth-and-goal from the one, Joe

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
NATHAN JONES CHALKING UP THE MILEAGE...Raider Nathan Jones, No. 22, chewed up more than a mile of total yardage this year.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
BLUE DEVILS EARNING RESPECT ON THE FIELD...The Westfield High School Blue Devils earned respect on the football field this season and earned the right to play at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford.

DOERR, TURNER NEAR TOP OF WHS ALL-TIME LIST

Blue Devils Complete Near Record-Breaking Season

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

Fever returned to Westfield. Football fever, that is. And, it all can be attributed to the efforts and coordination among the members of the Westfield High School football team and the Blue Devil coaching staff. The Devils' flame burned so hot that several Westfield High School All-Time football records were in jeopardy.

The malaise of the fever started toward the end of last year when the Blue Devils turned around a 1-8 season from 1996 and forged their way to a very respectable 6-3 season in 1997, climaxing in a 22-7 defeathering of the 13th-ranked Plainfield Cardinals in the presence of a crowd of over 4,000 at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield. Throughout this season, many enthusiastic fans warmed the seats of Gary Kehler Stadium every time the Blue Devils played.

This year, the Blue Devils completed their regular season with a 7-2 record and qualified for the state sectional tournament for the first time since 1981. First, the Blue Devils hosted the Wolfpack from West Morris Central in the quarterfinals of the North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 and sent them home with a 30-6 loss. Next, the Blue Devils wandered north and plundered the Vikings of Parsippany Hills, 44-13, in the semifinals to earn the trip to Giants Stadium.

Of the 367 high schools in New Jersey, Westfield became one of only eight public high school football teams to earn the opportunity to compete at Giants Stadium this year. Playing against returning champion Morristown and finding themselves down 22-0 within the first ten minutes of the game, the Blue Devils

showed their moxie by battling back with two touchdowns by halftime.

Their spirit continued in the third quarter when they nearly scored to knot the game, but two champions were playing at the Meadowlands and the pendulum swung in favor of Morristown in the fourth quarter. Each team had earned respect.

Several Blue Devils put up very respectable numbers and a few tempted the Westfield High School All-Time list. Senior quarterback and team tri-captain Brandon Doerr and senior Lamont Turner took a crack at some of those records to become members of the football elite.

Doerr passed for 1,111 yards and completed 15 touchdown passes. Only Westfield Hall of Famer Joe Monninger passed for more yardage and more touchdowns, 1,141 and 17, respectively. Also, Doerr was second with 32 (PAT) points after touchdown. K. C. Knoblock booted 51 in 1977. Finally, Doerr's 16 career touchdown passes tied Dave Brown's career total for third place. Monninger headed the list with 23 and Sam Mitchell was second with 22.

Turner, who led the team with six interceptions this year, fell one shy of the all-time record which was set by Rick Elliott (1979), Lou Retino (1989) and Mike Catenacci (1990).

As a team, the Blue Devils also pushed toward an all-time record. The highly versatile Devils scored a total of 301 points which ranked fourth on the All-Time list. The unbeaten sectional championship teams of 1947 (354), 1970 (354) and 1977 (413) topped the list.

Turner scored 13 touchdowns and led the Blue Devils with 78 team points. Doerr with his 32 (PAT), three field goals and one touchdown run, placed him second this year with 47

points. Seniors Todd Dowling crashed over the goal line seven times for 42 points and Gabe Perez crossed four times for 24 points. Seniors Tom Lee and Maurice Boatwright both scored four touchdowns for 24 points; however, Lee also shared a safety with senior Devin Griffiths.

Senior Jason Merritt had three touchdowns for 18 points and senior Kevin McCormack had two touchdowns for 12 points. Junior Chris Giaccone, who missed most of the season with an injury, added two touchdowns and sophomore Pat Tuohy scored one touchdown and two PAT for eight points. Sophomore Mike Mroz added one touchdown and senior Sergio Villafane and junior Kantu Barr both contributed two PAT.

Turner also led the team in rushing, carrying 119 times for 699 yards. Dowling carried 103 times for 583 yards, Lee carried 58 times for 263 yards and McCormack carried 43 times for 253 yards. Although he carried the ball only 17 times, Giaccone rushed for 143 yards and led the team with an 8.4 yards-per-carry average.

Tuohy rushed 85 yards on 18 carries, Vasquez had 33 yards on only three carries. Junior Larry Persky contributed 19 yards, sophomore Peter Martinez added six yards and Barr rushed for three yards.

Turner also led the Blue Devils with 16 receptions for 285 yards. Merritt was second in receptions with 12 and third with 207 yards. Perez, with nine receptions, led the team in yards-per-reception at 27.9 and was second in yardage with 251. Boatwright had six receptions for 78 yards, McCormack had four for 32 yards and junior Josh Ray had three for 50 yards. Lee had two receptions

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MCKEON IGNITES FOR 25 PTS; DEFENSE, HUSTLE WINS IT

Blue Devils Sizzle in Opener; Burn Lady Indians, 41-31

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

Senior Liz McKeon was hot as she fired in 25 points to lead the Westfield High School girls basketball team to a 41-31 victory over Rahway in their home opener in Westfield on December 18. McKeon terrorized the Indians both offensively and defensively.

Using a man-to-man defense and plenty of hustle, the smaller Blue Devils jumped out to a 12-0 lead with 3:06 left in the first quarter before the Indians could get on track. Carolyn Matthews was hot from the right side, scoring four points during that run. Senior Courtney Thornton also hit for two underneath.

"We used a man defense and had a lot of hustle. As long as we kept them outside and kept them from passing in to (Sweeia) Jeter, we had control of the game," explained Head Coach Kathy Hauser.

The Indians did, however, battle back to make the score 12-6 before McKeon sunk a foul shot to give the Blue Devils a 13-6 first-quarter lead.

The Indians scored immediately in the second quarter to close the score to 13-8, but Matthews came right back and nailed another two-pointer from the right side. From there McKeon caught fire and scored eight points and Thornton added two more to give the Blue Devils a 25-12 half time lead. During that quarter, Jessica Lutkenhouse added a key steal to keep the Blue Devils blazing.

McKeon added three foul shots and Kristen Leonardis contributed a slick layup to put the Blue Devils ahead, 30-14 with 3:28 left in the

third quarter. The Indians added four points, then McKeon made a great heads-up momentum-breaking play, bouncing the ball off an Indian to make the ball go out-of-bounds. The Blue Devils added two more points and the Indians put in three to make the score 32-21 by the end of the quarter.

"She is a very smart basketball player," commented Hauser about McKeon's versatility. "She does everything. She is only about 5'8", but she plays like a six footer, she shoots like a guard and dribbles like a guard."

During the final quarter, Thornton hit a left-side layup, then McKeon added two layups to make the score

38-25 with 4:28 left. The Devils went into a keep-away mode and frustrated the Indians. As time ran down, McKeon added another foul shot, then Karen Manahan hit two foul shots to finalize the scoring at 41-31.

"I think that we did well, except that we got a little out of sorts in the third quarter," said Hauser about the overall performance. "In the middle of the third quarter, I called a time out when they (Rahway) were within 11."

McKeon was 6-11 from the foul line, hit one three-pointer and sank eight two-pointers. In addition, she was everywhere, grabbing four defensive rebounds, making five steals

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
MAKING THE FOUL SHOT...Blue Devil Liz McKeon prepares to shoot a foul shot. McKeon made six foul shots and finished with 25 points against the Indians.



PRELUDE TO A PIN...Raider Tony Melendez, top, gets himself in position to set up a pin of a Panther.

Raider Matmen Scare Panthers; Lose 39-30

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wrist lock. Senior Tony Melendez jumped the score to 18-9 with a fall over Bryan Garrison at 1:30. After a scoreless first period, Melendez scored two points on a turn-in to a single leg trip. Both wrestlers then exchanged reversals, then Melendez executed the death grip, pinning Garrison with a single-leg grapevine and a chin chancery in 3:59.

The Panthers crept back to tie the score 18-18, winning by decision at 1:35 and by fall at 1:40 from state contender Craig Frost, but junior Mike Grabel put the Raiders back in front, 21-18, with an 10-5 decision over Garry Taluba.

Taluba scored a takedown, then Grabel escaped as the first period ended. Grabel took a 4-2 lead when he clamped Taluba with an arm bar near-fall in the second period. In the third period with the score, 4-3, Grabel added a penalty point, an escape and two takedowns.

The Panthers were stunned when the Raiders won the next two bouts to take a 30-18 team lead. Senior Marc Ricca, at 1:52, clamped Nick Tokarski in 3:14, after scoring on a switch reversal.

At 1:60, Matt Oley picked up three team points with an 8-7 decision over Shawn Kuchnowski. After being taken down three times in the first period, Oley found himself behind, 6-3, entering the second period. Oley cut the lead to 6-5 with a takedown, then scored an escape and a takedown in the third while yielding a penalty point.

The Panthers won by decision at 1:71 and by forfeit at 1:89 to narrow the score to 30-27. The pivotal bout had now arrived. If the Raiders would win by decision, the victory would belong to them.

In all sports, there are times of immense pressure and much credit should always be given to the ath-

letes who endure those situations. Raider Gary Cousar and Panther Nate Mooney faced off at the 215-lb class.

Cousar scored first on a takedown, Mooney escaped, then added a takedown, but Cousar tied the score, 3-3, with an escape at the end of the first period. Cousar picked up a penalty point, then added a reversal, but Mooney also got a reversal. Just before the end of the period, both wrestlers exchanged reversals.

Cousar held a slim 8-7 lead in the final period. He had Mooney in a loose single grapevine and attempted to turn him to his back. Mooney shed the grapevine and Cousar slipped to his back. Mooney took advantage of the situation and recorded the fall in 4:49.

When the Raiders were unable to present a wrestler at heavyweight, Panther Mike Munoz, a very talented wrestler, walked to the center of the mat to receive his forfeit.

103: — Danny Appello (RP) vs. Lucas Francavilla, 18-1, 5:51

112: — Dave Loewinger (SPF) p. Chris Levine, 4:45

119: — Rory Adams (RP) md. Mike Loewinger, 13-5

125: — Charlie Triplet (SPF) p. Travis Meadows, 5:40

130: — Tony Melendez (SPF) p. Bryan Garrison, 3:59

135: — Bob Appello (RP) d. A. J. Romeo, 6-3

140: — Craig Frost (RP) p. Mike Natale, 2:37

145: — Mike Grabel (SPF) d. Garry Taluba, 10-5

160: — Marc Ricca (SPF) p. Nick Tokarski, 3:14

160: — Matt Oley (SPF) d. Shawn Kuchnowski, 8-7

171: — Kevin Kolbeck (RP) d. Josh Ricca, 9-2

189: — Doug Schoening (RP) won by forfeit

215: — Nate Mooney (RP) p. Gary Cousar, 4:49

Hwt: — Mike Munoz (RP) won by forfeit

Raiders Finish Grid Season Stepping in Right Direction

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Franzone was stopped just inches from the endzone.

Despite the misfortune, the Raiders held their heads up and entered Union on Thanksgiving Day with a relatively healthy team. The Farmers, who have been tough all year, were stingy with their turf, but Franzone hit Blair Woodward with a 67-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter, then hit him again with a 10-yard touchdown pass with just :27 remaining in the game to make the score 21-20. The Raiders took a winner's approach and went for the two-point conversion, but the Farmers stopped them just inches shy of the endzone.

Although a few inches may have affected their record negatively, the Raiders turned in positive numbers

both offensively and defensively.

Jones was amazing as he rushed for 1,376 yards on 215 carries for a 6.4 average and scored 11 touchdowns. Jones also had five pass receptions for 77 yards with one touchdown. He had 10 kickoff returns for 299 yards with one touchdown and four punt returns for 80 yards to accumulate 1,832 total yards. In addition, he tossed a 39-yard touchdown pass.

Franzone completed 47 passes for 653 yards and five touchdowns. He rushed for 153 yards and one touchdown and kicked 12 points after touchdown. As a punter, Franzone totaled 1,042 yards on 31 punts for a 33.6 average.

Fullback McDaniel rushed 55 times for 183 yards. Senior Matt McCarthy

led the team in receptions with 24 and in yards received with 348 while scoring two touchdowns. McCarthy also had five kickoff returns for 76 yards and two punt returns for 35 yards.

Woodward, who was injured most of the season, had four receptions for 128 yards for an amazing 32 yards per reception. Three of those receptions were for touchdowns. Woodward was also deadly on kickoffs as he returned two for 109 yards and one touchdown. Junior Anthony Cary had five receptions for 57 yards.

Senior linebacker Scott Paterson was the leader of the defense and had his share of tackles with 40 assisted and 23 solo. Paterson led the Raiders with four fumble recoveries and had two interceptions.

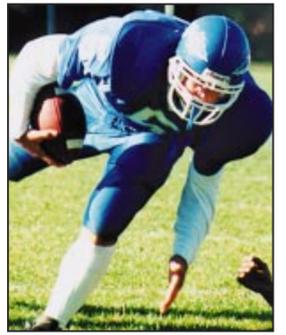
Jones was impressive defensively, as he had 42 assisted tackles and 43 solo tackles while recovering three fumbles and grabbing two interceptions. McDaniel had 30 assisted and 13 solo tackles and recorded one quarterback sack.

Junior Jeremy Dodge had 25 assisted and 13 solo tackles and junior Dave Herrmann had 20 assisted and 10 solo tackles. Senior Jim Feeley contributed 13 assisted and 17 solo tackles while recording three sacks and one fumble recovery.

Franzone had 18 assisted and nine solo tackles and had one fumble recovery and one interception. Jenerette had 16 assisted and 11 solo tackles and McCarthy recorded 19 assisted and nine solo tackles and recovered one fumble and had one interception.

Senior Kristan Serieux had 14 assisted and 23 solo tackles and Woodward had nine assisted and 10 solo tackles while recovering one fumble and making one interception. Junior Dan Loomis had 10 assisted and nine solo tackles and junior Mike Grabel had 14 assisted and six solo tackles while recovering one fumble, intercepting three passes and blocking one kick.

The Raiders will graduate 10 seniors, but will return 21 juniors and 18 sophomores.



TOUCHDOWN...Raider quarterback Joe Franzone lunges in for a touchdown.

Indian Boys Edge Blue Devils, 55-49

Indian Anthony Jordan scored 14 of his 17 points in the first half and teammate Antonio Davis led all scoring with 26 to give Rahway a 55-49 victory over the Westfield High School boys basketball team in the season opener at Rahway on December 18. Senior Pete Anzelone sunk 18 points to lead the Blue Devils.

The Indians took a six-point lead in the first quarter, then the Blue Devils matched them point-for-point for the remainder of the game. Center Tom Langton plunked in 14 points and senior Maurice Boatwright sank 10 points.

Westfield	7	13	17	12	49
Rahway	13	14	15	13	55

Raiders Drop 3 OT Marathon, 70-69

A tip-in by Bulldog Bart Jordan with :04 left in the third overtime lifted Malcolm X. Shabazz to a 70-69 win over the Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys basketball team in Scotch Plains. Senior Benny Martinez hit for 30 points in the losing cause.

Ron Jenerette pushed in 10 points, Steve Simms and Dave Herrmann each hit for five and James Allen Osborne burned the net for 19 points.

M. Shabazz	4	11	17	18	8	4	70
Sc Pl-Fnw	12	13	16	9	8	4	69



ELUDING A CRANFORD COUGAR...Raider quarterback Joe Franzone eludes several Cougars en route to a big gain.

Western Union County H. S. Wrestling Results

DECEMBER 19: Governor Livingston 37, Roselle Catholic 36

103: — Steve Danard (R) won by forfeit

112: — Danny Rappzak (R) won by forfeit

119: — Brett Vanderveer (G) p. Tony Edigio, :37

125: — Steve Catone (R) p. Bill Lentis, :53

130: — No match

135: — John Regenye (G) p. Pat Sullivan, 1:32

140: — Dan Richard (G) d. Jeff Casimir, 8-1

145: — Kris Lecomte (G) p. Chris Osborne, :30

152: — Mike Meyer (G) p. Mike Demcovitz, :34

160: — Tim Marcantonio (G) p. Brandon Loadholt, :36

171: — Craig Howlett (R) p. Mike Farrell, :57

189: — Fred Williams (G) d. Joe Lapelusa, 5-1

215: — Scott Waczyk (R) p. Tom Robina, 2:40

Hwt: — Brian Moore (R) won by forfeit

Governor Livingston 39, Brearley 36

103: — Mark Yospin (B) won by forfeit

112: — No match

119: — Brett Vanderveer (G) p. Stefano Sarracino, 1:28

125: — Bill Lentis (G) p. Joe Ruggiero, :49

130: — Mike Puorro (B) won by forfeit

135: — Joe Reyenye (B) p. Scott Ferguson, 1:48

140: — Billy Fitzgerald (B) p. Dan Richards, 2:59

145: — Attila Vigilante (B) p. Andy O'Dowd, :49

152: — Kris Lecomte (G) p. Giancarlo Pesantez, 1:01

160: — Tim Marcantonio (G) p. Dave Vasquez, :44

171: — Mike Farrell (G) p. Ricky Micelli, 4:47

189: — Fred Williams (G) p. Matt McGeehan, :36

215: — Tom Robbins (G) d. Mike Harms, 12-5

Hwt: — Chris Tyne (B) p. Steve Hoesley, :41

Millburn 49, Governor Livingston 28

103: — Andrew Silverman (M) won by forfeit

112: — Dimitri Mazur (M) won by forfeit

119: — Brett Vanderveer (G) p. Jon Frankel, 1:11

125: — Joe Cuomo (M) p. Bill Lentis, :41

130: — Adam Lebinstein (M) won by forfeit

135: — John Reygenye (G) p. Mike Greenblatt, 3:17

140: — Dan Bookstaber (M) p. Dan Richard, 4:57

145: — Kris Lecomte (G) p. Jordan Brown, :45

152: — Rob Squires (M) p. Mike Meyer, 1:31

160: — Tim Marcantonio (G) md. Mike Shapiro, 16-3

171: — Andrew Spey (M) p. Mike Farrell, 2:40

189: — Todd Rosenthal (M) md. Fred Williams, 14-0

215: — Alay Damle d. Tom Robina, 9-7

Hwt: — Steve Hoesley (G) p. Karim Faris, 4:46

Union 65, Irvington 18

Hopatcong Tourney (Title Bout):

125: — Peter Paradise (New Providence) d. Brian Costigan (Parsippany), 12-8

145: — Donny DeFilippis (New Providence) p. Andrew Dellalalla (Hopatcong), 1:41

152: — John Donofrio (Cranford) d. Pat Madia (Parsippany), 9-3

189: — Scott Schundler (Delbarton) p. Pete Holderoid (New Providence), 2:25

215: — Pat Ekstrom (Cranford) md. Shaun (West Morris)

Hanover Park Tourney:

145: — Wayne Oakley (Pequanook) p. Dan Freer (Rahway), 1:05

215: — Dan Garay (Rahway) d. Bill Cummins (Pasack Valley), 7-1



RIDING A BIT HIGH...Raider A. J. Romeo, top, gets a little too high on Panther Bob Appello during his 135-lb bout.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-1221-98.

COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORP., PLAINTIFF vs. JOSEPH EMILUS AND BERNADETTE EMILUS, H/W, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 21, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 1999 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 \$54,870.04. BEING THE PREMISES KNOWN AS THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. LOT 1669, BLOCK 13.

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: N/A. NEAREST CROSS STREET: GROVE STREET.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 326 WESTFIELD AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SHERIFF OF UNION COUNTY.

COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORPORATION vs. JOSEPH EMILUS AND BERNADETTE EMILUS, H/W DOCKET NO. F-1221-98.

There is due approximately the sum of \$56,458.14 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
THE LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL A. ALFIERI, Attorney
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CH-754123 (WL)
4 T - 12/10, 12/17
12/24 & 12/31/98 Fee: \$189.72

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-17470-97.

SELECTIVE FINANCE LTD., PLAINTIFF vs. ENRIQUE MATEO AND ANNA MATEO, HIS WIFE; CARIDAD PAZ; MARIA MIKHAIL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 26, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 13TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 1999 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 \$134,560.94. SELECTIVE FINANCE LTD. VS. ENRIQUE MATEO AND ANNA MATEO, HIS WIFE; CARIDAD PAZ; MARIA MIKHAIL.

LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 539 GRIER STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.

TAX LOT NO. 738 BLOCK NO. 4. DIMENSIONS: 32.00 FEET WIDE X 95.00 FEET DEEP.

NEAREST CROSS STREET: SITUATE ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF GRIER AVENUE 24.85 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF NEW JERSEY HIGHWAY ROUTE 1.

There is due approximately the sum of \$138,197.50 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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12/31/98 & 1/7/99 Fee: \$189.72

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9329-98.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF vs. ARMINDO GOMES, ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 8, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 1999 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$130,101.96. MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth, COUNTY: Union STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

STREET AND STREET NO. 651 McKinley Street.

TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 4 LOT: 1029

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 60.00 feet x 74.30 feet.

NEAREST CROSS STREET: Intersection of McKinley Street and Richmond Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$133,558.59 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
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4 T - 12/10, 12/17
12/24 & 12/31/98 Fee: \$165.24

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-762-88.

SEARS MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. EUGENE BLANDING, ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JUNE 13, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 13TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 1999 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 \$206,411.94. Municipality: Town of Westfield. Street Address: 112 Windsor Avenue Tax Lot: No. 2, Tax Block: No. 510.

Approximate dimensions: 112.73 feet x 26.25 feet x 140 feet x .98 feet x 37.50 feet.

Nearest cross street: Grandview Avenue.

There is due approximately the sum of \$212,450.26 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
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4 T - 12/17, 12/14,
12/31/98 & 1/7/99 Fee: \$148.92



ATTEMPTING TO CAGE A COUGAR...Raiders Scott Paterson, No. 54, and Dan Loomis, No. 75, pursue a Cougar. See another picture on page 14.

High School Girls Basketball Scores:

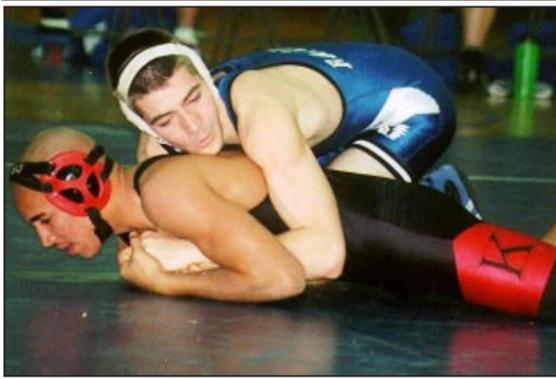
DECEMBER 18: Governor Livingston 51, Hillside 43

Jen Calabrese pumped in six of her 12 points to ignite a 17-8 second-quarter burst to lead the Highlanders to victory in Hillside. Lauren Kobel sank 17 points to lead the Highlanders. Nine of Kobel's points came in the first half.

Gov. Livingston	8	17	13	12	50
Hillside	8	8	9	18	43

Union 62, Irvington 42

Brittany Porter nailed 20 points to lead



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
LOOKING FOR WRIST CONTROL...Raider 125-pounder Charlie Tripet, top, seeks wrist control over Santiago Almeida of Kearny. See another picture on page 14.

Raider Matmen Win Opener; Ground Cardinals, 48-30

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Artigliere continued, "I could have avoided the matchup, but I told Tony, that I don't run from anybody and he enjoyed that attitude because he knows that he's got the goods and we are expecting him to show it this year." Melendez commented on his bout, "I felt that I could have won. When he hit me with the elevator the first time, I came through and hung on but I let loose the second time he did it." At 145, Mike Grabel pinned Mike Badea in 2:41 using a half nelson and a wrist lock to increase the Raiders' lead to 30-12. Senior Mark Ricca pinned John DiGravina with a body press in 2:47 at 152 to jump the score to 36-12. The score hopped to 42-12 when Matt Oley pinned Yesel Castro in 3:29 at 160. After the Cardinals picked up a fall at 171, Raider Gary Cousar at 189-lbs, pinned Benny Fortado in 2:16 with a cradle to make the score 48-18. The Cardinals won by fall at 215 and received a forfeit at heavyweight to finalize the score at 48-30. "It was a great overall team effort," stated Artigliere. "I knew we had balance in our lineup. Tonight we

came out and showed it. We had some real big matches right from 103. I am real happy with everybody's performance."

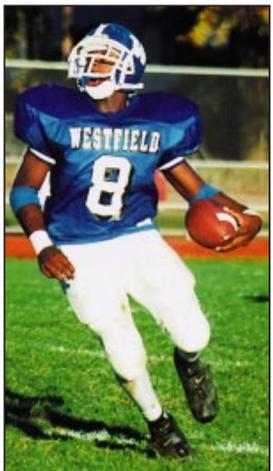
WEIGHT BREAKDOWN:
103: — Lucas Francavilla (SPF) p. Angel LaPorta, 3:19
112: — Dave Loewinger (SPF) won by forfeit
119: — Mike Loewinger (SPF) p. Ron DiGravina, 3:30
125: — Santiago Almeida (K) d. Charlie Tripet, 8:5
130: — A. J. Romeo (SPF) p. Anthony Yevella, 3:00
135: — Dave Cordova (K) d. Tony Melendez, 7-5 OT
140: — Marlo Blas (K) p. Mike Natale, 5:35
145: — Mike Grabel (SPF) p. Mike Badea, 2:41
152: — Mark Ricca (SPF) p. John DiGravina, 2:47
160: — Matt Oley (SPF) p. Yesel Castro, 3:29
171: — Jay Amodovar (K) p. Josh Ricca, :41
189: — Gary Cousar (SPF) p. Benny Fortado, 2:16
215: — Anthony Distano (K) p. Jon Sommer, 1:04
Hwt: — Chris Corrachano (K) won by forfeit

Blue Devils Complete Near Record-Breaking Season

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for 45 yards and Giacone had one reception for 53 yards.

One thing that must be noted is that it requires a strong and talented line to create the gaping holes which allow the running backs to make big gains. In addition, strong pass protection has always been necessary for a quarterback to have such aerial success. Especially, the efforts of Tom Langton, Rob Albino, Matt Krug,



David B. Corbin for The Leader/Times
Blue Devil Lamont Turner



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

ONE OF THIRTY-TWO EXTRA POINTS...Blue Devil Brandon Doerr kicks one of his 32 extra points that he amassed this year. See another picture on page 14.

Greg Jackson, Will Hannis and Perez helped make it all possible.

The Blue Devils not only put up big numbers offensively but were impressive defensively. Second to Turner in interceptions was Merritt with four. Dowling had two and Boatwright, Lee, McCormack and Doerr had one apiece.

Dowling, at the inside linebacker position, made initial contact with the opposing offense more than any other Blue Devil to lead the team with 104 tackles. Turner at safety was second with 85 tackles. Lee at inside linebacker was third with 74 and Griffiths at tackle was fourth with 56. Tri-Captain Krug had 53 tackles at the outside linebacker position and Merritt had 51.

Big senior tackle Kyle Martinovich had 44 tackles, Perez and McCormack each had 42 and Doerr had 36. Jackson came through with 33 tackles, seniors Marcus Thornton, Jon Greenstein and Albino had 30, 19 and 16, respectively. Seniors Joe Petrucelli, Boatwright, Sergio Villafane and Anthony Pecoraro contributed, 15, 15, 14 and nine, respectively.

Collectively, the Blue Devils amassed 2,080 yards rushing and 1,111 yards passing for 3,191 total yards. It was indeed a memorable year not just for the team and the coaches but for the fans and the town of Westfield.

Thank You Blue Devils!



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
WORKING HARD ON DEFENSE...Blue Devils Jessica Lutkenhouse, No. 14, and Val Griffith, No. 33, worked very hard on defense against the Indians.

Blue Devils Sizzle in Opener; Burn Lady Indians, 41-31

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and yanking down four offensive rebounds. Also, she had two blocked shots and two assists.

Commenting on the team's and McKeon's defensive tenacity, Hauser said, "Liz was good. She was very aggressive. She had to take care of Jeter and she was their big player. Everyone played well on defense."

Assessing the Blue Devils' offensive efficiency, Hauser said, "We got to go to the foul line and got some easy shots. We didn't make as many layups in the first half but that's okay. We had enough of a cushion to keep going and Rahway never gave up."

Thornton finished with five points, four defensive rebounds, two offensive rebounds, one assist and two steals. Matthews had six points, two offensive and two defensive rebounds, six assists and three steals.

Matthews showed some shooting ability and Hauser commented, "She is a good shooter but Carolyn was struggling a little bit in the second half with shots going down. I said, you know, you are a sophomore, you have to step in a little more and take the shot. When you make one, your confidence will come back."

Lutkenhouse had one offensive and one defensive rebound, three assists and five steals. Leonardis had two points and one offensive rebound and Brendel added one point and a steal. Manahan finished with two points.

At the beginning of the season,

McKeon, in her third year at varsity, has been within 275 points of attaining the 1,000-point threshold, so many eyes will be observing her progress.

Rahway (0-1)	6	6	9	10	31
Westfield (1-0)	13	12	7	9	41



David B. Corbin for The Leader/Times
TAKING A SHOT...Blue Devil Courtney Thornton, No. 23, starts to take a shot at the basket.

Ballweg, Bowers Make Associated Press List

Union Catholic High School girls soccer midfielder Jessica Ballweg has been selected to The Associated Press' New Jersey All-State First team list and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School goalie Christine Bowers has been selected to the Second Team.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON JANUARY 14, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, the Scotch Plains Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing to consider the following appeal(s) for variances:

JORGE and LISA MILO for a Temporary Operating Permit to allow the temporary placement of a mobile home during renovations at the property located at **1931 DUNCAN DRIVE (BLOCK 10801, LOT 7)**, Scotch Plains. Permission, if granted, is pursuant to **Section 23-4.3** of the Zoning Ordinance allowing temporary permission for a period not to exceed one (1) year.

PYLON 22 CORPORATION for Use Variance to permit the replacement of the existing free-standing sign, a non-conforming use in the B-3 Zone, at the property located at **1715 ROUTE 22 WEST (BLOCK 703, LOT 1)**, Scotch Plains. Said sign is contrary to the provisions of the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance:

Section 23-6.1a3 whereby "no non-conforming use may be expanded." The proposed enlargement of the existing free-standing sign constitutes an expansion of the non-conforming use and requires a Use Variance.

Section 23-2.3q, 11 whereby "All signs with (iii) exposed neon tubes; (iv) neon tubes encased in clear glass, clear plexiglass, or other clear or transparent substance... are prohibited uses and require a Use Variance.

Section 23-2.2, a whereby "No structure shall be built within 50 feet of a stream bed which carries water on an average of six months of the year..." which requires a Use Variance.

DAN PICARO for Use Variances (1) to permit the construction of a two-family duplex unit and (2) to permit truck storage in the third bay of the proposed detached garage at the property located at **2682 Plainfield Avenue (Block 703, Lot 15)**, Scotch Plains. Said uses are prohibited in the R-3 Zone pursuant to **Section 23.3.7** of the Zoning Ordinance.

MARK ENTERPRISES, INC., t/a Bowcraft Amusement Park, a non-conforming use in the ML-1 Zone, for a Use Variance to permit the installation of a water playground and a maintenance building at the property located at **2545 Route 22 West (Block 4802, Lot 9)**, Scotch Plains. Said proposals constitute an expansion of the non-conforming use, pursuant to **Section 23.3.8** of the Zoning Ordinance, which requires the granting of a Use Variance.

Applicant is also requesting a waiver of site plan approval for these proposals.

All interested persons may be present and heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains, and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Linda M. Lies
Secretary to the
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Township of Scotch Plains
1 T - 12/24/98, The Times Fee: \$68.85

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey, on Monday, January 11, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey for the following:

One (1) Applied 414-Rs "Green Machine" Suction Sweeper or Equal
Proposals must be delivered at the place and before the hour above mentioned in a sealed envelope marked "Bid for 'Green Machine' bearing the Name and Address of the Bidder, addressed to the Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and must be in the office of the Purchasing Agent on or before the hour named.

Bids must be accompanied by a proposal guarantee in the form of certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in an amount of 10% of the total bid, payable to the Town of Westfield. Each proposal must be accompanied by a surety company certification stating that the said Surety company will provide the bidder with the required performance bond in the full amount of the contract.

Bidders must be in compliance with all provisions of Chapter 127 pl 1975 supplement for the law against discrimination (Affirmative Action). Bidders Statement of Ownership, as required by Chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1977, must be submitted with all bids.

Specifications and proposal forms can be examined and procured at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090. Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any and all bids, also waive any informality if it is deemed advisable so to.

Marianne K. Horta
Purchasing Agent
1 T - 12/24/98, The Leader Fee: \$40.80

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-1030-97.

FIRST UNION MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. CARMITA A. VERA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 6, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 1999 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 \$167,649.51. Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth County of Union State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as 614 Greir Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey. BEING KNOWN as Lot 677, Block 4 on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth. Dimensions: (approximately) 100.00 feet x 27.00 feet.

Nearest Cross Street: Summer Street. There is due approximately the sum of \$173,137.20 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
FEDERMAN AND PHELAN, Attorney
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Sentry Office Plaza
216 Haddon Avenue
Westmont, New Jersey 08108
CH-753376 (WL)
4 T - 12/24, 12/31/98,
1/7 & 1/14/99 Fee: \$169.32

Tezucar Captures 1st at Six Counties Mat Tournament

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

Westfield High School senior Onur Tezucar captured first place in the 160-lb weight class at the Morris Knolls (Six Counties) Wrestling Tournament on December 19. Blue Devil heavyweight junior Brian Williams earned a fourth place.

Tezucar, seeded first, swiftly disposed of Jamie Smith of Morris Hills in the opening round with a cradle in :29. In the semifinals, Tezucar scored three takedowns, a near fall and a penalty point to earn a 10-1 majority decision over John Neyerlin of Montvale.

In the finals, Tezucar faced hard-nosed Bill Dennis of Morris Knolls and came up with a 6-1 decision. Scoring on a takedown and a near fall, Tezucar grabbed a 5-0 lead in the first period. Being a very talented top-rider, Dennis rode out Tezucar in the second period and chose the top position in the third. Each wrestler picked up a penalty point in the third to conclude the scoring.

"He was a good kid and a very tough rider," said Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz of Dennis. "Onur's takedown and back points in the first period made the difference."

Williams' performance pleased Kurz very much. "Brian had a very good tournament. I was especially pleased with the way he wrestled against Colin Hunter of South Plainfield (the eventual winner) in the semifinals."

In the quarterfinals, Williams pinned Ed Mullins of Wallkill Valley in just :45. After losing to Hunter,

Williams pinned John Rosenwinkel of Wayne Hills in 2:37.

In the bout for third place against Corey Grove of Morris Hills, Williams came out as the aggressor and got a takedown in the first period. Up 2-0, in the second, Williams clamped Grove in a cradle and appeared to be on his way to a pin; however, Williams was too high and Grove rolled over on top of him and registered the fall forty seconds into the period.

Blue Devils Matt Castaldo, at 152, picked up a 12-4 decision over Zac Osman of Wayne Hills in a consolation match and Dan Sawicki, at 119, pinned Joel Davidson of Morris Hills in 3:59.

Devil Girls Enter Panther Classic

The Westfield High School girls basketball team will compete in the Roselle Park Christmas Tournament (Panther Classic) on Monday, December 28 and Wednesday, December 30. High school teams from Roselle Park, Westfield, Roselle and Jonathan Dayton (Springfield) will be participating.

The Blue Devil girls will face the J. Dayton Bulldogs on December 28 at 2:15 p.m. followed by Roselle Park and Roselle at 4 p.m. The consolation game will begin at 2:15 p.m. on December 30 and the championship game will follow at 5:30 p.m.

Admission for adults will be \$3 and for students will be \$2.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-2471-98.

AAMES CAPITAL CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. WILLIAM A. HUNTER, JR.; ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 1, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 1999 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 \$102,903.66. The property to be sold is located in the municipality of ELIZABETH in the County of UNION and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 572 WALNUT STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY. Tax Lot 12 BLOCK 1331.

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 172.68 x 50.19 x 168.32 x 50.00 (IRREGULAR).

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the WESTERLY side of WALNUT STREET 878.67 feet from the NORTHWESTERLY side of MARY STREET.

There is due approximately the sum of \$105,675.46 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
EPSTEIN, EPSTEIN, BROWN & BOSEK, Attorney
245 Green Village Road
P.O. Box 901
Chatham Township, New Jersey 07928-0901
CH-754121 (WL)
4 T - 12/10, 12/17,
12/24 & 12/31/98
Fee: \$171.36

Viking Boys Take N. Central, 58-48

Carlos Jefferson whooshed in 10 points in the first quarter as the Union Catholic High School boys basketball team took a 15-5 lead and controlled the tempo to win 58-48 over Newark Central in Scotch Plains on December 18. Frantzuo Simon yanked down 11 rebounds to help the Vikings maintain control.

Jefferson led all scoring with 23, Simon finished with seven points and Steve Benton pushed in eight points. Kwaku Morgan fired in six points, Joey Green sank 11 and Chris Gaincy had three.

Newark Central	5	14	14	15	48
Union Catholic	15	18	13	12	58

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD after public hearing granted approval to Andrew Calamaras for a home occupancy on the property at 232 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey being Block No. 13, Lot No. 18.

Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at the Borough Hall during normal business hours.

Andrew Calamaras
1829 Front Street
Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076
1 T - 12/24/98, The Times Fee: \$14.79

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-3698-97.

ALLIANCE MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. PHYLLIS ELLERBE, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 17, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 1999 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 \$122,648.32. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 1021 Emma Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202. Tax Lot No. 571 in Block No. 8.

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 26 feet wide by 100 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the northerly side of Emma Street 339 feet from the easterly side of Catherine Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$127,165.39 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
STERN, LAVINTHAL, NORGAARD & KAPNICK, Attorney
Suite 300
293 Eisenhower Parkway
Livingston, New Jersey 07039-1711
File Number: XWZ-34849
1-908-233-8500
CH-753306 (WL)
4 T - 12/24, 12/31/98,
1/7 & 1/14/99 Fee: \$175.44

Wicks, Corbett Named All-State Field Hockey

Westfield Blue Devil junior Valerie Wicks has been selected to the Star Ledger 1998 First Team All-State Group 3 girls field hockey list. Recently, Wicks had been named as the 1998 Union County Player of the Year by the Star Ledger.

Junior teammate Paige Corbett has been selected to the 1998 Third Team All-State Group 3 list.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOSEPH J. HARRIGFIELD, Deceased.

Pursuant to the order of ANN P. CONTI, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 18th day of December A.D., 1998, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

Charles T. Harrigfield
Executor

Barisonek & Dooley, Attorneys
340 North Avenue, East
P.O. Box 591
Cranford, New Jersey 07016
1 T - 12/24/98, The Leader Fee: \$20.40

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12697-96.

EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. RONSON LEE SMITH A/K/A RONSON L. SMITH, BRENDA A. SMITH, H/W, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 17, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 13TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 1999 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 \$20,569.47. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 905 Olive Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201. Tax Lot No. 1443 in Block No. 8.

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 25 feet wide by 100 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the northerly side of Olive Street 50 feet from the westerly side of Henry Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$21,764.48 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG, BECKER & ACKERMAN, Attorney
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Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024
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File No. XCL-37182
CH-753598 (WL)
4 T - 12/17, 12/24,
12/31/98 & 1/7/99 Fee: \$177.48

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS 1999 REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

CYAN YELLOW MAGENTA BLACK

Devil Bowler Baum Rolls Near Perfect (299) Game

The Westfield High School Bowling Team started its season by participating in the Warren Wheeler Invitational Tournament held at Plaza Lanes in Madison on December 12, and came away with their best showing since bowling was started in 1980. Leading the way for the Blue Devils were senior captain Brett Rosenblatt and Evan Baum. Rosenblatt rolled a 711 series with games of 227, 252 and 232. He rolled a six game total of 1,270. Baum thrilled the crowd with an opening game of 299, followed by scores of 215 and 225 for a 739 series. The 299 was the second highest game in Westfield history and the 739 series was the highest total surpassing Scott Bridgeman, who had a 731 total in 1997. Bridgeman still owns the only 300 game in Westfield history. Baum also won a \$100 scholarship

to the Dick Ritger bowling camp which he promptly donated to a Westfield student for the summer of 1999. High School bowling coach Mike Tirone will decide who the lucky winner will be. The scholarship was awarded to Baum for the high game of the day. The team also made Westfield history as they rolled the high three series ever with games of 1043, 1044 and 1035 for a 3,122 series. Tirone stated that "the lanes were dressed for high scoring and we were one of the five teams that took advantage by adjusting our shots." Joining Rosenblatt and Baum were Tim Caprario, Jeff Diamond, Chris Marona, Hugh Sinclair and Dan Rock. Caprario chipped in with two high games of 206 and 217 while Rock also had two high games of 214 and 218. Diamond rolled a high game of 202.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
OPENING UP A HOLE...Blue Devil Will Hannis, No. 64, looks to open up a hole for Lamont Turner, No. 8, against the Cougars.

Local Syncro Swimmers Train At Olympic Center

Two members of the Westfield "Y" Aquaduck Synchronized Swimming team, Becky Zakian and Megan Lesko, recently traveled to the Lake Placid Olympic Training Center for two days of intense training. Duke Zielinski Corporation, an international performance systems company, ran the clinic. The primary focuses were on developing various synchronized swimming skills, along with mental, flexibility, and strength training. Sarah and Karen Josephson, former Olympic and World Synchronized Swimming champions taught much of the session. While there, the girls were also able to observe Olympic bob sledders, speed skaters, and freestyle skiers. Zakian and Lesko had to achieve a qualifying routine score during 1998

competitions and know senior level figures to be able to participate in this clinic. They are following in the footsteps of other Aquaduck team members, as this is the fifth year that the Aquaducks have been eligible to send swimmers to this event. The girls benefit in many ways from this experience including building confidence, increasing their skills, and being able to see the top-level competitors in their age group. The course pushed Lesko and Zakian to basalt out of their comfort zone, set stretch goals, and create new challenges for themselves for the 1999 season. Working together, they were able to put much of what they learned into action. For more information about the Westfield "Y" Aquaducks, please contact Diane Hunzinger at the Westfield "Y" at (908) 233-2700.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
ROLLING LEFT FOR A BIG GAIN...Raider fullback La'Marr McDaniel, No. 30, rolls left for a big gain.

Montclair Swimmers Sink F-SPY Piranhas, 110-98

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Y boys' swim team, fought a valiant battle against a strong Montclair Y team on December 12, but ended up one relay short, losing 110-98. The Piranha boys had the guts and power but just not quite the depth to take it all the way. F-SPY opened the meet with a display of force, sweeping every individual Medley event. Victors in the 100-yard I. M. were Brendan Jones (1:16.9) and Eric Swenson (1:01.66), while in the 200 I. M., Ryan Hauptman (2:17.19) and Chris Karelus (2:07.77) captured firsts. Deryck Middleton posted his best time in the 11-12 I. M. and Mike Cinkewicz turned it on in the final 50 of his 200 to surge into second place for the 15-18's.

13-14 100 (1:12.00). Backstrokers Neil Merchant, Erick Walken and Danny Selert all swam well for the 8 and-unders, and Brian Gartner notched a victory (30.57) for the 11-12's. K. Bobenchik followed with his second win of the day, a best-time finish in a 13-14 100-back (1:01.63) and M. Cinkewicz had another strong race for the 15-18's to take second. Knowing the meet was still up for grabs, the Piranhas came out fighting in the butterfly events. S. Marino put everything he had into the 9-10 50 to take second, while B. Gartner (28.73) and David Hauptman locked up first and third in the 11-12 50-fly. R. Hauptman flew to a first for the 13-14's (1:03.44), and for the seniors, Karelus (57.06) and Frank Eaton snagged another first and third to put F-SPY up by two points. Montclair's depth served them well in the relays. The Piranhas needed two to clinch the meet and could only win one. The 11-12 team of Middleton, D. Hauptman, Garner and E. Swenson posted a winning time of 1:48.32 in their 200-free event.

Eight-and-under Gordon Peeler notched a victory to open the freestyle events and Matt Morgan and Luke Russo also swam their best times. In the 9-10 50-free, Scotty Marino and John Moscovitz clinched second and third while James LiVolsi posted his best time. Chris Leone took second for the 11-12's with his fastest effort. Kevin Bobenchik took first in the 13-14 100-free (55:79), Marc Cello also won a personal best.

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

In the breaststroke, John Kosenick had a best-time swim for the junior Piranhas and B. Jones won again for the 9-10's (40.77). E. Swenson and D. Middleton locked up second and third in the 11-12 50-breast, while Steve Swenson out-touched his opponent to win in the

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF WESTFIELD
INVITATION TO BID
 SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1999 AT 10:00 A.M. PREVAILING TIME IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 425 EAST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO FURNISH AND DELIVER TO THE PUBLIC WORKS CENTER, 959 NORTH AVENUE WEST:

70,000 GALLONS, MORE OR LESS, OF UNLEADED GASOLINE FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999
25,000 GALLONS, MORE OR LESS, OF NO. 2-D DIESEL FUEL OIL FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999

PROPOSALS MAY BE DELIVERED AT THE PLACE AND BEFORE THE HOUR ABOVE MENTIONED AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFIED CHECK, OR BID BOND, MADE PAYABLE TO THE ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO AT LEAST TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE BASE AMOUNT OF THE BID. EACH PROPOSAL MUST ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SURETY COMPANY CERTIFICATION STATING THAT SAID SURETY COMPANY WILL PROVIDE THE BIDDER WITH THE REQUIRED PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT. BIDDERS MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 127 P.L. 1975, SUPPLEMENT TO THE LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION (AFFIRMATIVE ACTION). SPECIFICATIONS AND PROPOSAL FORM MAY BE EXAMINED AND PROCURED AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS CENTER, 959 NORTH AVENUE, WEST, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITY, IF IT IS DEEMED ADVISABLE TO DO SO. KENNETH B. MARSH TOWN ENGINEER 1T - 12/24/98, The Leader Fee: \$50.49

PUBLIC NOTICE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-14392-96
CIVIL ACTION
NOTICE TO REDEEM
FUNB as Custodian for D.H. Associates, Plaintiff, v. Francisco Espinosa and Susan Katz, et al.; Defendants.

TO: Lorraine Gray
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an order made on the 11th day of December, 1998, the Superior Court Fixed the 16th day of February, 1999 between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, prevailing time, at the office of the Tax Collector of the City of Plainfield, located at 1217-23 Arlington Avenue, City of Plainfield, New Jersey, as the time and place when and where you may pay to the plaintiff the amount so found due for principal and interest on its certificate of tax sale as follows:
 Lot No. 24, Block No. 727, on the tax duplicate of the City of Plainfield. Total amount required to redeem is \$28,696.36, together with interest from October 30, 1998 and costs.
 Lot No. 10, Block No. 645, on the tax duplicate of the City of Plainfield. Total amount required to redeem is \$30,597.54, together with interest from October 30, 1998 and costs.
 And that unless, at the same time and place, you or one of you redeem by paying the aforesaid sum so found due to plaintiff, then you, and each of you shall be deemed and foreclosed of and from all right and equity of redemption of, in and to the lands and premises above set out and described in the complaint and every part thereof, and that the plaintiff be vested with an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple in said lands and premises.
 Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, redemption shall be permitted up until the entry of final judgment including the whole of the last date upon which judgment is entered.
 Deborah Feldstein, ESQ. Attorney for Plaintiff
 ALLOCCA & PELLEGRINO
 4 Century Drive
 Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
 1T - 12/24/98, The Leader Fee: \$48.45



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
KEEPING TOP PRESSURE...Raider Charlie Triplet puts plenty of top pressure on Travis Meadows of Roselle Park. Triplet pinned Meadows in 5:40.

Flames Cagers Burn B. Brook, Cranford

The Fanwood Flames fifth grade travel recreation team won their first two games of the season beating South Bound Brook, 32-22, and Cranford, 21-20. Brian Halpin led the Flames balanced attack with eight points in the win over South Bound Brook. Ricky Lisojo and Sean Young pumped in six points apiece. Matt Canfield had an excellent game with four points and seven rebounds. Tiffany Smith, Bobby Blabolil, Andrew Colon and Travis Morgan connected for two points each. Fanwood rallied from a eight-point fourth quarter deficit to beat Cranford. Sean Young led the way with 16 rebounds, six steals and eight points. Travis Morgan drilled in five points and had eight rebounds. Lisojo and Canfield pumped in three points each. Halpin added two points and six steals. The Flames upped their record to 2-2.

POSTERS
 The Westfield Leader and The Times have the capabilities of making large color posters (24x18 and smaller) of sports photos or any photos you may wish to be reproduced. Prices are reasonable. Call David Corbin at (908) 232-4407 or e-mail Dave for information at dave@goleader.com.

Nwk. Central Stuns Lady Vikings, 46-39

A defensive collapse in the fourth quarter, turned what seemed to be a sure victory into a stunning, 46-39, defeat for the Union Catholic High School girls against Newark Central in Newark on December 18. Down 28-22 in the fourth quarter, Central exploded for 24 points to grab the victory. Viking Shrita Smith had 11 points, Johnson sank 14 points, Jessica Ballweg had four and Brenda Kaus had three.

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Blue Devil Icemen Place Third in Holiday Tourney

By TIM CAPRARIO
 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times
 The Westfield High School ice hockey team faced off against rival Summit in the semi-finals of the Holiday Tournament at Warananco Park on December 15. The teams were evenly matched throughout the first two periods. However, Summit took control after that and earned a 7-3 victory. Senior forward, Ronnie Kashlak, continued his bid for a state scoring title by connecting twice, one in the first period and again in the second. Kashlak's second point pulled Westfield to within one goal going into the third period. Unfortunately, Summit took complete control in the period. In those

to increase the lead to 2-0. On Westfield's third goal, Kashlak was on the receiving end as he converted for one of his three goals. The second and third periods continued to show Westfield's domination over the Cougars. Bird scored three more times, once on a two-man disadvantage. Kashlak tallied two more goals. In addition to total scoring, Westfield's defense came up big, holding Cranford to only 21 shots. Starting junior goalie, Chad Puschel, and backup goalie, Erik Lund, combined efforts for 21 saves and a shutout over the Cougars. The defensive team was lead by seniors, Kevin Anton, Mike Bird, and Joe Petrucci as well as jun-



WINNING BIG OVER THE COUGARS...The Blue Devil Icemen celebrate after icing the Cranford Cougars, 8-0, at the Cron Holiday Tournament at Warananco Rink in Roselle. Westfield placed third in the tournament. The Blue Devils take on Steinert on December 23 at 8:00 p.m.

fifteen minutes, Summit scored five times while Westfield could only manage one goal. Senior defenseman, Mike Bird, converted for Westfield. The loss dropped the team's record to 1-5. According to senior forward, Mike Friedman, "We had a lot of confidence in the first two periods, but we lost our focus in the third, and it cost us the game. We have to start playing like a team because the next few games to come are crucial for our season." Westfield bounced back from its devastating loss to Summit with a 8-0 trouncing of arch rival, Cranford. From the opening whistle, Westfield dominated every aspect of the game. Goals, shots and checks were controlled by the Blue Devils throughout the match. Senior assistant-captain, Josh Falcone, said, "It was a good experience for our team and our fans to beat a rival. We played a strong game both offensively and defensively. Hopefully, we can use this win to turn our season around." It took a mere 26 seconds for Westfield to take lead. Kashlak fed Bird for the first of his four goals. Two minutes later, Falcone scored

ior, Matt O'Neill. Sophomores, Ryan O'Donohue and Chris Schwartz, also contributed to the defense.

Anton optimistically remarked, "Our defense is getting better every game. We work hard in practice on different defensive drills, and it came together in the match against Cranford."

The win gave Westfield a third place finish in the Holiday Tournament and increased their record to 2-5. Westfield looks to climb back to the .500 mark this week with games against Toms River, Stienert, and Chatham.

Lund commented, "Realistically, we have to take each game one at a time, and we have to set goals for ourselves. Our most important goal right now is to be .500 by January so we could qualify for the states without a struggle."

Lady Bulldogs Stop Raiders, 62-46
 Shanel Franklin hit for 29 points to lead the Malcolm X. Shabazz High School girls basketball team past the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls, 62-46, in Newark on December 19. Senior Krista Hicks fired in 13 points for the Raiders. Down 32-18 at the half, the Raiders had a surge of 20 points in the third, but the Bulldogs poured it on in the final quarter to insure the victory. Nikki McCoy put in 12 points, six on three pointers, and Janie McCoy sank 10. Christine Bowers had two points and Katie Feighner had nine.

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-7933-94.
 OCWEN FEDERAL BANK FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. ALEXANDRE ESTEVES AND LAURINDA ESTEVES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
 CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 23, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 1999 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 \$160,606.64. The property to be sold is located in the City of ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07201, County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 120 SMITH STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07201.
 Tax Lot No. 14 in Block No. E.
 Dimension of Lot: approximately 25 feet wide by 125 feet long.
 Nearest Cross Street: East Jersey Street.
 Situate at a point on the northwesterly side of Smith Street distance approximately 213 feet northwesterly from its intersection with the northwesterly side of East Jersey Street.
 There is due approximately the sum of \$165,428.52 together with lawful interest and costs.
 There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
 The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
 RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-3773-97.
 FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF vs. MR. AND MRS. WILSON A. COLLANTES; JOSE O. HERNANDEZ; ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
 CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 2, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 1999 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 \$185,669.90. The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 28 SOUTH FIFTH STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.
 TAX LOT NO.: 1177, BLOCK NO.: 5.
 Dimensions of the Lot are (approximately) 25 feet wide by 100 feet long.
 NEAREST CROSS STREET: Situated on the SOUTHERLY side of SOUTH FIFTH STREET, distant 325.42 feet from the WESTERLY side of FIRST AVENUE.
 There is due approximately the sum of \$192,490.34 together with lawful interest and costs.
 There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
 The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
 RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE
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NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
 Date Adopted: December 17, 1998
 Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unspecifiable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.
RESOLUTION NO.: 1447-98
AWARDED TO: Patrick Oruwar, M.D., 320 South Harrison Street, Apt. 4J, South Orange, New Jersey; Marie Rabanal, M.D., 1 Carolina Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey and Nirmal Sathaye, M.D., 31 Fairfax Drive, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide psychiatric services for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital.
AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$23,400.
PERIOD: February 1, 1999 through January 31, 2000.
 M. Elizabeth Genievich Clerk of the Board
 1T - 12/24/98, The Leader Fee: \$26.01

1999 Meeting Schedule Told for Scotch Plains Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission of the Township of Scotch Plains recently announced its schedule of regular and caucus meetings. Regular meetings will be held at 8 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club, 820 Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains. The Regular Meetings schedule is:

- January 11
- February 8
- March 8
- April 12
- May 10
- June 14
- July 12
- August 9
- September 13
- October 4
- November 8
- December 13

Caucus meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains. The Recreation Commission will prohibit public attendance at any caucus meeting when items enumerated in C:10-4-12 of the Open Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) are to be discussed.

The Caucus Meeting schedule is:
 January 25
 February 22
 March 22
 April 26
 May 24
 June 28
 July 26
 September 27
 October 25
 November 22

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- CLASSIFIEDS -

HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Westfield Rescue Squad seeks trainees for Emergency Medical Technicians. Valid NJ Driver's Lic. req. Min., 4 hrs./wk.

Seeks trainees as Dispatchers. Min. 2 hrs./wk. All training provided.

Call Miki Leitner
(908) 233-2501

HELP WANTED

Summer '99: Children's day camp counselors. WSI/Lifeguards, activity instructors. Ideal for teachers, college students. Watchung area.

Call 1-888-THE CAMP

HELP WANTED

CHILD CARE ASSISTANT
Full or part time, must speak English.

Please Call (908) 561-2041

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1467-98
AWARDED TO: Rev. Dr. William C. Weaver, Linden Presbyterian Church, Princeton Road and Orchard Terrace, Linden, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide a chaplaincy program for the Union County Police.
AMOUNT: At no cost to the County.
PERIOD: For the year 1999.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1T - 12/24/98, The Leader Fee: \$22.44

HELP WANTED

Admin. Asst./Secretary for Scotch Plains Baptist Church, part time, 20 hours per week, Tues.-Fri., 5 hours per day; good for Mom w/school children. Solid computer skills required, w/desk top publishing exper. preferred.

Please Call (908) 490-0517

HELP WANTED

TEACHERS AIDE - Presbyterian Nursery School. P/T starting January 19, three mornings & four afternoons a week. Exp. with young children necessary.
Call Director (908) 233-0766

HOUSE FOR RENT

WESTFIELD - Immediate occupancy. 3 BR Ranch for rent. Avail. for month of January & possibly February only.
(908) 233-2225

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES
TUESDAY, 4 P.M.
CALL:
(908) 232-4407
All Classifieds Are Prepaid

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1458-98
AWARDED TO: Central Medical Services, 2202 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide comprehensive administration of the County's Police relative to mandatory drug and alcohol testing for employees who are required to possess a commercial driver's license.
AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$6,600.
PERIOD: For the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
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RESOLUTION NO.: 1448-98
AWARDED TO: Alliant Food Service Inc., 2101 91st Street, North Bergen, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide delivery of comprehensive food procurement and inventory management system to Runnells Specialized Hospital.
AMOUNT: For a total value not to exceed \$786,000.
PERIOD: January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1T - 12/24/98, The Leader Fee: \$24.48

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO.
F-13732-96

CIVIL ACTION

NOTICE TO REDEEM

FUNB as Custodian for D.H. Associates, Plaintiff, v. Celestino DaPonte and Mrs. Celestino DaPonte, his wife; et al., Defendants.

TO: Celestino DaPonte and Mrs. Celestino DaPonte, his wife
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an order made on the 11th day of December, 1998, the Superior Court Fixed the 22nd day of January, 1999 between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, prevailing time, at the office of the Tax Collector of the Township of City of Elizabeth, located at 50 Winfield Scott Plaza, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey, as the time and place when and where you may pay to the plaintiff the amount so found due for principal and interest on its certificate of tax sale as follows:

Lot C297, Block 05, on the tax duplicate of the City of Elizabeth. Total amount required to redeem is \$19,936.23, together with interest from October 22, 1998 and costs.

And that unless, at the same time and place, you or one of you redeem by paying the aforesaid sum so found due to plaintiff, then you, and each of you shall be debarred and foreclosed of and from all right and equity of redemption of, in and to the lands and premises above set out and described in the complaint and every part thereof, and that the plaintiff be vested with an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple in said lands and premises.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, redemption shall be permitted up until the entry of final judgment including the whole of the last date upon which the mortgage is entered.

MICHELLE LO MONTE, ESQ.
Attorney for Plaintiff

ALLOCCA & PELLEGRINO
4 Century Drive
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
1T - 12/24/98, The Leader Fee: \$50.49

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1452-98
AWARDED TO: Pino Consulting Group, Inc., 8 Snowbird Court, West Windsor, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide services of a highly expert and qualitative nature to maximize County revenues and generate cost savings on a wide range of financial management and reimbursement issues.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1T - 12/24/98, The Leader Fee: \$22.44

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1449-98 (Amending Resolution No. 1241-98)
AWARDED TO: NeighborCare, 81 Glendale Avenue, Edison, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide additional services.

AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for a new contract amount of \$1,040,000.
PERIOD: For an additional one month period commencing December 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1T - 12/24/98, The Leader Fee: \$24.48



A SPECIAL TELECAST...Principal of Westfield High School, Dr. Robert G. Petix, and Student Assistance and Substance Abuse Counselor, Maureen Mazzarese, plan the upcoming telecast of their TV 36 program "Teenage Drinking: The High School Perspective." It will be aired on Thursday, January 7, on Channel 36 at 7:30 p.m. Viewers will have the opportunity to present questions during the broadcast by calling (908) 789-4622, or by faxing (908) 789-4230.

School Television Studio to Air Underage Drinking Program

WESTFIELD - "Teenage Drinking: The High School Perspective," a live television program dealing with underage drinking, will be broadcast from Westfield High School's Television Studio on Thursday, January 7. It can be seen on Channel 36 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Westfield High School Principal Dr. Robert G. Petix and Maureen Mazzarese, Student Assistance and Substance Abuse Counselor (SAC) at the high school, will host the program.

Viewers will have the opportunity to call in with questions during the broadcast at (908) 789-4622. Questions may also be faxed to (908) 789-4230.

According to Dr. Petix and Ms. Mazzarese, the purpose of the program will be to provide an interactive opportunity for parents and members of the community to learn more about teenage drinking, and to identify ways they can be of help to the children of Westfield.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1455-98
AWARDED TO: Hartford Insurance Co.
SERVICES: Animal Mortality Policy; Public Official Bond for Joseph P. Bowe; Public Official bond for Frank W. Padusniak, Jr.; Public Official bond for Joan M. Kennelly; Blanket Position Bond and the Delta Dental Insurance for the County of Union.

AMOUNT: The total amounts to be expended for such coverages are \$955.00; \$740.00; \$676.00; \$350.00; \$200.00; \$3,087.00; \$89,100.00 and \$605,000.00.
PERIOD: Effective January 1, 1999.

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1T - 12/24/98, The Leader Fee: \$26.01

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1460-98
AWARDED TO: C.A.R.E., 505 South Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide comprehensive assistance and referral services to Union County employees and their families.

AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$45,684.
PERIOD: For the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1456-98
AWARDED TO: PMK Group, 629 Springfield Avenue, Kenilworth, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To conduct a Brownfield inventory and classification analysis.

AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$84,500.
PERIOD: For a period of one year starting December 28, 1998.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
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RESOLUTION NO.: 1493-98 (Amending Resolution No. 1304-98)
AWARDED TO: Waters, McPherson, McNeill, Esqs., 300 Lighting Way, P.O. Box 1560, Secaucus, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To perform additional legal services for the County of Union.

AMOUNT: In the amount of \$40,000, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$160,000.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1T - 12/24/98, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

Among the topics to be featured during the telecast are a discussion of the role that the Westfield Public Schools' comprehensive substance abuse education program plays in kindergarten through grade 12.

Ms. Mazzarese, who offers workshops for parents as part of her SAC role at the high school, said she hopes that disseminating information about teenage drinking, and identifying resources for obtaining help in the school and in the community, will be of assistance to parents.

"While the single most important influence on our children is the home, that does not mean that parents can do it alone," stated Ms. Mazzarese.

"The job of parents and the school is the same in many ways," commented Dr. Petix, who conceived the idea for the television program and collaborated with Ms. Mazzarese on the design of the telecast.

"While the goal of helping our children become successful is the same for the school and parents," added Dr. Petix, "we approach this important responsibility from different ways."

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1459-98
AWARDED TO: Multi Care Health Center, 100 Commerce Place, Clark, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide pre-employment physical examinations and other related medical services for all County departments/offices/agencies and the Union County Board of Social Services.

AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
PERIOD: For the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1T - 12/24/98, The Leader Fee: \$25.50

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1468-98 (Amending Resolution No. 1201-98)
AWARDED TO: Garabob & Romanow, Esqs., 53 Cardinal Drive, Westfield, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To perform additional services in the matter entitled Anning v. Union County, et al.

AMOUNT: In the amount of \$5,000, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$155,000.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1455A-98
AWARDED TO: CNA Insurance Company.

SERVICES: Equipment Maintenance Policy for the County of Union.

AMOUNT: \$276,901.00.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1461-98
AWARDED TO: Software Solutions, Inc., 420 East Main Street, Lebanon, Ohio.

SERVICES: To provide software maintenance for the County of Union financial system.

AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$15,366.
PERIOD: For the period January 1, 1999 through June 30, 1999.

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SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER...Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains recently contributed to the ninth annual toy drive sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter. The drive benefits homeless children and families of the Interfaith Council of Union County. DECA students began a letter writing campaign in November asking friends and area businesses to contribute to the drive. Pictured, left to right, with Ashbrook resident, Dorothy Skarda, are: Tom Gentile, Jennifer Miller, Sarah Villim, Julie Lowen and Peter Kobliska. The DECA students hold monthly birthday celebrations for Ashbrook's residents.

Fanwood Children Featured In Television Programming

FANWOOD — Fanwood's local municipal access television station, Channel 35, will broadcast a repeat of last year's "Fabulous Fanwood Faces" during this year's holiday programs.

Close-up video photographs of children and adults attending the arrival of Santa, sponsored by the Fanwood Junior Woman's Club, as well as those attending the town's Holiday Party will be shown on the local television station. Video taken at the Fanwood Lions' Christmas Tree Sale will also be telecast.

The classic yuletide story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," will be narrated by Councilman Joel Whitaker. The narration will be accompanied by artwork.

Channel 35 is shared by Fanwood and Mountainside on an every-other-day schedule. During the month of December, Fanwood's holiday programming can be seen on the even numbered days of the month, starting at 7 p.m., and repeated at 8:15 p.m.

Fanwood's local access television channel will also do a live telecast of the annual reorganization meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council starting at noon on New Year's Day, Friday, January 1.

Channel 35 is currently seeking Fanwood residents who would like to become television crew members. To become a volunteer, please call Joe Nagy at (908) 889-7646, or George Weiss at (908) 889-1752.

First Night Adds Arlene Ur, Children's Performer to Event

WESTFIELD — Children's Musician, Arlene Ur, has been added to the list of performers for First Night Westfield which will be held on Thursday, December 31, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight.

Ms. Ur will present children's sing-alongs, dances and games.



Arlene Ur

Westfield High School will be the headquarters for most of the children's acts including Madcap Mutts, a nationally recognized dog

act; arts and crafts including mask and hat making, mural painting and balloon sculptures.

Other children's programs will include Bob Conrad's puppetry, magic and balloons; children's music by Ms. Ur; Preston Foerder's puppetry; Trixy the Clown; Balloonation; and Steve Johnson's Magic Variety Show.

The Westfield Armory will hold Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus which will perform three shows. The circus will feature acrobats, aerialists and clowns.

Admission buttons are \$8 each through Wednesday, December 23, after which time they will cost \$10 each.

Buttons are now available at the Westfield "Y," Westfield Recreation Department, Town Book Store, Kings Garwood, The Westfield Leader, Leader Store, Lancaster's Ltd, Scott's Shoes, Scotch Plains Fanwood YMCA, PNC Bank, Fleet Bank, Summit Bank, and Town Bank of Westfield.

First Night is made possible in large part by the Westfield "Y" and the Westfield Foundation, and the support of the Town of Westfield, as well as many local private and business donors.

For more information, please call the First Night hotline at (908) 518-2983.

Martin Wallberg Post Plans Next Meeting

WESTFIELD — The Martin Wallberg Post No. 3 of the American Legion has invited all eligible veterans to its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 6, at 8 p.m. at the post home at 1003 North Avenue, West, in Westfield.

For further information, please call (908) 233-2477 or (908) 233-5705.



SANTA BREAKFAST...Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield held its annual Breakfast With Santa Fundraiser on December 5 at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside. Pictured with Santa, left to right, are: front row, Cathy Sullivan, Suzanne Grandstrand and Jean Carven, and back row, Pam O'Toole, Debbie Rubineti, Tina Wasilewski, Cathy Colon, Kathy Bockelman, Emilio Difiorio, Diane Drew, and Gloria Kraft.

Nancy Drew Expert, Author Plans Visit to Book Value

WESTFIELD — Karen Plunkett-Powell, author of "The Nancy Drew Scrapbook: 60 Years of America's Favorite Sleuth," was scheduled to make a personal appearance on Wednesday, December 23, at Book Value in Westfield.

In addition to autographing her large-format paperback retrospective of the beloved character, Ms. Plunkett-Powell will conduct an in-store "scavenger hunt" for kids, and an informal, nostalgic chat with adults.

The author will bring part of her personal collection of Nancy Drew memorabilia, and will assess the value of any collectibles brought to the event by the public.

The "Scrapbook," which costs \$10.95, is a comprehensive guide to "all things Nancy Drew," from the toys to the television show, from the character's evolution-by-era to the

author's own detective work tracking down and interviewing many "secret" Nancy Drew ghost-writers.

The "scavenger hunt" will begin at 6:30 p.m., with children given a list of clues leading them to five different Nancy Drew collectibles hidden in the store. When they have found all five, each will be awarded a prize.

Book signing will begin at 7 p.m. Attendees may buy the book at the event, or have a copy signed and inscribed-to-order anytime by calling the store. Book Value will carry autographed copies of the book throughout the holiday season.

Refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge; however, reservations are recommended but not required.

For reservations and further information, please call (908) 317-9793. Book Value is located at 1010 South Avenue, West, in Westfield.

Paper Mill Playhouse Seeks Rising Star Award Nominees

Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn will celebrate the best and brightest offerings among New Jersey high school musicals with its Fourth

Annual Rising Star Awards.

The program, which evaluates and honors musical theater productions in high schools throughout the state, is currently soliciting applications from New Jersey high schools interested in participating.

Any school that produces a musical between Thursday, February 4, and Sunday, May 2, is eligible to enter the competition.

The Rising Star program will send evaluators to see each entered musical production. Their comments and recommendations then serve as the basis for a slate of nominations.

The full panel of evaluators will vote on the nominations, and awards will be presented at a gala ceremony at Paper Mill Playhouse.

The Rising Star Awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 15.

Besides honors in performance, design and production categories, the Rising Star Awards will recognize other aspects of the theatrical process. Special Student Achievement Awards (based on nominations made by teachers and evaluations by a select committee) and an Educational Impact Award (recognizing a school's efforts to connect its musical production to the district's curriculum) are presented each year.

In addition, individual students interested in continuing their education in theater arts may apply for Rising Star Scholarships.

Applications will be available through the Education Department at Paper Mill Playhouse. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, January 13. The Rising Star program will also accept calls from those interested in serving as evaluators.

For information on applications or on becoming an evaluator, please call (973) 379-3636, Extension No. 2748.

Veterans Post, Auxiliary Awards Scholarships

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 10122 and the Ladies Auxiliary recently presented awards to their local winners in the Voice of Democracy Scriptwriting Scholarship Program.

Students submitted a three-to-five-minute tape on this year's theme, "My Service to America."

The first place winner from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School was Kelvin C. Brooks. Taking second and third place, respectively, were Liz Murtha and Becky Rausch, both of Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung.

Kelvin and Liz's scripts were en-

tered in the District No. 5 (Union County) VFW competition, with Kelvin placing second at that level.

All three students will receive United States Savings Bonds from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood VFW and Auxiliary, and Kelvin will receive a savings bond from District No. 5 and Auxiliary.

Teachers Maureen Zabluski of Mount Saint Mary Academy and Douglas Hooper and Chief Robert Rybitski of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School helped to coordinate the program in their respective schools. Chief Rybitski is the instructor for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

Westfield Library Reveals Story Time Registration

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

Magic Carpet Story Time registration will begin on Saturday, January 2, for children in kindergarten through third grade. The sessions will meet Thursday afternoons from

January 14 to February 11, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.

Registration for Three Year Old Story Time will begin on Tuesday, January 5. The sessions will meet Tuesday mornings from January 12 to February 9, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., or Wednesday afternoons from January 13 to February 10, from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

Four Year Old Story Time registration will begin on Wednesday, January 6. The sessions will meet Monday afternoons, from January 11 to February 8 (except January 18) from 1:30 to 2 p.m., or Thursday mornings from January 14 to February 11 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Children must have reached their third or fourth birthday by the first story session.

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

Westfield Residents

Invited to Inauguration

WESTFIELD — Westfield residents are invited to attend the inauguration of Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and Councilmen Carl Salisbury, James Gruba, John Walsh and Lawrence Goldman on Friday, January 1, at 3 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building.

The inaugural activities, which will be televised locally by TV-36, the community's local cable access channel, will be hosted by former Councilman Anthony LaPorta.

Mayor Jardim and the elected councilmen will discuss plans set by the council for the coming year.

A cookies and punch reception will be held immediately following the inaugural activities. The Municipal Building is located at 425 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Mount Saint Mary Academy Names Honor Roll Students

Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung has announced the names of students from Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Westfield who have achieved honor roll status for the first marking period. Students must achieve an "A" average in all courses to be included on the

Principal's Honor Roll, and a "B-plus" average overall with no grade lower than a "C" to be named to the Regular Honor Roll.

Those named to the Principal's Honor Roll included Jennifer Gartner, Grade 10, and Marianna Macri, Grade 9, from Scotch Plains, and Megan McGowan, Grade 9, from Westfield.

Students who achieved Regular Honor Roll status from Grade 9 included Scotch Plains residents Kathleen Donovan, Christine Feury, Shannon Gallagher, Paulina Irigaray, Heather Saunders and Renee-Nicole Souris, and Kathleen Dura and Margaret Smith of Westfield.

In Grade 10, Regular Honor Roll students included Sheila Hilliard of Scotch Plains, and Krista Hasenfus and Jessica Orleanski of Westfield.

For Grade 11, students named to the Regular Honor Roll were Monica Anderson, Danielle Bousquet, Kristy Docabo, Lindsay Lamarre and Elizabeth Testa of Scotch Plains, and Margaret Blendulf, Megan Brunhofer and Mary-Kathleen Lechner of Westfield.

Grade 12 students who achieved Regular Honor Roll status included Cindy Coquia, Meredith Doll, Maria Hodges, Nadine Kwiatkowski and Camille Versoza from Scotch Plains, Shannon Darlington of Fanwood, and Kathryn Johansen, Catherine Niemiera and Megan Yudd of Westfield.

DECA Students Conduct Survey of Fanwood Citizens

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Community Assessment Committee has appointed the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter to conduct a market research survey in an effort to gain the input of the residents of Fanwood.

DECA members will focus their survey in two areas, the first of which will address ways of improving communications between the borough and its agencies and the residents of Fanwood. The students will try to determine what communications problems exist and how to improve them.

The second focus will be on the downtown business district and what residents would like to see in order for the district to improve, especially in its communication with residents.

With the borough already taking steps in making the district more attractive, DECA will emphasize the newly-formed Fanwood Business and Professional Association in its survey, according to a statement by the Assessment Committee.

DECA students, who are studying marketing in high school, con-

ducted a comprehensive survey for Fanwood a few years ago and presented their recommendations to borough officials at that time. Similar surveys were also conducted for the Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association.

After being appointed, the students prepared a questionnaire, reviewed and approved by the Assessment Committee, and sent it to all residents of Fanwood.

DECA Chairmen Jim McClintock, Andrew Elko and Tony Gicas have reported that the initial response has been good. DECA has urged Fanwood residents to complete their questionnaire, and mail it to DECA at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, 07076.

Prelude to a Kiss to Debut At WCP Theater on Jan. 9

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Community Players (WCP) will present *Prelude to a Kiss* on Saturday, January 9, with additional performances scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays, January 15 and 16, 22 and 23, at 8 p.m. All tickets are \$12.

Ken Webb, a WCP veteran, will direct Craig Lucas' fantasy comedy. *Prelude to a Kiss* presents love as a modern fairy tale about the compli-

cations befalling two young lovers. Performances will take place at the WCP theater at 1000 North Avenue, West, in Westfield.

Funding for the production has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

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