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**REAL ESTATE PIONEER...** Warren Rorden, co-founder of Rorden Realty, prepares for his merger with Burgdorff ERA in Westfield. Mr. Rorden will be a broker salesman at Burgdorff. He will also continue his service to the community through the Westfield Rotary Club, the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the American Red Cross.

## Burgdorff ERA, Rorden Realty Merge; Union of Firms Called 'The Right Fit'

By MICHELLE H. LePOIDEVIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Warren and Virginia Rorden of Rorden Realty have revealed that they will be closing the doors of their 1898 triangular landmark building in Westfield after 27 years of dedicated service to merge with Burgdorff ERA of Westfield.

The decision to merge with Burgdorff reflects the changing times. Warren Rorden told *The Westfield Leader*, "One of the reasons for the decision to merge is that the businesses are changing from small to national mega brokers."

Mr. Rorden explained, "We are really the last independent, so to speak, in town." He cited Burgdorff

as "the best-managed in the industry."

"The merging of our company and Burgdorff ERA is the right fit," he stated.

"Dedication to service at Burgdorff is one of the main reasons for merging," Mr. Rorden observed.

When asked about the trend of "Mom and Pop" stores being taken over by larger companies, Mr. Rorden said, "It's a different way of doing business today." He added that it is "more costly today to operate a real estate office than ever before."

Mr. Rorden will join Burgdorff ERA as a broker salesman.

Mrs. Rorden will retire after 30 years of dedicated service.

An administrative assistant and the majority of their salespersons will join in the merge with Burgdorff.

"We are proud of our integrity and that is what is most important to us," observed Mrs. Rorden.

The highly-esteemed real estate firm, which was founded in 1971, has served Westfield, Cranford, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Clark, Plainfield and neighboring areas while displaying eye-catching montages of Westfield homes in their large windows.

Rorden Realty was first housed in a smaller office on Lenox Avenue before the historic building on the corner of Quimby and Elm Streets

was purchased in 1975.

While real estate has been the primary focus and business, the Rordens remarked that their unique building has also housed a "mini-Ticketron," providing tickets and information, and advertising posters for many community events and venues.

Mr. Rorden noted that the office has opened its doors for phone-athons for the Westfield Board of Education, while supporting the 4-H club, Westfield music and theater organizations, and sponsoring a garden in town.

Rorden Realty has also been involved in the Tot Finder Program

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## Gail Vernick Thanked for Her Efforts by Council, Former Mayor, Ex-Councilman at Last Meeting

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
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After four years representing the First Ward on the Town Council, Gail S. Vernick was thanked for her efforts by Republicans and Democrats alike at her final governing body meeting December 22.

Ever since Mrs. Vernick joined the council in 1995, she has been a strong advocate for public safety and related issues, council members emphasized, including bringing pedestrian safety signs to the town.

Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman, who also chairs the local Democratic Party, said Councilwoman Vernick has "set a standard for constituent service" that she now passes on to current and future council members.

"I wish I had the time and tenacity to follow" the effort put in by Mrs. Vernick, he said from the council dais.

One of her Republican colleagues, Second Ward Councilman Matthew P. Albano, told Councilwoman Vernick that she has "a lot of heart and you serve with a great deal of dedication, and I thank you for what you did for the town."

"You will be a hard act to follow," remarked Democratic Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, who served with Mrs. Vernick the past two years and ran against her in this year's Mayoral race, said Mrs. Vernick is, "quite an effective council person." He added that Council-

woman Vernick is "quite a tenacious person who really fought to get things done" for her constituents.

"She made my job extremely easy the first year," said freshman Republican First Ward Councilman Gregory S. McDermott, due to the popularity of Councilwoman Vernick among residents of her ward.

He said she has made public safety her main emphasis with the pedestrian signs, in addition to providing cellular telephones for school crossing guards and postal workers.

"We (he and Councilman-elect Carl A. Salisbury) will do our best to fill your shoes," he added.

Former Mayor Bud Boothe, who served with Mrs. Vernick in 1995 and 1996, thanked the councilwoman particularly for her aggressiveness in bringing the pedestrian safety signs to the town.

Jean Sawtelle, a Highland Avenue and First Ward resident and former Westfield Republican Committee Chairwoman, thanked Mrs. Vernick for her "tireless effort."

"We won't forget her and we will miss her," said Mrs. Sawtelle.

Kenneth MacRitchie of Trinity Place, a former councilman, said Mrs. Vernick is one of the those persons "who takes responsibility seriously."

He also noted her "high polished" run for Mayor this past fall.

Councilwoman Vernick said she was a bit "overwhelmed" by the acknowledgment of her council work by governing body members. She

said she was "honored" to have served on council, "and trying to resolve problems in a timely fashion."

"I will definitely cherish these (council) memories," she said.

During her tenure, Mrs. Vernick served as Chairwoman of the Building and Town Property Committee in 1995 and 1996 and as a committee member in 1998; as Chairwoman of the Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee for part of 1997 and as a committee member in 1997; as a member of the Public Safety Committee from 1995 through 1997 and as its Chairwoman this year; as a member of the Public Works Committee from 1996 through 1998, and as a member of the Solid Waste Committee in 1995 and 1996.

Mrs. Vernick was council Liaison to the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Health the past two years; to the Recreation Commission in 1996, and to PANDA (Preventing Alcohol, Narcotics and Drug Abuse) in 1995.

In other business at last week's meeting, the council authorized a contract with Kinsey Associates of Hackettstown at a cost of \$14,000 to develop plan specifications for the reconstruction of Sycamore Field.

The firm also received a contract for \$4,000 to complete plans for the construction of a picnic shelter at Tamaques Park.

The projects are part of improvements authorized under a grant received through the county's "Project

Pocket Park" program. A total of \$40,000 has been earmarked for Sycamore, with another \$60,000 for Tamaques. The county provided \$100,000 to the town to upgrade its parks, with the town providing matching funds in the same amount.

In another item, the governing body approved the purchase of a second solar traffic monitor at over \$13,000. The free-standing device registers the speed of approaching traffic to help reduce speeding.

Also approved was a \$32,110 contract to F&R Safety Products of Ridgeland for entry signs to Westfield at the town's borders with surrounding communities. The town solicited bids a second time after receiving only one bid earlier, which was nearly three times what the town had budgeted.

### Inauguration Set For New Year's Day

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim will be sworn into a second term when the Town Council holds its inauguration ceremony tomorrow, Friday, January 1, beginning at 3 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Also taking the oath of office will be First Ward Councilman-elect Carl A. Salisbury, along with Second Ward Councilman James J. Gruba, Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh, and Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman.

A reception in the Community Room will follow the ceremony.



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**PREPARING TO MERGE...**Rorden Realty has announced that it will leave its landmark location at the corner of Quimby and Elm Streets to merge with Burgdorff ERA in Westfield. Warren and Virginia Rorden established Rorden Realty in 1971 with a small office on Lenox Avenue, before purchasing their current building in 1975. Rorden Realty has been a household name for 27 years.

## Mayor's Reelection, Passage of School Bond, Closing of Elm St. Stores Among Top News Stories Reported During The Second Half of 1998

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

**Editor's Note:** This is the final of a two-part series of articles summarizing news events for the second half of 1998.

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The second half of 1998 continued with a number of news events, culminating with the reelection of Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and passage of the \$11.7 million school referendum.

### July

The Town Council moved ahead with its revision of the town zoning ordinance. The revised code addresses everything from downtown off-street parking for businesses, "ham" radio antennas, and "screening" or shrubbery.

West Milford High School Principal Dr. Jamie P. Edmonds was named Assistant Superintendent for Schools for the Westfield school district, replacing Dr. David Rock, who retired earlier in the year.

Westfield's South Avenue traffic circle and the Union County light rail system connecting eastern and western Union County were among projects to be funded through a proposed four-cent increase in the gasoline tax proposed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman. That tax increase, though, was later scrapped.



Courtesy of Jorge Lopez Suero for The Westfield Leader

**ROUGH GOING...**A utilities truck drives through flooding on North Avenue near the Scotch Plains border following the Labor Day storm. Nearly half the town was impacted by either a loss of electricity or downed trees and limbs from the thunderstorm which produced two tornadoes in the area.

Officials from Union County and the City of Wenzhou, China signed a Sister City agreement at a ceremony in Elizabeth. Joseph Ponte announced his resignation as Director of the Union County Jail. He was replaced by Assistant Director James E. Coleman.

County Freeholders unveiled a \$38.93 million capital improvement program, which includes the restora-

tion of 11 lakes including the upper portion of Echo Lake in Mountainside.

News spread around the downtown that the leases of the Elm Street Delicatessen and Backroom Antiques, both on Elm Street, would not be renewed by their landlord, who planned to lease the space to Gymboree, a national children's clothing retailer.

The Union County Utilities Authority and Ogden Martin Systems of Union Inc. reached an accord whereby Ogden agreed to lease the Union County Resource Recovery Facility in Rahway, more commonly known as the incinerator, for the next 25 years. County Freeholders said the deal would help keep the incinerator financially solvent in a free market disposal system.

In a related development, a judge in Atlantic County made a ruling which all but struck down the proposed Environmental Investment Charge, or EIC, that was to be charged on waste generated in counties with outstanding debt on garbage incinerators. Union County had proposed collecting \$18.51 on garbage generated in the county but not disposed of at the county incinerator.

Environmentalists protested a proposal for a regional medical facility to be built in the City of Linden. To date, the issue has not come back before the Freeholder board, which must approve any changes to the county's solid waste management plan.

### August

Miss New Jersey, Stephanie Ferrari, told youngsters about the importance of preserving the arts in public schools during a visit to Edison Intermediate School in Westfield.

The Planning Board approved an



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**GRAND OPENING...**Elected state officials joined with officials of the Town Bank of Westfield during a ribbon-cutting ceremony held November 20. State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco was assisted by Linda Maggio, Executive Director of The United Fund of Westfield, in cutting the ribbon.

application by the owners of the former Excellent Diner site, the Lekas family, to construct a three-story brick building with retail on the bottom floor.

In a related development, Mayor Jardim created an ad hoc committee to look for the best way to spend \$100,000 of Union County "Pocket

Park" grant money, and another \$100,000 in matching funds from Westfield.

The grant was originally to be used by the town to acquire the property and build a park on the site.

A group of teenagers unsuccessfully pleaded with the Town Council

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The Staff of The Westfield Leader would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every reader the best in 1999. May your New Year be happy, healthy and prosperous.





LET'S HAVE BREAKFAST...First-, second- and third-grade students at Washington Elementary School in Westfield recently enjoyed "Breakfast with the Principal." Pictured are Connie Odell, Principal, with students as they share stories, bagels and juice.

## Rorden Realty to Merge With Burgdorff ERA

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for 20 years, which supplies decals for homes in order to make firefighters aware of the rooms which are occupied by children in the event of a fire.

The Rordens reminisced about their "Do You Know Westfield" project, which awarded a T-shirt to citizens who could identify landmarks from a picture placed in *The Westfield Leader*.

The T-shirt would read, "Do You Know Westfield? — We Do! — Rorden Realty."

And the Rordens and their staff at

Rorden Realty have undoubtedly known Westfield and the needs of its citizens for over two decades.

"We hope we've had some impact," said Mrs. Rorden.

"People will miss our location because of all we've contributed to community service," Mr. Rorden added.

"We're not going anywhere," Mrs. Rorden explained, citing that the Rordens will continue to remain active in Westfield in several organizations.

Mr. Rorden revealed that he will maintain his service with the Westfield Rotary Club, the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and the American Red Cross.

Jean Massard, Vice President of Burgdorff ERA and Manager for 11 years, said she could not be happier about the marriage of the Westfield real estate firms.

"I have known Warren Rorden around 30 years in the real estate business. He has run his business the way Burgdorff runs theirs," she stressed.

She added that she respects the professionalism and integrity of Rorden Realty. She stated that both Rorden Realty and Burgdorff focus on "doing business in the proper way to benefit the client."

"I know that Warren has always taught that to his agents. That is what we stand for," she added.

"It's a wonderful group over there. I've always felt close to the Rorden people. I have great respect for their team," she concluded.

## Closing of Long-Time Elm Street Stores Among Stories for Second Half of 1998

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to preserve dirt mounds located off Dunham Avenue. The mounds have been used for years by adventurous bikers as an obstacle course. Town officials feared the insurance risk such an activity could have for the town. The mounds were later destroyed.

Statistical Research Incorporated of Prospect Street announced it was going up against television ratings industry giant Nielsen Media Research. The four major networks all issued letters of intent to provide the \$60 million necessary for Statistical Research to take its method of measuring television viewership nationally.

The *Leader* ran a three-part series on property taxes, in which it was reported that the average Westfield property owner pays \$7,000 a year in property taxes. The average home in Westfield is assessed at \$174,000, with a market value of \$300,000.

A fire at Edwards Supermarket on Elm Street damaged a rear storage room. A store sprinkler system helped prevent the fire from spreading.

### September

The Board of Education discussed plans to create a citizens advisory panel to look at a proposed \$11.7 million bond referendum for the district, to cover major improvements to school buildings, as well as additional classrooms at two schools.

ShopRite opened a convenience store at the Westfield Senior Citizens Housing complex on Boynton Avenue. While Wakefern Food Corporation, which operates ShopRite stores, has stores in occupational centers, the Westfield store is the first located within a seniors citizens center.

School officials ripped the state Department of Education's "School-to-Work" Initiative, which requires that 11th- and 12th-grade students spend one day per week in the workforce in order to graduate from high school. This follows a path that begins as early as kindergarten through grade 4, where kids are introduced to careers. By 10th grade, students would select from a list of careers.

### November

Democrats beat their Republican counterparts by winning the Mayor's race and three of the four council seats, thus decreasing the GOP majority to 5-4 come January, as it was in 1997.

Victorious was Mayor Jardim over Republican Mrs. Vernick and independent Norman N. Greco in the Mayor's race. Mayor Jardim won by a margin of over 1,600 votes, taking all 25 voting districts in the process.

In the council races, Democrat Carl A. Salisbury defeated Republican Jon Bramnick in the First Ward; incumbent Republican James J. Gruba beat Democrat Joe Stoner in the Second Ward; incumbent Democrat John J. Walsh was victorious over Republican Noreen Lund in the Third Ward, and incumbent Democrat Lawrence A. Goldman turned back a challenge from Republican Thomas Cusimano in the Fourth Ward council race.

Republican Congressman Bob Franks won a fourth term by beating Democrat Marianne S. Connelly, the Mayor of Fanwood, in his biggest Congressional challenge to date. Mr. Franks won by some 12,000 tallies in the Seventh District race, a district that includes Westfield and Mountainside.

Democratic incumbents Daniel P. Sullivan of Elizabeth, Mary P. Ruotolo of Westfield and Lewis Mingo of Plainfield defeated Republicans George P. Gore of Plainfield, Juan Fernandez of New Providence and Andrew J. MacDonald of Fanwood in the county Freeholder race.

Long-term Democratic Sheriff Ralph G. Froehlich easily defeated Republican Esther Guzman-Malcolm, a Sheriff's officer, to win an eighth three-year term.

### October

Mayor Jardim took responsibility for a telephone poll conducted allegedly by a firm in Washington D.C. Half of the cost of the poll was picked up by the state Democratic Party, with the remainder paid by the Mayor's reelection campaign.

Those conducting the poll, according to some people who received telephone calls, made some negative comments regarding Republican Councilwoman and Mayoral candidate Gail S. Vernick and her husband, Dr. Harris Vernick.

Both houses of the New Jersey Legislature introduced bills to deregulate the state's natural gas and electricity industry. The Assembly version was co-sponsored by Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger of Westfield.

Visiting the Westfield Council later in the year, Mr. Bagger explained that the legislation calls for a cut of up to 10 percent on electric bills. Additional savings could be achieved through a system of aggregation, where towns and organizations gain favorable prices for electricity and gas heat for their residents and members through the public bidding process.

A previously approved plan by the Town Council to add 71 parking spaces at Tamaques Park by paving over a portion of the green park land was heavily criticized by area residents during meetings of the Recreation Commission and the council. Later in the year, the council banned parking on the park's roadway.

The Westfield Neighborhood Council held its first street fair on Cacciola Place in an effort to acquaint the entire community with the neighborhood and the workings of the council.

The Westfield school board officially approved an \$11.7 million bond referendum for improvements at schools, additional classrooms, and wiring for the Internet in all of the district's schools. Roger McGuinn of the 1960s rock

group The Byrds entertained some 500 people during a concert at Westfield High School sponsored by The Westfield Jaycees.

The Town Council reached a compromise on how to appropriate "Pocket Park" grant money and matching town funds. Under the plan, Gumbert Park was given \$70,000; Sycamore Field, \$60,000; and Tamaques Park, \$40,000. Another \$30,000 was geared for "various parks and recreational facilities."

Mayor Jardim announced that he had dismissed his Campaign Manager, Kenneth Rotter, in order to take more control of his campaign following the telephone poll controversy.

President Bill Clinton signed into law the water resources package for the 1999 Federal budget, which designates \$9.9 million towards flood control construction projects in parts of Middlesex and Somerset Counties, as sought for years by the Green Brook Flood Control Commission.

Former Westfield Mayor H. Emerson Thomas, 96, was among those honored during the annual "Faith in Westfield" awards program sponsored the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Westfield League of Women Voters sponsored a candidates forum, including one hour for the eight council candidates and a second hour for the three mayoral contenders — the only local forum presented after Republicans decided against the makeup of the forums in neighboring Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside. Six Freeholder candidates faced off in an event held in Cranford.

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The shooting was believed to have been in retaliation for an incident several months earlier in which Brown was allegedly stabbed by the victim, authorities said. Another teenager was discovered on Terrill Road with a gunshot wound around the same time the Malibu incident occurred.

### December

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The community celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Westfield Memorial Library with a gala at the library attended by many past and present members of the Friends of the Westfield Library, as well as current and former school and town officials.

The council began reviewing 1999 municipal budget requests, including two new fire pumps for the fire department, new restroom/storage facilities for Gumbert and Tamaques Parks, and a proposed addition for the Public Works Center on North Avenue.

The county received \$3.7 million in state grants aimed at welfare reform. The county's Welfare program was named one of the top 10 programs which received Welfare-to-Work grants this past year. The state money will be used to purchase clothes for Welfare recipients recently placed into jobs, and for funds to transport them to and from work.

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announcement that it would be upgraded and stay open.

The facility is one of 35 stations statewide now operated by the California-based Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Group. It has been retrofitted with new, modern equipment to meet updated, tougher Federal government clear air standards.

Jane Ormsby Zito, owner of Hems R Us, was forced to change the name of her seamstress business on South Avenue under the threat of legal action from Toys R Us. The national toy retailer stated that Ms. Zito had infringed on the Toys R Us trademark.

Ms. Zito said she will change the name of her business to "Hems 4 U."

Westfield Rotarians honored Austin B. Sayre as the 12th recipient of the annual Charles Bailey Humanitarian of the Year Award. The 40-year resident was recognized for over 20 years of community service to Westfield.

Over 1,000 persons attended the official grand opening of the Town Bank of Westfield on November 21. The institution is the first locally-owned, independent commercial bank to open in the town in over 70 years.

A bank in neighboring Fanwood was the scene of an armed robbery November 17. The robbery marked the first holdup of a bank in Fanwood since the borough was founded more than a century ago.

Law enforcement officials confirmed more than \$6,000 was taken in the heist. The suspected bank robber, 20-year-old Michael Terrance Howard of Plainfield, was killed by police November 25 after opening fire on several officers who were attempting to arrest him on Route 22 at the Scotch Plains-Mountainside border.

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## WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

A Springfield resident reported the theft of a cellular telephone valued at \$50 from his motor vehicle, which was parked at the rear of a South Avenue property.

Jamal Jeffery Baldwin, 27, of Westfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting based on a complaint from a North Avenue department store, according to police. Bail on that charge was set at \$275.

Baldwin, who was also taken into custody on warrants out of Millburn, North Plainfield, Newark, Irvington and Morris Plains, was arrested the following day and charged with driving with a revoked license at Elm and Orchard

Streets, authorities confirmed. He was released after posting \$1,000 bail.

Lewis Citer, 43, of Santa Monica, California, was arrested at Central Avenue and Clifton Street and charged with driving with a revoked license, according to police. He posted \$1,000 bail and was released.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

An East Orange resident told police he was assaulted by a Westfield resident on Windsor Avenue. Authorities said no one has been charged and no complaints have been filed in connection with the incident.

A resident of Saint Marks Avenue reported that a diamond pendant valued at \$2,700 was stolen from her residence.

## WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

One hundred block of Tamaques Way — unintentional alarm.

Three hundred block of North Avenue West — emergency medical call.

Eight hundred block of Bradford Avenue — gasoline spill in garage.

Five hundred block of Springfield Avenue — unintentional alarm.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

One hundred block of Park Street — wire down.

Seven hundred block of Belvidere Avenue — lock out.

One hundred block of Marlboro Street — lock out.

East Broad Street and North Avenue — automobile accident/extraction.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

One hundred block of East Broad Street — unintentional alarm.

One hundred block of Elm Street — system malfunction.

Two hundred block of Eton Place — gas odor investigation.

Three hundred block of Woods End Road — oven fire/smoke scare.

One hundred block of Harrison Avenue — smoke scare/oven fire.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

One hundred block of Elm Street — system malfunction.

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One hundred block of Ayliff Avenue — system malfunction.

Eight hundred block of Tice Place — structure fire.

One hundred block of East Broad Street — unintentional alarm.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

One hundred block of Gallows Hill Road — unintentional alarm.

Six hundred block of Sherwood Parkway — carbon monoxide detector activation.

Two hundred block of Kimball Avenue — unintentional alarm.

Seven hundred block of Westfield Avenue — oil burner malfunction.

Two hundred block of Scotch Plains Avenue — good intent call.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

Three hundred block of Woods End Road — carbon monoxide detector activation.

Eight hundred block of Shackamaxon Drive — service call/water condition.

## Recent Home Sales

R. E. Thompson, Jr. to Raymond, Jr. and Lori B. Yarusi, 1229 Prospect Street, \$305,000.

J. E. and H. Geoghan to Jeffrey B. and Claudia Frankel, 15 Breeze Knoll Drive, \$595,000.

M. A. Birchall — Trustee to Michael J. and Luz M. Oates, 1070 Lawrence Avenue, \$342,500.

Y. S. and Y. J. Chun to Luis Garfias-Mesias and Hweekoon Tay, 713 Girard Avenue, \$237,000.

H. and L. Goss to Richard J. and Claire E. Hughes, 13 Faulkner Drive, \$237,000.

P. J. Snyder to Jeffrey R. and Alison V. Torres, 1000 Tice Place, \$274,000.

Raymond, Jr. and Lori B. Yarusi to Wendi J. Cohen, 1501 Pinegrove Avenue, \$210,000.

Messercola Bros. Building Company, Inc. to Weldon and Alma M. Chin, 459 Whittier Avenue, \$370,000.

Messercola Bros. Building Company, Inc., Ergino and Dina M. Messercola, 447 Whittier Avenue, \$120,000.

J. Donnelly to Cheryl J. Oberdorf, 30 Gallowae, \$432,500.

J. D' Aiutolo to Barry Buckland, 257 Orchard Street, \$235,000.

H. J. and J. L. Hall to Catherine Barone and Carolyn Urso, 260 Prospect Street, \$247,500.

S. and R. Arbes to Patricia and Robert Shakal, 320 Highgate Avenue, \$270,000.

J. Calenda to Linda A. Terjesen, 545 Carleton Road, \$273,000.

E. F. and T. Dugan to Alan M. and Marie-Laure Wexler, 558 Boulevard, \$519,000.

B. T. and D. N. Dunnan to Judith S. Kassin, 519 Trinity Place, \$172,000.

R. M. and K. V. Shovlin to Jason Meyer, 608 Fourth Avenue, \$131,600.

W. Wilson to Thomas J. and Kristin

M. Fuccillo, 525 Hillcrest Avenue, \$272,500.

R. L. and C. Friedman to Richard L. and Kathleen M. Carlson, 912 Stevens Avenue, \$445,000.

M. G. Lefkowitz and T. M. Olitt to Stewart A. and Carin C. Ritter, 780 Norgate, \$535,000.



MUSICAL GIRL SCOUTS...In October, seven Girl Scouts from the Washington Rock Council of Westfield attended the first Arbor Chamber Music Society concert, Klezmer and Classical, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Anya Kaplan, Emily Kieczkowski, Alena Fleming, Katherine Tutela, Kimeya Koparkar, Ilene Goodman and Ellen Ramage; back row, clarinetist David Krakauer, cellist Semyon Fridman, Aaron Davis, pianist and Arbor Director Lenore Fishman Davis and violinist Maria Bachmann. The Arbor Society will hold its second concert of the season, featuring music by Mozart, Schubert and Berlioz, on Sunday, January 17, at 4 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

## Rutgers Cooperative Offers Tips For Secure Finances

WESTFIELD — Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County has offered five steps to help consumers prepare for a secure financial future.

• Set financial goals — Figure out what you want out of life over the next few years. Then, figure out what it is likely to cost and how many years you have to accumulate the money necessary to fund your financial goals.

• Get Started — Figure out how much you can set aside each month for each goal and do it — no excuses. The best approach is to develop a spending plan or budget and make saving and investing a part of your regular monthly expenses along with your rent and telephone bill.

If the amount you can afford to set aside is less than what you need to save to reach your goals, you may have to reexamine your priorities or delay certain goals. But, don't abandon your financial plans entirely. Even if you can't do everything, whatever you manage to set aside now will reduce the amount you need to save later.

• Match Products and Goals — Investigate the best places to save and invest for each of your goals. This will depend on how much time you have to meet a goal, your income, your ability to tolerate risk, and how you intend to use the money.

• Monitor Progress — At least once a year, assess your progress by asking yourself the following questions: Have your goals changed? Are your savings and investments performing as expected? Do you need to adjust your asset mix? Could you be saving more money?

• Carefully Select Advisors — You may be able to develop and carry out a financial plan on your own using discount brokers and no-load mutual

funds. Public libraries, book stores, and the Internet are all good sources of information about financial planning strategies and saving and investment products.

However, if you decide you need or want the help of a financial professional — either in developing a plan or in choosing the products to implement it — determine in advance the services you want. Then narrow your selection to two or three properly licensed professionals who specialize in your needed services, are experienced, and have clean disciplinary records.

For further information, please contact Dr. Enslie at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County at (908) 654-9854.

## Elizabethtown Water Co. Offers Recommendations To Prevent Pipe Freezing

WESTFIELD — Elizabethtown Water Company has prepared some tips to help customers protect their plumbing throughout the winter.

• Start by closing the stop and waste valves on outside hose faucets. The valves are not located near the faucet, but inside the basement wall. Once the valve is closed tightly, drain the outside piping and remove hoses from outside faucets.

• Insulate pipes located near outside walls, garages and basements. Rags or old blankets can be used instead of commercial insulation materials.

• Repair cracks and broken window panes in the basement and open cabinet doors under all sinks to allow warm air to circulate around exposed pipes and further safeguard against freezing.



SUPER SCIENTISTS...Students in Cynthia Ziegler's seventh-grade science class at Edison Intermediate School recently completed their study of the basic unit of life, the cell, and the organelles which enable the cell to carry out the life processes. The students expressed their creativity by building their own cells. Pictured, left to right, are: back row, Richie Moran, Rachel Trissett, and Mrs. Ziegler; front row: Danielle Gelber, Michael Checchio, Stephen Rizzetta, and Annika Danielsson.





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### New Three-Year Contract With Teachers' Union Approved Following 5-4 Ratification Vote by SP-F Board of Education

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN  
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On December 22, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education narrowly approved a new three-year contract with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association (SPFEA).

With a vote of 5-4, the board ratified a new contract that spans July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2001.

The agreement provides for annual salary increases of 3.89, 3.74 and 3.68 percent for the SPFEA's 450 members. It extends the work year for teachers by one in-service day beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

The contract also includes a new

"no reprisals clause" which protects union members against administrative discipline for job actions enacted during negotiations.

Members of the SPFEA overwhelmingly approved the terms of the new contract on December 18.

A written statement from the board's negotiating team, and read by Board Vice President Theresa Larkin, stated, "This proposed agreement is composed of elements that are mutually beneficial to both parties. No, it is not our proposal, nor is it the SPFEA's. Instead, it is a third alternative and is a compromise which both teams could accept."

Negotiating team members August Ruggiero, Board President; Mrs.

Larkin; Morris H. Gillett; and Lance Porter voted to accept the contract. Richard M. Meade, Jean McAllister, Thomas Russo and Edward J. Saridaki, Jr. opposed it. Jessica M. Simpson cast the deciding vote in favor of the new terms.

Calling the settlement one "wrested from the community by the tactics of the teachers' union," Mr. Russo stated, "The salaries we pay people in education are out of control."

"Our staff and teachers deserve to be well paid. They are well paid," he continued. "Given the number of days in the school year, it should be obvious that a substantial number of teachers are earning the equivalent of a six-figure income."

"Teachers have an obligation as employees," said Mr. Meade, who rejected the "no reprisals clause." "If they don't fulfill those obligations, there should be consequences." He referred specifically to the teachers' absence at Back-to-School Nights in the district.

"(The clause) removes accountability and responsibility, and I can't support it," he concluded.

"I'm voting no as a protest to the tactics used by the union here," concurred Mrs. McAllister. "No other community has to put up with this."

Mr. Gillett reminded his colleagues, "In any negotiation, you reach a point where you've gone as far as you can go. It's time to join

hands, time to put the animosity behind us."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye implored the board to create a team to meet monthly with representatives of the SPFEA to work

toward better communication and, ultimately, a "win-win" negotiating process the next time.

"We tried to change the mold at the start of this negotiating process,"

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### Scotch Plains Council Members Are Saluted As They Leave Office

By FRED ROSSI  
Specially Written for The Times

At its final meeting of the year, the Scotch Plains Township Council saluted its three members who won't be returning in 1999. The year marks the end of the Republican majority as Democrats take control on New Year's Day.

Mayor Joan Papen and Councilwoman Irene Schmidt were not on the ballot in November while Councilman Robert Johnston was defeated in his bid for re-election.

State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, the outgoing Township attorney, presented Mrs. Schmidt with a joint resolution of the State Assembly and Senate commending her for her distinguished career. State Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine, a former Scotch Plains Mayor, presented an Assembly-Senate resolution to Mrs. Papen for her work on behalf of Scotch Plains.

State Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger of Westfield presented Mr. Johnston with a similar resolution commending his 20 years of service to the Township.

Council members Martin Marks and William F. McClintock, who will remain on the governing body, also paid tribute to the three retiring members, as did former Mayor Gabe Spera and Town Manager Thomas Atkins. Plaques commemorating their service on the Council were presented to Mrs. Papen and Schmidt and Mr. Johnston.

In her final address as Mayor, Mrs. Papen said some of the work she was most proud of included efforts to acquire the Scotch Plains Zoo and turn it into a park, the annual spring cleaning project, construction of the first senior citizens housing com-

plex, resolution of the township's Mount Laurel low to moderate income housing obligations, the annual Christmas decorations outside the Municipal Building, and the World War II veterans project.

Mrs. Papen will be succeeded as Mayor on January 1 by Geri Samuel, who will be joined on the Council by fellow Democrats Franklin Donatelli and Tarquin Bromley.

In other business, the Council authorized apportioning the real estate taxes and removing the former Scotch Plains Zoo property from the township's tax map and property tax rolls.

It also approved an ordinance prohibiting motorists from making a left turn from the 7-11 parking lot into Park Avenue between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. The council accepted a \$24,390 bid by Seely Equipment and Supply Co. to provide a vibratory self-propelled roller for road work maintenance.

A resolution was approved authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign an energy services agreement between Onsite Sycom Energy Corp. and the township on behalf of the Scotch Plains Public Library.

Councilman Marks detailed a new fire department program called Project HELP (Help Evacuate Little People), a fire awareness and safety program, and encouraged residents to contact the Municipal Building to arrange for a fire official to visit their home, at no charge, and provide fire safety information.

The council also honored the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys varsity soccer team for winning the Group 3 State Championship title.

### Labor Day Storm, Democrats' Council Victory, Bank Heist Among Fanwood Events During '98

By SUZETTE F. STALKER  
Specially Written for The Times

**Editor's Note:** The following is the second half of a two-part series highlighting the year 1998 in Fanwood. This article covers the months of July through December.

Fanwood's annual summer playground programs were in full swing by July at Forest Road and LaGrande Parks, where youngsters enjoyed an array of activities ranging from athletic events and arts and crafts to Disney flicks and educational programs.

Youngsters also had a chance to broaden their knowledge while having fun during the Fanwood Memorial Library's traditional Summer Reading Program.

Meanwhile, the Borough Council received a report July 1 from former Councilman David Pickering, Chairman of the Fanwood Community Assessment Committee, concerning seven "potential action projects" which the committee had proposed to help usher Fanwood into the 21st century.

The committee, appointed in 1997, recommended projects targeting downtown revitalization, communications, strengthening of the borough's infrastructure, shared services, transportation, long-range

planning and volunteerism.

These proposals were based on a survey of 100 people which was conducted the previous year by a consultant for the committee, to determine public perception of what constituted the borough's strengths and weaknesses.

In other news, John Alvarez was sworn in July 17 as Fanwood's new Postmaster. Mr. Alvarez began his Postal Service career as a letter carrier in Fort Lee in 1984, later becoming Supervisor with the Post Office there. He also served as "Officer in Charge" in the Millburn Post Office before assuming his current position.

Fanwood resident Michael Brennan, a Lieutenant and 15-year veteran with the Westfield Fire Department, became a hero July 14 when he successfully resuscitated a 14-year-old girl who had collapsed at Forest Road Park near where he and fellow softball league members were warming up for a game.

Members of the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad assisted with a special delivery on July 6, when little Haley Knudsen, the daughter of Joyce and Neil Knudsen, made her debut in the squad's ambulance, which was transporting her mother to Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. The last birth in a



**NIGHT OF CELEBRATION...**Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz, left, and fellow Democrat Katherine Mitchell enjoy their victory after being elected November 3 to the Fanwood Borough Council. Ms. Mitchell will begin her first term on the governing body, and Mrs. Schurtz her second, when the pair are sworn in tomorrow, Friday, January 1, during the Mayor and Council's annual reorganization meeting starting at noon.

Fanwood ambulance had occurred 17 years before.

A second baby, Lisa Kline, was born in the squad's ambulance on September 15. Lisa is the newest addition to the family of Fanwood Councilman Stuart S. Kline and his

wife, Susan, who also has two other young children.

Finally, the Borough Council accepted a bid of \$17,425 in July from Dell Tech of South River to replace the roof on the historic Carriage House

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### Leading Stories in Scotch Plains During Busy First Half of 1998 Include Future of Zoo Property, Automation of Library, and Park Place Appeal

By JEANNE WHITNEY  
Specially Written for The Times

**Editor's Note:** The following is the first half of a two-part series reviewing major events and issues which impacted Scotch Plains during 1998.

Some of the biggest news this year in the township was the election of a Democratic majority to the five-member Scotch Plains Township Council by residents in November after 24 years.

However, the first half of 1998 saw plenty of action with scowflaw contractors, county incinerator woes, aircraft noise, zoo property condemnation, library automation and the renaming of township streets. Read on for a month-by-month summary of the first half of the year. The second half synopsis will be published next week.

#### January

The new year saw Republican Councilwoman Joan Papen sworn in as Mayor of Scotch Plains Township for the fourth time as she began a 16th year on the Township Council. Republican Councilman William F. McClintock, Jr., was chosen as Deputy Mayor by the council.

Voted in by his peers, State Senator and township resident Donald T. DiFrancesco was sworn in for an unprecedented fourth year as President of the Senate, in Trenton.

Township officials scrambled to replace contractors for \$2 million in



**CONTROVERSIAL PROPOSAL...**Earlier this year, area residents objected to a proposal by the owners of the Park Place Family Restaurant on Raritan Road to add retail space on the property. Neighbors argued that further commercial development there would negatively impact their quality of life. The petition, brought before the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment, would have added a Drug Fair and strip mall at the site. The owners subsequently withdrew their application.

sewer pumping station upgrades on the south side after the owners of Consolidated Design and Building Corporation were discovered to have been convicted of bribery, theft and extortion in previous bid-rigging schemes and sentenced to three years in prison by the state.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education unanimously refused to pay \$36,000 in tuition for six stu-

dents attending the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Math and Technology, saying the district schools provide the same opportunities as the magnet school.

Council members said they would hold a public hearing over the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) proposed test of a 260-degree turn from runways for departing aircraft out of Newark International Airport.

Township officials said a preliminary look at the year's municipal budget showed a need for a 2.3 percent hike over last year, totaling about \$15.7 million.

A task force of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission gathered to begin hammering out alternate construction sites for two proposed water detention basins in Watchung Reservation after area residents objected in the prior year.

The entire \$362 million tri-county flood control measures should protect Scotch Plains' property from severe flood damage, according to the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Township Board of Adjustment member Gail Iannaturo rose to Board President for the year and, later in the year, became a Republican candidate for Township Council. Neighbors voiced objections to lighting and sign proposals by the Jewish Community Center (JCC) before the Board of Adjustment.

The township library moved towards computer automation and expanded Internet access for a cost of \$180,000. Library Director Norbert Bernstein said the township was one of the last libraries in Union County to automate.

The Angel Chorus, made up of 30 Park Middle School students, finished up 24 performances in *A Christmas Carol* at Madison Square Garden in New York City.



**TEAM EFFORT...**Students from the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains construct a gazebo on the corner of the Village Green as part of their construction technology curriculum. The Victorian-style landmark was dedicated by Mayor Joan Papen on October 3 as part of the annual Scotch Plains Day/StreetFest '98 celebration in the Towne Center.

The township Planning Board rejected an application from Ernest Fantini to develop property at Pheasant and Sleepy Hollow Lanes. High School DECA marketing students took 69 awards — including five first places — in the 28th annual state Central Region DECA competition.

Mary P. Ruotolo of Westfield and Lewis Mingo, Jr., of Plainfield were sworn in as Union County Freehold-

ers to fill the terms of Carol I. Cohen and Walter D. McNeil, Jr.

#### February

Township Council members said they would reject a 25-year contract offer for garbage disposal at the Union County Resource Recovery Facility in Rahway after deregulation of the hauling industry left the Union County Utilities Authority (UCA)

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The Staff of The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every reader the best in 1999. May your New Year be happy, healthy and prosperous.



## Top Stories in Scotch Plains Include Zoo Site, Library

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fearful of defaulting on \$293 million worth of bond debt used to build the incinerator.

Every ton of garbage hauled out of the county will face an Environmental Investment Charge (EIC) according to a Union County Freeholder plan to pay down the debt and lease the incinerator to Ogden Martin Systems.

Council members pledged to pursue ownership of the former Scotch Plains Zoo property from Warren real estate developer Mitchell Berlant, who bought the 5.87 acres at Raritan and Terrill Roads from Harold and Debra Kafka last year after it was closed down by the state Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

Township officials called for a 2.2 percent municipal budget increase over the previous year. The Board of Education proposed a \$43.15 million budget for the 1998-1999 school year.

The Federal Aviation Administration said it will run a six-month live test of the 260-degree turn for aircraft out of Newark Airport in an effort to reduce noise over area residents.

Sixty-eight year old Elinor Hoffman was found dead while seven other family members escaped from her son's rented home on the Bowcraft Amusement Park property after an early morning fire began in the kitchen and destroyed the dwelling.

Scotch Plains police nabbed "spiderman" burglar suspect Willie Douglas, 39, of Plainfield while he sat in a Honda parked on Clydesdale Road after a resident telephoned in a tip. Police said Douglas was suspected of committing 150 home burglaries in the area over the past 10 years.

Board of Education President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon filed a petition to run for his seat in the April 21 election.

Residents objected before the Board of Adjustment to a proposed drug store and strip mall on the Park Place Family Restaurant property on Raritan Road. The restaurant owners later withdrew their appeal.

The local chapter of UNICO offered a sculpture honoring Christopher Columbus to the township, asking to mount it on the Village Green beside the Municipal Building.

### March

Council members insisted they will move to seize the former zoo property for public use as a park through condemnation, even though a Virginia firm, Sunrise Assisted Living, bought the property and said it will build on the site. Sunrise said it would donate almost two acres of the site to the township, which the council rejected.

Councilman McClintock called the site "a treasure," saying, "We need to preserve it." The town offered to buy the lot for \$510,000.

The Township Council approved the \$15.7 million municipal budget and the Board of Education approved its \$43.15 million budget.

The council endorsed the six-month test of the FAA's 260-degree turn for aircraft departing from Newark Airport, saying that they hope it will reduce noise locally. Other groups and communities reject the 260-degree turn plan, in favor of "ocean routing" for aircraft.

The Planning Board continued to hear testimony over a proposed 116-unit development on nearly eight acres owned by Frances and Angeline Donato in the township.

Board of Education member Albert J. Syvertsen announced he will not seek reelection to the board after serving three terms.

Scotch Plains resident Steven Verry, 36, died in his van from a self-inflicted gunshot to the chest as police closed in on him in Newark after he robbed a gas station.

### April

Residents approved the Board of Education budget and vote Lance Porter, Jean McAllister and Richard Meade onto the Board. August Ruggiero is named Board President and Theresa Larkin, Vice President.

Almost 300 parents petitioned the Board of Education to stop relocation of a district preschool program to Park Middle School.

The council agreed to spruce up the downtown area in conjunction with the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association in a plan that included street banners, a gazebo on the Village Green and adding "Centre Boulevard" to Westfield Avenue in the district.

Councilman Martin Marks took the heat from residents for "renaming" the street since he is the council Liaison to the Downtown Development Committee, who suggested the idea.

Veteran Republican Councilwoman Joan Papen and Irene Schmidt announced that would not run for another four-year term in November. Township Republicans choose a slate of three candidates — incumbent councilman Robert Johnston, Paulette Coronato and James Fawcett — for the council race.

Democrats named Geri Morgan Samuel, Tarquin Jay Bromley and Franklin P. Donatelli, Jr., to challenge Republican and independent candidate, Frank Festa, for the three council seats.

### May

The township was awarded a \$100,000 matching grant through a Union County "pocket park" fund towards the purchase of the former zoo property, while the council moved to okay \$570,000 in temporary funding debt for the lot. Another \$25,000 from the county program was slated to go towards improvements at Green Forest Park.

The council postponed a vote after residents objected to the addition of the name "Centre Boulevard" to Westfield Avenue, East Second Street and Plainfield Avenue in the township.

Local business owners asked the township for the new street name to simplify directions to the downtown district for potential customers. Construction of a gazebo on the Village Green was donated by Union County Vo-Tech students as part of downtown development measures to identify the "Towne Centre."

Scotch Plains Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins told local garbage haulers, "We're really not interested in getting into the garbage collection business," after the council rejected a long-term contract with the county incinerator for dumping.

Mayor Papen confirmed that such a contract would require the municipality to collect garbage in order to guarantee delivery to the facility. The township is one of seven county municipalities that leave garbage collection up to the homeowner.

The council authorized a total of \$4.4 million in one-year bond sales for municipal projects. Councilman McClintock explained that the funds can be used to fund capital improvements over the next five to seven years.

Spokesmen for developer K. Hovnanian told Planning Board members that another exit from "The Reserve" property will be created on the 7.7-acre Donato property, where they want to build 116 condominiums.

The Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Health Related Professions opens a fifth branch campus in the state on Raritan Road.

A Postal Store opened in the expanded post office on Park Avenue after almost a year of work. Other improvements included 24-hour access to mail boxes, stamp vending machines and scales.

Resident Douglas Bishop was named Union County Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Kate Vanderheyden was named Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Female Scholar-Athlete for 1998. Local high school DECA marketing students won four awards over 10,000 others in a national competition in Denver, Colorado, making that the most awards taken in one event in the 28-year history of the local chapter.

The council decided to consider taxing non-profit and public organizations for use of the sanitary sewer system.

### June

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High school Principal Dr. Terry Riegel retired after 26 years at the helm, fighting back tears during commencement ceremonies and saying he was honored to "graduate" with such an outstanding senior class. He began as a social studies teacher in the district in 1963. His wife, Arlene Riegel, said she would also retire after teaching math in the district for 29 years.

Assistant SPFHHS Volleyball Coach James O. Powers, 34, died suddenly. The family suffered another loss just weeks later when the late coach's father, John J. Powers, 68, a Scotch Plains police lieutenant, died.

A house burned at 1260 Sleepy Hollow Road after being struck by lightning while neighbors were at a nearby block party and the house owners were out of town. The same electrical storm left some residents without power for two hours.

The Township Council dumped the plan to use the street name "Centre Boulevard" after Westfield Avenue resident Thomas J. DeNizio collected 163 signatures opposing it. However, the council later passed an ordinance to change the name of Cliffwood Street to Shalom Way over residents' objections in a heated public televised meeting. During the meeting Councilman Martin Marks used the word "bigoted" after resident Alice Eldridge told the council, "This is not Israel. Everybody's not Jewish."

Township Mayor Joan Papen was selected as Vice Chairwoman of the Union County Republican Committee along with Frank X. McDermott of Westfield, as Chairman, by a slim margin.

The township fire department received delivery on a new rescue truck that includes the "Jaws of Life" and many other crucial devices for saving lives.



AFTERMATH OF A STORM...A thunderstorm marked by tornado-velocity winds, lightning and hail wreaked havoc throughout the region on Labor Day, leaving fallen trees, power outages and extensive property damage in its wake. This car, which had been parked on Burns Way in Fanwood, was crushed by a toppled tree.

## Storm, Democrats' Victory Among Top Fanwood Events

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on Watson Road. The building has long been home to The Philathalians, a local theater troupe now in its 67th season.

The Gothic Revival Carriage House, built around 1880, is being eyed as a prospective "cultural arts center" for the borough, where a variety of programs could be presented in addition to productions by The Philathalians.

As August unfolded in the borough, Fanwood Library Director Daniel Weiss informed elected officials of an opportunity to automate the library through membership in the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium, which currently includes two dozen libraries.

Joining the Avenel-based consortium, Mr. Weiss revealed, would allow the library to become fully automated at less cost over time than it could independently, while offering a myriad of services to both patrons and staff. Among the benefits, he noted, would be access to more than 500,000 materials available through all member libraries in the consortium.

Officials ultimately approved a resolution on September 10 authorizing a membership agreement between the Fanwood Library's Board of Trustees and the consortium.

The total automation plan calls for 14 computers, networked together, to be installed at the library within a year. A portion of these units will feature CD-ROM and On-Line capabilities.

On August 13, the council unanimously endorsed an agreement with Union County for a \$125,000 grant awarded through the county's one-year Project Pocket Park Program.

However, controversy continued to surround the governing body's proposal to match the county grant with funds and in-kinds services to create a passive pocket park on Watson Road. A Pocket Park Committee, headed by Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz, had been appointed the previous month to oversee plans for the project.

Near the end of the month came news that a Sun Tavern restaurant would open on the former Goal Post property at South Avenue and Terrill Road.

The lot had been unoccupied for approximately five years beforehand. In July, the Fanwood Planning Board had approved a parking variance for the new establishment, which is expected to open during the early part of 1999.

A proposal for The Chelsea at Fanwood to construct a second, four-story building on South Avenue got the green light August 26 from the Planning Board. The building, featuring a mix of senior housing and assisted living units, would be connected to the Chelsea's current assisted living facility by a top floor breezeway.

Summer's idyll was shattered when a violent Labor Day thunderstorm swept through the region, toppling trees, wires and utility poles with tornado-force winds, and cutting power to 80 percent of the borough. No injuries were reported. Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly declared a state of emergency in Fanwood less than two hours after the weather crisis had occurred.

Emergency management units, including borough administrators, police, fire and rescue squad personnel, as well as Public Works employees, teamed with local volunteers and Public Service Electric and Gas crews to help the community recover from the storm.

County officials also lent a hand by providing fuel to Fanwood's emergency vehicles after power was lost at the Department of Public Works.

Fanwood was the community third hardest hit by the storm in Union County, sustaining \$203,000 in damages, and eventually received \$96,500 as part of a \$1.3 million storm aid package from the state. Crews in Fanwood spent about two weeks cutting up and carting away felled trees and other debris which had been scattered around the borough.

Despite the storm's heavy toll, Fanwood rebounded in time for the third annual "Fanny Wood Day" celebration on September 27. The downtown festival, which once again featured activities, exhibits and outdoor sales, raised approximately \$3,000

towards the purchase of a Victorian clock for the business district to mark the new millennium.

During October, the council adopted an ordinance permitting residents whose garages were damaged by the Labor Day storm to rebuild them in the same locations as before, providing the foundation was intact, without having to obtain site plan or variance approval from the Planning Board.

Beginning on October 5, four volunteer action groups organized by the Fanwood Community Assessment Committee met once or twice weekly over a seven-week period to develop proposals for projects considered vital to the success of the borough in the years ahead.

These action projects, narrowed down from the seven originally conceived by the committee, addressed long-range planning, volunteerism, communication and downtown revitalization. Representatives of each group presented formal proposals to the Borough Council at its December 2 agenda meeting.

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains was honored with a resolution from the Mayor and council on its 65th anniversary of providing scholarships to young women to further their education. A similar resolution was presented in November to Irma's Bag, in recognition of the Hallmark store's 25th anniversary in the community.

On November 3, Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell defeated Republican candidates Wilfred P. Coronato and David B. Trumpp for two open seats on the Borough Council in the General Election. They will be sworn in during the governing body's reorganization meeting on New Year's Day.

Although she failed to unseat Congressman Bob Franks in this year's race to represent the Seventh District, Mayor Connelly racked up impressive numbers in her first campaign for the United States House of Representatives. Congressman Franks won his fourth term with 75,900 votes to Mrs. Connelly's 64,420.

On November 17, the first known bank robbery in Fanwood's history occurred at the First Savings Bank on South Avenue and Second Street. A man armed with a handgun, later identified as 20-year-old Michael Terrance Howard of Plainfield, escaped with more than \$6,000. No one was injured.

The suspect, who was also wanted in connection with an earlier Baltimore homicide and the shootings of two Plainfield police officers, was killed by police November 25 after he opened fire on officers who had blocked his vehicle on Route No. 22 at the Scotch Plains-Mountainside border in an attempt to take him into custody.

Fanwood held its annual holiday celebration December 6 in the downtown, with tree decorating, musical entertainment, "reindeer rides" and a visit from Santa included among the festivities. The event culminated at twilight with the traditional tree lighting ceremony.

New Fanwood Police Lieutenant Edward J. White, Jr. took his oath of office at the December 10 meeting of the Mayor and council, as family, colleagues and other well-wishers looked on.

Lieutenant White's appointment, effective January 1, fills a vacancy created when erstwhile Lieutenant Donald Domanoski was promoted to Captain last January.

The prospective buyers of the presently vacant Dean Oil site at LaGrande Avenue and Second Street outlined their proposal to build a three-story residential apartment complex on the property during a December 14 concept hearing before the Planning Board.

Vincent Bontempo and John D. Molozzi, who have a contract option to purchase the lot from its current owners, made their presentation to the board as a prelude to submitting a formal application.

The planned apartment building would house a total of 36, two-bedroom units, as well as a fitness area and common lobby. It would be accompanied by 52 or 53 parking spaces for residents of the complex. Mr. Molozzi said a formal application regarding the project could be submitted by February.



## SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

• Eugene Clary, 50, of Plainfield was arrested for providing false information to a police officer pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on East Second Street.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

• Police were involved in the pursuit of a 1997 Chevy Camaro going north on Martine Avenue and then east on South Avenue into Westfield at approximately 12:45 a.m. The vehicle fled as an officer attempted to stop the driver for motor vehicle violations. The pursuit was terminated when involved officers lost sight of the vehicle in Westfield. Follow up investigation resulted in charges being filed for eluding police against Victor Vargas, 21, of Carteret and Lisa Burroughs, 29, of South Amboy. Burroughs, who is

the owner of the vehicle in question, was charged additionally with hindering apprehension for offering false information to investigating officers.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

• Burglary to a residence in the 1700 block of Mountain Avenue. Actor gained entry through a basement window and removed an undetermined amount of cash.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

• Leslie Randall, 24, of Plainfield, was arrested and charged with obstructing the administration of the law for providing false information to officers conducting an investigation during a motor vehicle stop on Rahway Road at approximately 7:30 p.m. Randall was found to be wanted on outstanding warrants from another jurisdiction.



HELPING HANDS...Kindergarten teacher Donna Katz recently enlisted Joan Costello's third graders at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains to help out with their holiday construction project. The older children helped their Kindergarten buddies build gingerbread houses from cookies, candy and confectioner's sugar "cement." Pictured, left to right, are: Grace Wallden, Kelly Yingling, Meghan Dhaliwal and Benjamin Vaughn, proudly displaying their creations.

## New Three-Year Contract With Teachers' Union OK'd

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noted Mr. Ruggiero. "It didn't work. That bond of trust must be in place first."

He acknowledged the more visible role parents played during the union's job action.

"Parents began to let the SPFEA know that they weren't happy," he said. "There's a whole different dynamic going on."

Mr. Porter was concerned about the possible carryover effect of the union's November "no confidence" vote against the board and superintendent. "Is it over or just beginning?" he wondered.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, parent Jeanne Shanker criticized the district for not properly supervising the expanding Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) program.

"The November progress reports indicate no progress for mine or any child in district in the 'in-district autism class,'" said Mrs. Shanker. "There's no reason to think this will change."

Dr. Choye acknowledged that the district had cut back two supervisory positions in the past, but planned to vote that night in executive session to restore both to full-time positions.

Director of Special Services Eleanor McClymont indicated that she would be observing the PDD classes more frequently, as well.

During the meeting, the superintendent briefed the board on the need to revise district policy regarding the administration of medications, namely EPI-PEN, which is used to counter anaphylactic reaction to such things as bee stings or peanuts.

While the law regarding administration of such medication was officially changed January 19, 1998, the district was not notified by Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz of its changing responsibilities until November.

Going forward, in addition to the school nurse, another on-site staff member must be trained in medica-

tion administration. Mrs. McClymont noted there are approximately eight to 12 students per school who could be at risk for anaphylactic reaction.

In other business, the board reaffirmed its refusal to pay \$167,500 in tuition for 10 district students attending the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology. Board attorney Casper P. Boehm confirmed that litigation on the matter is proceeding.

Mrs. McAllister reported on a resolution put forth by Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger regarding scheduled revisions to the administrative code for the state's core curriculum content standards.

Using "more compelling language," the proposal asks that changes to code and graduation requirements be handled through the legislative process that enacted them in the first place. The proposed resolution also recommends that the controversial "School-to-Work" initiative be scrapped as a state mandate.

On that subject, Public Information Coordinator Kathleen Meyer reminded board members that "School-to-Work" is just "one piece of a much larger proposal."

"Why aren't we talking within the context of assessments and standards?" she asked. She cited the call for a six-hour school day for all students and elimination of current high school course requirements as examples of things the board should be addressing.

"A fair debate necessitates discussion of the whole issue," she concluded.

As part of their self-evaluation, board members called for heightened communication with community members beyond the public's attendance at board meetings.

Mr. Saridakis agreed that a forum where residents could pose questions anonymously would offer "an opportunity to find out what people are thinking without putting (them) on the spot."



CRAFT FAIR...The Parent-Teacher Association at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains recently held its annual Craft Fair. At the event, children had the opportunity to make a variety of holiday gifts for their family and friends. The fair also included a bake sale and a raffle of products and services donated by local merchants. Pictured, left to right, are third graders Alyssa Straniero and Annie Smith, creating gifts for their pets.



# Arrest in Fraud Case, Hiring of Administrator Tops 1998 News in Borough of Mountainside

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

**Editor's Note:** The following is an overview of some of the events and issues which impacted the Borough of Mountainside during the Year 1998.

At the Borough Council's organizational meeting in January, Councilmen Ronald W. Romak and Thomas Perrotta were sworn in to new, three-year terms. Many appointments were also made early in the year, including former Councilman Bart A. Barre as the borough's first ever Public Defender.

John N. Post was re-appointed as Borough Attorney. Also, Councilman Keith C. Turner received unanimous approval as Council President, and Councilman Paul Mirabelli was named to the Mountainside Planning Board.

The council began looking for solutions to solve traffic problems associated with the Sony Theater on Route 22. The council proposed amending a borough ordinance to open a driveway on the western part of the lot for right-turns only in an effort to steer all other exiting traffic onto the highway.

The council approved a contract for the Westfield Regional Health Department at a cost of just under \$20,000. The borough has had a contract with Westfield since 1978.

Mountainside police helped collar a suspect wanted in a sophisticated fraud case aimed at doctors. Eusebio Anthony Mendoza, 47, of Irvington, was arrested at his home and charged in the case whereby he allegedly created phony records to gain access to bank accounts of wealthy persons, mainly doctors. Authorities said Mendoza had written checks for thousands of dollars on the identities of the doctors accounts he had gained access to.

Dr. Gerard A. Schaller, who, as the district's first Chief School Administrator, acts as both Superintendent of Schools and Deerfield School Principal, spoke with *The Leader* last April concerning the proposed 1998-1999 school budget.

He said he felt very positive about the spending plan, noting it addressed educational and facilities needs. The \$7,757,199 package was passed by voters on April 21.

The three uncontested seats were filled on the Board of Education. School Board President Patricia Taeschler, who received 494 votes in the school board election, has been serving on the board since 1992.

Sally Rivieccio, who has been on the board since 1995, garnered 492 votes, and Richard Kress, who has served since 1989, received 459 votes.

Dr. Schaller talked about the district's new "Strategic Plan," which is currently ongoing and was put in place to review the district's mission, goals and objectives. The committee which developed the plan includes teachers, parents, citizens, and members of the Board of Education.

The Borough Council adopted a \$7,168,081 municipal budget for 1998, which brought no tax increase for municipal services.

This year's spending plan reflected

a 39-point drop in the municipal portion of residents' tax bills. It followed a budgetary increase of 39 points the previous year, when Mountainside, along with five other towns, had to make one final payment to the now-disbanded regional school system.

Borough Administrator Gregory Bonin began working for the municipality in May. He is currently working towards a master's degree in public administration. Prior to this, Mr. Bonin worked as the Borough Clerk and Assistant Administrator in Hillsboro.

Also in May, Joseph Komich, who served as Mayor of Mountainside from 1957 to 1960, died at age 91. He was a civil engineer and, according to Mayor Vighianti, "was an asset to the history of the community."

In June, members of the Mountainside Republican Club's Dinner-Dance Committee were busy making plans for October's dinner dance honoring State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco. Mr. DiFrancesco represents the 22nd Legislative District.

The dinner-dance was held at The Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights. Key members of the Planning Committee included Dona Osieja and Dr. Marilyn Hart.

Also, Lieutenant James Debbie, Jr. was sworn in June as the new Police Chief of Mountainside. His wife, Pat, stood by his side as Councilman Romak administered the oath of office. Chief Debbie has served on the borough's police force for 27 years.

In July, Mountainside mourned the loss of Bill Van Blarcom. Mr. Van Blarcom was the borough's rescue squad Treasurer for 24 years. He was also a former Councilman.

The summer months brought on a pivotal series of meetings between the Mayor and council and all emergency service volunteers and personnel, to discuss the ongoing problem of a shortage of daytime volunteers.

According to the Mayor, the rescue squad has the lowest number of daytime volunteers among all the emergency service units.

In an effort to recruit new volunteers, the rescue squad held an open house in August, and also ran a series of videos on the municipality's local cable television access station, Channel 35. The squad's open house focused on strategies, such as the videos, to acquire new volunteers to cover daytime shifts.

In addition, a plaque was dedicated during the open house in memory of Mr. Van Blarcom in recognition of his long-time service to the squad. The open house brought out many citizens, a few of whom filled out applications for membership on the squad.

However, to address the immediate needs of the borough, two police officers were assigned to help the rescue squad respond to calls. Officer Donald Amburg is trained as an Emergency Medical Technician, and Sergeant Richard Weigel is a full-time paramedic.

The council also approved the appointment of Administrative Assistant Heather Theissen, a trained Emergency Services Technician. In

addition to helping with paperwork, she is also available to respond to squad calls.

Once the new school year began, Deerfield Elementary School students enjoyed improvements made to the building, which included a refurbished gymnasium floor, a newly-revamped industrial arts program, and a new science lab.

Also, John Perrin, a 20-year resident of Mountainside and an architect for The Henderson Design Firm in Somerville, was sworn in as the newest member of the Board of Education.

Mr. Perrin took the place of Linda Schneider, who served on the Board of Education for 18 years. Mrs. Schneider resigned from the school board August 26 because she and her family were moving to Watchung.

In October, the dinner dance honoring Senator DiFrancesco was held at the Berkeley Plaza.

Also, Dr. Schaller and Deerfield Guidance Counselor Barbara Komoroski, reported that the results from the IOWA Test of Basic Skills, administered to students in April, were above average, with scores falling between the 89th to 99th percentile for their grade.

In November, the borough was one of the first to utilize the county's new electronic voting machines in the General Election. Republican Councilman Werner C. Schon, who received 1,226 votes, and runningmate Glen Mortimer, with 1,242 votes, captured the two open seats on the Borough Council.

They had been opposed by Democrats Michael Krasner, who received 916 votes, and Steve Brociner, who took 886 votes. To date, a Democrat

has never held a seat on the council.

Also in the fall, 15-year Mountainside resident Thomas Lyons was appointed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman and confirmed by the New Jersey State Senate to become a Superior Court Judge in the Family Division in Elizabeth.

The official opening of the Community Room, located on the second floor of Borough Hall, happened late in the year, as it was used for pre-school holiday parties and senior fitness classes.

Also, former Councilman Barre was named the 15th recipient of the Mabel Young Good Neighbor Award for his many contributions throughout the years to the borough. In addition to his role as Public Defender, Mr. Barre has his own law firm in Mountainside.

In December, the Mountainside Council approved an ordinance on second reading to make the borough a part of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) District.

The bond ordinance of \$300,000, which was also passed in December, will give Mountainside representation on the RVSA. For the past two years, Mountainside has been purchasing its flow rights through the Township of Cranford.

Also in December, Councilman David M. Hart retired after serving six years on the council. During those years, Councilman Hart acted as a Liaison to Children's Specialized Hospital, the Mountainside Free Public Library and the borough's Board of Education.

He resides in Mountainside with his wife, Dr. Marilyn Hart, who also served 12 years on the governing body.

## County to Co-Host Conference On Cultural Arts Tourism

The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission will sponsor a conference on cultural tourism on Saturday, January 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the College Center of Middlesex County College, 155 Mill Road in Edison.

"The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is delighted that two major county cultural agencies are collaborating to bring this important message to the outstanding arts and historical groups in central New Jersey," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, Liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

"Union County is fast becoming a destination for day trippers and this information will help us spread the word about our cultural sites," Mrs. Ruotolo added.

Four professionals who are versed in the concept of cultural tourism will attend the conference. They will offer information to help participants understand how to develop new ideas for promoting local arts and cultural events through collaborations, partnerships and innovative programming.

Paul Tyler, Deputy Director for the Virginia Commission for the Arts, will use successful campaigns done in his home state to illustrate the basic philosophy of cultural tourism and the benefits to local groups.

Donna Bakelaar, Deputy Director for the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism, will discuss statewide tourism campaigns and how to be-

come a part of them. Janet Wolfe, Director of the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail, will draw upon her experience with that project to highlight development of a campaign strategy, identifying resources, and the expected results of a cultural tourism campaign.

Dr. Guy C. McCombs, President of Third Power Development, Inc., will address marketing for small institutions with an emphasis on how to determine market feasibility, as well as strategies for marketing to a diverse audience.

Pre-registration is required and must be accompanied by a \$7.50 fee, made payable to Treasurer, Middlesex County, Coffee and refreshments will be included. No refunds of registration fees will be given after December 31.

Funding for the conference has been provided in part through a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State and the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The conference site is fully accessible, and the conference brochure is printed in large type and available in Braille. A sign language interpreter is available, if notification of need is made two weeks in advance.

For registration, information or to receive a brochure on the conference, please contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, 07202; (908) 558-2550. Hearing impaired persons may call (800) 852-7899.

## Senator DiFrancesco Reveals High-Tech Child-Find Initiative

By SONIA V. OWCHARIW  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

During a press conference December 10 in Trenton, State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco announced a \$3.5 million statewide initiative to help locate lost or abducted children within minutes of their disappearance.

The program, known as TRAK (Technology to Recover Abducted Kids) has been made possible through the use of computer hardware and software developed by a California non-profit group, Social Tech Incorporated.

The TRAK system has already saved abducted children in California, according to Senator DiFrancesco. "The TRAK system is a proven life-saver, and I would like to see it implemented statewide to ensure that New Jersey is on the cutting edge of technology," he said.

"This legislation will allow us to create an entire network of child-searchers, from police departments to the media, and from bus terminals to airports and train stations, in an all-out effort to locate the missing child," the Senator continued.

Today, most police departments around the country rely upon manual faxes and copy machines to make fliers for distribution when a child is reported to be missing.

However, according to police officials, it is within the first minutes after a child has been abducted that information, statistics, and photographs are especially critical in tracking a missing youngster.

The TRAK computer system electronically distributes high quality faxes featuring a color photograph of the missing child.

"Thanks to the leadership of Senate President DiFrancesco, this legislation, once passed, will make it possible to place TRAK systems in police departments statewide, effectively putting a high-tech dragnet in place for the abductor and victim," said Ernie Allen, President of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

TRAK conducted field testing in San Mateo County, California in January of 1996, shortly after the abduction and murder of Polly Klass, and it has already been credited with the safe recovery of three abducted children. The system has been installed in Bernardville.

The initiative would be the most comprehensive effort yet to equip state police and every local police department with this technology. The funds would be provided through surplus in the Operation Safe and Secure Communities Program established in 1993.

For the fiscal year 1998, the Office of Legislative Services has determined that the program had \$10 million in surplus funds.

"This system places a premium on speed and efficiency, made possible through the use of easy-to-use software and the combined efforts of law enforcement and the community at-large," said Mr. DiFrancesco.

"We owe it to our children to make this investment in their safety," he concluded.

Also joining Senator DiFrancesco at the press conference were Wayne J. Forrest, Somerset County Prosecutor; Lieutenant Kevin Valentine of the Bernardville Police Department, and Robert S. Asquith, President of Social Tech Incorporated.



THANK YOU BREAKFAST...Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr., pictured at left, thanks all the Union County employees who worked at the Jersey Jazz by the Lake Festival in September. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and County Manager Michael Lapolla sponsored a breakfast to thank the employees, during which officials told those present that the festival would not have been a success without the hard work of each and every employee.

## Freeholders Thank Employees For Success of Jersey Jazz

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and County Manager Michael Lapolla held a special thank you breakfast for county employees who helped to make the Jersey Jazz by the Lake Festival in September a success.

"The Board of Chosen Freeholders applauds the hard work that 65 Union County employees performed. I know the many details that the freeholders had to take care of to bring the jazz festival to reality, but it wouldn't have become a reality, if not for all of our employees," said Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr.

While Lionel Hampton and the Bernard Purdie All Stars played jazz, county employees worked as ticket sellers and takers; manned

the information booth and VIP reception area, and acted as stage managers.

They also performed maintenance duties, provided security and saw to traffic assistance and general organizational needs.

"When the board decided to bring this exceptionally popular form of music to the public, we hoped that people would enjoy it," Freeholder Mingo stated.

"They let us know that they certainly did. In response to their positive reactions, we are planning a festival again, next September," he continued.

"I hope that everyone who attended the last Jersey Jazz by the Lake will spread the word and bring their friends next time," Freeholder Mingo concluded.

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# Two Years of Intense Work Paying Off for Couple As They Restore 1871 Victorian Home in Westfield

By CHRISTINE BROWN-CHARLTON  
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After four years of searching for their dream house, Roy and Sherryl Pascal finally found it on Westfield Avenue in Westfield. And after two years of intense and ongoing renovations and restorations, the house is finally beginning to look like the home of their dreams.

Prior to the Pascal's purchase of the home, one may not have noticed that there was a building there at all. The overgrown property at 633 Westfield Avenue was hidden by trees and had fallen into major disrepair.

The Pascals removed the trees and unpruned bushes and began the daunting task of restoring this 1871 Victorian home.

In 1997, the house was nearly sold to a developer who intended to demolish the house in order to build two new ones in its place. After neighbors protested and petitioned the Planning Board and the Town Council, the board decided not to grant the developer a variance to continue with his plans.

Prior to the board's decision, the council rezoned properties along Westfield Avenue, Park Street and Summit Avenue. The action, among other things, prevented developer Michael Mahoney from pushing through his plan to subdivide the lot for two new homes.

The developer eventually rescinded his offer to buy the property.

When the Pascals bought the property, it was a cash deal with no

only the fifth owners of the home, the Pascals have done as much research as possible in order to return the home to its original condition.

They had all the original brass fixtures restored by the Brass Shop in West-

said Mrs. Pascal.

The kitchen and all four corners of the house were rotting and literally falling off. The entire home had to be boosted up in sections to repair the foundation and restore structural

this home was built," stated Mrs. Pascal.

The Pascals have re-plastered as opposed to sheet-rocking in order to follow the curves and details of the staircase and interior walls.

The home needed more than two miles of cable to rewire and bring the electricity up to code. The radiators have all been stripped of nearly 10 coats of paint to reveal beautifully decorative ironwork designs.

There were traces of wallpaper in the master bathroom that Mr. and Mrs. Pascal wished to replace.

In order to do this they found a dealer in New York who strictly worked with antique wallpaper found in shut down warehouses and hardware stores. Once they found what they were looking for, the Pascals had bathroom tiles custom made to match the paper.

The fence that will surround the property has historical significance as well. Roy Pascal saw the Berry Biscuit Factory in Elizabeth being demolished and asked the crew if he could purchase the wrought iron fence — and that is what he did. The fence is now being restored and will be put up shortly.

Now that this overwhelming project has become manageable, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal and their three children hope to move into their new-old Victorian dream house on January 22.



field, and if restoration was not possible for moldings, doors or tiles, the Pascals have had them duplicated to match the originals. The first step was structural repair and demolition. These were both extensive due to the fact that there was major termite and water damage and that the house was struck by lightning in 1992 and was never properly repaired. "I was finding charred wood behind the walls and the strong odor emanated throughout the house once we started pulling everything apart."

The home's exterior now boasts cedar shingles in a mauve color and green and white awnings reminiscent of the 1800s and consistent with the original home. Besides a 1910 two-story addition and a small breakfast nook that the



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contingencies, and according to Roy Pascal, the project has been "twice if not three times the work we anticipated" and they have "probably gone 100 percent over budget!"

Mrs. Pascal has acted as general contractor for the project, carefully orchestrating the enormous work that had to be done. Her vision was that of a "whimsical Victorian which reflected our own personalities." As

## Residents Urged to Sign Cards to Become Organ/Tissue Donors

The New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network has urged residents to register to become organ and tissue donors.

Joseph S. Roth, Executive Director of The Sharing Network stated, "By signing your name to a donor card or checking the back of your New Jersey drivers' license and discussing your feelings about organ donation with your family, you can help alleviate the critical shortage of organ donors."

Mr. Roth reported that currently more than 1,500 people in New Jersey and over 63,000 people nationwide are waiting for transplants.

He added that signing a donor card will not affect the level of medical care which a sick or injured donor will receive. He cited that major religions support organ donation and the body is treated with respect during organ and tissue recovery.

Mr. Roth noted that social and financial data are not factors in determining who receives an organ; funeral arrangements are not delayed by donation; and there is never a charge to the donor's family.

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# Mayor, Other Officials Retire From SP Council

By SONIA V. OWCHARIW  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

During the Scotch Plains Township Council meeting last Tuesday evening, friends and colleagues warmly bid farewell to, and shared fond memories with, Mayor Joan Papan, Councilwoman Irene T. Schmidt, and Councilman Robert Johnston, who will not be returning to the governing body in 1999.

"We called her mother. She was always asking if we had enough to eat or if we brushed our teeth," quipped Deputy Mayor William McClintock of Mayor Papan.

Since first joining the council 16 years ago, Mayor Papan has accomplished a great deal for Scotch Plains. Among her achievements have been the live broadcasting of municipal meetings on TV-34, along with the introduction of festive decorations and a manger with live animals as part of the community's holiday celebration.

During this final year of Mayor Papan's administration, the governing body received grant money totaling \$1,259,000.

"Much has happened these past 16 years. Early on, we developed a capital improvement and maintenance program which brought the capital plant up to par, and it even surpassed most municipalities," stated Mayor Papan.

"The municipal plant is worth several hundred million dollars, and encompasses over 100 miles of roads, sanitary and storm sewers, all municipal buildings, equipment including police cars, fire engines, public works trucks, computers," she added.

Another accomplishment which occurred during Mayor Papan's tenure was the first Senior Citizen Housing facility and resolving the township's Mount Laurel obligation.

"It took five agonizing years, but we resolved our Mount Laurel commitment without changing the character of the community and without saddling our residents with an enormous fee," said Mayor Papan.

She added, "It has been an honor serving the residents of Scotch Plains for 16 years, including four terms as Mayor. I have enjoyed working with this council and all the previous councils. These men and women have given many hours and are very dedicated to the community."

Councilwoman Schmidt, who has also served as Mayor, recalled her own 16 years of service to Scotch Plains.

Her time on the council was marked by development of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Center; establishment of the John Shippen Memorial Golf Committee, and the

inauguration eight years ago of the annual memorial tournament in Mr. Shippen's name at the Scotch Hills Country Club.

The event raises funds for golf scholarships for underprivileged youngsters.

Another milestone which occurred during Councilwoman Schmidt's career on the governing body was the designation of Scotch Plains as a sister city with Montazzoli, Italy.

"I remember Irene one way — a wife, a mother, and a grandmother. Her career started in elective office and she has always been very helpful," said Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins.

Mr. Atkins also remembered her as a champion of senior citizens, children and taxpayers.

He also recalled the achievements of Councilman Johnston, saying, "Bob brought many years of corporate experience to government. He always stressed how government should be run like a business. He always said be accountable, honest and deal with integrity," said Mr. Atkins.

Mr. Johnston, who was Mayor in 1995, additionally served on the Planning Board for 20 years, including 13 as Chairman. He is also a lifetime member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees, and an active player in the Softball League of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Johnston, who is Chairman of the Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority, will continue as the township's commissioner on the authority through 2002. He has been a council liaison to the Senior Citizen Housing Corporation, and is a former governing body liaison to the Recreation Commission.

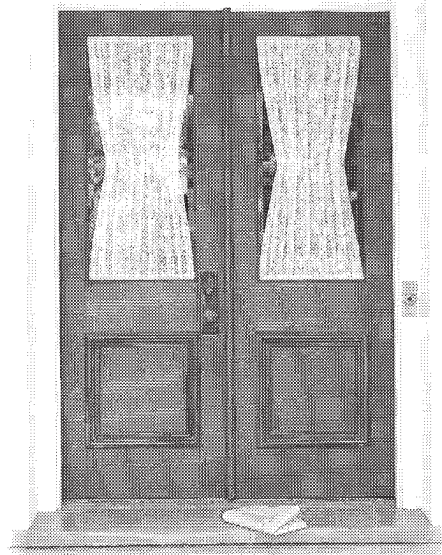
"I feel sad. It was very nice to have worked with all three during my time as Township Clerk," remarked Barbara Riepe. "They are very dedicated and concerned about residents, but they are moving on to newer things for their lives ahead," she observed.

## Marc Phillips Achieves Dean's List Status

WESTFIELD — Johnson & Wales University has announced that Marc Phillips of Westfield has been named to the Dean's List for the fall term which ended in November.

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Marc is currently majoring in Food Service Management.



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## News Sources Continue to Help Us Present Our Readers With Quality Newspapers

Fifty-two times a year, *The Westfield Leader* and its sister paper, *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*, publishes an edition. While some weeks generate a number of news stories, other times of the year are light. But all in all, this newspaper continually looks to put out a quality product week after week.

While municipal meetings and sporting events generate a good deal of news, we also count on various individuals who contact us with news leads to keep us informed about happenings which we may not be aware of. News angles with a local twist are of particular interest to us for possible publication.

For instance, one of our reporters was assigned to write a feature article about a local photographic historian whose book detailed the second 100 years of American history. Another recent feature spotlighted actress and Westfield High School graduate Susan Wood, who is making her mark in Hollywood. Then, of course, there were the letters sent to us regarding noise and lighting complaints associated with the Bowercraft amusement park on Route No. 22, which led to our front page story last week.

Throughout the year, our news tipsters call or write, some even from out-of-state, to inform us of a potential story.

We depend on town and school officials to help us complete our stories on local government and education by filling in the gaps and thus informing the public. The municipal clerks, Joy Vreeland in Westfield, Barbara Riepe in Scotch Plains, Eleanor McGovern in Fanwood, Judith Osty in Mountainside and Freeholder Clerk M. Elizabeth Genievich, are usually our first sources for filling in the blanks in news stories.

Also, municipal administrators, Edward A. Gottko in Westfield, Thomas E. Atkins in Scotch Plains, Mrs. McGovern in Fanwood, Gregory Bonin in Mountainside, and Union County Manager Michael J. LaPolla, have always been available to answer questions regarding action taken by and/or topics before governing bodies.

Also of assistance to us over the past year have been Martha Kietlka, administrative assistant to Mr.

Gottko and Mayor Thomas C. Jardim; Kathleen Neville and Colleen Meyer in the Westfield Building/Public Works Department; Ruth Page, secretary to the Fanwood Planning Board, and others within the Borough Clerk's office; Michael Murray and the staff in the Union County Public Information Office, and Carolyn Sorge and the staff in the Scotch Plains Manager's Office.

At the local school district offices, we would like to thank Lorre Korecky in Westfield and Kathleen L. Meyer in Scotch Plains-Fanwood for their assistance as we seek to gain insight into school board issues.

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Westfield Corporation and Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association deserve a pat on the back as well for the time and assistance on stories they have allotted our reporters, and for generally doing all they can to make our downtowns vibrant shopping areas.

The local Rotary Clubs in Westfield, Fanwood-Scotch Plains and Mountainside, as well as the Historical Societies in Westfield and Scotch Plains and Fanwood have continually informed us of interesting guest speakers and/or events they are planning, some of which we have sent a reporter and/or photographer to cover.

In this editorial, we have included just a few of the many individuals who have helped us out over the past year. We, of course, thank all who have provided information to us, either on the telephone or via press releases or letters-to-the-editor, for helping us provide a quality newspaper for the communities we serve.

Anyone with a news lead is invited to call us at (908) 232-4407, or E-mail us at [press@goleader.com](mailto:press@goleader.com).

This year was another success for us as we began coverage of Mountainside and, in addition, opened an office in Scotch Plains. As we head into a new year, the last of the 1990s, we will continue to provide comprehensive coverage of news events in our region. That is one New Year's resolution that will be kept.

**2 popcorns**  
Maybe *You've Got Mail* is really the work of aliens. A purported romantic comedy, it plays as if it were created in a test tube, manufactured by some form of intelligence completely unfamiliar with that most basic, but also most mysterious, of human emotions — love.

Sporting a glittering assemblage of familiar ingredients, including Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan as the darling contentions couple most likely to sign pre-nuptial agreements before the closing credits, writer-director Nora Ephron's synthetic effort has only an ambitious mood and a smattering of sweet moments to recommend it.

A bit past the half-way mark of this filmic love affair, the sad realization sets in: no way is this the real thing. And there's still 40 minutes left.

Although crediting Ernst Lubitsch's 1940 film, *The Shop Around the Corner*, as its pedigreed source of inspiration, structurally the computer-age update more readily recalls *Pillow Talk* (1959). In that fluffy contribution to the genre, songwriter Rock Hudson (Brad Allen a.k.a. Rex Stetson) and interior decorator Doris Day (Jan Morrow) despise each other on the telephone party line they share, but in person are smitten with each other's aliases.

In *You've Got Mail*, buoyed by the security of anonymous computer conversation, Kathleen Kelly (Meg Ryan) and Joe Fox (Tom Hanks) are sweethearts online; neither knows, at least not yet, that in real life they are bitter business enemies.

Ms. Ephron's mostly derivative, traditional-until-it-hurts effort does little more than acknowledge the change from telephone to computers (in the Lubitsch original, the two employees of the same retail establishment are clandestine pen pals) as the medium for their tête-à-tête.

That she hardly explores the seriocomic possibilities of secret cyberspace relationships is both a missed opportunity and a socio-cultural shame. Kathleen and Joe might as well be communicating with quill and parchment. Story twists are trite and formulaic. And there is no interesting sub-text worth mentioning.

However, as a piece of side business, the fact that both Joe's tycoon dad (Dabney Coleman) and his equally tycoon granddad (John Randolph) have young children does produce a hearty laugh or two about trophy wives and wither goest the American family.

But there are great production values, including fine photography and mood-evoking music. And until you find it out, *You've Got Mail's* promise of everlasting love delivered in the utopian atmosphere of a culturally vibrant Upper West Side of New York City is seductive.

You so much want to like this movie. And at first blush, why shouldn't it work? Meg Ryan, as the owner of an haute couture children's book shop purveying to the carriage trade, is the type of dedicated, independent shopkeeper who restores your faith in humanity.

Here comes Tom Hanks as Joe Fox, of Fox Books, as in conglomerate, chain store, discounting, eat-up-all-the-competition Fox Books. Well, he'll come around and see the error of his greedy ways, won't he? There's the rub. And that's where Ms. Ephron's writing and Mr. Hanks' inevitably confused interpretation of the same go askew.

While Mr. Hanks gives it the old college try, his business bully has apparently landed in the wrong film. Sans a character-building epiphany (strangely absent here), by most movie criteria Joe Fox is, in the very least, a distasteful sort. And by the much stricter standards of romantic comedy, he is a villain, whether on line or in person. Hanks comes across more like the fellow the leading lady should be running from rather than to.

Oddly, nay, incongruously, on second thought both would-be lovers seem more properly matched to the respective live-ins they disparage than to each other.

Greg Kinnear is droll as Kathleen's beau, Frank, a foppish columnist plying his muckraking wiles at a New York weekly. And icy Parker Posey as a shamelessly self-effacing corporate book publishing shark is more correctly suited to boyfriend Joe Fox than Kathleen.

A more sophisticated script might have allowed for a philosophical reconciliation between Mr. Fox's business ethics and his heart. Unchecked, the book store bigwig's plans can only prove cataclysmic to the object of his affection.

What makes it worse, Ms. Ryan's outdated portrayal of the all-American girl doesn't work in this cut-throat scenario. She is the sorrowful

mark, the victim. It doesn't look good on her, and it makes us feel bad.

More curious, *You've Got Mail* is surprisingly short on the love quotient.

What wooing goes on is bereft of convincing sentiment. Ephron peppers the tale with the fanciful earmarks of the attempted genre, like one inspired scene when an infatuated Kathleen is treated to the dance of a butterfly on the subway. But lip service does not a romantic comedy make.

Searing, avant-garde ruminations are doubtfully the filmmaker's intent.

Admittedly, she was just trying to breathe new life into an old affaire de coeur. But inadvertently, perhaps even subconsciously, Ms. Ephron's half-baked script is declaring that these are the commerce-driven 90s; if you want love, accept it according to the prevailing realities. Well, we'll do no such thing, thank you.

As it stands, *You've Got Mail* just doesn't get the message right.

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*You've Got Mail*, rated PG, is a Warner Brothers film release directed by Nora Ephron and stars Meg Ryan, Tom Hanks, and Greg Kinnear. Running time: 110 minutes.

**Forecasts for the Year 1999:  
Trends, Guesses and Hopes**

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*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

At this time of year, most people contemplate what's ahead and rationalize the unpredictable. As Yogi supposedly said, "It's difficult to predict the future because of the uncertainty." I'm optimistic about 1999, but I'm convinced things will be a little crazy.

There will be changes and surprises. But, that's not unusual. The citizens in our communities will handle matters. They are confident. But, people are skeptical of messes outside of this region.

For the towns in this area, 1999 will be dynamic. However, restructuring will occur. It will require broad thinking and direct actions. New paths that have been set in motion will be implemented, such as the expenditures in our schools. Things that didn't work out so well will be fixed, such as downtown business mixes. Matters we've chosen to ignore will be addressed, such as town information directories, web sites and (Westfield and Scotch Plains, Fanwood) public access television programming.

Many of the forecasts of this column from last year are applicable to 1999, since the timeline has been slower than anticipated. From the January 1, 1998 edition of this newspaper:

"...1998 will be a period of dichotomy as we react to bolster our institutions and traditions in the face of transformation. We will be compelled to reach out and join with the activities of others more than ever before. As the issues and challenges expand, we will be faced with 'defining a vision' for our communities. For unless we can find consensus in a vision, we will become confused. In any case, we will apply considerable energy and resources to our many challenges. Locally, hot issues will involve taxes, education, computers, electronic communication, trash incinerator debt, merchant dilemmas, traffic, parking, airplane noise, child daycare, elderly care and corporate employment stability."

"...In 1998, taxes will go up; but government will be more creative in disguising it. Governments will reach out more to involve the public. The public will get more involved. Elections and campaigns will be very active. County and state political parties will become increasingly involved in local affairs. At the county level, a Freeholder will resign during the first quarter (1998) to assume a top post."

"...In 1998, the economy will stay about the same, 'good but with shades of hazy.' Family incomes will remain satisfactory. Local merchants will experience good results as downtown growth continues. However, business turnovers will continue as the best composition has yet to be determined. Quimby and Elm Streets in Westfield will be closed to traffic on weekends to establish a pedestrian mall."

"...In 1998, Scotch Plains will expand its retail store business. Mountainside and Garwood business districts will flourish. Clark will become a mall center at Central Avenue and Raritan Road. Cranford will take new initiatives to establish its identity. Medium-sized professional businesses will accelerate throughout the region."

"...In 1998, sports and extracurricular activities will be a bonanza. School sports will be at their pinnacle. Summer sports, particularly softball, will experience their highest participation ever, as middle age paunches roll 'round the bases. Bowling will be dropped from high school as our last local bowling establishment will be converted to a mall."

"...In 1998, the education system will be tugged at from many directions. Changes are imminent but they will be hard fought as the institutions resist. E-mail will become commonplace for administrators, teachers, parents and students. Compatible databases and computer systems will be installed so that schools can communicate with each other. You'll be able to review your child's lesson plan on the Internet. Reading, writing, arithmetic and science will be given increased emphasis as a requirement for graduation. Our dedication to music, arts and community service will remain high."

Our explanation of the word "Cajun" will sound more like a history lesson than an etymological one, but etymology and history are frequently one and the same.

Let us be your guide as we trace the migrations of a people and the evolution of the word now used to describe their culture.

When the English obtained the area now known as Nova Scotia from the French, it was called Acadia, a Mic Mac Indian name for the region.

In 1775, faced with the imminence of war with France, the British decided to deport the 10,000 French Acadians to new locations ranging from Maine to Louisiana.

While Acadian was used to describe all of these French deportees, the word has been corrupted to Cajun and, today, refers particularly to those Acadians who settled in Louisiana and to persons related to a Louisiana of Acadian ancestry. Cajun is also used to describe a French dialect of Louisiana.

The sad story of the Acadian deportation is captured in Longfellow's immortal poem, "Evangeline - The Tale of Acadia." Perhaps you recall its haunting opening lines:

"This is the forest primeval. The murmuring pines and the hemlock."

Cajun is occasionally confused with the word "Creole," which is the hot subject of another etymological journey.

## Letters to the Editor

### Reason for Clinton Impeachment Must Be More Clearly Defined

I hope that a majority of your readers do not share the views of the December 24 letter that equates impeachment with a coup d'etat and states that this is all about sex.

If President Clinton were to leave office, he would be replaced by Democrat Al Gore. If that is a Republican coup d'etat, it is poorly conceived.

President Clinton has demonstrated under oath that his first response, his instinct, is to lie. If he is removed from office, it will be for lying under oath and displaying contempt for the rule of law and the American judicial process.

When our Senators prevent this from happening, as everyone expects them to, what does anyone suggest that I tell my children about truth, justice and the American way? Talk of elections and public opinion polls and "just sex" will leave a gap that no good civics lesson can bridge.

Whatever they do, we need our Senators to explain their positions, and to justify their actions in words that we can use with our own children. That, I think, is what we are paying them for.

David B. Foltz  
Westfield

### Town Council Should Govern Itself With Greater Civility and Ethics

Westfield is a blessed community. From our public schools, to our vibrant downtown, to our charitable, religious and business organizations — excellence abounds. Throughout the state, towns look to Westfield as a shining example of "community" at its finest.

So why is it that our Town Council seems unable to reach consensus on issues of importance without name-calling, vilification and petty, partisan bickering?

Our mayor and town council persons are each fine individuals with the best of intentions. For only \$1 per year, they spend countless hours in the evenings, away from their families, striving to make Westfield an even better place to live, work and raise a family. I have great respect for all of our local elected officials, past and present, Democrat and Republican.

Recently, the propriety of political patronage has taken center stage at town council meetings, as reasonable persons question whether the best interests of Westfield are being put first. Issues such as the town budget and parking crisis loom on the horizon.

Certainly, there will be issues upon which reasonable and well-intentioned people disagree. This ability to disagree and debate is the essence of our democracy. At times, we may

find another's viewpoint to be repugnant, but we must not confuse a person's view on an issue, with the person himself.

As humans we all make mistakes, myself included. It is, however, my hope that 1999 brings greater civility, respect and ethics to Westfield town government to match the excellence of our community at large.

Kenneth B. Rotter  
Westfield

### Local Thrift Shop Calls Donations 'Generous'

The 56 volunteers of The Thrift Shop in Scotch Plains wish to thank the people of the communities for their generous donations.

The fine items of family clothing and small household things received have sold easily. Your generosity will enable us to pass on our profits to local scholarships and worthy charities.

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# Westfield High School Tells First Period Honor Roll

The names of 570 students who earned Honor Roll standing during the first marking period at Westfield High School in Westfield were recently announced.

In the ninth grade, 33 students, or 9.73 percent of the 339-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 and thirty four students, or 39.53 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll, which requires an "A" or "B" in all subjects, major or minor.

In the tenth grade, 25 students, or 7.67 percent of the 326-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, and 117 students, or 35.90 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll.

In the eleventh grade, 10 students, or 3.08 percent of the 325-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, and 119 students, or 36.62 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll.

In the twelfth grade, 16 students, or 5.52 percent of the 290-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, and 116 students, or 40.00 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll.

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HOLIDAY SPIRIT...Westfield resident Barbara Rothman, a Sales Associate for the Westfield Office of Prudential New Jersey Realty, recently organized a holiday toy drive to benefit children from the early head start program and the Educational Alliance located in New York City. The Educational Alliance is a non-profit organization which offers daycare, early intervention, testing and mental health services. For donation information for other programs during the year, please call Ms. Rothman at (908) 232-5664.

# Police Department to Enact 'Cops in Shops' Program

WESTFIELD - Police Chief Anthony J. Scutti of the Westfield Police Department will establish a "Cops in Shops" program in Westfield.

The program, which was established in February of 1996 by the State Police and Alcoholic Beverage Control, addresses the concerns about underage drinking and purchasing of alcohol.

Twelve colleges and university towns and shore communities have been targeted since the program was established. It has now expanded to over 86 municipalities in the state.

In its first six months, over 305 persons under 21 years of age were arrested as well as 58 adults for attempting to purchase alcohol for young persons.

Trained law enforcement officers work undercover in retail locations for a minimum of two nights each week. The officials pose as store employees and are positioned outside of stores to apprehend adults who try to purchase alcohol for underage drinkers.

Retail outlets throughout the state have displayed posters and decals on doors, windows, counter tops, and cold cases to warn underage drinkers that a police officer may be working undercover in the store.

The funding of this program will be sponsored through the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund which is distributed by the Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

# Thomas DiGirolamo Named Magistrate Judge in Maryland

WESTFIELD - Thomas M. DiGirolamo, a native of Westfield, was sworn in on November 6 as the new U. S. District Court magistrate judge in Western Maryland by Chief U. S. District Court Judge Frederick Motz.

Mr. DiGirolamo earned a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and his law degree from Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

He served as a court law clerk from 1981 to 1982. He joined the Wash-

ington County state attorney's office part-time in 1983 and later became a full-time prosecutor in 1984.

Mr. DiGirolamo served as the chief prosecutor for the Washington County Narcotics Task Force for 11 months. He then returned to private practice.

He was admitted to the Maryland bar 17 years ago.

Mr. DiGirolamo and his wife, Jane are the parents of two children, Kristen and Michael. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas DiGirolamo of Westfield.

# Children Illness Relief Fund Extended By Governor

Governor Christie Whitman signed legislation sponsored by Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco that revises the eligibility criteria for financial assistance offered through the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund.

Senator DiFrancesco was also the original sponsor of the 1987 law creating the fund which provides direct monetary grants to families who incur extraordinary medical expenses due to a child's illness. New Jersey is the only state in the nation with a fund of this kind.

"Providing much-needed assistance to families who are struggling through a time of personal and financial crisis is what the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund is all about, and reaching the greatest number of families in need has always been central to its mission. Revising the income eligibility is one way the fund can expand the pool of applicants who might qualify for a grant," said Senator DiFrancesco.

The legislation will amend the income requirements for an eligible family. Under the terms of the bill, families will be eligible for assistance from the fund if their child's medical expenses are not covered by

any other state or federal program or any insurance contract and the expenses exceed 10 percent of the first \$100,000 of annual family income plus 15 percent of excess income over \$100,000.

The law currently sets the eligibility threshold at 15 percent of the first \$100,000 of income plus 20 percent of excess income over \$100,000.

Senator DiFrancesco cited that 70 percent of previous recipients had insurance, but still had uncovered expenses. He noted the importance of the fund's ability to make families financially whole.

"The Fund has helped families without insurance or other coverage, as well as families who have had inadequate insurance, strict limits or even gaps in their insurance. All of these families have known the terrible, emotionally difficult experience of caring for — and paying for — a sick child," commented Senator DiFrancesco.

Since 1988, the commission has approved more than \$46 million in assistance for more than 2,000 families. For more information about the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund, please call 1-800-335-FUND (3863).



CANCER AWARENESS...Lorraine McAvoy, Nurse Manager for Oncology at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson, addressed Westfield High School girls this fall on breast cancer awareness. Dr. John Gianis, Jr., an oncologist, spoke to the boys' health classes about personal health management and testicular cancer. Margaret Teitelbaum, Supervisor of Health Education in the Westfield Public Schools, arranged for the guest speakers with the assistance of the Sharing Talents and Skills program in the district.

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MR. AND MRS. PAUL C. MEHRING  
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Miss Christine Niedzwiecki  
Is Bride of Paul Mehring

Miss Christine Marie Niedzwiecki, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Niedzwiecki of Westfield and Bay Head, was married on Saturday, October 31, to Paul Christopher Mehring of New York City and Sea Girt. He is the son of Richard Mehring of Milton, Delaware, formerly of Franklin Lakes, and the late Gertrude Mehring.

The afternoon Nuptial Mass took place at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Bay Head, with the Reverend Monsignor Raymond J. Pollard as Celebrant and the Reverend Monsignor Carl D. Hinrichsen as Concelebrant. A reception was held at the Spring Lake Golf Club in Spring Lake.

Mrs. Kathleen M. Boody, the sister of the bride, was the matron of

honor. The bridal attendants included Ms. Jessica M. Hoynowski and Ms. Erin McKenna, the nieces of the bridegroom. The flower girls were Miss Mary Kate McKenna, Miss Colleen McKenna, Miss Delia Maye DeBlass, Miss Sydney Jane DeBlass and Miss Lindsey Christine Boody, all nieces of the bride and the bridegroom.

Serving as best man was James M. Maheady of Manhattan. The ushers were Peter B. Shallow of Mariton, Peter D. Veritas of Hoboken, Richard G. Conway of The Bronx, and Henry A. Malouf of Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The bride, a Westfield High School graduate, earned her bachelor's degree in business from Bryant College in Smithfield, Rhode Island. She is employed as a sales consultant for Medline Industries in New York City.

The bridegroom graduated from Don Bosco Preparatory High School in Ramsey, and received his bachelor's degree in finance from Villanova University in Pennsylvania. Mr. Mehring is Vice President of Access Capital Inc. of New York City.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the father of the bridegroom on October 30 at the Riverhouse in Brielle. A brunch was hosted by the parents of the bride the day after the wedding.

Following a two-week wedding trip to Malta and Italy, the couple reside in Manhattan and Sea Girt.

Barbara Anne Gilmour  
Earns Bachelor Degree

SCOTCH PLAINS—Barbara Anne Gilmour of Scotch Plains received a bachelor of arts degree from Campbell University on Saturday, December 19.

During the Commencement exercises, 587 degrees were conferred. The Commencement address was delivered by Thomas Carlyle Womble, associate executive director for cooperative mission support and budget for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT A. GIEGERICH, 3RD  
(She is the former Miss Roseanne Thea Miller)

Miss Roseanne Miller  
Weds Robert Giegerich, 3rd

Miss Roseanne Thea Miller, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Miller of Milltown, was married on Saturday, September 26, to Robert Arthur Giegerich, 3rd. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Giegerich, Jr. of Fanwood.

The ceremony took place at St. Mary of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church in New Brunswick, with the bride escorted down the aisle by her father. Monsignor Francis J. Crupi officiated. A reception was held at the Princeton Marriott in Princeton.

Miss Courtenay Gayeski, a friend of the bride, was the maid of honor. Serving as bridal attendants were Miss Kristen Giegerich, the sister of the bridegroom, along with Miss Peggy Dugal, Miss Tara Fuller, Miss Amy Manigan, Miss Kerry Ann Sheehy, and Mrs. Kristi Stinson, all friends of the bride. Miss Marissa Shea Wiener, a cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

Dr. Kevin Bennett, a friend of the bridegroom, was the best man. The ushers included Michael Miller, the brother of the bride; C. Robert Lange, a cousin of the bridegroom, and James Clarke, John Krok, James Malone and Terry Thompson, all friends of the bridegroom. Marc Ryan Wiener, the godson of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Both the bride and the bridegroom are graduates of Villanova University in Pennsylvania. The bride is employed by Diamond Sports and Entertainment in Manhattan. The bridegroom is employed by Deloitte and Touche, LLP in Parsippany.

After a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta, the couple reside in Metuchen.

F.E.M.A.L.E. Slates  
January 6 Meeting

The Union County Chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. has announced its schedule of activities for January.

On Wednesday, January 6, at 7 p.m., Debbie Pryor of Debbie Pryor's Interior Decorating will address the group at the Cranford Free Public Library, located on Walnut Avenue in Cranford.

On Wednesday, January 20, at 7:30 p.m., the chapter will meet at the Hanson House, 38 Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

F.E.M.A.L.E. member Suellen Glanzer of Birthday Parties by Dylan will give a presentation on fun and unique ideas for children's birthday parties.

F.E.M.A.L.E. is a national support group for all women who have decided to temporarily leave the work force to stay at home with their young children.

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

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

Vo-Tech 'Angel Tree'  
Aids County Homeless

SCOTCH PLAINS — Students in the Allied Health Program at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, created an "Angel Tree" in West Hall Annex on the Raritan Road Campus to aid the homeless of the county.

Angel ornaments on the tree served as a "wish list" submitted by parents and children who are serviced by the Interfaith Council.

The students and staff members at the Vo-Tech Schools chose an angel ornament from the tree and purchased and wrapped the gift for someone in need. The gifts were distributed by the council at Christmas.

Tanya Santana of Plainfield, a senior student at Union County Vo-Tech designed the Angel Tree project while deciding upon community service projects for HOSA-Health Occupations Students of America.

Marie Gonzales is instructor of the Allied Health Program.



MARC PERREAULT AND MISS PAULA GARBARINI

Miss Paula Garbarini  
To Marry Marc Perreault

Mr. and Mrs. William Garbarini of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Paula Garbarini, to Marc Perreault of Morristown. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Perreault of Mansfield.

A 1991 Westfield High School alumna, the bride-elect graduated magna cum laude from Rowan University in 1995. She is a candidate for a master's degree in special educa-

tion from Kean University in Union next year, and is employed as a fourth-grade teacher in Boonton Township.

Her fiancé, who graduated in 1991 from Warren Hills High School, is a 1996 alumnus of the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania. He is employed by Aetna U.S. Healthcare in Fairfield as an account manager.

A wedding is planned for November of 1999.

Boxwood Hall to be Discussed  
At First Wednesday Luncheon

WESTFIELD — "But He Had Lunch Here" will be the topic of a presentation by Katherine B. Craig, Caretaker of Boxwood Hall in Elizabeth, at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society at noon on January 6 at B. G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield.

The reference is to George Washington's having dined at Boxwood Hall on his way to his inauguration in New York as the first President of the United States in April of 1789.

Boxwood Hall additionally was the home of Elias Boudinot, one of New Jersey's leading statesmen and former President of Congress. Boudinot would later sell Boxwood Hall to Jonathan Dayton, one of the four signers of the Constitution with New Jersey.

The residence also figured in the lives of Alexander Hamilton, who

stayed there as a boarder for a year when it was owned by Boudinot, and Aaron Burr, a boyhood friend of Dayton's.

Ms. Craig has been the Caretaker of Boxwood Hall State Historical Site in Elizabeth since 1981. Born and raised in New Jersey, she was a seasonal National Park Ranger at Sandy Hook and Ellis Island. She was originally trained by the National Park Service as an interpreter, or docent, in natural history, and later branched out into United States history.

Regular attendees of the First Wednesday Luncheon will be contacted by a telephone committee of the Historical Society to verify their reservations.

Space permitting, others are invited to attend by calling (908) 233-2930 before noon on Monday, January 4, for seating information.

Scotch Plains Woman's Club  
Holds Christmas Luncheon

SCOTCH PLAINS — Scotch Plains Woman's Club President Marguerite Taylor welcomed fellow club mem-

bers to the Scotch Hills Country Club for their Christmas luncheon meeting on Wednesday, December 9.

Garrels Children Earn  
Commended Status

WESTFIELD — Christopher and Logan Garrels, the children of James and Maureen Garrels of Westfield, have been named to the Commended List at Blair Academy in Blairstown.

Christopher and Logan achieved this status by maintaining a 4.5 average or above on a 6.0 scale in their courses during the fall term at the school.

Irina Avram Promoted  
To Cadet Captain Rank

WESTFIELD — Norwich University in Vermont has announced that Irina Avram of Westfield has been promoted to the rank of Cadet Captain in the Norwich University Corps of Cadets for the 1998-1999 academic year.

Christmas Luncheon Chairwoman Carol Ortlepp and her committee organized the luncheon.

Elfrieda Bunger reported that cookies baked by members would be delivered to the Terrill Road facility of the New Jersey Department of Human Resources for the 11th year.

Terry Sidun advised members that plans for an April card party to raise funds for scholarship awards are going forward.

Gloria Mills accepted Christmas toys from club members to be delivered to patients at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. The toy collection was selected as this year's state project by Carole Hancock of Mountainside, the President of the state Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Scotch Plains Woman's Club will meet with the Fanwood Woman's Club at the Presbyterian Church in Fanwood on Wednesday, January 13.

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**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS...**Students from McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains recently learned about Hanukkah, the "Festival of Lights." Pictured, left to right, are: Lindsey Douglas, Linda Kreps, who is a school parent, and David Kreps.

**Choral Art Society to Give Concert Jan. 16 at Church**

The Choral Art Society of New Jersey, Inc. will present a Bach and Handel Concert on Saturday, January 16, at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Admission to the concert is \$15, and \$10 for senior citizens and students, at the door.

Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth, Musical Director of the Society, will conduct the chorus, chamber orchestra, soloists Andi Campbell, soprano, Sharon Morrison, alto, Russell Weinberg, tenor, and Mark Watson,

along with James S. Little at the organ.

Mr. Little is the Director of Music at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit, where he directs several choirs.

The Choral Art Society will perform two works by Bach, including "Cantata 131 (Out of the Depths), BWV 131" and "Mass in F Major, BWV 233," and two works by Handel, "Psalm 112" and "Coronation Anthem No. 4" (Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened).

The performance will also feature two- and three-part treble music sung by the Somerset Hills Children's Chorus, an auditioned choral program directed by Patricia Joyce. The group has performed at Carnegie Hall and at the International Children's Choir Festival in York and London.

Choral Art Society members from Westfield include Helen Armstrong, President, Pat Cullen, Jane Seader, Aimee Spiers, Henrietta Wadiak, and Richard Barker.

Also from Westfield are Janet Bredlau, Carl Bredlau, bass section leader, Ulf Dolling, Maryann Dolling, Poster Chairwoman, Lynn Griesmer and Audrey Hale.

Rachel Hylan, the group's Finance Chairwoman, Marianne Krizan, Bernice Osborne, soprano section leader, Virginia Toenes, Donald Bleeker, Miki Kuffinec and Paul Lustgarten, Vice-President, are Westfield residents as well.

The Choral Art Society will present a second performance, entitled "Recalling the Romantics," on Saturday, May 15, at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church. Featured will be a selection of English and German 19th-century choral music.

The Presbyterian Church in Westfield is located on Mountain Avenue at East Broad Street. For tickets or further information, please call (908) 232-1120.

**Optimist Club Spreads Cheer With Food Baskets for Needy**

WESTFIELD — The Optimist Club of Westfield conducted their annual Holiday Food Basket program assisting 30 needy Westfield families.

The food baskets were delivered the week before Christmas and each provided a Christmas dinner for an entire family.

The program was funded by a \$1,500 contribution from the club and donations of goods from Westfield stores including Lancasters, Ltd., Brummers Choco-

lates and Clyne & Murphy.

Founded in 1989, the Optimist Club of Westfield conducts service projects to benefit youth and the community. Membership is open to men and women who live or work in the Westfield Area.

The club gathers on the second Wednesday of each month for a dinner meeting at Chez Catherine's Restaurant in Westfield. For more information, please contact Sandi Fleming, President, at (908) 233-9010.



**SPREADING CHEER...**The Optimist Club of Westfield conducted their annual Holiday Food Basket program assisting 30 needy Westfield families. Pictured above are club members before delivering the food baskets.

**Evening, Part-Time Classes Open For Spring at Vo-Tech**

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Vocational-Technical School has announced that spaces are still available for part-time spring evening school courses which will begin on Tuesday, January 19.

New course offerings which are normally not listed on a regular basis will be available. Some courses will be provided due to popular interest or the needs of individuals to upgrade their skills to maintain certification requirements.

Courses will be offered in manicuring, cabinet making, automotive repair, welding, electricity, carpentry, masonry, Culinary Arts, machine technology and power engineering.

The Auto Technology Program at

the school will offer ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certification training in engine repair, transmissions, brakes, electrical systems, engine performance, heating and air conditioning systems, and steering and suspension. An introduction into DYNAMOMETER inspection training will also be included.

Evening Session registrations will be held in Baxel Hall on the Raritan Road Campus from 2 to 7 p.m. from Monday to Thursday, January 4 to 7 and again on January 11 and 14.

For more information, please call the Evening Session at (908) 889-2922 or (908) 889-2914. Registration by mail is also available.

**Community Players Schedules Rocket to the Moon Auditions**

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Community Players (WCP) will hold open auditions for *Rocket to the Moon* on Monday, January 11, and Wednesday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the WCP theater at 1000 North Avenue West in Westfield.

Scripts will be available at the Westfield Library beginning the week of January 4. Those cast in the show must pay dues and become members of WCP.

The drama, which was written by Clifford Odets, will be directed by Neville Schwartz. *Rocket to the Moon* presents a young woman unable to find fulfillment with the two men pursuing her — a married, lonesome dentist and an eccentric older man. During the play, the dentist's wife tries to save their marriage.

The script includes the following parts: Ben Stark — a dentist who is deep, brooding, and dissatisfied; Belle Stark — a woman in her mid-30s who is domineering, insecure, and practical; and Cleo Singer — a young, quirky, sensual, insecure woman.

Other parts included are: Phil Cooper — a dentist in his early 40s who is big, oppressed and sarcastic; Max Prince — a confident communicator in his early 60s; Frenchy — a cynical, intelligent perennial bachelor in his 30s; and Willy Wax, a self-loving man in his 40s.

Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, February 3, for the opening on Saturday, March 13, with performances on Fridays, March 19 and 26, and Saturdays, March 20 and 27, at 8 p.m. All tickets will cost \$12.

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.

**New Bible Study Course Set At Local Baptist Church**

SCOTCH PLAINS — Scotch Plains Baptist Church will offer a new weekly Bible study course entitled, "Through the Bible," beginning Wednesday, January 6 and Thursday, January 7.

The class will be held on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. and Thursday nights from 10 to 11 a.m. Students may attend either class.

The course will give participants a general overview of the Bible during the course of several years. It will begin with how the current Bible came into existence and will move into a chapter by chapter study of the Bible beginning with Genesis.

A study guide handout compiled

by Pastor Gary F. Rothwell will be provided and discussed. Each week, the class will cover approximately three chapters of the biblical text.

This class was designed to give students an overall view of the scriptures and will tie the Bible together for those seeking a more comprehensive understanding of the Bible.

Senior Pastor Rothwell holds a Masters of Divinity from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California and has experience teaching the Bible in mixed denominational settings.

For more information or to register for the class, please call (908) 322-5487.



**JINGLE ALL THE WAY...**A group of three-year old students from Suzanne Kane and Susan Gosko's class at the Presbyterian Nursery School in Westfield recently improvised a jingle bell band atop a stack of building blocks. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Samuel Meyer, Sonya Khedr, Colleen Sheridan; second row, Lisa Federico, Scott Thompson; and back row, Samuel Eliades and Erin Fitzpatrick. An Open House is scheduled at the Nursery School for Wednesday, January 27 and Thursday, January 28. Prospective parents are invited to call the office for an appointment at (908) 233-0766

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**GOING UP...**The United Fund of Westfield has raised \$547,300, or 89 percent, of its goal for the 1998-1999 campaign. Buoyed by the holiday spirit, supporters are expected to continue their tradition of response and close the gap to reach the \$615,000 goal, according to the organization. "Securing the remaining funds is the most difficult task of the annual campaign," explained Darrielle Walsh, Campaign Chairwoman. "But the holiday period has traditionally been marked by additional donations, as Westfielders reach out to those in need." Pledge cards and contributions may be sent to 301 North Avenue, West, Westfield, 07090.

**Good News**

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# THE WEEK IN SPORTS

**MARTINEZ STRIKES FOR 23, JENERETTE HITS 16**

## Raiders Recover to Crunch Canuck Cager Boys, 68-54

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

Senior point guard Bennie Martinez led the charge as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys basketball team crunched the North Plainfield squad, 68-54, in Scotch Plains on December 22. The victory got the Raiders back on track after their heartbreaking triple-overtime loss to M. X. Shabazz on December 18.

Martinez was dangerous from the outside as he hit three three-pointers and seven two-pointers to amass 23 points. He did it all offensively as he set up six assists and pulled down five rebounds. Martinez was also devastating on defense as he snatched seven steals.

Junior center Ron Jenerette had a

big game as he struck for 16 points and dominated the boards with 12 rebounds, 10 offensively. He also blocked three shots and had two steals.

"He had a nice game. He had a nice rebounding game. He missed a few layups, but he really did well," said Raider Head Coach Willie Leonardi of Jenerette's performance. "Most of his points were on the inside. He did a nice job of banging the boards and he played nice defense."

Quite pleased with the team's rebounding dominance, Leonardi stated, "Yes, we controlled the boards. I believe we out-rebounded them 34-15."

Richard Brown came off the bench and put in 12 points. Brown was four-for-four from the foul line and

was also a tremendous asset on all accounts. Brown pulled down five offensive and three defensive rebounds, had three assists, one steal and one blocked shot.

"Richard Brown came in and did a pretty nice job scoring and banging the boards," said Leonardi. "Brown was effective from close range."

Steve Simms scored eight points, hit both foul shots and contributed four assists. He yanked down two offensive and one defensive rebound and swiped one steal. Hal Burwell hit for four points, seized one offensive and four defensive rebounds and had one steal.

"Steve has been playing well defensively. I believe that he was 100 percent from the foul line," said Leonardi. "He got into foul trouble, then Burwell came in and did a nice job."

Junior Dave Herrmann had four points, one blocked shot, two steals and one defensive rebound. Mike Jackson added two points, and Ryan Hahner contributed one point and one steal for the Raiders.



SWARMING FOR THE REBOUND...Raider Rich Brown, No. 42, leaps for a rebound against North Plainfield. Ben Martinez, No. 11, Dave Herrmann, No. 32, and Ron Jenerette surround the basket. The Raiders stopped the Canucks, 68-54, in Scotch Plains on December 22.

The victory was quite a recovery from the triple-overtime loss to the Bulldogs. Commenting on the heartbreaking loss to Shabazz, Leonardi shook his head and said, "It was one of those games that I think everything that could happen to you in a season happened to you in one game. We should have won the game in regulation. We had a 10-point lead with 3:43 to go. And, we blew it. We did not take care of the basketball. We did not run the offense and we took some inopportune shots."

Leonardi added, "In the first overtime, we had the opportunity to win it again. We had the last shot and did not make it. In the second overtime, we had the last shot and did not make it. In the third overtime, we were leading 69-67 when we fouled with :09 remaining."

Leonardi concluded, "They made the first foul shot and missed the second. We got the rebound, but the rebound was knocked out of our guy's hand. They got the ball and took the shot. The ball went in-and-out. When it started to go out, the kid tapped it in then the buzzer went off."

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**FEELEY, D. LOEWINGER, HARRIS, ROMEO PIN TO WIN**

## Rough Raider Matmen Hush Roselle Catholic Lions, 58-15

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

Head Coach Mike Artigliere rested several of his varsity wrestlers to demonstrate the depth and talent of his team as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team soundly defeated Roselle Catholic, 58-15, in Roselle on December 23. Several of the Raiders' veteran wrestlers, who did wrestle, came through with pins.

Wrestling at 103, Raider freshman Matt DeNicholo scored a takedown on Lion Steve Dinardo, then pinned him with a cradle in just 1:20.

After the Lions tied the team score, 6-6, junior Dave Loewinger put the Raiders on top, 12-6, with a fall at 1:19. Loewinger exercised some punishment first, scoring a single-leg takedown, a two-point nearfall, then two three-point nearfalls in the first period. In the second period, Loewinger buried Tony Edigio with a cross-face cradle.

Mike Loewinger put the Raiders ahead, 15-6, with a come-from-behind, 10-8, overtime win over John Lowe at 1:25. Loewinger initiated the scoring with a double-leg takedown in the first period, but Lowe ended the period with a reversal and a three-point nearfall. Lowe extended his lead to 7-2 in the second with a penalty point and an escape. Loewinger scored a penalty point, an escape and a takedown to tighten the score to 7-6 in the third. Lowe escaped to go ahead, 8-6, but Loewinger

tied the score with a takedown near the end of the period. In overtime, Loewinger got a spin-behind takedown to gain the decision.

Raider A. J. Romeo came alive at 130 after being taken down by Steve Catone in the first period. In the second period, Romeo reversed Catone with a switch maneuver then clamped him in a cradle in 2:43.

At 135, Raider Pete Civins accumulated more points than Pat Sullivan to win a 13-11 thriller. Civins got a takedown, but Sullivan received two locking hands penalty points, an escape and a takedown to take a 5-2 lead in the first period. After Sullivan gained an escape in the second, Civins scored a takedown, but Sullivan quickly got a reversal. Civins added a reversal then caught Sullivan in a three-point nearfall to take a 9-8 lead. In the third, Civins added two reversals and Sullivan added an escape and a takedown.

Raider Brian Maroney received a forfeit at 140 to make the score 30-6, then Raider Jordan Reid upped the score to 36-6 with a fall in 5:29 at 145. Reid scored on a spin-behind takedown, three double-leg takedowns and a cradle nearfall before showing Chris Osborne the lights with a half nelson.

Sophomore Jeremiah Harris put on a takedown clinic before pinning Lion Mike Demicovitz in 1:39 at 152. Harris swiftly scored three single-leg, spin-behind takedowns, then added a duck-under, go-behind

takedown before pinning Demicovitz with a half nelson.

Greg Paterson won a punishing bout at 160 over Lion Pat Galliat with a default in 3:49, pushing the Raiders' lead to 48-6. Galliat had a takedown and a reversal in the first period while Paterson scored on a turn-in double-leg reversal. On the top position in the second period, Paterson kept constant, punishing pressure on Galliat until he could no longer compete.

Lion Brandon Lodholts received a forfeit at 171, making the score 48-12, then Raider Gary Cousar jumped

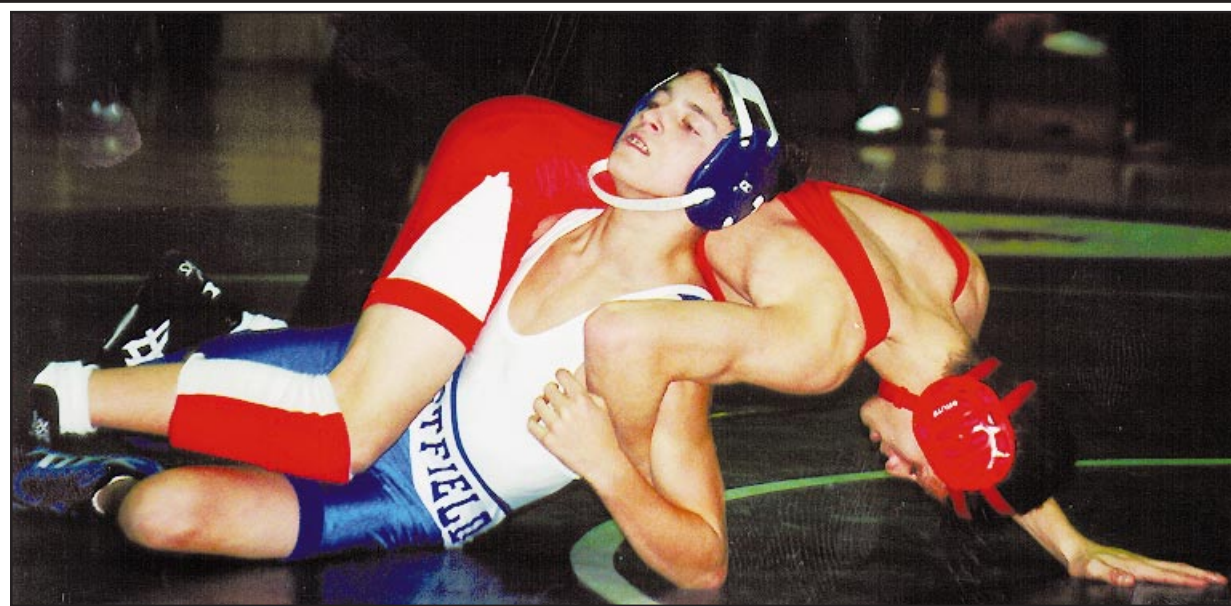
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David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times  
Blue Devil senior Melanie Page

### Melanie Page Gets Named 1st Team All-Union V'ball

Westfield High School senior Melanie Page was recently selected to the Star Ledger 1998 First Team All-Union County Girls Volleyball list. Blue Devil Monique Brendel has been named to the Third Team list.



TWISTING OUT OF TROUBLE...Blue Devil Geenberg, bottom, twists his way out of trouble and wins his bout at 130 against Gene Alicia of Newark East Side. Westfield defeated the Red Raiders, 63-16, in Westfield on December 22.

**TEZUCAR GETS :18 PIN, CASTALDO COMES THROUGH**

## Blue Devil Wrestlers Whack Newark East Siders, 63-16

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

Conditioning was the key to success when the young Westfield High School wrestling team won its opening match against Newark East Side, 63-16, in Westfield on December 22. Veteran Onur Tezucar demonstrated his wrestling savvy by pinning his 160-lb opponent in just :18 and Matt Castaldo demonstrated how important conditioning is when he wore down his opponent at 152-lbs.

After the Red Raiders took an early 6-0 team lead with a forfeit at 103-lbs, freshman John Leonardi evened the score with a fall over Rodrigo Cruz at 112. Cruz jumped to a 4-0 lead with a takedown and a two-point nearfall, but Leonardi reversed Cruz and showed him the lights using a half nelson and a body press.

The Red Raiders regained the lead when Israel Rosario won by a 14-6 majority decision over Mike Sawicki at 119. At 125, Dan Sawicki scored on a head-in-arm, spin behind takedown then turned Alexy Mendez to his back with a half nelson to record a fall in 1:06.

In his wrestling debut, Blue Devil Dave Geenberg put together two double-leg takedowns, three escapes, two penalty points and a reversal before pinning Gene Alicia with a chin chancery and a body press.

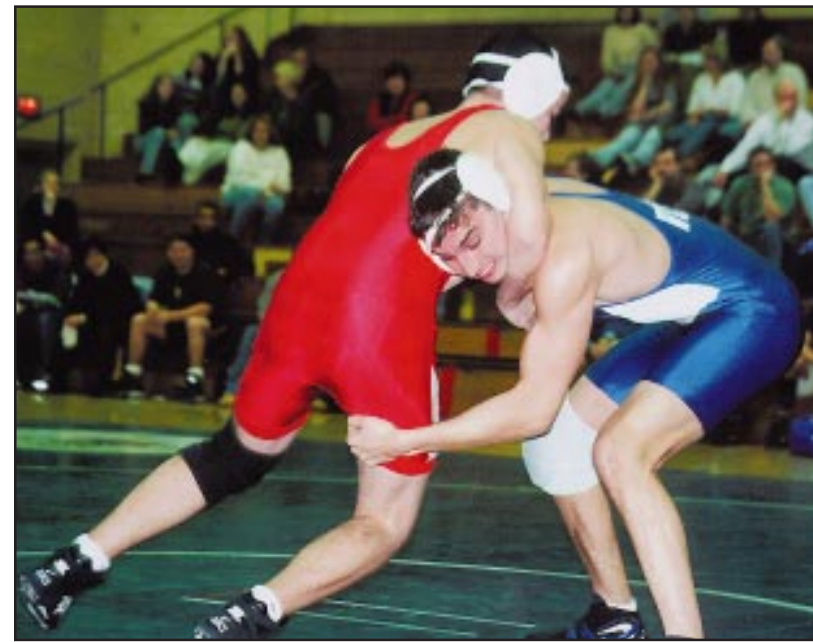
"Dave did a real nice job. He made some mistakes, but hey, it's his first match," said Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz. "He's never seen what a varsity match looks like and he goes out there and wins."

Although they were both ready to wrestle, Sean Joffe and Anthony

Tomaso received forfeits at 135 and 140, respectively, to put the Blue Devils ahead, 30-10.

A real "rock and roll" bout occurred at 145 between Blue Devil Kyle Swingle and Red Raider Jose Canos. Canos scored first on a

third period to 10-4 with a reversal and two penalty points, but Canos tied the score with an escape, a reversal and a two-point nearfall. Just before the buzzer, Swingle got an escape to pick up an 11-10 victory. Castaldo had a worthy opponent in



WORKING THE TAKEDOWN...Blue Devil Onur Tezucar, at 160, hits a high crotch takedown on of East Side and quickly pins him in :18.

takedown, then Swingle quickly reversed Canos and caught him in a temporary cradle to take a 4-2 lead. Canos made the score 4-3 with an escape.

In the second period Swingle added a head-in-arm, spin behind takedown, then Canos picked up an escape. Swingle increased his lead in the

Frederico Baraviera at 152. Baraviera took a 2-0 lead using a Japanese whizzer takedown in the first period. Castaldo escaped. In the second period, after Castaldo added another escape, Baraviera again used the Japanese whizzer to take a 4-2 lead. Again Castaldo escaped, but this time, he

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**NIKKI MCCOY HITS 18; FEIGNER PULLS 20 REBOUNDS**

## Raiders Come Back to Defeat Holy Family Girls, 51-48

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
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Senior Nikki McCoy blazed with 12 points in the final quarter as a fired up Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls basketball team burned Holy Family, 51-48, in Scotch Plains on December 23. Junior center Katie Feighner exercised her muscle and controlled the boards with 20 rebounds.

Nikki McCoy, who finished with 18 points, hit four-straight free throws in the final 1:30, gave the Raiders a 49-45 lead, then Holy Family star Janine Buturla, who had 21 points, nailed a three-pointer to narrow the score to 49-48. McCoy came back with a two-pointer with :20 remaining to preserve the comeback victory.

"She is our go-to guard. Nikki scores most of her points on fast breaks and layups," stated Raider Head Coach Brian Homm. "She also looks to make steals and she anticipates very well."

Homm added, "We had to get the ball inside and we got the ball to her (Nikki)."

Feighner, who had 12 defensive and eight offensive rebounds, was a tremendous asset. Homm commented, "She did a very strong job rebounding, getting 20."

Point guard Munchie McCoy hit for eight points, pulled in four defensive and two offensive rebounds, had two steals and five assists. Senior Krista Hicks sank seven points and had one assist, but her most important contribution came defensively as she yanked down four offensive and two defensive rebounds and

swiped two steals.

Commenting on Hicks' defensive performance, Homm said, "She was very good for us defensively. We put her on Buturla, who is their best player, and she hung with her."

Senior Christine Bowers, who had two points and three assists, was effective under the boards with three defensive and two offensive rebounds.

"We are looking to get some more offense from her but she is making steals for us and is doing a good job defensively," pointed out Homm.

Commenting on his defensive strategy, Homm said, "We started in a half-court trap but they were quick so

we got out of that and went man-to-man in the second half."

The Raiders, who boosted their record to 1-2, had opening season losses to Malcolm X. Shabazz and Bayonne.

"It was nice to get that first win. Especially since we have had three tough opponents," said Homm. "We are starting to get our confidence and are looking forward to the Holiday tournament."

The Raiders were to compete in the Cougar Classic against Morristown in Cranford on December 28.

Holy Family (1-1)	16	9	11	12	48
Sc Plains-Fanwood	11	11	13	16	51



SHOOTING THE FOUL SHOT...Raider Katie Feighner, No. 40, shoots a foul shot during the game with Holy Family. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls defeated Holy Family, 51-48, in Scotch Plains on December 23.



WORKING THE TILT...Raider Dave Loewinger works a pipe wrench tilt on Lion at 119 and eventually pins him in.



CYAN YELLOW MAGENTA BLACK

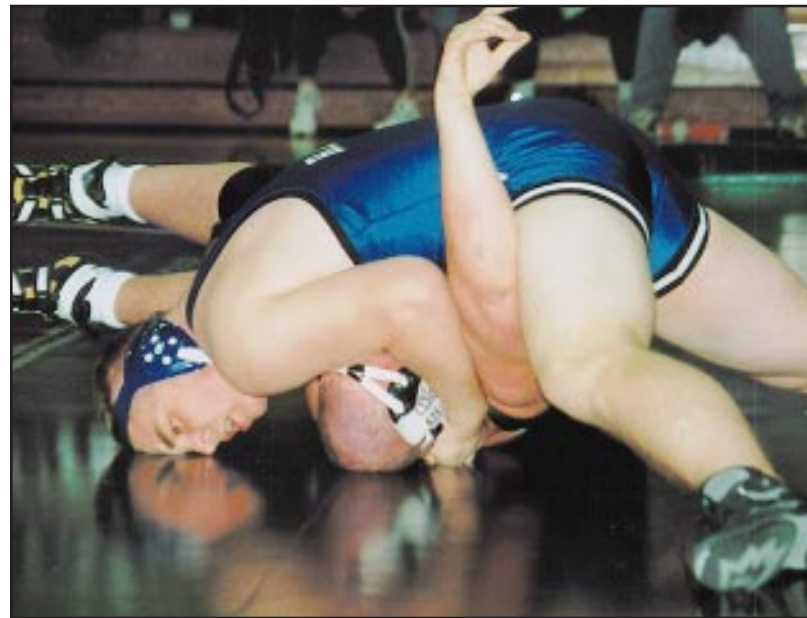
# Union County High School Wrestling Results:

**DECEMBER 21:**  
**Roselle Park 76, Roselle Catholic 0** (Key Bout)  
 103: — Dan Appello (RP) p. Steve Dinardo, :58  
 135: — Bryan Garrison (RP) p. Pat Sullivan, 1:21  
 145: — Craig Frost (RP) p. Chris Osborne, :40  
 171: — Kevin Kolbeck (RP) d. Craig Howlett, 12-6  
 189: — Doug Schoening (RP) p. Pat Galliat, 1:33  
**Hwt:** — Mike Munoz (RP) p. Brian Moore, 3:32

**DECEMBER 23:**  
**Parsippany Hills 43, Governor Livingston 25**  
 103: — Brian Marcotulli (P) won by forfeit  
 112: — Josh Eskow (P) won by forfeit  
 119: — Brian Golden (P) p. Bill Lentis, 1:55  
 125: — Brett Vanderveer (GL) p. Pat Golden  
 130: — John Regoney (GL) d. Todd Egan, 8-6  
 135: — Bob Shearer (P) d. Kevin Nadrowski, 9-5  
 140: — Ricky Hey (P) p. Dan Reichard, 1:36  
 145: — Chris Lecomte (GL) md. Alex Cordillo, 10-1  
 152: — Dan Forgione (P) p. Mike Meyers, :43  
 160: — Tim Marcantonio (GL) d. Evan Galipeau, 9-2  
 171: — Mike Farrell (GL) d. Khanh Tran, 6-4  
 189: — Fred Williams (GL) won by forfeit  
 215: — Drew Greenleaf (P) md. Todd Robina, 12-2  
**Hwt:** — Ted Chen (P) p. Steve Hoesly, 1:11  
**Rahway (1-0) 54, Elizabeth (0-1) 19**  
 103: — Gene Ronkiewicz (Ra) p. William Banks, 1:49

112: — Blake Jackson (Ra) p. Edwin Diaz, 2:48  
 119: — Jamar Walker (E) md. Doug Corso, 16-4  
 125: — Louis Ott (Ra) p. Diego Gil, :33  
 130: — Danny Johnson (Ra) p. Derrick Davis, 3:07  
 135: — Jesse Campanelli @ p. Otis Baker, 1:24  
 140: — Al Frazier (Ra) p. Alex Fonseca, 1:39  
 145: — Ralf Chavanne (E) d. Dan Freer, 13-10  
 152: — Tom Petrisko (Ra) p. Antonio Perez, 1:07  
 160: — Julio Martinez (E) won by default over Gary Ronkiewicz  
 171: — Denis Osby (E) d. Walter Braxton, 8-4  
 189: — Andy Roesch (Ra) p. Jason Castellano, 1:18  
 215: — Ishmael Medley (E) d. Danny Garay, 2-1, 2 OT  
**Hwt:** — John Garay (Ra) p. Paul Hill, 5:36

**Cranford (2-0) 54, Linden (0-1) 24**  
 103: — Pat Daly (C) won by forfeit  
 112: — Dan Genovese (C) won by forfeit  
 119: — Chris Penaherra (C) won by forfeit  
 125: — Greg Brown (C) p. Rich Bachmann, 1:28  
 130: — Adam Sylvester (C) won by forfeit  
 135: — Eric Forstenhauser (L) p. Dan Miller, :55  
 140: — Florio Hawkins (C) d. James Wade, 7-1  
 145: — Vinnie Berardi (L) p. James Seeman, 3:02  
 152: — Greg Donofrio (C) d. Sean Colvil, 7-4  
 160: — Bill Bennett (C) p. Carl King, 5:17  
 171: — Anthony Belin (L) p. Chris Gessner, :32  
 189: — Mike Lordi (L) p. Dave Pist, 5:20  
 215: — Justin Tansky (C) won by forfeit  
**Hwt:** — Pat Ekstrom (C) p. Swean Gams, 2:26



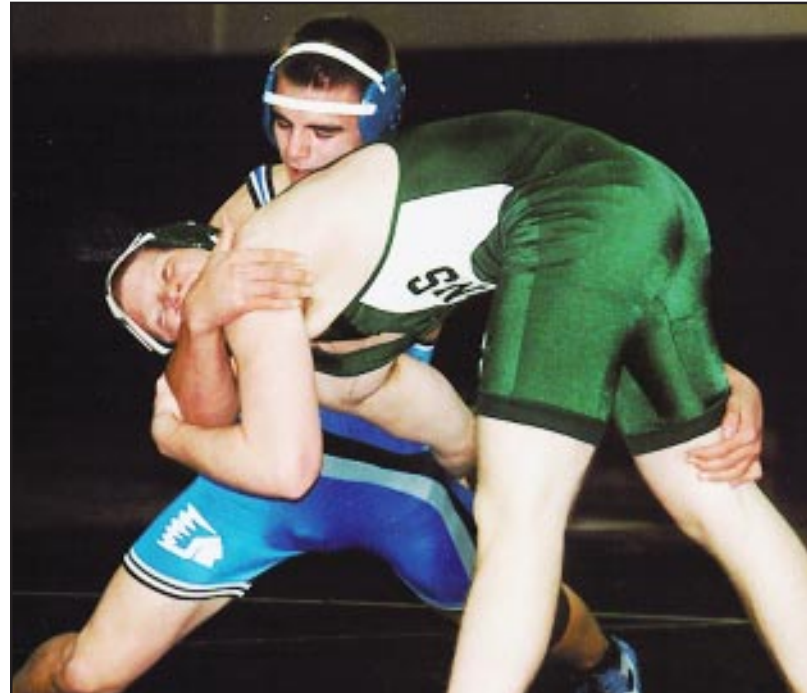
David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
APPLYING PLENTY OF PRESSURE...Raider heavyweight Jim Feeley, top, applies plenty of pressure on Brian Moore of Roselle Catholic and goes on to pin him in 4:51.

## Rough Raider Matmen Hush Roselle Catholic Lions, 58-15

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the score to 52-12 with a 12-3, majority decision over Joe Lapelusa at 189. Cousar picked up five quick points in the first period using a bear hug to-a-lateral drop takedown. Cousar added a reversal and a takedown in the second period, then scored an escape and a takedown.

getting a pin on varsity." Also pleased with some other wrestlers, Artigliere pointed out, "Civins and Reid wrestled nice matches for us. Jeremiah Harris is going to help us. He is good on his feet as you can see. He is quick. We have some tough wrestlers in reserve which gives us depth."



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
NOW THERE'S A CROSSFACE...Raider Greg Paterson nearly rearranges Lion Pat Galliat's face during the 160-lb bout. Paterson went on to win by default in 3:49.

The Lions won by decision at 215, then senior Jim Feeley finalized the scoring with a fall over Brain Moore in 4:51. Feeley scored two double-leg takedowns, a three-point nearfall and a reversal before flattening Moore with a half nelson and an arm-lock. Wrestling in his first bout this season, Feeley expressed, "Feels great! I am a little tired, but I am glad that I got the win." Feeley added, "I have to get into better shape and improve my work on top."

103: — Matt DeNicholo (SPF) p. Steve Dinardo, 1:20  
 112: — Dan Rapezak @ p. Scott Garrity, 1:09  
 119: — Dave Loewinger (SPF) p. Tony Edigio, 2:25  
 125: — Mike Loewinger (SPF) d. John Lowe, 10-8 OT  
 130: — A. J. Romeo (SPF) p. Steve Catone, 2:43  
 135: — Peter Civins (SPF) d. Pat Sullivan, 13-11  
 140: — Brian Maroney (SPF) won by forfeit  
 145: — Jordan Reid (SPF) p. Chris Osborne, 5:29  
 152: — Jeremiah Harris (SPF) p. Mike Demicovitz, 1:39  
 160: — Greg Paterson (SPF) won by default over Pat Galliat, 3:49  
 171: — Brandon Lodholts @ won by forfeit  
 189: — Gary Cousar (SPF) md. Joe Lapelusa, 12-3  
 215: — Scott Walczyk @ d. Jon Zommer, 7-4  
**Hwt:** — Jim Feeley (SPF) p. Brian Moore, 4:51

# Westfield High School Girls Soccer All-Time List:

**Most Goals in a Game:**  
 Sally Parizeau 5 vs. Linden 1984  
 Rebecca Krohn 5 vs. Ridge 1988

**Most Goals in a Season:**  
 Rebecca Krohn 39 1990

**Most Assists in a Game:**  
 Sally Parizeau 5 vs. Edison 1984

**Most Assists in a Season:**  
 Sally Parizeau 28 1984

**Most Saves in a Game:**  
 Jayne Warne 25 vs. East Brunswick 1980

**Most Saves in a Season:**  
 Malini Vernugopal 193 1986

**Most Shutouts (Career):**  
 Amy Williams 69 1993-1996

**Most Shutouts (Game):**  
 Amy Williams 20 1996

**Most Team Goals (Game):**  
 17 vs. Plainfield 1984

**Most Team Goals (Season):**  
 122 in 1984

**Fewest Goals Allowed Season:**  
 5 in 1994 & 1996

### TOP 10 SEASONS Team Offense:

Year	Goals
1984	122
1990	120
1983	116
1989	107
1996	106
1994	98
1988	93
1981	89
1992	89
1997	89

### Team Defense:

Year	Goals
1996	5
1994	5
1995	6
1989	6
1993	8
1990	9
1988	9
1991	10
1997	10
1998	10

### Yearly Scoring Leader:

Name	Yr	G	A	Pts
Sally Parizeau	84	37	28	65
Sally Parizeau	83	35	19	54
Rebecca Krohn	90	39	14	53
Alicia Sugrue	81	30	10	40
Rebecca Krohn	89	27	10	37
Rebecca Krohn	88	28	8	36
Wendy Maher	84	24	12	36
Karen Voorhees	87	24	11	35
Amy Tourtellotte	89	20	15	35
Amy Tourtellotte	90	18	15	33
Suzy Folger	94	26	7	33

### Moser Named A. P. All-State Soccer

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School senior Todd Moser has been selected to the Associated Press All-State Boys Soccer Team.

## Bee Boys Buzz Past Blue Devils, 67-55

The Westfield High School boys basketball team carried a 28-27 lead into the third quarter, but the Bayonne Bees flew out of their hive and buzzed off 40 points in the second half to pick up the win. Jamaal Ward stung the Blue Devils for 24 points. Seniors Maurice Boatwright and Pete Anzelone pushed in 22 and 18 points, respectively, for the Blue Devils. Tom Langton had three points, Mathew Rosen nailed seven, Brian Kemps added four and Mark Kolvites contributed one point for the Blue Devils.

Bayonne	11	16	20	67
Westfield	13	15	10	55

### 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 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., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$54,870.04. BEING THE PREMISES KNOWN AS THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. LOT #669, 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 FROEHLICH SHERIFF

THE LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL A. ALFIERI, Attorney  
 Suite One  
 187 Route 34  
 Matawan, New Jersey 07747  
 CH-754123 (WL)  
 4 T - 12/10, 12/17  
 12/24 & 12/31/98 Fee: \$189.72

### Goalkeeping:

(started a minimum of 10 games)  
 S - Saves, GA - Goals Against, Av. - Average per game

Name	Yr	S	GA	Av.
Amy Korchak	91	145	9	16.1
Amy Williams	96	77	5	15.4
Marcie Williams	89	91	6	15.2
Amy Williams	94	52	4	13.0
Marcie Williams	88	103	8	12.9
Amy Korchak	90	98	9	10.9
Malini Vernugopal	86	193	21	9.2
Amy Williams	93	63	7	9.0
Amy Korchak	92	113	13	8.7
Marcie Williams	87	71	8	8.7

### Career Scoring Leader:

Name	Gr	G	A	Pts
Sally Parizeau	85	86	56	142
Rebecca Krohn	91	103	37	140
Karen Voorhees	88	65	42	107
Amy Coccoaro	98	52	50	102
Amy Tourtellotte	91	55	45	100
Lexi Tourtellotte	95	46	44	90
Alicia Sugrue	83	65	17	82
Wendy Maher	86	54	26	80
Krissy Jeremiah	88	40	36	76
Stacy Tourtellotte	93	49	25	74

### Career Goalkeepers:

Name	Yr	G	GA	SO
Marcie Williams	90	57	22	38
Amy Korchak	93	73	31	42
Amy Williams	97	83	21	69
Malini Vernugopal	87	33	29	13
Vicki Nusse	98	38	10	12
Jayne Warne	82	15	20	3
Sheri Filippone	84	39	38	15
Diana Florian	82	15	20	4
Suzanne Williams	86	17	10	11
Linda Mike	85	23	21	13

### S/Ga - Saves per game

Name	Saves	S/Ga
Marcie Williams	265	12.0
Amy Korchak	359	11.6
Amy Williams	239	11.4
Malini Vernugopal	257	8.9
Vicki Nusse	83	8.3
Jayne Warne	137	6.9
Sheri Filippone	258	6.8
Diana Florian	130	6.5
Suzanne Williams	58	5.8
Linda Mike	100	4.8

### 1998 Individual Scoring

Name	Goals	Asst	Pts
Suzanne Heinkel	15	8	23
Jessica Lutkenhous	8	11	19
Kristen Salmond	10	8	18
Elisa Cognetti	9	4	13
Kerri Anness	8	3	11
Danna Schaller	4	5	9
Liza Yanuzzi	7	2	9
Andrea Constandis	4	4	8
Taryn Wyckoff	3	5	8
Valerie Griffeth	3	3	6
Gwyn Lederman	5	1	6
Megan Shotts	1	5	6
Jen Hayes	1	4	5

Statistics in soccer tend to favor offensive numbers; however, the Blue Devils had several fine defensive players. For example, Liza Yanuzzi was selected First Team All-Union County for her outstanding defensive performance.

## Lady Bees Sting Raiders, 38-30

Raider senior Nikki McCoy led all scoring with 17 points, but the Bayonne Bees stung hard in the second quarter to buzz ahead. Mayta Dabrowska sank 13 points for the Bees. Katie Feighner put in seven points and Krista Hicks had six.

Bayonne	9	14	8	38
Sc Plains-Fnwood	9	10	6	30

### DEADLINE INFO.

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9329-98.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF vs. ARMINDO GOMEZ, 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 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., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$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 FROEHLICH SHERIFF

WILLIAM M. E. POWERS, JR., Attorney  
 737 Stokes Road  
 P.O. Box 1088  
 Medford, New Jersey 08055-9962  
 CH-754123 (WL)  
 4 T - 12/10, 12/17  
 12/24 & 12/31/98 Fee: \$165.24

## MCKEON HITS 18, BRENDEL GRABS 17 Blue Devil Cagers Dump Lady Bulldogs 56-23

The Westfield High School girls basketball team advanced to the title game of the Panther Pride Classic by dumping the Jonathan Dayton team, 56-23. Senior Liz McKeon led the assault with 18 points.

yanked down 17 rebounds. She also had six points. Courtney Thornton was effective offensively and defensively as she hit for nine points and grabbed seven rebounds.

McKeon was especially hot from the foul line, hitting six out of seven free throws. She also pulled in seven rebounds and swiped three steals. In addition, McKeon sank two three-pointers.

Versatile junior Carolyn Matthews helped keep momentum in the Blue Devil's favor by contributing three steals, four rebounds and seven points. Kristen Leonardis sank four points, seized two steals and blocked one shot.

Senior center Monique Brendel had a big night under the boards as she

Jessica Lutkenhouse, who had one rebound, and Val Wicks had two and five points, respectively, and Karen Manahan added three points, one rebound, one steal and one blocked shot. Lindsey Elkoury contributed two points and four rebounds.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD**

**MEETING DATES FOR 1999**  
 In compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8D (Open Public Meetings Act), the Westfield Planning Board wishes to advise the public of its meeting dates. Meetings, at which formal action will be taken, are on the first Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise stipulated, and are held at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey in the Community Room on the following dates:

- \*January 4, 1999
- \*February 8, 1999
- \*March 1, 1999
- \*April 5, 1999
- \*May 3, 1999
- \*June 7, 1999
- \*July 12, 1999
- \*August 2, 1999
- \*\*September 13, 1999
- \*October 4, 1999
- \*November 1, 1999
- \*December 6, 1999
- \*January 3, 2000
- \*February 7, 2000

\*The Board will also meet at 7:30 p.m. on these \* dates in the Mayor's Conference Room for a work session which the public may attend but may not participate in.

\*\*The Board will also meet at 7:30 p.m. on these \*\* dates in the Administrative Conference Room for a work session which the public may attend but may not participate in.

Applications and plans to be considered at these meetings will be on file in the office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Kenneth B. Marsh, Secretary  
 Westfield Planning Board  
 1 T - 12/31/98, The Leader Fee: \$38.25

### 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 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 \$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 FROEHLICH SHERIFF

KATZ, ETTIN, LEVINE, KURZWEL, WEBER & SCIALABBA, P.C., Attorney  
 905



## Blue Devil Wrestlers Whack Newark East Side, 63-16

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used a slick ankle-pick takedown on the tiring Baraviera. Later Castaldo turned Baraviera to his back for good in 5:41 to give the Blue Devils a 39-10 lead.

"We knew that Baraviera was one of their better wrestlers," said Kurz. "It just came down to conditioning. Matt was mentally ready to go. Their kid was not able to go six minutes and Matt was."

Kurz added, "They were pretty equal in talent, but Matt was in better condition. He hit Matt with a Japanese whizzer twice, but Matt adjusted."

Castaldo commented on his bout, "You could just tell who the good wrestlers and the bad wrestlers were. I was very disappointed that I did not get on him early. I was looking for the ankle pick. He was hanging his head and he dropped intensity when he ran out of gas. You learn in practice when the opponent starts to dog it, that is when you turn it on."

If any of the fans blinked their eyes in the 160-lb bout, they would have missed the :18 fall by Tezucar. Tezucar immediately used a high-crotch single-leg to a standing cradle and the rest was history.

"Basically, I set up by hitting his head, then I snapped him down and shot in the high crotch to a half nelson right into a cradle," explained Tezucar.

Junior Mike Kivetz stormed to the center of the mats at 171, and after yielding a penalty point, took Mohammad Ismail to the mats and

pinned him with an arm lock, half nelson in just 1:23. The team score jumped to 51-10.

The Blue Devils forfeited the 189-lb class but Josh Ray and Brian Williams received forfeits at 215, and heavyweight, respectively, to finalize the scoring.

"We work a lot with these young kids; just to hang in there until the third period where they can beat them with their conditioning," said Kurz. "And that is how we won this match. The younger kids are going at it very hard in practice and they deserved that win."

### WEIGHT BREAKDOWN:

- 103: — Felipe Santos (E) won by forfeit
- 112: — John Leonardis (W) p. Rodrigo Cruz, 3:16
- 119: — Israel Rosario (E) md. Mike Sawicki, 14-6
- 125: — Dan Sawicki (W) p. Alexy Mendez, 1:06
- 130: — Dave Geenberg (W) p. Gene Alicia, 4:34
- 135: — Sean Joffe (W) won by forfeit
- 140: — Anthony Tomasso (W) won by forfeit
- 145: — Kyle Swingle (W) d. Jose Canos, 11-10
- 152: — Matt Castaldo (W) p. Frederico Baraviera, 5:41
- 160: — Onur Tezucar (W) p. Tiago Ferreira, :18
- 171: — Mike Kivetz (W) p. Mohammad Ismail, 1:23
- 189: — Wayne Testano (E) won by forfeit
- 215: — Josh Ray (W) won by forfeit
- Hwt: — Brian Williams (W) won by forfeit



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

**WEARING HIM DOWN...**Blue Devil Matt Castaldo, top, wears Red Raider 152 pounder Frederico Baraviera down in the third period and eventually pins him in 5:41.



**SUBURBAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...**The Westfield PAL Football Team finished 9-0. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Mike O'Connor, Mark Harbaugh, Jan Coccoziello, Keith Zemsky and Tom Roche; second row, Defensive Coordinator Kelly Sailors, Dave Hewit, Alex Regenstreich, Sherif Kamel, Kirt Giresi, Andrew Shaffer, Marc Dowling and Nick Gismond; third row, Special Teams Coach Mike Giresi, Bart Walsh, Eric Hayes, Tyshon Blackmon, Montel Glasc, Brandon Pantano, Chris Witkowski, Neil Kroncke and Head Coach George Giresi; back row, Offensive Line Coach Rich Coccoziello, Rich Brautigan, Andrew Garrison, Adam Trzesniowski, Brian Bigelow, Brad Trzesniowski and Defensive Back Coach Fred DeFazio.

## Scotch Plains Sr. Basketball League (50+) Results

**DECEMBER 13:**  
Berkeley Heights 76, Two River Times (Monmouth) 42

**DECEMBER 15:**  
Scotch Plains 56, Westfield Pearls 47

**DECEMBER 17:**  
Zoomers (Ocean) 58, Cranford Cougars 35

**DECEMBER 22:**  
Westfield Pearls 30, Areana Sports 29 (2 OT)

Berkeley Heights 54, Scotch Plains 35

### Sr. League Standings: (As of December 23:

TEAM	W-L	Percentage
Berkeley Heights	3-1	.750
Scotch Plains	3-1	.750
Cranford Cougars	2-2	.500
Westfield Pearls	2-2	.500
Team Law	1-1	.500
North Plainfield	1-2	.333
Areana Sports	0-3	.000

Defending league champion Scotch Plains tasted defeat at the hands of a rejuvenated Berkeley Heights squad. Berkeley Heights worked the ball better, filled the lanes on the fast break and dominated Scotch Plains throughout the contest.

Two new faces for the Berkeley Heights team, Pete Tierney and Dan Cardwell led the scoring, joined by clutch shooting from Fred Walz and John Hindelong. Scotch Plains was led by the rebounding of 6'6" Joe Zaisky. Unfortunately, Scotch Plains displayed little offense, other than an occasional three-pointer from Tom Aguirre, and was behind from the outset. By halftime they were down by 17.

In the other major upset, Cranford,

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that a resolution as follows was passed and adopted by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting thereof held December 21, 1998.

**RESOLUTION**  
WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield has resolved to join both the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, following a detailed analysis; and  
WHEREAS, the Bylaws of said Funds require that each Municipality appoint a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws; and  
WHEREAS, the Bylaws indicate a minimum fee equal to six percent (6%) of the Municipal Assessment which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and was included in the cost considered by the Mayor and Council; and  
WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Risk Management Consultant's duties renders comparative bidding impractical;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Westfield does hereby appoint Amalgamated General Agencies (AGA) as its Risk Management Consultant for the year 1999 in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement and to cause a notice of this decision to be published according to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a)(i).

1 T - 12/31/98, The Leader Fee: \$34.68

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that a resolution as follows was passed and adopted by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting thereof held December 22, 1998.

**RESOLUTION**  
WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services for the development of plans and specifications for the Picnic Shelter Construction at Tamaques Park, and  
WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose from Special Ordinance 1974 and have been certified by the Finance Officer, and  
WHEREAS, the Westfield Recreation Commission has reviewed and recommends the proposal submitted by Kinsey Associates;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED  
1. That the proper Town Officials are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Kinsey Associates, Hastings Commons, Building 2, Suite 207, Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840, for said professional services and the compensation for such services under this contract shall not exceed \$4,000 as defined in the proposal dated August 25, 1998.  
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a contract for professional services, as the same are defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2, as amended by PL 1975c, PL 1977c-53.  
3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in THE WESTFIELD LEADER as public notice of the action taken in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

1 T - 12/31/98, The Leader Fee: \$34.17

last season's regular season percentage leader, was rocked for its second loss by the Zoomers from Toms River. The Zoomers, who suited five players, the tallest 6'11" Ray Gowen, beat the taller Cougars to loose balls and hustled down court to feed 5'10" John Cangelosi for his unnerving jump shot. Cranford pulled close with a nine-point halftime deficit, but the Zoomers stayed on their course to pull away for a 23-point win.

In other league action, Berkeley Heights traveled to Ft Monmouth for a big 34-point win over Geraldo Rivera's Two River Times (Red Bank) squad. John Wilson and Howie Heller led the effort in the Sunday game.

Westfield's Pearls were victorious in a double-overtime game on Tuesday night which literally came down to the last shot. League rules call for the five players on the court at the end of one overtime to shoot fouls and Westfield hit two to Areana Sports' one. The final shot was knocked in by John Trotter in a display of clutch shooting which won the ball game.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey, will meet on Monday, January 11, 1999 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following appeals for variance from the requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance:

- John A. Jakub, 260 Gallows Hill Road seeking permission to install a 10 foot wide circular driveway contrary to the requirements of Section 17.05A of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum width/ frontage to permit a circular driveway violation. Ordinance requires 80 feet - 74 feet existing. Maximum width of circular driveway violation. Ordinance allows 10 feet - 22 feet is proposed (partial).
- Joseph and Diana Shoback, 755 St. Marks Avenue, seeking permission to erect a building addition and full second story and to remove the roof over the patio contrary to the requirements of Section 11.09E5 of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum width/ frontage to permit a circular driveway violation. Ordinance requires 20 feet - applicant proposes 18 feet.
- Allan and Christine Weingarten, 708 Forest Avenue seeking permission to erect an addition, remove existing garage and erect shed contrary to the requirements of Section 11.09E6, E.10, 12.04 F2, 13.02 B.2, and 12.04 E.1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum interior sideyard (\* for building addition and deck) violation of 7.92 feet. Ordinance requires 10 feet. Maximum building coverage including deck violation of 22.6%. Ordinance requires 22%. Maximum height of shed violation. Ordinance requires 10 feet. Maximum floor area ratio violation of 40.4%/3,418 square feet. Ordinance requires 35%/3,200 square feet.
- Nora and Raphael Merola, 19 Woodbrook Circle seeking permission to erect a building addition and roofed front entry platform contrary to the requirements of Section 11.06E5 and 12.03D and E of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum front yard setback violation required by ordinance is 30.85 feet (EFYD) - applicant proposes 28 feet to the addition and 24 feet to the entry platform.
- Martino W. Larenzi and Geraldine J. MacDonnell, 403 South Euclid Avenue seeking permission to erect a building addition contrary to the requirements of Section 11.06E10 of the Land Use Ordinance. Maximum building coverage violation (not including deck) Ordinance allows 20% - applicant proposes 21.9%.
- Ernest P. Ladas, 230 Massachusetts Street seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section 11.09E.5 and 7 of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum front yard setback violation. Ordinance requires 25.81 feet - applicant proposes 25 feet. Minimum rear yard violation. Ordinance requires 35 feet - applicant proposes 17.85 feet.
- Richard and Kristin Bartok, 834 Bradford Avenue seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section 11.09E.10 and 12.04 F and E7 of the Land Use Ordinance. Maximum building coverage without deck violation of 22.5%. Ordinance allows 20%. Minimum rear yard setback violation of 27 feet. Ordinance requires 35 feet.
- Sarantos Gianakouras, 455 Edgewood Avenue seeking permission to erect a porch on the front of the house contrary to the requirements of Section 11.09E5 and 6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum front yard setback violation. Ordinance requires 29.2 feet (EFYD) - applicant proposes 25.6 feet. Minimum sideyard setback violation. Ordinance requires 10 feet - applicant proposes 9.49 feet (existing).

Documentation of the above is on file in the Office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Colleen Mayer, Secretary  
Board of Adjustment  
1 T - 12/31/98, The Leader Fee: \$84.15

## High School Girls Basketball Scores:

**DECEMBER 21:**

Union 50, Union Hill 47  
Juniors Brittany Porter and Jayme Gray had 13 points each to lead the Farmers. Porter also pulled down 12 rebounds.

Union Hill 8 13 14 12 47  
Union (2-0) 15 14 10 11 50

**DECEMBER 22:**

Governor Livingston 45, Roselle Catholic 39  
Jen Calabrese whooshed in 15 points to lead the Highlanders in Berkeley Heights. Eight of her points came in the fourth quarter. Heather Kantorek struck for 11 points and Lauren Kobel had seven.

Roselle Cath (1-1) 10 10 12 7 39  
Gov Liv (2-0) 11 11 14 9 45

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that ordinances as follows were passed and adopted by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting thereof held December 22, 1998.

**GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1724 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION" BY ADDING THERETO A TABULATION OF THE PROPERTIES INCLUDED IN THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BY TAX MAP LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS AND STREET ADDRESSES**

**GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1725 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD CHAPTER 13 "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS**

1 T - 12/31/98, The Leader Fee: \$22.44

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**RESOLUTION**  
WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services for the development of plans and specifications for the reconstruction of Sycamore Field, and  
WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose from Special Ordinance 1974 and have been certified by the Finance Officer, and  
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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED  
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3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in THE WESTFIELD LEADER as Public Notice of action taken in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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TAKE NOTICE that R.E.D. Realty, L.L.C. filed an application for Major Site Plan Approval and Bulk Variances with the Town of Westfield Planning Board seeking permission to convert a former restaurant use to a retail use with, two additional stories to be constructed for office use and existing parking to be increased at property located at 109 North Avenue West, Town of Westfield, New Jersey 07090. The property is located in the CBD, Commercial Business District Zone, and is designated on the Town Tax Map as Lot No. 12 in Block No. 3103. The Applicant is seeking the following new variances, waivers and permits:

- Section 17.02B5, C5c & C7
- Section 17.04A
- Section 17.02E-1
- Section 11.25E3
- Section 16.04E1
- Section 16.04H
- Section 16.04

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Applicant also seeks such other approvals, waivers and variances from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance as may be necessary or required at the hearing in this matter.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town of Westfield Planning Board will meet at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, January 14, 1999, in the Municipal Building, Community Room, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, at which time opportunity will be given to all those in interest to be heard and at which time the Board may approve, modify or deny the application.

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Arthur P. Attanasio, Esq.  
15 Mountain Boulevard  
Warren, New Jersey 07059-6327  
(908) 757-7800  
Attorneys for the Applicant  
Fee: \$77.52

## High School Boys Basketball Scores:

**DECEMBER 21:**  
Roselle Catholic 59, Governor Livingston 47

Tim Benoit scored 23 points to lead the Lions in Roselle. Terrance Reilly pumped in 21 points and Chris Butler hit 14 for the Highlanders.

Gov. Livingston 14 11 8 14 47  
Roselle Catholic 22 9 10 18 59

**DECEMBER 22:**

Union 46, Linden 42

The Farmers improved their unbeaten record to 3-0. LaForest Knox scored 15 points, eight in the fourth quarter, to guide his team to victory.

Linden (1-1) 14 12 12 4 42  
Union 10 12 12 12 46

**Cranford 62, Rahway 61**

Marc Petito scored 16 points for the Cougars, but Jon Politniza hit two free throws in the final four seconds to put them over the top in Watchung Conference action in Rahway.

Cranford (1-1) 15 12 19 16 62  
Rahway (1-1) 9 9 28 15 61

**Roselle 85, A. L. Johnson 37**

Roselle brought out the big guns early, scoring 52 points in the first half. Ron Santiago hit for 18 points, LaQuan Washington had 16 and Rashad Jackson sank 14 for Roselle. Darren Dames and John Polizzi had 12 points each for the Crusaders.

Johnson (0-2) 9 11 5 12 37  
Roselle (2-0) 28 24 18 15 85

**Newark East Side 57, Elizabeth 39**

Kudjo Sogadzi scored 16 points for the Red Raiders.

Elizabeth (0-2) 7 4 7 21 39  
East Side (2-0) 14 10 13 20 57

**DECEMBER 23:**

David Brearley (Kenilworth) 48, Gill St. Bernard's 45

The Bears improved to 2-1.

Gill St. Bernard's 9 11 10 15 45  
Brearley 10 12 12 14 48

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**

**CONTRACTOR:** ONSITE SYCOM ENERGY CORPORATION, 27 World's Fair Drive - 1st Floor, Somerset, New Jersey 08873.

**NATURE OF SERVICE:** To provide energy consulting services in order to qualify for Public Service Electric and Gas Company Standard Offer No. 2.

**DURATION:** To January 31, 1999.  
**AMOUNT:** \$7,342.00

**THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.**  
Barbara Riepe  
Township Clerk

1 T - 12/31/98, The Times Fee: \$18.87

### 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 ALS., 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 \$173,120 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.  
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH  
SHERIFF

FEDERMAN AND PHELAN, Attorney  
Suite 505  
Sentry Office Plaza  
216 Haddon Avenue  
Westmont, New Jersey 08108  
CH-75397 (WL)  
4 T - 12/24, 12/31/98,  
1/7 & 1/14/99  
Fee: \$169.32

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## 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.

## Viking Cagers Stop Ridge Girls, 44-35

The Union Catholic High School girls basketball team relied on freshman Kenyail Johnson who sank 13 points to help the Vikings stop Ridge, 44-35, in Scotch Plains on December 22.

The Vikings found themselves down 18-11 at the half, but rallied to score 14 in the third quarter and 19 in the fourth. Sophomore Shrita Smith hit for 10 points. Lisa Mortkowitz struck for nine, Jessica Ballweg scored seven, Brenda Kaus had three and Kelly Stretenovic added two.

Ridge (0-2) 8 10 5 12 35  
Union Cath (1-1) 6 5 14 19 44

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that at the Planning Board Meeting of the Township of Scotch Plains held on December 7, 1998, the application of K. Hovnanian at Scotch Plains 1, Inc., The Reserve and the Donato Family, 175 Union Avenue, Block No. 4901, Lot No. 3, for approval of a Site Plan application for the construction of 116 townhouse units with variances and waivers was denied. This action was memorialized by the Board at the meeting of December 21, 1998.

The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Planning Board and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.  
Barbara Horev  
Secretary to the Planning Board  
1 T - 12/31/98, The Times Fee: \$18.36

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that a resolution as follows was passed and adopted by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting thereof held December 22, 1998.



CYAN YELLOW MAGENTA BLACK

## Westfield Y Girls Out-swim West Monmouth Y Team

The Westfield "Y" Girls Team added another impressive win, this time over West Monmouth, to keep their winning streak perfect.

"We had several breakthrough performances at this meet," Head Coach Sean Farrell remarked. "Jen Metz and Calli Meserole in particular had excellent swims. Our depth, specifically in the 11-12 age group, is evident. Many of our 11-12 girls are doing a great job of swimming up in age groups, filling in gaps and contributing to the team."

In the individual medleys, Metz led the Devilfish in the 9-10's with a time of 1:27.01. Lizzie Trimble placed second with 1:17.20 in the 11-12's and Tori Maffey posted a 2:37.13 in the 13-14's, good for first place. For the 15-18's, Kitty Frontling out-touched teammate Kerry Hart with 2:28.03 as they delivered a first and second for the Devilfish.

Jennifer Kujawski placed first for the 9-10 freestyle with 34.55, as did Maffey for the 11-12's. Chrissy Kolenut swam 29.27 to a first place finish for the 13-14's and Jen Bezrutzky did the same for the 15-18's with 1:01.92.

In breaststroke, Cathryn Winchester led the 8-unders to a first place with 26.71. Meserole narrowly missed first place with 41.89 for the 9-10's, as did Meral Akyzur in the 11-12's. Carolyn

Harbaugh was the fastest Devilfish in the 13-14's with 1:27.21 and Katie Bartholomew touched first with 2:43.16 in the 15-18's.

Devan Giordano brought home a first place with 23.43 for the 8-unders in backstroke, and Jennifer Kujawski did the same for the 9-10's with 40.42. Becky Fallon led the Devilfish in her 11-12 age group, and Suzannah Fowler with 1:17.47 and Bezrutzky with 2:34.00 brought their team two more firsts.

Josie Reinhardt swam to a second place finish for the 8-unders with a 22.53 in the butterfly, closely followed by teammate Giordano. The Devilfish racked up first places in the other four age groups, by Katie Tutela, Liz Joyce, Meg Smith and Frontling.

Westfield had a comfortable 111-69 lead heading into the relays. The team of Giordano, Reinhardt, Winchester and Katherine Meylor placed second in the 8-unders freestyle relay. For the 9-10's, Metz, Jeanine Clark, Kim Morawski and Jen Kujawski placed first. Liz Joyce, Gianna Guasconi, Kelly O'Neill and Trimble combined for a third place in the 11-12's. Westfield added two more firsts with the 13-14 team of Smith, Julie Vanarelli, Fowler and Kolenut, and the 15-18 team of Frontling, Bezrutzky, Bartholomew and Hart.



**DIVISION CHAMPIONS...**The Westfield Defectors completed an exciting Fall 1998 season with a record of 8-1-1. They finished first in Division 4-B. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Erin McCarthy, Alexandra Nish, Abby Chazanov, Amanda Gross, Meg Driscoll, Alison Bridgman, Andrea Hollander and Sara Flood; middle row, Greta Schoenemann, Jillian Hobson, Kirsten Selert, Alyson Ludmer, Dana Spass, Amy Santoriello, Jayne Ruotolo and Diana Dunning; top row, Coaches Robert Schoenemann, Leon Chazanov and Mark Hobson. Not pictured is Caitlyn Throver.

## Westfield Devilfish Devour Bayonne "Y" Boys, 106-92

The Westfield "Y" Boys Swim Team extended their winning record as they defeated Bayonne by a score of 106-92. The meet saw several swimmers qualifying for the "Y" State Meet.

In the 9-10 year age group, Luke Baran led with a time of 1:23.20 in the 100-yard individual medley with teammate Michael Fragna second. Ryan Bartholomew was the fastest Devilfish in the 11-12's, as was Sean O'Neill for the 13-14's. Cliff Haldeman won his 200-yard event with 2:10.73, as Matt Vidovich touched second.

Michael Mosier paced the 8-and-unders in his 25-yard freestyle event with a time of 18.98. Chris Heinen led the 11-12's with 29.22 for the 50-yard event, and Arthur King touched out fellow teammate J. J. Sobala with 1:00.41. Kyle McClosky added to the Devilfish score with a win for the 15-18 year olds with 54.33.

In breaststroke, Andy Wieland placed first in the 8-unders age group, and David Hedman and Heinen had a one-two punch in the 11-12's. Sobala led the 13-14's and Brian O'Neill led the 15-18's.

Alex Greenspan paced the 8-unders Devilfish with a time of 25.22 in backstroke, and Fragna posted his win with 37.61 in his 50-yard heat. Tim Kolenut placed first for the Devilfish in the 11-12's, and Greg Matthews touched out the competition with a time of 1:10.57 for the 100 yard race. McClosky had another win with 1:02.08 for his age group.

Westfield posted several more first

place finishers in butterfly as Mosier, Baran, Matthews and Haldeman led their events.

With a close score heading into the relays, the Devilfish pulled ahead with wins for each age group. The team of Max Blum, Wieland, Matthew Haddad and Mosier won for the 8-unders, Baran, Murray, Kevin Smith and Fragna for the 9-10's and Hedman, Kolenut, Dan Chabanov and David Reinhardt narrowly out-touched their opponents in the 11-12's. Matthews, Sobala, King and Sean O'Neill were victorious for the 13-14's, and Scott Kautzman, Vidovich, McClosky and Haldeman confirmed the win in the final race.

New State Qualifiers include Fragna, Vidovich, Heinen, McClosky, Hedman, Sobala and Matthews.

## Queen Bees Sting Lady Vikings, 66-41

Bayonne stung the Union Catholic girls basketball team with eight three-pointers to record a 66-41 victory in the Bayonne Tournament on December 28. Sophomore Shrita Smith and freshman Lisa Mortkovicz nailed 13 and 10 points, respectively, for the Vikings.

Jen Schultz sank six points, Brenda Kaus hit for three, Jessica Ballweg scored two and Huber had seven for the Vikings.

Union Catholic	5	14	9	13	41
Bayonne	16	19	17	14	66

## Devilfish Boys Submerge Hillsborough, 112-78

The Westfield "Y" Boys Swim Team has remained undefeated, thanks to a 112-78 win over Hillsborough recently.

In the individual medley, Michael Fragna touched third for the 9-10's with 1:26.41. The Devilfish posted firsts in the other age groups, with Ryan Bartholomew for the 11-12's with 1:13.44, Arthur King with 2:28.48 for the 13-14's and Turner Yevich for the 15-18's with 2:33.66.

Matt Haddad was the fastest Devilfish in the 8-unders with 19.98 in his freestyle event. Kevin Smith touched second for the 9-10's with 34.69 and David Reinhardt raced in first with 30.82 for the 11-12's. Greg Matthews and Scott Kautzman each added firsts in their age groups with 58.22 and 53.25, respectively.

In breaststroke, Andrew Wieland placed second for Westfield with 27.03 in the 8-unders. Nick Colucci touched in third for the Devilfish in the 9-10's, and David Hedman narrowly missed first place with his 36.97 for the 11-12's. King swam to a first place finish for the 13-14's with his 1:20.42, as did Cliff Haldeman for the 15-18's with 1:07.22.

Alex Greenspan, in the 8-unders, swam his breaststroke in 25.00, good for a second place. Fragna and Bartholomew swept their age groups with 37.55 and 33.79. Sean O'Neill placed second with 1:16.14 in the 13-

14's 100-yard event, and Kautzman had a first with his 1:03.11, out-touching teammate Haldeman by .58.

In butterfly, Max Blum led the field with 27.79. Tim Kolenut placed second in the 11-12 age group and Greg Matthews swam to a first with 1:03.83 for the 13-14's. Yevich had a second with 1:13.38 for the 15-18's.

In the final relays, the team of Michael Oster, Matt Maserole, Andres Betancourt and Haddad placed second for the 8-unders. In the 9-10's, Westfield posted a first with Fragna, Kevin Smith, Tristan Murray and Luke Baran with 2:16.28.

There was a tie between two Westfield teams for second place in the 11-12 age group, as Hedman, Kolenut, Dan McGrory and Jeff Dressley touched at the same time as did Reinhardt, Sharkey, Dan Chabanov and Thomas Parkinson. Westfield added to their final score with a win in the 15-18 from the team of J. J. Sobala, King, Matthews and Sean Baran.

"Our boys did a very good job of racing," commented Head Coach Sean Farrell. "Many of the older swimmers swam very tired and still put forth good races. The 11-18 swimmers have shown their strength in every meet, and the 10-unders are starting to really come around as well. Both David Hedman and Kevin Smith had a great meet."



**MAINTAINING A SHUTOUT...**Blue Devil goalie Erik Lund, No. 33, maintains a shutout and stops a quick shot while teammate Kevin Anton, No. 22, checks an opponent. Westfield iced Steinert, 13-0, on December 23.

## Blue Devils Ice Steinert, 13-0

The Westfield High School hockey team picked up their third victory of the season with a convincing, 13-0, thrashing of Steinert at Warinanco Rink in Roselle on December 23. Senior Ron Kashlak flicked in four goals to lead the destruction.

Brandon Kape and Derek Lartaud netted two goals each for the Blue Devils. Goalie Erik Lund had 10 saves.

## Lady Raiders Edge Morristown, 33-31

Senior Nikki McCoy pumped in 15 points but Kellie LaForge hit the net with five seconds remaining to lift the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls basketball team over Morristown, 33-31, in the Cougar Classic at Cranford on December 28.

LaForge finished with four points. Munchie McCoy nailed six points and Katie Feighner Najwa Glover had four each.

Morristown	6	8	8	9	31
ScPlns-Fanwood	2	11	10	10	33

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NEXT SESSION BEGINS FEB 1, 1999

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS

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Tom Turnbull, Dir.

## Chatham Boys Stop Devil Icemen, 6-3

Chatham goalie Grant Stolz repelled 27 Blue Devil assaults to allow Chatham to skate to a 6-3 victory at the Mennen Arena in Morris Township on December 26.

Westfield found themselves down 4-0 before they began to find the net. Ron Kashlak, Brandon Kape and Keith Anton each scored a goal.

## S. Brunswick Halts Blue Devils, 69-33

Carlos Rufino, with 18 points, and the South Brunswick High School boys basketball team out-gunned the Westfield High School squad, 69-33, at the South Brunswick Holiday Tournament on December 28. Senior Maurice Boatwright pushed in 16 points to lead the Blue Devils.

Senior center Tom Langton sank seven points and Pete Anzelone had two.

Westfield	8	6	8	11	33
S. Brunswick	17	13	18	21	69

## Indian Braves Stop Viking Boys, 48-33

Anthony Jordan sank 18 points to lead the Rahway High School boys basketball team over the Union Catholic squad, 48-33, at the Tri-County Holiday Tournament held in Roselle on December 28. Junior Chris Ganey nailed nine points for the Vikings.

Steve Benton and Joey Green both hit for six points, Carlos Jefferson scored five, Kwaku Morgan had three and Levine had two for the Vikings.

Rahway	16	13	11	8	48
Union Catholic	6	7	6	14	33

## 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 ARONSON L. SMITH, BRENDA A. SMITH, H.W. ET ALS., DEFENDANT.  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 17, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 27TH 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 \$112,650.36.  
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.  
It is commonly known as 76 Marshall Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.  
It is known and designated as Block No. 55, Lot No. 2.  
The dimensions are 25 feet wide by 100 feet long.  
Nearest cross street: Situate on the south-westerly line of Marshall Street, 175.00 feet from the southeasterly line of First Street.  
Prior lien(s): None.  
There is due approximately the sum of \$115,685.83 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

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-001639-98.  
BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. WILLIAM LEE WAKEFIELD, DEFENDANT.  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 27, 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 27TH 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.  
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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

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Fee: \$175.44

## 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 venue, 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 north-easterly 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

**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 venue, 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.  
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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

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## Realtors Association Names

### Susan D'Arecca to Silver Level

WESTFIELD — Susan D'Arecca, a corporate relocation specialist at Coldwell Banker's Westfield office has been inducted into the Silver Level of the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Million Dollar Club for 1997.

NJAR's Silver Level designation is awarded to agents with sales in excess of \$5 million annually. Ms. D'Arecca has been recognized several times throughout her 14-year real estate career.

"This award acknowledges Susan's expertise," commented Marilyn Kelly, manager of Coldwell Banker's Westfield office. "Her true concern for her clients is evident every step of the way. From her quick grasp of understanding her customers needs, to her thorough explanation of the buying and selling process."

A certified corporate property specialist for managing relocation transactions, Ms. D'Arecca is specially trained to prepare detailed market analyses and other materials required by leading relocation companies. She also enjoys working with first-time home buyers.



Susan D'Arecca

Ms. D'Arecca is also a member of Elite Coldwell Banker's International President's Circle. She may be reached at (908) 233-5555.

## Linda Daly of Burgdorff

### Named Top Salesperson

WESTFIELD — Burgdorff ERA recently announced that Linda M. Daly was named a top salesperson in the

Listing Service and the Middlesex Board of Realtors. For the past seven years, she has specialized in foreclosures and bank-owned or REO (real estate-owned) properties.

She has raised over \$13,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in the past three years and has appeared on the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. She has volunteered for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and for the McKinley Elementary School with Parents Against Narcotic and Drug Abuse and as a former board member.

Ms. Daly has been a Westfield resident since 1983 and a lifelong resident of Union County. She attended Keane College in Union.

Founded in 1958 and celebrating its 40th anniversary in 1998, Burgdorff ERA has more than 925 sales associates and 30 offices across New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania.

The worldwide ERA real estate network includes more than 2,600 independently owned and operated brokerage offices with more than 27,000 brokers and sales associates in all 50 of the United States and 19 other countries.



Linda M. Daly

company for the month of October. She was ranked the No. 21 agent out of over 925 associates in the company for her outstanding sales record.

A Realtor since 1985, Ms. Daly is a multi-million dollar producer and a member of the Garden State Multiple

## Sales Associates Recognized By Prudential New Jersey

Prudential New Jersey Realty has recognized the achievements of its top sales associates at the Westfield Office for the last three months.

Joyce Strenovic was the top Associate in September. Ms. Strenovic, who came to the company last year, was described by the firm as "an unfailing professional who puts the needs of her clients first."

Prudential New Jersey Realty reported that Ms. Strenovic "has had an outstanding year which has significantly contributed to the Westfield Office's most productive year ever."

In October, Vaughn Smith earned top honors. He also joined the company last year after a successful career as a marketing director in new home sales and as Vice President of a construction company.

"His achievements this year have also played a crucial role in the overall success of Prudential New Jersey

Realty's Westfield Office," a statement by the company confirmed.

For November, Carol Jones was named Sales Associate of the Month. A current Silver Level New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club member, she has become established in the area as a premier agent, according to Prudential New Jersey Realty.

She recently graduated from the industry's most demanding training program, the Floyd Wickman Course, and was a member of the team which accomplished the most during the class, the real estate company revealed.

Ms. Jones is also a Prudential President's Circle Award winner, for being among the top 4 percent in the Prudential North American network.

Each of these agents may be reached at Prudential New Jersey Realty's Westfield Office at (908) 232-5664.



## John Boulden, 86, World War II Veteran; Employed by NJ Dept. of Transportation

John F. Boulden, 86, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, December 27, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Trenton, he had lived there before moving to Scotch Plains in 1962. He was a United States Army Air Corp veteran of World War II.

Mr. Boulden had begun working for the New Jersey Department of Transportation in 1929, and retired as the foreman of the Newark Garage in 1973.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 5635 in Lackawaxen, Pennsylvania.

He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Scotch Plains.

## Charles Van Pelt, 86, Cost Accountant; Plant Buyer for DuPont for 40 Years

Charles H. Van Pelt, 86, of Scotch Plains died Wednesday, December 23, in Rumlens Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Elizabeth, he had lived in Cranford before moving to Scotch Plains 47 years ago.

Mr. Van Pelt was a United States Navy World War II veteran.

He was a Cost Accountant and Plant Buyer for DuPont in Linden for 40 years before retiring in 1972.

Mr. Van Pelt was a member of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains where he served as the Financial Secretary for 10 years.

He was also a member of Azure

## Claire M. Lahue, 74

Claire Margaret Lahue, 74, of Wilmington, North Carolina, formerly of Westfield, died on Sunday, December 27, in Cape Fear Memorial Hospital.

Born in East Landdowne, Pennsylvania on February 2, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Archibald and Margaret Dougherty MacMinn.

Mrs. Lahue was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wilmington.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Henry Lahue, Sr.; three sons, Robert Lahue, Jr. of Wilmington, North Carolina, Michael Lahue of Essex Fells and Brian Lahue of Hillside; two daughters, Mary Anne Wood of Linden and Kathleen Courtney of Manahawkin, and eight grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered yesterday, Wednesday, December 30, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment followed in Oleander Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were under the direction of Andrews Mortuary in Wilmington.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Building Fund, 6650 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28412.

December 31, 1998

## Amy Bacon, 72, Grandmother of Four; International Bowling Congress Member

Amy S. Bacon, 72, of Fanwood died on Sunday, December 27, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Newton, Massachusetts, she had lived in Point Pleasant before moving to Fanwood in 1970.

Mrs. Bacon was a member of the Women's International Bowling Congress.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles V. Bacon, Jr., in 1989, and by a son, George W. Hottel, Jr., in 1996.

Surviving are another son, Richard Hottel of Claremont, California;

Plains.

Surviving are his wife, Arabel Ziesel Boulden; a daughter, Betty Ann Bagan of Scotch Plains; a sister, Gladys Ertle of Scranton, Pennsylvania; a brother, Frederick R. Boulden of Oviedo, Florida, and a grandson.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, December 30, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment was private.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P. O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, 07076.

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Lodge No. 129 of the Free and Accepted Masons in Cranford and was Master of the Lodge in 1956.

He was the Grand Master of New Jersey Masonic Lodges in 1982 and was a dual member and Secretary of the Hope Lodge No. 124.

Mr. Van Pelt was also a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Northern New Jersey since March of 1952 and was Most Wise Master in 1965, Commander in Chief and a Trustee in 1971.

He became a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd degree, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in Pittsburgh on September 27, 1967.

He was the first Treasurer and former Secretary of the Valley of North New Jersey in Two Bridges from 1972 to 1984.

Mr. Van Pelt was also a member of the Corinthian Chapter No. 57 Royal Arch Mason, the New Jersey Commandery No. 19 Knights Templar, the Ark of the Covenant Council No. 158, A.M.D. of the USA and a Fellow of the Grand College of Rites of the USA.

In addition, he was a member of the Paumanock No. 4 Grand Council Knight Masons of the USA, the Ye Ancient Order of Corks of the USA, the Masonic Order of the Bath of the USA, and the Salaam Shrine Temple in Livingston.

He was also a member and Secretary of the Salaam Temple Ritual Team since 1970, and a member and former Chaplain of the Northern New Jersey Chapter No. 42, National Sojourners since May 24, 1976.

Surviving are his wife, Inez King Van Pelt; a daughter, Karen Salvatore of Norwalk, Connecticut; a son, C. Steven Van Pelt of Independence, and four grandchildren.

A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, December 29, in the chapel at Somerset Hills Memorial Park in Basking Ridge.

Arrangements were handled by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, Fanwood.

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## Obituaries

### Antoinette Ventura, 100, Homemaker; Co-founded Fanwood Senior Citizens

Antoinette Ventura, 100, of Fanwood died on Sunday, December 27, at Genesis ElderCare-The Woodlands in Plainfield.

### David Roy Staack, 53

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

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

Mr. Staack was a sales representative with Elm Radio and T.V. in Westfield for the past 10 years.

He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, and was a member of the Vietnam War Post in Westfield.

Mr. Staack was also a member of the Y Squares, a square dance club in Clark.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, December 27, in the Chapel of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

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### Everett M. Emery, 79, Army Veteran; Was Mattress Closer at Simmons Co.

Everett M. Emery, 79, of Westfield died on Monday, December 28, at home.

Born in Dunmore, Pennsylvania, he had lived in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, for many years before moving to Westfield 45 years ago.

### Catherine Houts, 82

Catherine Houts, 82, of Seminole, Florida, died on Friday, December 18, at the Freedom Square Nursing Center there.

Born in Westfield, she moved to Seminole in 1979 from Wisconsin.

She was a homemaker. Mrs. Houts was a Girl Scout leader, a volunteer for the American Red Cross and Meals on Wheels, and a member of King's Daughters, all in Neenah, Wisconsin.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Kenneth Houts; three daughters, Nancy Hughes of East Aurora, New York, Susan Arnold of Portland, Maine, and Sandra Maynard of England; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

North American Cremation Society in Deerfield Beach, Florida, was in charge of the arrangements.

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### Bernard Meyer, Jr., 80, Lab Technician; Served in Army's 101st Airborne Division

Bernard L. Meyer, Jr., 80, of Westfield died Thursday, December 24, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was a lifelong resident of Westfield. Mr. Meyer was a lab technician with Merck & Co. in Rahway for 40 years before retiring in 1981.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 101st Airborne Division.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret "Toots" Madsen Meyer of Westfield; three daughters, Diane Dear of Garwood, Barbara Arbes of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Robin Baldassarre of Roselle Park; three sons, William Meyer of Westfield, Michael Meyer of Cincinnati, Ohio and John Meyer of Westfield; two sisters, Eileen Meyer of Westfield and Marion Hohenstein of Manasquan; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 27, at Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

Born in Avelino, Italy, she had lived in Mountaine before moving to Fanwood 40 years ago.

Mrs. Ventura was a homemaker and the co-founder of the Fanwood Senior Citizens.

She was predeceased by her husband, Mondea Ventura, in 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Ventura of Fanwood and Robert Ventura of Mountaine; five daughters, Dorothy Cioffi of Manahawkin, Ruth Ventura of Whiting, Anna Ventura of Sterling and Patricia Wilde of Bedminster; 30 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held today, Thursday, December 31, at 10 a.m. at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood, followed by a Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Interment will take place at Somerset Hills Memorial Park in Basking Ridge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fanwood Senior Citizens Club.

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### Grace C. Mirabella, 62, Office Manager; Was Employed 43 Years With Legal Firm

Grace C. Mirabella, 62, a lifelong resident of Westfield, died on Friday, December 25, at home.

Miss Mirabella graduated from Westfield High School in 1954 and later from the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School.

She worked at the law firm of Sachar, Sachar and Bernstein and its successors for 43 years. Miss Mirabella was most recently employed as an office manager, bookkeeper and paralegal at the law firm of Bernstein and Hoffman.

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

She was predeceased by her parents, August and Jennie Mirabella.

Surviving are a brother, August Mirabella, and a nephew, Michael August Mirabella, both of North Wales, Pennsylvania.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, December 29, at the Holy Trinity Church. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

Street in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 315 First Street, Westfield, 07090.

December 31, 1998

### Warren Sutton, 76

Warren E. Sutton, 76, of Rochelle Park died Saturday, December 26, in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Park Ridge, Illinois he lived there for 30 years and in Westfield for 10 years, before moving to Rochelle Park.

Mr. Sutton was a youth bowling director for the Bowling Proprietor's Association of America in Park Ridge.

He served in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are two daughters, Jessica Morris and Lynn Sutton; a son, David Sutton; a sister, Carol Pickering; and two brothers, Allan Sutton and Ken Sutton.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 29, in Volk-Leber Funeral Home in Teaneck.

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### Janet D. Egan, 76, Church Secretary; Was Active Member of Church Choir

Janet D. Egan, 76, of Manahawkin, died Tuesday, December 22, at Lacey Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Forked River.

Born in Plainfield, she was a long-time resident of North Plainfield before moving to Manahawkin in April of this year.

Mrs. Egan was a member and secretary of the Church of the Holy Cross in North Plainfield for 32 years, retiring in 1995. She was also a member of the church's choir and Episcopal Church Women.

Surviving are her husband, Harris Egan; a son, Bruce Egan of Scotch Plains; a daughter, Patricia Busnack of Cokesbury, and five grandchildren.

A Funeral Service was held on Monday, December 28, at the Church of the Holy Cross.

Arrangements were handled by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, Fanwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Reserve Fund of Church of the Holy Cross, 40 Mercer Avenue, North Plainfield, 07060.

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### Anthony Rasera, Jr., 68, Army Corporal; Owned AA Bar and Restaurant Supply

Anthony F. Rasera, Jr., 68, of Roselle died on Sunday, December 27, at home.

Born in Garwood, he had lived in Westfield before moving to Roselle. Mr. Rasera had been the owner of AA Bar and Restaurant Supply in Elizabeth for 15 years before retiring in 1989.

He served as a Corporal in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was an active member of UNICO National, serving as Chairman of the UNICO National Gifts and Toy Fund, which distributes toys to mentally handicapped children.

He was a member of the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, both in Elizabeth, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 14000 in Kansas City,

Missouri, as well as American Legion Post No. 3 in Westfield.

He was predeceased by his father, Anthony F. Rasera, Sr.

Surviving are his mother, Fannie Caserta Rasera, and a sister, Joan Marcketta.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered yesterday, Wednesday, December 30, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery, also in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the UNICO National Gift and Toy Fund.

December 31, 1998

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COLLEGE NIGHT...Westfield High School recently welcomed representatives from more than 200 colleges and universities to its annual "College Night." Pictured are juniors Brian Kemps, center, and Elby Pallero as they place their names on a mailing list for Arizona State University. Marlene Camp, the university's local representative, was on hand to answer questions about the school.

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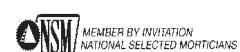
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WELCOME NEW MEMBER...Mountainside Police Chief James J. Debbie was recently inducted into the Rotary Club of Mountainside. Pictured, left to right, are: First Vice President, Bart A. Barre; James Debbie; and Sponsor Bruce B. Dickerson.

## Fanwood Library Prepares Storytimes and Programs

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Memorial Library Children's Department will hold registration for its Storytimes and special programs for children from Monday, January 4, at 10:30 a.m. to Saturday, January 9, at 4:30 p.m.

There will be no charge for these programs and each program will last approximately one half hour.

A two-year old storytime with crafts will begin on Tuesday, January 19, and will run on consecutive Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. This program will end on Tuesday, February 9. A parent of adult must attend with the child and may participate with the

children. This program will be limited to 10 children and pre-registration will be required.

A three- and four-year old storytime with crafts will begin on January 19, and will run on consecutive Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. This program will end on February 9. A parent or adult must attend. Children younger than 3 may not attend the program. This program will be limited to 15 children and pre-registration will be required.

A four- and five-year old storytime will begin on Wednesday, January 20, and will run on consecutive Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. This program will end on Wednesday, February 10. This program will be limited to 15 children and pre-registration will be required.

A storytime for children in kindergarten to third grade will begin on January 19, and will run on consecutive Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. A parent or adult must attend with the child. Pre-registration will not be required.

Family storytimes will take place on Monday evenings on January 25, February 1, and February 8, at 6 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to attend. Adults must attend with children under four years of age. Pre-registration will not be required.

## Care-Giver Group Sets Upcoming Meeting

WESTFIELD — The Care-Giver Support Group will hold its next meeting on Monday, January 4, at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

The group, which meets on the first non-holiday Monday of every month, will provide information and caring sessions for those who care for elderly or chronically ill loved ones.

For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757.

## Staff Positions Available At Girl Scout Council

WESTFIELD — Washington Rock Girl Scout Council (WRGSC) has announced that there are several staff positions available at the council.

WRGSC has five local, safe neighborhood camps for girls entering grades 1 to 5; and a resident camp Lou Henry Hoover for girls entering grades 2 to 12. Camp Hoover staff will attend a one-week orientation session from Saturday, July 3 to Sunday, July 10. Regular Hoover Camp sessions begin on Monday, July 11 and run through Saturday, August 21.

WRGSC Day Camps will run from Monday, July 5 through Friday, July 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Various staff positions are available with the day camps. Complete details and applications may be obtained from Terrill Bonderoff at WRGSC at (908) 232-3236, Extension No. 218.

The following positions are still available at Camp Hoover:

- Unit Leader: responsible for

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that a resolution as follows was passed and adopted by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting thereof held December 22, 1998.

Joy C. Vreeland  
Town Clerk

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the residents of Westfield have become increasingly concerned about pedestrian safety due to increased traffic and vehicular speeds on residential streets, and

WHEREAS, various citizen groups advocating pedestrian safety, including the BRAKES Group (Bikers, Runners and Kids are Entitled to Safety), have requested the Town Administration to implement "traffic calming" measures in certain areas to slow vehicular speeds and make the roads safer for pedestrians, and

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Board has included an evaluation of traffic calming measures among its recommendations in the 1998 Master Plan Reexamination Draft Report, and

WHEREAS, Town Council responded to these requests and recommendations by including \$25,000.00 in the 1998 Operating Budget to retain a traffic/transportation planning consultant to evaluate the use of traffic calming measures in Westfield, and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer requested proposals from six (6) consulting firms with the required expertise to perform a comprehensive traffic calming study for the Town for the lump sum fee of \$25,000.00, and

WHEREAS, four (4) of the firms submitted proposals by the December 4, 1998 deadline, while the other two declined; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has evaluated the proposals and concluded that the RBA Group is the most qualified and has proposed the most comprehensive scope of services of the firms evaluated, and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has recommended that the contract for the aforesaid study be awarded to the RBA Group for the lump sum fee of \$25,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield that the aforementioned contract for professional services required to complete a traffic calming study for the Town be awarded to the RBA Group, One Evergreen Place, P.O. Box 1927, Morrisstown, New Jersey in the lump sum amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee for this work be charged to Account No. 8-001-137-255.

1 T - 12/31/98, The Leader Fee: \$51.51

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Assoc. Sponsors Yearly Essay Contest

WESTFIELD — The Martin Luther King, Jr. Association will hold its annual essay contest for all students in Westfield schools. All essays will be due by Tuesday, January 5.

Students must answer the following questions regarding a quotation which compares the methods of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mohandas K. Gandhi:

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a great hero, but he had a hero of his own, Mohandas K. Gandhi. Both men were involved in a peaceful resolution and in civil rights movements. They both believed in using non-violent methods to achieve victory for their causes."

"Dr. King wrote: 'While I understand the reasons why oppressed people often turn to violence in their struggle for freedom, it is my firm belief that the crusade for independence and human dignity that is now reaching a climax will have a more positive effect on the world if it waged along the lines that were first demonstrated by Gandhi himself.'"

This quotation was written over 30 years ago. Do you believe that Dr. King would feel that nonviolent movements have been successful, and that if he had lived he would still be a follower of Gandhi?

- Do you agree with Martin Luther King and his hero, Gandhi? Why are peaceful means better than violence for solving problems?

- Have you, or anyone you know, used the teaching of nonviolence? Discuss the action taken and the result.

Elementary school students may disregard the first question and answer the other questions. Their responses do not have to be typed, but must be legibly written with 300 to 500 words.

All high school essays must be typed with 1,000 to 5,000 words. The essays must contain a cover sheet with the name and grade of the participant.

The prizes will include: first prize — a new computer; second prize — a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond; third prize — a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond; and honorable mention — a book on a related topic.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Association will also hold its 12th Annual Interfaith Service on Monday, January 18, at 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Westfield. The traditional march will begin at 12:30 p.m. from Bethel Baptist Church, 539 Trinity Place in Westfield.

## First AARP Meeting of 1999 Is Scheduled for January 4

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will hold its first meeting of the new year on Monday, January 4, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue at the corner of East Broad Street.

The social hour will begin at 1 p.m. and the meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. Annual dues are payable at this meeting. Members are also reminded to bring a non-perishable food item or to make a cash donation to the Food Pantry.

Jeff Ulrich of the Elizabethtown

### Genealogical Society

#### To Welcome Professor

WESTFIELD — The Genealogical Society of the West Fields will welcome Dr. Stanley H. Lipson, Professor of Computer Science at Kean University on Saturday, January 16, at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Westfield Memorial Library.

Dr. Lipson will discuss how computers have changed genealogy and the relationship of genealogy to the Internet.

Professor Lipson has a background in computers dating back to 1966 and has an avid interest in genealogy. He graduated from Trinity College and earned his doctorate from Columbia University.

He is also the author of "Westfield in the Golden Age of Postcards," a study of the history of Westfield. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.



ALL ABOARD THE POLAR EXPRESS...Susan Santichen's first-grade class at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains recently dressed in their pajamas to listen to the "Polar Express."

## St. Barnabas Expands Special Children's Center

Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston will premiere its new 7,000-square foot Valerie Fund Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders today, Thursday, December 31.

The center, which has expanded to fill almost half of a floor in the East Wing of Saint Barnabas Medical Center, will offer patients and their families comfort, convenience and exceptional medical care by conforming to staff specifications and the special needs of patients.

The center will also have on-site access to the resources of Saint Barnabas Medical Center.

"We are thrilled to open an incredible facility unmatched in the region," stated Dr. Richard Sills, Director of The Valerie Fund Children's Center at Saint Barnabas. "Everything about the physical design has been done with the children and their families in mind. We offer superb medical care in an atmosphere that comforts and relaxes the families and young patients."

The center will feature a playroom for younger children, a separate area for adolescents, a reception and waiting area with seating for families, and a refreshment room with coffee, snacks, breakfast and lunch.

The areas for young and older children will include age-appropriate entertainment and educational materials, along with decorations which were made with the help of child life specialists.

Children may receive treatment in the infusion area where each unit has a chair and television with space for parents who want to stay with their children during treatment.

"The new site was designed to be child-friendly using as much input as possible from patients' families," stated Loisanne McKenna, Director of Nursing, Pediatric Services at Saint Barnabas.

The center will consist of five hematologist/oncologists, specially-trained pediatric nurse clinicians, play therapists and social workers who provide medical care, education and support to families.

The resources of Saint Barnabas Medical Center, including emergency medicine physicians, surgeons, urologists, neurosurgeons, orthopedic surgeons, radiation oncologists, pathologists, radiologists, social workers and other health professionals will be available to care for the center's children.

For information about The Valerie Fund Children's Center at Saint Barnabas, please call (973) 322-2800.



VALUABLE COLLECTION...Troop No. 1 Girl Scouts Victoria Shelus, Allison Gigantelli, Paula Ansari, Malina Milonnet, Christine Morris and Alan Ebersole, Site Manager of the Fanwood Recycling Center, look over some children's books collected for the Girl Scout Book Drive.

## Local Girl Scouts Conducting Book Drive Through February

SCOTCH PLAINS — Girl Scouts from Scotch Plains and Fanwood, with the cooperation of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Association, are holding a book drive through February.

Donations of books and educational materials for children ages 4 to 13 may be brought to the Fanwood Recycling Center on North Avenue from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

This drive will benefit special needs school children in Newark, an AIDS children's facility in Jersey City, and a battered women's shelter.

Donations of low bookcases, four feet and under in height, are also needed.

For more information or pick-up

of large donations, please call Marcia Anderson, Community Manager of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Girl Scouts, at (908) 769-8610.

### Board of Education Plans Next Meeting

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Board of Education will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 12, at 8 p.m. in the Administration Building, 302 Elm Street in Westfield.

A copy of the board's agenda will be available on Monday, January 11, at the office of the Board Secretary in the Administration Building. The public is invited to attend.

## The Chelsea Sets Workshop On Coping With Weather

FANWOOD — The Chelsea at Fanwood, 295 South Avenue in Fanwood will hold a free workshop, "Hypothermia and Heat Exhaustion, How to Handle Extreme Weather," on Wednesday, January 27, from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Carmela Warne, of Visiting Nurse & Health Services, will offer a presentation about how to prevent hypothermia, how to stay protected from the cold, and how to prepare for extreme weather.

Ms Warne will also speak about preventing heat exhaustion and how to cope with summer.

This workshop is part of The Chelsea at Fanwood's ongoing Community Education Program. Refreshments will be served.

Due to limited seating, reservations are requested. To obtain more information or to make a reservation for this workshop, please call Marjorie Deas, Director of Community Relations, at (908) 654-5200.

## Music Studio Orchestra Sets First Night Performance

WESTFIELD — The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) has announced that The Music Studio Chamber Orchestra will perform as part of the First Night festivities on New Year's Eve in downtown Westfield.

The 12-member ensemble will play from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. and again 8:30 to 9:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 414 East Broad Street.

Currently, the ensemble consists of Theresa Kiesel, first violin; Philip Klein, first violin; Rosemary Topar, first violin; Janet Lyman, second violin; Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg, viola; Carl Baron, cello; Alison McCabe, string bass; Tom Lyman, harp; and Kevin Topar, percussion and guest artist Wayne Smith, cello.

The Orchestra began in 1980 with group lessons on violin, viola, cello and string bass for children and their parents sponsored by Westfield Recreation Commission.

The ensemble was originally entitled, "The Parent Partners String Ensemble," but later evolved into The Music Studio Chamber Orchestra.

The Orchestra's repertoire consists of a broad range of genres. Traditional pieces such as Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 3" and Handel's Allegro from "Concerto Grosso, Opus. 6 No. 1" are rounded out by Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Memory," from the musical, *Cats*.

Songs from *Beauty and the Beast* and *Les Miserables* are also represented in the group's musical line-up. The orchestra plays a variety of other traditional pieces drawn from bluegrass, jazz, and popular styles. Wayne Smith, guest artist, cello and Tom Lyman, harp,

will be featured as soloists at the First Night performance.

For more information on program enrollment and on engaging or joining their free ensembles (the Chamber Orchestra, Concert Band, and Jazz Band have openings on all instruments), please call (908) 789-9696.

### Film Commission Announces Internship Opportunities

The Educational Advisory Board of the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission will offer internships to students enrolled in film, television, and communications degree programs for the Spring 1999 semester and are open to students presently enrolled in New Jersey colleges and universities.

During a full semester internship in the office of the commission, students will become involved with the pre-production and production coordination of motion pictures, television programs and commercials.

They will assist in the scouting of film locations and the preparation of research material for presentation to production companies. Students will also have the opportunity to visit the sets of features and television shows being made in the state.

Interns will be unpaid, and college credits must be arranged through a student's faculty advisor. Interested students may request further information by accessing the commission's web site at [www.nj.com/njfilm](http://www.nj.com/njfilm) or writing or calling the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission, 153 Halsey Street, 5th Floor, P.O. Box 47023, Newark, 07101 or (973) 648-6279.



FAMILY SCIENCE...Students and parents of Wilson Elementary School in Westfield recently participated in the Family Science enrichment program. The six-week program helped the children to improve their critical thinking skills, and focused on cooperative learning and working in teams. The event also taught the children which liquid soap makes the best bubbles and how to make cream freeze into ice cream. Pictured, left to right, are: first row, Caitlin Jennings, Brittany Shaykevich, Melanie Brown, Nina Subhas, and Sara Anthony; second row, Julian Betancourt, Patrick Hughes, Lauren McCurdy, Andrew Patel-Schneider, Justin Adams, Drew Ritter, Robert Delaney; and teachers, Laura Schneider and Carolyn Meyer.