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Planning Bd. Turns Down Subdivision

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Taking a strong stance against granting variances for proposed subdivisions in residential neighborhoods, the Westfield Planning Board unanimously denied a proposed plan on Scotch Plains Avenue after a long and well presented case on behalf of clients Toby Two Realty of Westfield.

The developers, brothers Don, and John Sisto, who live in Westfield, recently purchased the property in hopes of creating two lots. Their hopes, however, were dashed by an unanimous denial by the Planning Board, whose members cited concern that this development will hurt the neighborhood and town in the long term.

The property, located at 128 Scotch Plains Avenue, currently has an existing dwelling set off center on the property.

The proposed plan would create two lots, with one lot being standard in size and side yard setback, in accordance with town ordinances as set by the Master Plan. The case, presented by Peter Wolfson of Dillon, Bitar & Luther of Morristown, was well researched and efficiently presented.

Mr. Wolfson and Peter Steck, a planner from Maplewood, presented a case seeking numerous variances, including a proposed side yard between the two lots of 12 feet versus the standard 20 feet set by the town for new construction.

At the center of this discussion was a bay window, which the applicant felt need not be removed due to its architectural significance to the home.

Town Engineer and Board Member Kenneth B. Marsh disagreed. "A bay window is more appropriate with a view," which would not exist with a home only 12 feet away, he commented.

The board was greatly concerned about the effect of 'shoe-horning in' another home as well as the possibility of future subdivisions as owners of large lots, located in the neighborhood, would be racing to the board,

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Rec. Board Mulls Lack of Parks Maintenance Dept.; Discusses Poor Condition of Schools' Gyms

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

For a third consecutive year, the Westfield Town Council has turned down a request from the Recreation Commission to fund a separate parks and fields department, reported Recreation Commission Director, Dr. Seymour Koslowsky at Monday night's Recreation Commission meeting.

Recreation Director Glenn S. Burrell stated that he submitted proposals to the Town Council in both 1998 and 1999, requesting a full-



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JUST HANGING AROUND...Sherri Carter holds onto her daughter, Stephanie, 2, as she tries to use the monkey bars at Mindowaskin Park in Westfield.

Administrator Says Tax Impact To Fund Deck Would Be Nominal

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

In a telephone interview with *The Westfield Leader*, Westfield Town Administrator Thomas P. Shannon reviewed the construction costs for the parking decks proposed for downtown Westfield.

According to Mr. Shannon, the proposed deck or decks would have a nominal tax impact on taxpayers, as most costs would be offset by current parking revenue.

Depending on the option chosen, one moderately sized deck or two smaller decks, taxpayers may see between a one and five tax increase per \$100 of assessed value to cover the costs, which translate into \$18 per year and \$90 per year leveraged over a five-year period, respectively.

Addressing the Town Council and several dozen residents at last week's Town Council meeting, Mr. Shannon gave a breakdown of cost estimates for one moderately sized deck

on the south side lot, also called Lot 3A and for a second smaller deck on the Prospect Street lot adjacent to Trader Joe's, also called Lot 1, extended.

Estimates for a larger deck were given in the most recent report issued by Rich and Associates, a consulting firm hired to develop the a "Comprehensive Parking Plan," for the town, however, Mr. Shannon told *The Leader*, that the town is more likely to consider a smaller scale than the largest deck in the report.

According to Mr. Shannon, a small to moderate sized deck on Lot 3, similar in size to the deck proposed by Rich and Associates for Lot 1, would accommodate approximately 800 cars and would be ground level plus three supported levels, with an overall height of approximately 35 feet.

According to Mr. Shannon, this deck would cost somewhere between \$10 and \$13 million to construct.

This would translate into a bond debt of approximately \$1.1 million a year over 20 years. Adding to that yearly debt the operating costs for other parking services, such as meter maintenance and parking employees, a cost of \$400,000 per year would result in a total yearly debt of \$1.5 million for all parking-related costs.

However, projected meter, ticket and permit increases are estimated to take in revenue between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million per year, which will offset these costs. At most, a \$300,000 shortfall is projected, which would result in a 0 to two cent tax increase per \$100 of assessed value, or \$18 per year for an average house.

The overall cost for a second deck at Prospect Street, which would also be small to moderate in size, is estimated at \$9.3 million.

The projected costs for constructing two small decks, consecutively,

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Council Introduces Budget With 2 Cent Hike in Tax Rate

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Town Council officially introduced its municipal budget Tuesday night that calls for a 2 cent increase in the municipal tax rate, from 67 to 69 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, to support a \$24,324,685 spending plan.

A total of \$12,595,289 will be raised through property taxes.

This year's increase in the municipal tax rate is the lowest since 1995, when taxes rose a cent.

Former Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko explained that the spending plan will result in an average increase of \$36 for a home in town assessed at \$174,000, with a market value of \$325,000.

The council last week agreed to reduce the appropriations side of the budget by \$146,000, per state legislation to reduce the Police and Firemen's System, thus bringing the projected tax levy increase down from 3 cents to 2.2 cents. Auditors told officials to put the increase at 2 cents.

The town also got word that the state will amend the budget to account for a \$119,000 business and property tax adjustment. Mr. Gottko said, however, that it is not known if this change will impact the tax rate. That decision rests with the Union County Board of Taxation, which sets the tax rates.

Among the highlights in this year's budget on the capital expense side are \$80,000 in repairs for the North

Avenue Fire Headquarters, \$75,000 as part of a multi-year plan to refurbish bureaus in the police department, \$220,000 for a residential sidewalk repair and replacement program, and \$125,000 for professional services to move ahead with the redevelopment project for Memorial Park. The latter does not include the pool expansion project.

Another \$222,000 is included to move ahead with the repair of the Mindowaskin Park overlook.

On the operational side of the budget, the Westfield Memorial Library received \$1,177,094, \$20,000 below what the Library Board of Trustees had requested but \$24,000 over last year and \$61,000 over the amount mandated through state statute.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim joined First Ward Councilman Carl A. Salisbury in voting against the budget introduction. Mr. Salisbury said he had some "philosophical concerns" over the budget.

The councilman had previously indicated he would not support a budget which did not at least deliver a flat tax rate this year. He had been seeking a reduction of 2 cents in the tax rate.

Mayor Jardim indicated he had concerns on the amount of surplus used in the budget.

A total of \$2.3 million was used out of the \$3.1 million in surplus funds this year, along with \$570,000 from the municipal assets account –

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Pool Memberships Sold Up Until May 1 Cycle

By KIM KINTER
AND INGRID MCKINLEY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The second phase of the sale of Westfield Memorial Pool memberships for the 2000 summer season ended prematurely Tuesday when all 1,800 available spots were sold.

No more pool memberships will be available for sale again until Monday, May 1, when memberships will be open to everyone, including those

people wound around the building and down the sidewalk of East Broad Street.

The line became much shorter by 11:30 a.m., however, according to Mr. Gildea.

He said that about 60 percent of the registrants on Monday and Tuesday were new residents in Westfield who were unable to get into the pool last year.

The Recreation Commission



Ingrid McKinley for The Westfield Leader

AND THE LINE GOES ON...Swarms of Westfielders lined up on Monday to get a chance to register for Westfield Memorial Pool membership. The second phase of the sale of Westfield Memorial Pool memberships for the 2000 summer season ended prematurely Tuesday when all 1,800 available spots were sold. No more pool memberships will be available for sale again until Monday, May 1, when memberships will be open to everyone, including those who live outside of Westfield.

who live outside of Westfield. Again, openings for 1,800 individuals will be available.

Beginning April 3 and continuing through this month, pool memberships were open to all Westfield residents, whether or not they were pool members in 1999.

Sign-ups were to be taken until 80 percent of pool capacity, or 7,200 individuals, was achieved. Because 5,400 members from last year had signed up during March, there was room in April for 1,800 more individuals.

The 1,800 capacity, however, was reached by 8:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Assistant Recreation Director James Gildea said that on the first day of the sign-up on Monday, about 1,550 were registered, leaving only some 260 spots available through Tuesday.

The first person to sign up for membership on Monday arrived at 5:30 a.m., Mr. Gildea said. A second person arrived at 6:45 a.m. and by 8:30 a.m., a line of more than 150

changed its sign-up process this year after membership sold out last summer for the first time in the 30-year history of the pool.

Recreation Commission members felt this new arrangement was a way to guarantee each "wave" of membership a fair opportunity to purchase pool passes.

During the month of March, pool members from last year were given first crack at memberships for 2000. Accepted memberships were cut off once 60 percent, or 5,400 of the pool's capacity of 9,000, was reached. The maximum of 5,400 was reached March 28.

April was designated for Westfield residents who were not previous members and for previous members who did not sign up in March. May has been designated for out-of-town sign-ups and for all Westfield residents.

Despite a town-wide mailing by the Recreation Department, advertising and information that appeared

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By KIM KINTER
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Fanwood Borough Police have filed additional charges against two men recently arrested in connection with several Westfield burglaries.

Jeremiah Shoemaker, 25, and Michael Galasso, 37, who both told police they were homeless and who both recently stayed in the Plainfield YMCA, have been charged with burglary and theft in connection with the break-in of a South Avenue home in Fanwood, said Detective Eugene Chin of the Fanwood Police Department.

The men, who were arrested March 21 and 22, are also charged in connection with some burglaries in Westfield. They are being held in the Union County Jail in Elizabeth.

Detective Chin said that when the men were apprehended they gave statements in which they admitted to burglarizing the Fanwood home.

During the burglary, jewelry and cash totaling less than \$50,000 were

time parks maintenance department, which the Recreation Commission feels is sorely needed.

Currently, the town's Department of Public Works is responsible for this maintenance.

Town Administrator, Thomas Shannon told *The Westfield Leader*, that the Town Council has put aside this plan in favor of another more economical solution for the parks and fields.

"Our plan, which we instituted several weeks ago, is to give the Recreation Commission control over

manpower of our Department of Public Works," Mr. Shannon explained.

According to Mr. Shannon, this method is more economical and is looking very promising so far.

Also of concern at Monday night's meeting were the state of many of the town's school gymnasiums, described by Recreation Commission member Thomas Cusimano as being in "deplorable condition" and greatly in need of repair.

"The high school girl's gym is an embarrassment and the floors are dangerous," Mr. Cusimano told the

taken, he said.

The detective said the department is continuing to investigate several other recent Fanwood burglaries to determine if the men had any involvement.

Scotch Plains Police who also were looking into the possibility that one or both of the men were involved in several township burglaries were unable to make any connection.

The new year has brought a number of house burglaries in the Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood communities.

In Scotch Plains and Fanwood, police are unconcerned about the number of burglaries, saying that there were no more than usual.

In Westfield, however, there has been an increase in burglaries compared to the same period a year ago.

Lieutenant John M. Parizeau said that from January 1 through March 31 this year there were 23 burglaries, compared to five during the same time in 1999.

This year during that period there were six business burglaries and 17 residential burglaries, including three attempted burglaries.

In 1999 during the period, there were two business burglaries and two residential burglaries, including one attempt.

Lieutenant Parizeau pointed out that when statistics are in for the entire year of 2000, there may actually be no more burglaries than the previous year, but that the incidents have been up so far this year.

Of the 23 burglaries so far this year, 14 occurred in March and six near the end of February.

With the arrest of Shoemaker and Galasso, Lieutenant Parizeau said that several of the burglaries, particularly those on the south side, were solved. But, he added, that several have occurred since the two men's arrest.

Lieutenant Parizeau said that the police department will continue to watch the situation for any trends or signs to connect them together as they did with the recent string on the south side.

Westfield police had been investigating

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LOOKING FOR BOOKS...Marie Murphy, left, and Aileen Rivell search through the children's books at the book sale being held at the Westfield Memorial Library. The sale, which will continue through Saturday, is used as a fundraiser to purchase items to be used by the library. These purchases include reference books, technology for the computers and online subscription fees, as well as books on loan to the public. Over 100 volunteers man the sale over the course of the sale.

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seeking variances to create smaller lots and profiting from current Westfield property value boom.

Troubling the board members is the fact that by granting the requested variances and allowing this subdivision, in a neighborhood already with a large percentage of lots substandard in size, the board would be further encouraging this action.

Board Member Robert Newell was vocal in his dissent about the proposed plan. He questioned Mr. Steck, as a planner, if he supported an increase in dramatic nonconformity as was being presented.

The board felt any hardships the case presented were self imposed by the applicant and could not be weighed heavily in determining the case.

Mr. Wolfson, along with the Sistos, were very accommodating to the board, agreeing to change the design of the new home being planned so that the board could have something to review.

The board mulled over the possibility of presenting all this before the Architectural Review Board, but the subdivision was unanimously denied, making the point moot.

Another minor subdivision, proposed at 718 East Broad Street, was postponed until the board's next meeting in May. This is the second postponement of a hearing for the subdivision.

The applicant's planner was not available for the presentation, which the board feels is necessary for the case.

The Chambers, filled with residents from the neighboring area of the proposed subdivision, left following the announcement of the postponement.

In other business the request by the May Department Stores, owners of Lord & Taylor, to erect a new store sign was transferred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The store is asking to erect a logo sign on the rear facade of the existing department store.

Board Chairman Martin Robins felt the sign was not a decision the board could make and felt it should be referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The sign, recommended by the Downtown Westfield Corporation, is to be a means of advertising and attracting shoppers to Westfield as it will be visible from New Jersey Transit trains.

Master Gardener Set To Speak on Annuals

WESTFIELD — Master Gardener Julius Stang will discuss gardening with annual flowers during a program on Wednesday, April 12, at 10 a.m. at Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street in Westfield.

In partnership with Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Mr. Stang will explain how to plant a garden and select the best annual plants.

Interested individuals may register at the library, which may be reached by calling (908) 789-4090.

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Finally, the board approved the final site plan for a proposed mixed-use project including retail, apartments and townhouses along a small section of Central and Cacciola Avenues.

The project was given preliminary approval by the board September 1. Ralph Rapuano, a Westfield developer, has proposed a retail and residential development.

Many residents in the area objected to the plan, and the Planning Board issued several conditions to Mr. Rapuano before final approval could be given.

Conditions have been met and board members said they are satisfied with the proposed project.

When the project begins, numerous buildings—including homes where people currently reside—will be demolished.

The project is still subject to the signing of a "developer's agreement," which is a formal agreement entered into by the town and Mr. Rapuano.

In a brief interview the day after the meeting, Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, who is a member of the board, said that part of the developer's agreement will be the development of a relocation plan and assistance for some of the residents who will be affected by the project.

He said that the details of the agreement still need to be "hashed out."

Pool Membership

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on several local Web sites and on Channel 36, the local access channel, many people seemed uninformed about the new sign-up process and missed deadlines, Mr. Gildea said.

The line up Monday represented a mixture of residents who were not pool members last year, as well as those who forgot to sign up during the month of March.

Pat Gillhaus, a lifelong Westfield resident, remarked, "This is ridiculous. Last year was the first year I did not become a member. I can't believe I need to be put on the newcomer list after having been a pool member for 22 years."

Becky Wall, accompanied by her two children, is a new resident of Westfield and commented, "I moved from Chicago. I am used to lining up early."

Yvette Scola did not belong to the pool last year. "With my husband and I working full time, we really didn't feel a need to become pool members last year. Now I have my little son, Cameron, and the pool is important."

Mr. Gildea said that in the last few years, non-resident pool membership has been running between 12 and 15 percent. Even if every out-of-town member signs up again this season, Mr. Gildea said, 5 percent of the final 1,800 spaces will still be available to Westfield residents.

Although the Recreation Department can take no new memberships during April, membership card holders may have their pictures taken, which are needed for the cards, during regular weekly office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The department office will also be open on Tuesday, April 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Deborah Madison contributed to this story.

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ment of Public Works (DPW). He requested that the Recreation Commission and the town approve this contribution from the DPW. He also said that state grants could be pursued if the town gave the project its approval.

"We would like the town to champion this project and make a commitment to seeing this accomplished," Mr. Carr expressed.

The Recreation Commission requested that Mr. Carr return with a contribution estimate from Holy Trinity as well as a more detailed cost estimate for the park's construction to be presented at next month's meeting.

Sod laying on Sycamore Field has resumed and all of the sod will be in place by the end of next week. The Recreation Commission decided to delay use of this field until further notice in order to insure the proper rooting of the sod, which will not be secure for several weeks. The commission will make a re-determination regarding the use of this field at its next meeting.

Mr. Burrell reported that he met with Kinsey and Associates and several neighborhood parents regarding the "seating wall" at Sycamore Park.

Several area residents objected to the newly constructed "seating wall" on the grounds that it was unsafe for children to play on or around.

Kinsey and Associates is taking the position that this type of wall has been safely used in other playgrounds

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consisting mostly of land sales over a number of years—to offset the amount to be raised in taxes. Surplus funds include money appropriated but not spent in the previous year, along with unanticipated revenues such as grants.

Other revenue sources include: \$600,000 in construction fees and permits, \$181,000 in interest on taxes that are paid late, \$750,000 in interest on investments and deposits made by the town and \$641,000 for money received from residents who prepay the school portion of their property taxes.

Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan noted that this year's budget is one of the most "aggressive" spending plans he has seen in terms of the "revenue assumptions" made. He stated that the budget also includes a number of one-time revenue items.

He said he was "disappointed" that the council was not unanimous in his vote for the budget, indicating he had promised to "swallow hard." Mr. Sullivan has been concerned over use of the asset funds. He believes this account should not fund the operational side of the budget.

Mr. Gottko noted that, through the budget process, the council made \$239,000 in spending cuts. A 5 cent hike, delivering an increase of \$90 per homeowner, had originally been considered by the governing body.

The council also approved introduction of the budget for the Downtown Westfield Corporation of \$299,500. That budget includes a promotion spending plan of \$98,000, \$20,000 for economic development and \$133,000 for operational costs, including \$92,500 in salaries and wages for staff.

The budget is supported through an assessment on properties within the town's special improvement district. Several council Republicans, led by

McDermott Favors Jitney Bus Service in Westfield

WESTFIELD — Saying the Westfield Town Council should be more proactive in developing parking solutions for residents in addition to the proposed parking deck, First Ward Councilman Gregory S. McDermott has proposed the implementation of a bus or jitney service for commuter and shoppers.

"Concerns over the parking deck's size and location have been an issue in Westfield for the past 20 years, and it's important to have a healthy dialogue regarding where the final site will be located," said Mr. McDermott. "But the deck should be viewed as only one piece of the ultimate parking solution, and a long range one at that. Any decision on the parking deck will take some time to implement, and the construction will take at least 15 months. I am proposing immediate solutions in order to help commuters and downtown shoppers, not tomorrow, but today," he added.

Mr. McDermott said the Town Council should consider purchasing a bus with an influx of aid from the state thanks to legislation that would reduce the town's pension payment obligations for the Police and

Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS).

He said after Governor Christine Todd Whitman signs the bill, as expected, Westfield would be in line for \$146,615 in additional aid. Mr. McDermott also suggested implementing a jitney service modeled after Maplewood's, which charges \$1 per trip.

"For that price, I think people would be thrilled to have a fast, convenient form of transportation around town," he said. "I think we need to be more flexible in our thinking when it comes to providing parking options for our residents. The parking deck is something Westfield needs but it is only right that we take a slow, deliberative approach to building one. In the interim, a bus or jitney service could certainly help to meet the needs our commuters and shoppers," Mr. McDermott stated.

Burglaries

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tigating the burglaries when they first apprehended Shoemaker.

Shoemaker was apprehended and charged by Westfield police following the report of a burglary in a Westfield Avenue home. A woman was returning home and spotted a man moving away from her front door. She asked him questions and then reported the incident to police, along with a detailed description.

The suspect, who fit the description the woman gave police, was picked up a short time later walking on North Avenue towards Scotch Plains. Property taken from the Westfield Avenue address was found on the man's possession.

Westfield Police knew from descriptions from other burglaries that occurred on the south side of town that another man might be involved.

Westfield police sent details about the town's burglaries and Shoemaker to area communities, and the next day Plainfield police contacted Westfield authorities about Galasso, who they were questioning and who they thought might be connected to the house break-ins.

Plainfield Police Chief Edward Santiago said there had been some house burglaries in Plainfield and that police had put together a team of officers who were patrolling the area March 22 when a house alarm was activated.

After interviewing people who were near the scene of the alarm activation, police were able to piece together a description and apprehend Galasso.

Parking Deck

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including the additional parking maintenance costs, would be \$1.5 million for the first deck and an additional \$1.2 million for the second deck.

This would be offset by an estimated yearly revenue of \$1.8 million, which includes revenue from the first deck or, at most, a \$900,000 shortfall.

The projected tax burden for constructing two decks would result in an estimated tax increase of five cents, incrementally leveraged over five years, or a one cent per year increase per \$100 of assessed value. The tax burden would be one cent the first year, two cents the second, and so on, which would translate into approximately \$90 leverage over five years for an average house.

Construction for two decks is estimated to take five to six years and shuttle service to the train station is proposed during construction. The proposed retail space, it is estimated, would break even.

The estimated yearly parking revenue was predicated on changes being made to the current parking regulations, including raising meter, ticket and permit fees and stricter enforcement.

According to the report by Rich and Associates, the revenue projections are based on raising permit spaces north of North Avenue to \$70 per month up from \$30 per month, and raising short-term meter rates from 25 cents an hour to 50 cents an hour.

Permits south of North Avenue would be increased from \$40 per month to \$50 per month and parking fines for overtime meters would increase from \$13 to \$15. Parking regulations must be diligently enforced to insure parking reallocation and projected revenues.

These proposed increases would insure that the majority of commuters and retail employees, who need long-term parking, utilize the deck, freeing up most short-term spaces north of North Avenue for shoppers. This reallocation is the key element to making a South Side parking deck a success.

Recommended sources of funding for the decks, besides a local bond referendum, could come from the Federal Highway TEA Program or NJ Transit.

Mr. Shannon said that the town will look into other state grant and funding options.

Mr. Shannon emphasized that these are only very preliminary cost estimates and proposed sizes, based on a proposal that may change dramatically after a thorough traffic study. Other options and locations will still be considered as public discussions continue and as more information comes to light, Mr. Shannon added.

Union County Honors Women of Excellence

By MARYLOU MORANO

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

An entrepreneur, a sheriff's officer, an advocate for the disabled and nine other outstanding Union County Women have been honored as Women of Excellence by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women.

The eighth annual dinner recognizing the women was held on March 31 at the Westwood in Garwood.

Among the recipients - all chosen because of their contributions and achievements — were several women from Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Willette BaCote of Fanwood was honored for her advocacy for the rights and needs of all people. Ms. BaCote is the program coordinator for three projects run by the Plainfield Board of Education - Every Person Influences Children (EPIC), Teens Effective As Mothers (TEAM) and Individuals Making Positive Appropriate Choices Training (IMPACT). She is also involved with the Plainfield Health Center and the United Way of Union County.

Co-owner and manager of Freshwater's Restaurant in Plainfield, Sharon Freshwater was honored for entrepreneurship. Ms. Freshwater has expanded the restaurant from a small take-out shop to a highly acclaimed restaurant.

Noted for its soul food cuisine, Freshwater's Restaurant has received recognition from *The New York Daily News* and a four star rating from *The Star-Ledger*. Ms. Freshwater mentors others in the soul food restaurant business and she is a volunteer with AGAPE Foundation — an agency that helps children living with AIDS.

Fanwood resident Patricia A. Plante was recognized for her volunteer spirit.

A highly successful Westfield realtor, Ms. Plante is an active volunteer with numerous community groups from the Brownies to the Union County Committee on Shared Services. She has also organized drives for local food banks, refugees from Kosovo and low-income women entering the workforce.

Lenore Scurry of Westfield was also honored for volunteerism. Ms. Scully is an On-Air Chairwoman for the Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Telethon for the United Negro College Fund, and as chair, she has

raised millions of dollars for education. She was the first African American president of "Soroptimist," an agency that raises money to help battered women. Ms. Scully also serves as the financial secretary for The Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick.

Holly E. Wetscher of Westfield received a Woman of Excellence Award for her work in Healthcare. Through her writing, advocacy, and public education effort, Ms. Wetscher has been a role model for the severely disabled.

She has been a Rehabilitation Counselor for United Palsy and she currently serves on the Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled and was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Alliance for the Disabled in Action.

Other Women receiving awards were: Joanne M. Caruso of Cranford for Community Service, Marcia Cohen of Summit for Arts and Humanities, Anne Evans Estabrook of Cranford for Business, Dr. Denise C. Lagos of Chatham for Education, Freeholder Deborah Scanlon of Union for Government and Sergeant Nancy Zimmerman of Kenilworth for Law Enforcement.

"These women we are honoring come from all walks of life and all parts of Union County, but they all share one thing in common - a concern about their communities," commented Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "All have demonstrated a commitment to building better, stronger communities."

"The recipients of these awards become important role models for women across Union County," said Freeholder Linda D. Stender, the Board of Chosen Freeholders liaison to the Commission and herself a former Woman of Excellence Award recipient.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders created the Union County Commission on the Status of Women in 1976. It is currently chaired by Carolyn Vollerio of Cranford.

The Commission studies and addresses the needs and issues critical to the quality of life of Union County women. In addition to the annual Women of Excellence Award Dinner, the commission develops and presents special programs of interest to women, advises the Board of Chosen Freeholders on issues concerning women, and acts as a liaison between the freeholders and the community.

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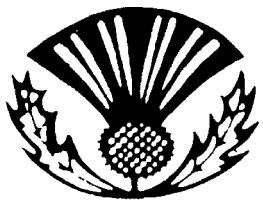
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Club Malibu Neighbors Speak Out About Problems at SP Nightspot

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A half-dozen residents living near Club Malibu in Scotch Plains spoke last week about having to deal with excessive noise, trash, vandalism, traffic and crowds that were directly related, they said, to the lax management and operation of the now-closed Terrill Road nightspot.

At the second of what will likely be several hearings before the Township Council, acting in its capacity as local alcohol control board, the six homeowners from Scotch Plains and Plainfield were nearly united in their opposition to renewing the liquor license for the club, which is now owned by Rayric Corporation.

In seeking a license restoration, which expired last July 1, the new owners are promising to revamp the management, crowd control and security, and parking situation at Malibu, which closed early last year after a fatal shooting in November 1998.

Prior to the residents' testimony at the March 29 meeting, Scotch Plains Police Sergeant James A. Cassidy, the local liquor control officer, completed his testimony that had begun at the first session on February 29.

Questioned by Kenneth Lipstein, who served as Municipal Prosecutor last year and is handling this case for the Township, Sergeant Cassidy said that, in his five years in the liquor control post, no other establishment in Scotch Plains has had the number of police calls and difficulties that

Club Malibu has had.

Councilman Tarquin Jay Bromley led Sergeant Cassidy through a listing of several liquor-serving establishments in the township, including Pantagis Renaissance, the American Legion hall and Charlie Brown's, and asked Sergeant Cassidy to compare the level of problems at those businesses with Malibu. Except for a few isolated incidents, specifically at Pantagis and Charlie Brown's, Sergeant Cassidy said the Township Police Department has never had Malibu-like problems with these other establishments.

Despite the objections of Rayric's attorney, Neil Cohen, that several of the resident witnesses were not Scotch Plains residents, Prosecutor Lipstein first questioned Edward Washington of Edwin Place in Plainfield, who said life for him has "been hell" because of his proximity to Club Malibu. He listed several complaints, including "the volume of music," which he said causes him to feel vibrations inside his home; the cars illegally parking on his street, despite signs marking the street as a no-parking zone during overnight hours; urination on his property; fights on or near his property; and empty beer bottles left on his property.

Mr. Washington said it was "unbearable at times," and added that there have been no problems since the nightclub closed 14 months ago.

Clara Perrucci, another Edwin Place resident, also complained about

the noise levels and told of empty bottles and cans strewn on her property when the club was open. When Mr. Lipstein asked her if there had been similar problems since its closing last year, Mrs. Perrucci said no. She also said that when Malibu was open for business, but closed for a particular evening, no problematic incidents, such as those she described, ever occurred. She expressed her objection to a renewal of the liquor license.

Grace Trocideo of Edwin Place echoed her neighbors' sentiments, saying her experience with Club Malibu had been "pretty rough," adding that matters had worsened over the years leading to the Thanksgiving 1998 shooting. Like her neighbors, Mrs. Trocideo said matters had improved since the club's closing and stated her objection to renewing Malibu's liquor license.

Edward Kollin, who lives behind Club Malibu on Malanga Place, said he, too, has been annoyed by the noise levels from the nightspot, a problem he felt had gotten worse in the few years prior to its closing.

Curious about the decibel levels that caused the windows in his home to vibrate, Mr. Kollin, who said he had experience as an audio engineer, said he set up equipment to measure the noise levels in his home.

But when Mr. Lipstein attempted to allow Mr. Kollin to discuss his findings, Mr. Cohen strongly objected, saying that Mr. Kollin would then be testifying as an expert wit-

ness, not a resident providing his personal observations.

After Mr. Cohen complained he had received no advance word that Mr. Kollin would be talking about his noise-measuring efforts and stating that, in fairness, independent tests would need to be conducted to compare to Mr. Kollin's findings, any discussion about Mr. Kollin's tests was disallowed by Douglas Hansen, the Township Attorney serving as legal advisor to the Council.

When Mr. Kollin stated his objection to a renewal of Malibu's liquor license, Mr. Cohen, as he did with most of the resident witnesses, asked him whether, if steps were taken to reduce the noise levels emanating from the club, he would feel more comfortable.

Mr. Kollin, who estimated his house to be about 600 feet from Malibu, said he didn't believe it would be possible to reduce the sound of the music to a level that would satisfy both those living near the club and those who patronized the establishment.

Another Malanga Place resident, Allison Kaufman, also called attention to the noise levels at Malibu. She

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Ingrid McKinley for The Times

WILL SHE MAKE THE SHOT?...Mary McClean of Westfield takes a private lesson to improve her putting skills at Scotch Hills Golf Course in Scotch Plains. John Turnbull of Scotch Plains is the general manager and golf professional for the course. He is also the Westfield High School Golf Coach.

Fanwood Planning Board to Begin Review of Draft Zoning Ordinance

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

The Fanwood Planning Board is about to begin its formal review of a draft zoning ordinance which the Borough Council hopes to unveil by summer, officials confirmed this week.

A chapter-by-chapter discussion of the long-awaited document by the board is expected to begin at the body's next agenda meeting on Monday, April 17, according to Zoning Officer and Planning Board member Nancy Koederitz.

A comprehensive document more than 200 pages in length, the new ordinance will replace an existing

ing body Liaison to the Planning Board, the ordinance will not be introduced until the Planning Board and the council have thoroughly reviewed the document and the council has reached a consensus on the final version of the ordinance.

He said the board has been given until June to review the draft ordinance and to supply the council with

prescribed under state statute because of the document's significance to the future of Fanwood.

He added that board members have also been asked to provide elected officials with comments as they review each section of the ordinance, rather than after all of their amendments have been compiled.

Mr. Whitaker revealed that, as in-



FAMILY TRADITION...Cynthia Swindlehurst is sworn in as the newest Democratic member of the Fanwood Borough Council on March 28 by Mayor Louis C. Jung, left, during a private ceremony in his office at Borough Hall. Ms. Swindlehurst was named to fill the unexpired term of former Councilman William E. Populus, Jr., who retired from the governing body on March 1. Looking on are her parents, Barbara and John Swindlehurst, both of whom were council members themselves. Mr. Swindlehurst, the first Democrat ever to serve on the Fanwood council, was elected in 1969 and again in 1972. Mrs. Swindlehurst served from 1983 to 1986.

comments related to their approval or disapproval of the document, or any recommended changes to the text in its present form.

Councilman Whitaker told *The Times* the board was given an extension on the 35-day review period

formation is received from the Planning Board, the council will hold hearings of its own, at which time officials will evaluate input from both the board and the public. However, the council is not bound by the board's

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Geri M. Samuel Makes Her Bid For Mayor in First Direct Election

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Times

Scotch Plains Democratic Councilwoman Geri M. Samuel has formally filed papers that make official her candidacy for Mayor. Barring a primary battle, Mrs. Samuel will square off against the Republican candidate in the township's first-ever direct-election of a Mayor on November 7.

Mrs. Samuel was first elected to the council in the November 1998 election that saw the Democrats take control of the five-member governing body for the first time in two decades. Her two Democratic colleagues at the time, Tarquin Jay Bromley and the late Franklin P. Donatelli, selected her to serve as Mayor for 1999. Mrs. Samuel's council term runs through the end of 2002.

Two council seats, those currently held by Republicans Mayor Martin L. Marks and William F. McClintock, are up for election this fall. Under the direct election referendum that was approved by township voters last

November, one of those two seats will be designated as the elected Mayor's seat, with the other remaining as a council seat.

Mrs. Samuel said she is running for Mayor "because, after having



Geri M. Samuel

served as Mayor in 1999, I see the difference a full-time, dedicated Mayor can make to the citizens of

Scotch Plains."

She told *The Times* she would "continue to work with the council and Manager to forward the goals of the Recreation Commission while working with the Environmental Commission to maintain a balance between recreation and true open space."

She also wants to work to further develop and improve the downtown business district, and, noting the importance of grants, pointed out that Scotch Plains in 1999 had obtained \$1.1 million in various grants.

Additionally, Mrs. Samuel, referring to the recent initiative to explore shared services between Scotch Plains and Fanwood, "noted, for the record, that in October of 1999, I reached out to the Superintendent of Schools to set up a committee composed of representatives of Scotch Plains government, Fanwood government and the school board. It was not an idea new to the Republicans," she said. "I'm glad to see that my idea caught fire and has moved forward."

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Fanwood Police File Charges In String of Westfield Burglaries

By KIM KINTER
Specially Written for The Times

Fanwood Borough Police have filed additional charges against two men recently arrested in connection with several Westfield burglaries.

Jeremiah Shoemaker, 25, and Michael Galasso, 37, who both told police they were homeless and who both recently stayed in the Plainfield YMCA, have been charged with burglary and theft in connection with the break-in of a South Avenue home in Fanwood, said Detective Eugene Chin of the Fanwood Police Department.

The men, who were arrested March 21 and 22, are also charged in connection with some burglaries in Westfield. They are being held in the Union County Jail in Elizabeth.

Detective Chin said that when the men were apprehended they gave statements in which they admitted to burglarizing the Fanwood home.

During the burglary, jewelry and cash totaling less than \$50,000 were

taken, he said.

The detective said the department is continuing to investigate several other recent Fanwood burglaries to determine if the men had any involvement.

Scotch Plains Police who also were looking into the possibility that one or both of the men were involved in several township burglaries were unable to make any connection.

Westfield Police had been investigating a string of burglaries when they first apprehended Shoemaker.

Shoemaker was apprehended and charged by Westfield Police following the report of a burglary in a Westfield Avenue home. A woman was returning home and spotted a man moving away from her front door. She asked him questions and then reported the incident to police, along with a detailed description.

The suspect, who fit the description the woman gave police, was picked up a short time later walking on North Avenue towards Scotch

Plains. Property taken from the Westfield Avenue address was found on the man's possession.

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Scotch Plains Council Expected to Give Green Light to 2000 Municipal Budget

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Township Council will take up the 2000 municipal budget at next Tuesday's meeting, and, barring any surprises, is expected to approve the \$17,006,472 spending plan that includes no property tax increase to finance local government activities.

This year's budget represents an increase of 2.04 percent, or \$340,137, over last year's expenditure level, which itself was slightly more than 6 percent higher than the 1998 budget.

The Republican-controlled council decided to use more of the township's \$2.7 million surplus to offset the need for a tax hike. In addition, the local government will

pay for the budget increase by factoring in about \$200,000 in expected income from an arbitration settlement regarding construction of the senior citizens housing development on the south side of town as well as some \$86,000 in Tropical Storm Floyd reimbursements from the federal government.

At the council's conference meeting on Tuesday night, Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins, who had earlier called the process of putting together a lean budget a difficult process, reminded council members that most departments did not receive the level of funding they had originally requested.

His remarks were in response to several letters the council has re-

ceived that have been critical of the funding levels being proposed for the Township Library.

While the letters have decried a supposed cut in library funding for 2000, Mr. Atkins said this was untrue.

"We cut the library's funding request, but it's still higher than the 1999 level," he pointed out. The library's funding this year will increase by about 3.3 percent if the budget is approved next week.

Councilman William F. McClintock noted that "the library has been cut less over the years" than other departments.

There was also criticism that the budget doesn't fund a newly-created position at the library for the re-

quested eight-month period.

Instead, the new post will be funded for four months, with the new position becoming active in September, meaning it will be funded through the end of the calendar year. Mr. Atkins said that the position would then be fully funded in 2001 for the full year.

In other matters, Mayor Martin L. Marks said he is interested in participating in Union County's S.L.A.P. (Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program) initiative, which makes non-violent offenders available to localities to perform certain jobs.

Township Attorney Douglas Hansen explained that the participants were those required to serve

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Club Malibu Neighbors Speak Out About Nightspot

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said she could hear the music from the club even if she shut her doors and windows.

"I shouldn't have to do that," she stated, adding that the problems ceased when the nightclub closed last year. She, too, objected to a renewal of the liquor license.

Jerome Barnes of Alden Place in Plainfield ended the evening's testimony by recounting problems similar to the other witnesses. He told the council that since Malibu closed, there have been no problems with noise, litter, parking or crowds.

"In fact, the quality of life has improved," he said. When questioned about his feelings about renewing

the club's liquor license, Mr. Barnes said he had no problem with its operations, but did "object to the impact it has on my block."

Although no date for the next hearing has been formally set, it appears likely to take place in early May. Mr. Lipstein is expected to wrap up his case at that hearing by questioning Scotch Plains Police Chief Thomas O'Brien and Fire Chief Jonathan Ellis.

Mr. Cohen will then present the case for renewal of the operation's liquor license by questioning the principals of Rayric Corporation as well as others who will be involved in the management of the club.

Fanwood Planning Bd. to Begin Review of Zoning Ordinance

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recommendations in introducing or adopting the ordinance.

The councilman said officials hope that, "by June or July at the latest, we will have completed our review, any amendments will have been agreed to, and we will be able to introduce the ordinance in final form, with all of the council fully in agreement."

A copy of the draft ordinance is available for public review at the Fanwood Memorial Library. In addition, Mr. Whitaker said he would be willing to give any interested group a briefing on the ordinance. Organization representatives may reach the councilman through Fanwood Borough Hall at (908) 322-8236.

Anyone interested in purchasing a copy of the document may contact Borough Administrator Eleanor McGovern at Borough Hall, the Council President noted.

A sampling of topics that will be covered in the updated text are the roles and responsibilities of the Planning Board and the Zoning Officer; the application process for site plans and subdivisions; building permits and exemptions; zone changes; accessory structures; parking; architectural motifs and prospective locations for cellular towers.

Planning Board members are expected to focus special attention on the borough's existing Light Industrial zone, which spans either side of South Avenue, from Sheelan's Crossing to Terrill Road on the north side and from Staggard Place to Terrill on the south side.

The draft ordinance calls for that zone to be re-designated as general-commercial, although existing light industrial businesses would be covered by a grandfather clause, Councilman Whitaker acknowledged.

During their last regular meeting on March 22, board members discussed the prospect of retaining a light industrial zone in some form. Board Vice-Chairman Jack Molenaar noted at the time that by eliminating the existing zone altogether, "we may be missing economic opportunities in that area."

Board Attorney Robert Mega described an option known as a "zone-within-a-zone," whereby a light industrial zone could be incorporated into the new general-commercial area.

Borough officials have promised the new zoning ordinance will be more "user-friendly" than the present version. It will address a broad scope of issues related to zoning, including numerous changes which have occurred over the past three decades.

In addition to eliminating outdated information, the new ordinance will enable users to find all information related to a particular topic in the

same section of the document, board members have said. A current zoning map will be included with the written data.

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sentences for violations such as driving while intoxicated or failure to pay child support.

Walter DiNizo, the Township's Director of Public Property, said he feels that S.L.A.P. program participants could perform a number of tasks, including cutting grass along several roads, litter pick-up, light stream clean-up, and cleaning up the former zoo property.

Mayor Marks said he would like to explore the possibility of an inter-municipal agreement with Clark and Westfield that would allow the three towns to share the five-man work crews. He pointed out that Roselle Park had recently signed a contract with the county to ensure it would have access to a full work crew five days a week.

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ward."

Mrs. Samuel's tenure as Mayor last year saw the then-Democratic-controlled council approve, on a 3-2 party line vote, a 5 percent increase in local property taxes to support municipal government activities. An earlier proposal to raise taxes by 6 percent, which failed, caused a good deal of partisan bickering between Democratic and Republican members during the early months of 1999, disagreements that, at times, also caused certain campaign tactics during the 1998 campaign to be revisited.

The Democrats lost their council majority when the GOP won a special election last November to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Donatelli, who died 10 months ago.

During Mrs. Samuel's term as Mayor, the council made strides toward increasing the amount of open space in Scotch Plains. Township voters last year approved a referendum establishing an open space trust fund.

Late last summer, Mrs. Samuel announced a deal with Union County in which the township would lease 22 acres of property in the Ashbrook Reservation that would be turned into ballfields and park area.

The Republicans are expected to choose their candidate for Mayor this week.



Cheri Rogowsky for The Times

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS...The First Annual Seder at the Wilf Jewish Community Campus at the Jewish Community Center in Scotch Plains brought mothers and daughters together on March 29. Pictured, left to right, are: Beth Zansberg with Taylor Zansberg, Merrill Tenenbaum with Ashley Tenenbaum, Deborah Rosenberg with Rachel Rosenberg and Laurie Garfinkel with Amanda Garfinkel.

Fanwood Police File Charges In Westfield Burglaries

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Westfield Police knew from descriptions from other burglaries that occurred on the south side of town that another man might be involved.

Westfield Police sent details about the town's burglaries and Shoemaker to area communities, and the next day Plainfield police contacted Westfield authorities about Galasso, who they were questioning and who they thought might be connected to the house break-ins.

Plainfield Police Chief Edward Santiago said there had been some house burglaries in Plainfield and that police had put together a team of officers who were patrolling the area March 22 when a house alarm was activated.

After interviewing people who were near the scene of the alarm activation, police were able to piece together a description and apprehend Galasso.

The new year has brought a number of house burglaries in the Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood communities.

In Scotch Plains and Fanwood, police are unconcerned about the number of burglaries, saying that there were no more than usual.

In Westfield, however, there has been an increase in burglaries com-

pared to the same period a year ago.

Lieutenant John M. Parizeau said that from January 1 through March 31 this year there were 23 burglaries, compared to five during the same time in 1999.

This year during that period there were six business burglaries and 17 residential burglaries, including three attempted burglaries.

In 1999 during the period, there were two business burglaries and two residential burglaries, including one attempt.

Lieutenant Parizeau pointed out that when statistics are in for the entire year of 2000, there may actually be no more burglaries than the previous year, but that the incidents have been up so far this year.

Of the 23 burglaries so far this year, 14 occurred in March and six near the end of February.

With the arrest of Shoemaker and Galasso, Lieutenant Parizeau said that several of the burglaries, particularly those on the south side, were solved. But, he added, that several have occurred since the two men's arrest.

Lieutenant Parizeau said that the police department will continue to watch the situation for any trends or signs to connect them together.



Cheri Rogowsky for The Times

SINGING FOR SPRING...Chorus Director Mary Lu Farrell works with 13-year-old student and choreographer Dori D'Aluisio on material for upcoming spring concerts to be performed at Terrill and Park Middle Schools in Scotch Plains.

Wildlife Sunday Scheduled For April 9 at Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE — Trailside Nature and Science Center, located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainide, will present the 11th Annual Wildlife Sunday on April 9 from noon to 5 p.m.

"Wildlife Sunday is a day dedicated to all types of wildlife, with a variety of demonstrations, displays, vendors, naturalist-led walks, live animals, children's crafts, games, face painting and planetarium shows," said Union County Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, Liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

In the Trailside Visitor Center, representatives of the Turtle Back Zoo and the Avian Wildlife Center will introduce visitors to their live animals.

Visitors will also be able to get an "up close and personal" look at in-

sects provided by Myers Butterfly Farm, Dr. Sylvio Codella of Kean University in Union and Stiles Apiaries.

Educational table displays will be presented by New Jersey Fish, Game and Wildlife, The Nature Conservancy and wildlife rehabilitator Renee Thomair. In addition, a variety of vendors will sell wildlife-related gifts and photographs.

Admission to Wildlife Sunday is \$2 per person, and children age 6 and younger will be admitted for free. Trailside Nature and Science Center is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

For further information on this special event and other upcoming spring and summer programs available through the Department of Parks and Recreation, please call (908) 789-3670.

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FANWOOD POLICE BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

- Police reported that an unlocked motor vehicle in the 10 block of Brohm Place was searched and a cellular telephone and some change were taken.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

- A police radar trailer, which clocks the speed of passing vehicles, was damaged in the 50 block of Shady Lane as a result of criminal mischief, authorities said.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

- An unlocked vehicle was searched in the 10 block of Tower Place and a driver's license, insurance card and some change were taken.

In light of recent burglaries to unlocked motor vehicles in the borough, the Fanwood Police Department has advised residents to make sure their vehicles are secure.

Union County Honors Women of Excellence

By MARYLOU MORANO

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

An entrepreneur, a sheriff's officer, an advocate for the disabled and nine other outstanding Union County Women have been honored as Women of Excellence by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women.

The eighth annual dinner recognizing the women was held on March 31 at the Westwood in Garwood.

Among the recipients - all chosen because of their contributions and achievements — were several women from Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Willette BaCote of Fanwood was honored for her advocacy for the rights and needs of all people. Ms. BaCote is the program coordinator for three projects run by the Plainfield Board of Education - Every Person Influences Children (EPIC), Teens Effective As Mothers (TEAM) and Individuals Making Positive Appropriate Choices Training (IMPACT). She is also involved with the Plainfield Health Center and the United Way of Union County.

Co-owner and manager of Freshwater's Restaurant in Plainfield, Sharon Freshwater was honored for entrepreneurship. Ms. Freshwater has expanded the restaurant from a small take-out shop to a highly acclaimed restaurant.

Noted for its soul food cuisine, Freshwater's Restaurant has received recognition from *The New York Daily News* and a four star rating from *The Star-Ledger*. Ms. Freshwater mentors others in the soul food restaurant business and she is a volunteer with AGAPE Foundation — an agency that helps children living with AIDS.

Fanwood resident Patricia A. Plante was recognized for her volunteer spirit.

A highly successful Westfield realtor, Ms. Plante is an active volunteer with numerous community groups from the Brownies to the Union County Committee on Shared Services. She has also organized drives for local food banks, refugees from Kosovo and low-income women entering the workforce.

Lenore Scurry of Westfield was also honored for volunteerism. Ms. Scully is an On-Air Chairwoman for the Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Telethon for the United Negro College Fund, and as chair, she has raised millions of dollars for education. She was the first African

American president of "Sorooptimist," an agency that raises money to help battered women. Ms. Scully also serves as the financial secretary for The Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick.

Holly E. Wetscher of Westfield received a Woman of Excellence Award for her work in Healthcare. Through her writing, advocacy, and public education effort, Ms. Wetscher has been a role model for the severely disabled.

She has been a Rehabilitation Counselor for United Palsy and she currently serves on the Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled and was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Alliance for the Disabled in Action.

Other Women receiving awards were: Joanne M. Caruso of Cranford for Community Service, Marcia Cohen of Summit for Arts and Humanities, Anne Evans Estabrook of Cranford for Business, Dr. Denise C. Lagos of Chatham for Education, Freeholder Deborah Scanlon of Union for Government and Sergeant Nancy Zimmerman of Kenilworth for Law Enforcement.

"These women we are honoring come from all walks of life and all parts of Union County, but they all share one thing in common - a concern about their communities," commented Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "All have demonstrated a commitment to building better, stronger communities."

"The recipients of these awards become important role models for women across Union County," said Freeholder Linda d. Stender, the Board of Chosen Freeholders liaison to the Commission and herself a former Woman of Excellence Award recipient.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders created the Union County Commission on the Status of Women in 1976. It is currently chaired by Carolyn Voller of Cranford.

The Commission studies and addresses the needs and issues critical to the quality of life of Union County women. In addition to the annual Women of Excellence Award Dinner, the commission develops and presents special programs of interest to women, advises the Board of Chosen Freeholders on issues concerning women, and acts as a liaison between the freeholders and the community.

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Reported theft of a purse containing a cellular telephone from a childcare classroom at the Terrill Road Methodist Church. Police reported a man visited the church earlier in the morning. He claimed that he needed money for medicine.

- A White Oak Road resident reported finding damage to the passenger door lock of his vehicle. The car was reportedly parked in the drive-

way and was not entered.

- Police reported the theft of a cellular telephone taken from a vehicle parked on Carol Place.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

- Reported theft of \$500 from the Jewish Community Center on Martine Avenue.

- A Mountain Avenue restaurant reported receiving a counterfeit \$20 bill.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

- Jamal Eason, 23, of Orange was arrested after being stopped for a motor vehicle violation on Route 22 West for an outstanding traffic warrant.

- Patrick Yam, 24, of Connecticut was arrested at the Union County Vocational Technical Institution. The school reported a suspicious person on the property and after an initial investigation, police said Yam was arrested on a traffic warrant.

- Edward L. Humphrey of Hackettstown was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 East for an outstanding traffic warrant.

- Two juveniles were turned over to their parents after being in possession of alcohol. The juveniles were parked in a motor vehicle at the Spruce Mill Village apartments.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

- A resident of Hill Road reported a theft of two diamond rings and a Pierrier-Jout wineglass from the home. Police reported that no forced entry was used to enter the house.

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William R. Ick to Joseph T. Hartman and George McCarty and others, 2420 Longfellow Avenue, \$201,000.

George T. McCall III to Selim and Shelly Ozdamer, 3 Travler

Way, \$409,900.

Paul Van Anda to John and Jean Fei, 2081 Wood Road, \$392,000.

John F. Crawford to Brett Proud and Jacqueline Kimberly Morin, 4 Onami, \$530,000.

Michael I. Braverman to Julia M. Bonechi, 12 Scotchwood Glen, \$450,000.

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Thomas Battaglia to Marcus Kirkman, 8 Estelle Lane, \$202,000.

Estate of Ann Riebe to Amerissa Devaul and Donald Eckloff Jr., 35 Montrose Avenue, \$205,500.

Public Opinion Continues to be Gauged in Second Hearing Addressing Proposed Union County Open Space Trust Fund to Improve Parks

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

WESTFIELD — The Open Space Ad Hoc Committee, which was formed by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, held the second of two public hearings on March 23 intended to gauge public opinion on the formation of a park land and open space trust fund, which would facilitate the county's acquisition of open space and development of the existing county park system.

The first public hearing took place March 22 in Elizabeth.

The Ad Hoc Committee includes the following members: Dr. Henry Ross, President of the Union County Alliance and resident of Branchburg; Roselle resident Elizabeth Brody, Dean of Rutgers University School of Law; Henry M. Ogden of Summit, former Summit Council President; Ralph Miltier, an educator and former

mayor of Hillside; and Carl Salisbury, attorney and Westfield councilman.

Union County is one of only four of New Jersey's 21 counties which has not established an open space trust fund. The Ad Hoc Committee plans to submit its recommendation this month to the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Dr. Ross, Committee Chairman, clarified that the Open Space and Recreation element of the Union County Master Plan outlines a \$23 million program of repairs to existing park facilities and construction of new park facilities in the amount of \$24 million.

The planned program to acquire 100 acres of additional park land would cost an estimated \$7 million. An open space trust fund would provide a constant source of funding for the program.

According to the committee, open

space trusts are funded by assessing each property in the county (or municipality) an average of one to three cents per \$100 of assessed value. It is estimated that at this rate in Union County, a trust could generate between \$3.2 million and \$9.7 million annually.

Of the 25-plus members of the public in attendance, 17 testified before the committee. Most were in agreement that the idea of a trust fund is a good one, though there were varying opinions as to how the funds should be used and how much of a tax levy the public would bear.

While supporting the trust fund, Summit Councilwoman Cynthia Martin suggested language be included "to clearly indicate that the money be used to acquire open space rather than immediately funding development." She also wanted to know how long the tax would last and

would there be some kind of sunset clause.

Ms. Martin wanted to see the tax capped at one cent.

"Three to four cents is too burdensome on Summit and could take away resources we would like to use for our own open space," she stated.

A member of the Springfield Environmental Commission, Helen Heumann, proposed development of green ways to connect the county parks as originally outlined in the park designs of Frederick Law Olmsted.

Walter Stochel of Edison spoke to the success that Edison has had with its Open Space Trust Fund.

"An OSTF is a great tool for counties and communities," said Mr. Stochel, who noted Edison's fund was approved by voters on the third try when it specified a tax levy of one cent per \$100 of assessed value and

was earmarked for land acquisition only.

"Without a trust fund, you are walking away from Green Acres money," he added, referring to the New Jersey Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust.

It provides grants for counties and municipalities for park acquisition and development projects. Green Acres' money is more likely to go to communities that have established their own Open Space Trust funds.

The open space referendum that passed last year in Scotch Plains came under fire from several speakers. They accused the township of not exploring all its alternatives before dipping into the Ashbrook Reservation land on the south side of town to create soccer and ball fields.

Frank Budney of Union indicated there were approximately 130 acres of open space in Scotch Plains in

parcels of two to 20 acres, "some which were more suitable for recreation."

In encouraging the committee to move forward with the trust fund, Bill Nierstedt, Planning Director for the City of Plainfield, encouraged the committee to "concentrate (its efforts) along rivers and green ways to connect what we do have."

Most speakers were in favor of preserving the open space for passive recreation rather than active pursuits such as soccer fields.

William Fidurski, Chairman of Clark's Environmental Commission, noted that Clark set aside 104 acres to establish the Clark Wildlife Preserve and Habitat, which stretches approximately two miles between Ashbrook Reservation and Milton Lake Park. There, he said, "we will limit activity to passive recreation and fishing."

"I don't see much county commitment to acquiring natural open space. A distinction must be made," said Mr. Fidurski. He, too, referred to the Scotch Plains referendum and expressed concern that all funds were designated for improvements. "That's not the way for the county to go," he concluded.

Dennis Miranda, a member of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, made several recommendations to the committee. These included: a commitment to research the open space availability in the county; a study of municipalities' master plans; and consultations with local tax assessors to ascertain location and acreage of available land.

In terms of the referendum, Mr. Miranda suggested that 70 percent of funds be designated for improvement, 30 percent for acquisition. He also recommended the county be "conservative in going to the ballot box."

Mr. Salisbury asked if it were realistic to expect that an open space inventory could be completed in time to get the referendum prepared by August 25, the deadline for inclusion on the November general election ballot.

Mr. Miranda ultimately offered the services of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation to the Open Space Committee to "help develop a plan and spend time in the field and pour over tax records." He estimated it would take 60 days to assess the county's open space needs.

Freeholder Board Privatizes Springfield Compost Facility Delivering Annual Savings of \$900,000 to Municipalities

By PAUL J. PEYTON

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

ELIZABETH — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders took action last week to privatize the operation of its conservation center in Springfield, a move that is expected to net municipalities that utilize the facility savings of \$900,000 annually.

In an agreement with Nature's Choice Corporation of Lyndhurst, the county will lease equipment to the company at a rate of \$30,000 per year. In addition, Nature's Choice will pay the county at least \$43,000 per year and \$3,600 a month for disposal of leaves, grass and wood chips at the center in Springfield.

The facility serves as a compost for

leaves transported from around the county. Towns had been charged \$225 per cubic yard to dispose of vegetative waste at the compost facility.

Nature's Choice will market the "end product" material as mulch and compost. The contract takes effect immediately.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan said at last Thursday's board meeting that towns will no longer pay fees to dump leaves and vegetative waste at the site.

The savings to Westfield is expected to be \$125,000 annually, compared to Union Township, which will save \$284,000. Westfield currently dumps its north side leaves at the compost site.

"I think it is a perfect example of

the shared services philosophy that we had over the past number of years," he said.

No jobs will be lost from the privatization of the facility, although two employees will be moved to other tasks within the county parks.

"It is definitely a win-win situation for Union County and the 21 municipalities," said Mr. Sullivan.

At the start of the meeting, the board handed out checks to towns to help defray costs associated with Tropical Storm Floyd, which struck the area last fall. The funds were the result of grants obtained by the county from the federal and state governments.

Among the towns receiving aid thus far are: Westfield, \$48,720;

Cranford, \$67,704; Fanwood, \$39,914; Springfield, \$81,687; Berkeley Heights, \$7,096; Elizabeth, \$63,242; Clark, \$70,831; Roselle Park, \$21,687; and Roselle, \$28,783; Garwood, \$22,678; Hillside, \$49,884; Kenilworth, \$27,170; New Providence, \$14,762; Rahway, \$61,762; Scotch Plains, \$89,550; Springfield, \$81,687; Summit, \$55,257 and Union, \$136,688.

On another matter, County Manager Michael J. Lapolla said the county will soon be sending materials to towns in the county concerning a new program, called "Senior Focus," which is aimed at initiating capital investments in local senior citizen centers. Mr. Lapolla said he expects to have a list of recommendations for grants to municipalities for freeholder board consideration within the next four to six weeks.

Freeholder Mary Ruotolo noted that Union County has been chosen as one of three counties in New Jersey to implement a new system of services for children with emotional and behavioral problems.

Called "The Children's System of Fair Initiative," Freeholder Ruotolo said she anticipates the program will help thousands of Union County children. The new program will provide

funding for community-based treatments while also reducing "the number of bureaucratic hurdles for getting treatment."

The board also passed a resolution in support of Westfield's ordinance to lower the speed limit on East Broad Street, a county road, from 35 mph to 25 mph from Gallows Hills Road to North Euclid Avenue.

The state Department of Transportation will make the final determination on the speed limit change.

The board also passed on first reading an ordinance to amend the Union County Administrative Code by placing the Union County Arson Squad within the Division of Environmental Health and Emergency Management.

The squad provides assistance to local police and fire departments in determining the origin and cause of suspicious fires. The volunteer group originally was under the jurisdiction of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, but county government officials believe the organization would fit better in the Division of Environmental Health and Emergency Management, which already deals with fire emergency issues.

The board will vote to adopt the ordinance following a public hearing on Thursday, April 13.

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KEAN DEFEATED ON SECOND BALLOT, 211-180**Weingarten Scores Victory to Gain Union County Organizational Line**

By PAUL J. PEYTON

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SUMMIT — Assemblyman Joel Weingarten of Millburn (R-21st) captured a second ballot 211-180 victory over Tom Kean Jr. Saturday and won the Union County Republican line for Congress in the Seventh District in the June 6 Primary.

By virtue of his victory, he will run on a primary ticket headed by Presidential candidate George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, and Congressman and U.S. Senate contender Bob Franks. Mr. Franks of Berkeley Heights picked up 407 and the 455 Union County delegates for a first round ballot win in the Union County convention, which was held at the Summit Middle School. The victory follows recent party line wins in Middlesex, Somerset, Salem and Cumberland Counties. Essex County Executive Jim Treffinger scored 35 delegates, Atlantic Assemblyman William Gormley garnered six tallies with Murray Sabrin rounding out the vote with seven votes.

Mr. Weingarten missed by one vote of capturing the necessary 50 percent of the vote plus one to capture a first ballot victory of the 428 Seventh District Union County delegates, winning the round by a tally of 214-186 over Mr. Kean, son of former two-term Governor Thomas H. Kean Sr. Mike Ferguson of Warren captured 21 delegates followed by former House Commerce Committee Counsel Patrick Morrissey of Westfield with five votes and Green Brook Mayor Patricia Walsh with two tallies.

Former Woodbridge City Council President and fire chief Ken Gardner announced he would not compete for the Union County line. Mr. Gardner, however, said he was not dropping out of the Congressional contest.

The victory gives Mr. Weingarten the line in 15 towns and part of two other communities in Union County and two Essex County communities with a combined total of 38,667 registered Republicans. Mr. Ferguson won the lines in Middlesex and Somerset Counties this past week, counties with a total of 18,215 registered Republicans.

Following his victory, Mr. Weingarten noted that Union County is the largest county in terms of voters in the district.

"This victory today is of enormous

importance. Together with the receipt of the line in Essex County, having Essex and Union County together will give us a great deal of momentum as we go into the June primary. And we are very confident that we will be able to successfully fight for the will of the people in Union County and throughout the district," he said.

He cited his record of fiscal conservatism and legislative accomplishment in Trenton. The three-term Assemblyman has served at the municipal level, as a member of the Millburn Township Committee, and as budget director under Essex County Executive James Treffinger.

Mr. Kean said now that the county conventions have concluded, "this is when the real campaign begins," noting that now contenders must reach out to Republican and unde-

clared voters district wide.

"It's when you go out and meet lots of voters and go door to door and we will," he said. "We have the right message, we have the right vision (to win in June)."

Mr. Kean said he not only plans to stay in the race, but vowed to post a primary victory.

"We are going to get out there and we are going to win this thing in June," he told reporters.

In Union County government elections, county leaders nominated law student and former Seventh District Congressional contender Eric Urbano of Scotch Plains for Union County Clerk and former Cranford Mayor Wally Shackell, former Summit City Councilman Al Dill, both Freeholder candidates in 1999, and 1998 Union County Sheriff candidate, sheriff's officer Esther Guzman-Malcolm.

Florio and Connelly Sign Pledge to Protect and Strengthen Federal Social Security and Medicare Entitlements

By PAUL J. PEYTON

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

FANWOOD — Seventh Congressional District candidate Maryanne S. Connelly of Fanwood and U.S. Senate hopeful Jim Florio, both Democrats, signed a pledge Monday to protect and strengthen Social Security.

Through the pledge, both candidates also announced their opposition to a proposal by U.S. Senate candidate Jon Corzine, also a Democrat, to privatize the Social Security Trust Fund.

Both candidates also endorsed each other in the June 6 Primary. They will run on the same ballot line in Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Essex Counties where the Seventh District straddles.

"I think we will be a very dynamic duo (in Congress)," Mr. Florio stated. "I'm prepared to play Robin to her Batman," he joked.

Mrs. Connelly and Mr. Florio signed the "Campaign for America's Future Social Security and Medicare Pledge." Mr. Florio noted that Washington has projected that the Social Security fund will run dry by the year 2037 with Medicare expected to be bankrupt by 2023.

By signing the pledge they an-

nounced their opposition to privatizing Social Security; their support for efforts to lower poverty rates among elderly women by increasing and improving their Social Security benefits and opposition to efforts to privatize the Medicare program.

In terms of privatizing Social Security, the candidate said about Congress, "We cannot put the solvency of Social Security at risk in the Stock Market. Social Security is a guarantee, not a gamble."

Mr. Florio, a former Congressman and Governor, said "President (Franklin D.) Roosevelt warned us against being seduced by fantastic financial schemes that somehow will undermine the integrity of Social Security." He said privatizing Social Security will help traders on Wall Street in terms of their commissions "but it's not going toward the well-being of the Social Security system."

"Social Security is not about profit maximization. It is securing maximized security. It is about making sure the system will always be there," Mr. Florio stated.

Noting the solvency of Social Security is expected to run out in 30 years, Mrs. Connelly stated at the current rate the fund will now be around



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FORBES ENDORSES BUSH... Texas Governor and Republican Presidential nominee George W. Bush was the guest speaker at last week's Somerset County Republican Organization convention. Joining him, from left, are former Presidential contender, Steve Forbes; Garabed "Chuck" Haytaian, Chairman of the New Jersey State Republican Committee, and Governor Christine Todd Whitman. Mr. Forbes endorsed Mr. Bush at the gathering.

for future generations.

"This is not right. We all pay into Social Security and we should all be guaranteed that it will be there for us when we retire," Mrs. Connelly said during a press conference at The Chelsea at Fanwood, an assisted living facility.

In order to shore up Social Security, the candidate supports utilizing the federal budget surplus to strengthen Social Security and extend its life.

The candidate also said the surplus must be used to "strengthen and pre-

serve" the Medicare program for senior citizens.

Mrs. Connelly also favors opening up the use of prescription drugs to seniors, drugs that are currently only available to HMOs and the government.

The candidate said she favors a Patient Bill of Rights whereby patients would be allowed to see a specialist when they deem it is necessary, would have the right to hold HMOs accountable for their decisions and the right to choose their own doctor.

Mrs. Connelly, a former Fanwood Mayor and long-time councilwoman, was her party's nominee against Republican Congressman Bob Franks in 1998. She captured 45 percent of the vote that year, the best performance by a Democrat in the Seventh District in 27 years.

Her opposition in the primary includes Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla of Westfield, Warren Township Committeeman Jeff Golkin and Civil Rights attorney Joel Farley of Westfield.

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HUNG UP!! Reader Questions Relationship Between Body Weight, Self Esteem

By Milt Faith, Executive Director
Youth and Family Counseling Service

An interested reader writes:

Several months ago you responded to a question regarding obesity. Two days before, on February 1, a Dr. Myles Faith appeared on the Channel 4 news and spoke about obesity problems pertaining to men and women. I have two questions: 1.) Are you related and was the focus on obesity pre-planned? 2.) Dr. Myles Faith said that women who are obese are depressed and men who are underweight are seriously depressed. I have been too thin all my life; I have felt unmanly. A lot of people ridiculed me and now, as an adult in my 20's, I feel inadequate and "uncomfortable" with myself. I had gone to a therapist who told me to solve the problem by eating a lot in order to gain weight. Do you agree?

Answer:

I take pride that Dr. Myles Faith is my son who is in research specializing in obesity, particularly pediatric obesity. His appearance on TV, and my column on obesity was a coincidence, not pre-planned. In relation to your second question: many, many years ago an ad in the comic strips showed an underweight man being taunted on the beach by other males. To solve the problem, the "victim" was told to go to Charles Atlas gyms and pump up his body. The last cartoon frame showed a well-built man overpowering those who taunted him. Life is a little more complex today. Myles' study revealed that "underweight men had a 77 percent higher likelihood of trying suicide than average-weight men and were 25 percent more likely to be seriously depressed."

There is a strong emphasis on physical appearance in our culture and if one deviates on either extreme, trouble ensues — trouble in the form of depression, self-doubts, loss of a healthy self image, and consequently, the fear of rejection and possible ridicule by others. Males are conditioned to feel that their body image, a strong, well built, muscular physique equals a real macho man. This is very unfortunate since we overlook those characteristics that really make the person: civility, decency, sincerity, qualities of being empathetic, performing to the best of one's abilities, and so on. Seek another therapist who will help you to reassess your feelings about your self image. The end result should be the building and strengthening of a good solid self image, regardless of weight. Often, depression decreases as one feels he/she is in good control of his/her life. Go for it!

The following two questions have a similar theme, although different in content:

A mother writes:

My husband agreed to abide by your reaction to my letter. "Sam" (disguised name) will be graduating high school in June and he will attend a college in Virginia. My husband and I agreed to buy Sam a new car as a present. We can well afford it. My husband has always been generous in buying his family gifts. There is one catch: he has to decide where to buy the item, what brand name it should have, the size, the color, etc. In other words, he is a control freak. I feel that if he agrees to buy a gift, and then stipulates the amount he will spend, the other person has the right to decide what to buy. My son wants a small car, color blue, four door (so he can easily move clothing, small appliances, etc.). I think it's a fair request. Shouldn't the person, in this case, my son, make the decision

about his car? And as a mother, do I not have the right to offer my opinion (which should be equal to my husband's)?

Answer:

Yes and yes.

A young adult writes:

I'm engaged to be married and so I am trying to save as much money as possible. My mother, who is very generous, has agreed to help me with my clothing expenses. There is one problem: she feels I should shop at Mande's because clothing there is relatively inexpensive and she feels I can buy several articles at a good price. I've seen several items at Bloomingdale's; I know it costs more but I also know it will last a long time. I don't want this to become a big issue. Any reasonable suggestions?

Answer:

I would ask mother what amount she would like to spend on your clothing. Accept it graciously and then decide where you want to shop for that amount of money. I think that's a reasonable way of resolving this. Happy shopping!



MOGUL

Some years ago a book entitled, "The Moguls," was published and promptly became a best seller. It contained a series of biographies about highly successful captains of industry, explained how they got started, and described the methods they used to build their fortunes. The word mogul is presently defined as, "a very rich or powerful person." For the origin of mogul, we must delve into Eastern history.

"The Great and Grand Mogul" was the title used by Europeans for the emperor of Delhi, India, whose empire, at one time, included most of Hindustan. This Mongolian dynasty was founded in 1526 by Baber, a descendant of the Mongol Turks, Tamerlane and Genghis Kahn. The last of these rulers was dethroned in 1857. Mogul is a westernized version of the Persian word Mughul, "a Mongol, especially one of the rulers of India."

One of these rich and powerful Indian Moguls, at one time or another, probably said, "Mogul or mendicant, it's marvelous to have money" or words to that effect.

Letters to the Editor

Resident Calls for New Committee To Study Town's Parking Needs

The creation of the Parking Steering Committee in Westfield was unnecessary. There is a standing committee called the Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee, which is made up of four council members: Greg McDermott and Carl Salisbury - north side council members — and Neil Sullivan and Janis Fried Weinstein — south side council members. This is a perfect committee to be involved in recommending solutions to our parking problem, while taking into consideration transportation and traffic. In fact, this committee is the link to the congestion problem at the circle, New Jersey Transit and various other transportation and traffic considerations. Therefore, the decision on how to solve our parking problems should come from the Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee. Right?

But this is not what happened. Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim took the chairmanship of the Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee away from south side Councilman Sullivan in favor of north side Councilman Salisbury in January 1999. Then a new Parking Steering Committee was formed and one (only one) member of the Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee was appointed to an ad hoc committee called the Parking Steering Committee. Why was this special Parking Steering Committee established?

Let's explore the composition of the Mayor's new Parking Steering Committee: Michael LaPlace, Executive Director of the Westfield Downtown Corporation; Martin Robins, Planning Board Chairman; Kenneth Marsh, Town Engineer; Mayor Jardim; Carl Salisbury, First Ward Councilman, and James Gruba, Second Ward Councilman.

All six members of the Parking Steering

Committee reside on the north side of town. What is wrong with this picture? In fact, Mr. LaPlace lives on Prospect Street, Mr. Robins lives on Clark Street and Mr. Jardim lives on Walnut — all locations within close proximity of the Trader Joe's lot, which by the way, was the independent consultant's first choice for a parking deck.

Westfield has approximately 30,000 residents; 15,000 on each side of town. Does the present composition of the Parking Steering Committee of six north side residents and no south side residents make sense? As a south side resident, I expect fair representation on this important committee. We need south side representatives on any Parking Committee and we need them now.

Once a parking committee of council members is established that fully represents its constituents from both sides of town, then and only then will we be able to move forward. The parking committee then must consider various alternatives to deal with the parking issue, short of building permanent structures that will cost several million dollars.

These alternatives, which will free up parking spaces include: a jitney service; the use of "smart meters" in short term spaces to eliminate meter feeding; full evaluation of the permit waiting list; compare monthly parking permit fees to other towns; ensure that non-permit holders are not using permit spots, operate our commuter lots at full capacity; move bus riders to an alternate location, and seek out and acquire potential lots for sale to use as parking facilities.

Let's work together to find a solution to our parking problem that we can all live with.

Joseph Kiefer
Westfield

National Week Prompts Director To Suggest Trying Fanwood Library

It's National Library Week (April 9-15) and the Fanwood Memorial Library encourages everyone to Read! Learn! Connect! @ the Library by learning about the many wonderful, free resources available.

Did you know that 75 percent of our nation's public libraries, including the Fanwood Memorial Library, offer Internet access to the public? That's right. In fact, for people without a computer at home, school or work, the library is the number one way to log on to the information superhighway. To help adults and children and families learn to navigate the Internet, we offer a number of programs and workshops, along with the variety of the other programming we provide for people of all ages.

Of course, the library has always been a one-stop shop for information and en-

tertainment. Whether it's books, magazines, videos or Books-on-Tape, you can easily find what you are looking for. The library staff will be glad to show you and your family around and to help find what you need — whether it's a picture book, a class on how to use the Internet or tips on how to write a résumé or start a business.

All you need is a library card. So come in this week, sign up (if you haven't already), and help celebrate National Library Week. Use your card to exercise your freedom to Read! Learn! and Connect! to the wealth of resources the Fanwood Memorial Library offers and don't forget to visit us online at www.lmxac.org/fanwood.

Dan Weiss
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Long-Time Scotch Plains Resident Has Problems With Local Schools

I don't know how much longer I will be able to continue to live in my home!! Several weeks ago, through the mail and without warning, I received the largest percentage tax increase since I've owned my home.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system, as everyone knows, is supported by 80-plus percent of our tax dollars. Not too long after this heart stopper tax increase, the same "dog and pony show," who convinced the town that we no longer needed Shackamaxon School, and the same "cast of players" who convinced us to sell the property where the Board of Education was housed, and the same "cast of players" who made a part of Evergreen School the Board of Education, are now looking for a bond referendum of \$17 million to add classrooms to Coles Elementary School and Terrill Middle School and for other school renovations.

The money, they claim, is needed so that the fifth-grade classes can be moved from the elementary schools to be housed in these buildings due to "overcrowding." I guess the money from the sale of these two properties has all been used up. Where did this money go?

According to one of our reputable state newspapers, this is the same school system that has dropped from the top five scholastically, in the state, to the low 50's. We also have the dubious

distinction of being No. 3 in the cost per student.

Maybe I'm wrong, convince or show me, but I see something wrong with this picture. At the same "dog and pony show," it was stated that we are going to need more teachers. Why?? We presently have teachers who are off campus during the school day and others who have left for the day before the last period.

Another question is, why are all the consultants involved in the \$17 million bond referendum from out of the area and out of town, some being brought in from as far away as Chicago. Why should these consultants be concerned about our taxes? They are all profit-making organizations and they are here to make their profit from our taxpayers!

I am sure we have local consultants from this area who could develop more cost-effective recommendations. If we had local consultants, they would most likely have an interest in this project. The township is setting an example by using local consultants for the parks development on the south side. Why can't the board of education also use local consultants?

This is not over yet, we have the power to vote against the bond, then it will force the administration to come up with a better plan.

Jerry Meola
Scotch Plains

Stemming Spread of West Nile-Like Virus Possible With Vigilant Early Intervention

Spring had not even sprung last month when we began hearing news reports that the summer of 2000 would likely bring with it a renewed threat of mosquitoes carrying the West Nile-like Virus, which is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has contracted it by feeding on an infected bird.

Remember that late last summer, the virus killed several people in New York City, and a handful of dead crows in several New Jersey counties, including Union County, were found by the state Department of Health to have tested positive for West Nile. While last summer's outbreak didn't create a large-scale panic among the population in the New York metropolitan area, there was enough nervousness among New Jersey residents that state authorities deemed it necessary not to reveal the names of the towns where the four dead — and infected — crows were found.

All we were told last October was that they had come from Union, Middlesex, Essex and Bergen Counties.

Now we hear that New York City officials are expecting the West Nile-like Virus to be a threat in Gotham this coming summer. And since insects know no borders, it's not much of a stretch to assume that those same virus-carrying mosquitoes will eventually cross the Hudson River into the Garden State.

The virus was not really a point of focus last year until late in the summer, when the mosquito population was at its peak and long after precautionary measures that could have been taken to lessen the

threat were almost pointless. At least this year, we have some early warning, and it's our hope that everyone — local residents as well as state, county and local officials — will do their respective parts to ensure that the threat from the virus this summer is limited and doesn't turn into something serious.

Residents should heed the advice of those who tell us that now is a good time to rid their properties of places where standing water could provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Gutters at the base of the roof of a house, old water-filled tires in the yard, uncovered swimming pools and areas of poor drainage are just a few of the spots that can easily turn into a mosquito maternity ward.

We urge officials in Trenton and in Union County to begin working with each other, and with New York officials, on ways to best contain the problem. And keeping local officials in Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside up-to-date on developments will make life easier for local residents as well as cut down on rumors, unintentional scares and actual emergencies.

Granted, the West Nile-like Virus is not a health threat on the scale of, say, the Black Plague. But it is making a mosquito bite potentially more than just a summertime irritation. With cooperation between Trenton, Elizabeth and local municipalities as well as New York City, and precautionary steps from residents and, especially, parents, we should all be able to enjoy the coming spring and summer months without excessive fear for our health.

Letters to the Editor

Town Must Build Communication With Community, Reader Says

The Westfield Town Council needs to build a communication bridge to residents before building a parking deck.

One cannot overestimate the distrust and skepticism with which many residents perceive the Parking Plan process.

This perception is due to what I will characterize as an unfortunate series of coincidences and miscues.

There were no south side residents on the Parking Steering Committee. Retailer and business interests had input to the plan prior to its release, while other residents did not.

At the March 21 council meeting, Councilman Neil Sullivan suggested that the town explore a jitney shuttle bus service for commuters. Mayor Thomas C. Jardim called this a "doopy idea."

At the March 1 Rich & Associates meeting, a resident who walks to the train station asked Rick Rich if his study had considered a jitney service, which the Town of Maplewood seems to operate very successfully. At the time, this resident had no idea of Councilman Sullivan's interest in the subject. This walking commuter clearly did not think a jitney was a "doopy idea," nor do the Maplewood commuters who use it.

Mayor Jardim's "doopy idea" comment contributed to an impression that

discussion of the parking issue was to be focused only on a South Avenue deck.

Mr. Rich explained at the March 1 meeting that the parking plan's recommended solution was not originally his firm's idea but was suggested by town Members.

At the March 21 council meeting, council members listened passively while residents made comments and asked questions about the plan. Mayor Jardim suggested that the Downtown Westfield Corporation Website would answer questions. This contributed to the impression that downtown business interests would control information flow about the parking plan to the exclusion of other residents' input.

To the Mayor's credit, at the March 28 council meeting, he apologized to Mr. Sullivan for his "intemperate comments." A lively discussion of parking issues ensued among the council and over 130 residents.

The Town Council must work to establish a climate of inclusion of resident input beyond business owners. The March 28 meeting was an important first step. I hope it will continue.

Garrett J. Verdone
Westfield

Pending Legislation Bans Fundraising

The Scotch Plains Council is scheduled to vote at its April 11 meeting on a bill to ban political fundraising at the municipal building. This is a piece of legislation I asked the council to consider on behalf of the Citizens' Army, a grassroots effort of citizens originally begun by Common Cause to fight the influence of money on government.

The Citizens Army has introduced similar "good government" bills in over 75 communities in the state, as a way of showing our legislators that we the people are concerned about the state of our democracy in this era of big money politics.

Scotch Plains is a community that has a reputation of running a clean government and has proven this in the bipartisan, helpful way they have dealt with this ordinance. Let's hope this spirit of bipartisanship continues and we can avoid the unfortunate bickering that has marred other local governments and causes loss of respect for all concerned.

Mary Mahony
Scotch Plains

Scotch Plains Resident Finds Fault With School Board's Member Attitude

I could not attend the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education meeting to watch the vote on the proposed plan to change our grade reconfiguration, but I was able to watch it on Channel 34.

What I found most disturbing of all was the arrogant commentary provided by board member Jessica Simpson who, while giving her full approval to the plan, refused to acknowledge any concern for the problems this plan creates with regard to traffic and safety at our schools.

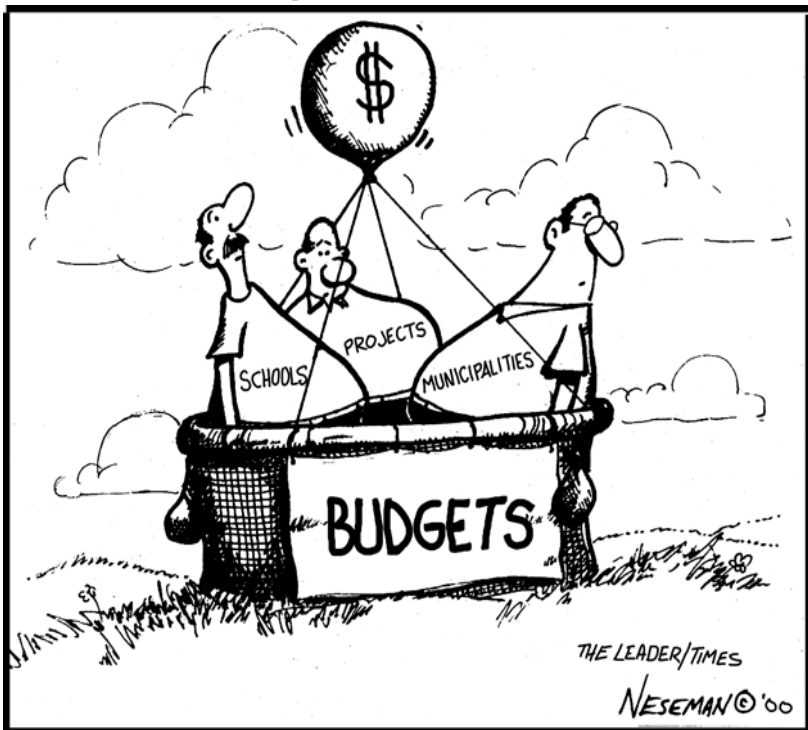
She expressed no sympathy for any resident, parent or child who must deal with the annoying, but also dangerous, traffic situation every morning and afternoon on Park Avenue at Park Middle School, each day from September until June. She trivialized the complaint and

proceeded to state that our school traffic and parking problems pale in comparison to downtown Elizabeth, where she happens to work.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind Ms. Simpson that our children are not "employed in downtown Elizabeth" but are rather just trying to safely attend schools in our town. Could someone be so bitter by having to deal with traffic and parking problems every day that they figure why shouldn't everyone else?

Ms. Simpson, I hope that you now understand a little better that there is a difference between the safety of children attending school versus adults having to deal with a government office in Elizabeth.

A. Roland Flores
Scotch Plains



Westfield Mother Encourages Others To Participate in Million Mom March

Like all of you, my time is filled with more demands than the day allows.

I have two children and a company that I run. There are many issues that are worthy of my time: stopping pornography, improving our schools, addressing violence in the entertainment industry, protecting our children against rape and abuse. The list goes on.

Everyday, each of us must decide how to allocate those 24 hours and our energy. Recently I became aware of a grassroots movement and I immediately knew that nothing was more deserving of my time and effort. It is called the Million Mom March.

On Mother's Day, we will go to Washington, D.C. (and local governments all

over the nation) to demand that our law makers pass sensible gun control laws. I never ever want to be the parent that gets called by the police to be told my child, clean and scrubbed and ready for a safe and productive day at school, is on a slab in the morgue because no one did anything to stop this out of control reign of violence.

Please don't wait until it's too late for another child. Please help by marching, participating and writing letters. Visit the web site at www.millionmommmarch.com. Say no to the 12 children who will be murdered tomorrow by people with guns.

Teri Gerson
Westfield

Local Resident Perceives 'Hostility' Toward Westfield's Commuters

I have become alarmed at the hostility toward commuters noted in Letters to the Editor regarding the parking deck proposal at the south side rail station. If all employers and employees of local businesses and all commuters parked in that deck, all parking spaces on the north side would be available for shoppers.

To consider condemnation or purchase of the Trader Joe's lot is not well conceived. Trader Joe's is a thriving business whose parking lot is full all day with customers who will not want to pay to park.

Commuters are primarily residents of Westfield who patronize local merchants and businesses. As a Prospect

Street resident, I walk to the train station, but would like to drive in extremely inclement weather. However, I cannot since there is no place to park. A fellow Westfielder told me that on occasions when he must take the train, he goes to Rahway where he can park.

The south side site is the best for all Westfielders. A commuter unfriendly town could ultimately negatively impact property values and hurt local businesses.

Let us do right by all Westfielders and locate the deck at the south side rail station.

Robert J. Tarte
Westfield

Adults Without Children Can Serve Mountainside School Board Well

The upcoming school board election brings to mind a disturbing statement made to the press at the end of last year's election. At that time the teen aged son of a Mountainside resident claimed to speak the opinion of a majority of the borough's residents when he said, "As a student, I feel people who are on the school board should have a child in the schools."

If this is truly the opinion of the majority of the borough, I sincerely hope that the ramifications of such an attitude be examined. Does this mean that the single person or the childless couple cannot serve on the board of education? Would seniors who have grandchildren in the system be eligible to serve? Perhaps senior citizens, who

as a whole would be ineligible to serve, should be given a tax reduction since our country embraces the idea of no taxation without representation.

To eliminate senior citizens as possible board members simply because they have no children in the school system is as foolish as calling for the elimination of parents from the board because they are so directly concerned that they may not view issues objectively.

It would be far wiser for citizens to foster the attitude of supporting qualified, open-minded candidates regardless of age and to welcome the assets of experience and dedication.

Rosemarie Hilse
Mountainside

SP-F PTA Council Endorses New School Budget, Encourages 'Yes' Vote

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council has voted to endorse the proposed 2000-2001 school budget and additional three questions and we urge all voters to support it.

This budget, we believe, is fiscally and educationally responsible, balancing the needs of students with the taxpayers. The budget is up only 3.06 percent — a remarkably low increase — in consideration of the additional 100 plus students added since last year.

This budget is the operating budget of our school district. The separate questions will provide financial support in the areas of building maintenance (upgraded American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant features, fire and new smoke detection systems, etc.), technology (computer lease/purchase) and staff and training for a state mandated elementary world language program.

The average New Jersey public school

district gets 48 percent of its money from Trenton and Washington. By contrast, Scotch Plains receives only 7.57 percent of our school budget from Trenton and a few thousand dollars from Washington. The state says that Scotch Plains and Fanwood taxpayers must support 90 percent-plus of local education costs. If the budget is defeated it could effect the youngsters of Scotch Plains-Fanwood with cuts in staff and programs and increased class sizes.

A vote for the budget and separate questions will support small class sizes, all current programs and program improvements. In order for the children of our community to continue getting an excellent education, we need to vote "Yes" for the budget on April 18 from 2-9 p.m.

Thank you.

Karyn S. Steele,
Corresponding Secretary
Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council

Pathways Thanks Welcome Wagon For Generosity and Help

Pathways thanks the Welcome Wagon Club of Westfield. Through Jane Costello and Brigid Robertshaw Pathways received a wonderful donation that exemplifies the generosity and community mindedness of the Welcome Wagon Club of Westfield.

Pathways is a non-profit program that offers breast cancer support and services to women diagnosed with breast cancer and their loved ones. Pathways reaches women in Union County communities.

Eloise Heacock, Director
Pathways

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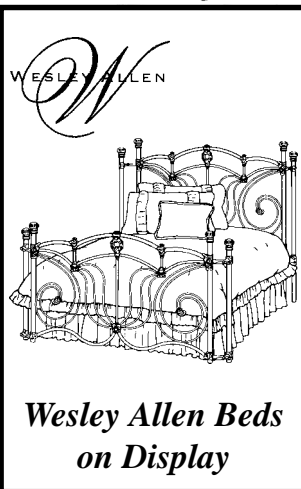
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Letters to the Editor

Mountainside Residents Responds To Letters About School Election

I would like to respond to recent letters written by Mountainside residents pertaining to the soon-to-be-held school Board Elections.

There seems to be a "misinformation campaign" aimed at two long standing Mountainside Board Members. These two ladies, Patricia Knodel and Linda Esemplare, have served the Mountainside community for many years. They have done so with dignity and dedication. Their agenda has always been to provide a quality education to the children of Mountainside. In order to accomplish this, they have always asked many, many questions prior to giving their approval to any program at the school. This is why we elect our representatives. We do not want board members who "yes" any-

thing thrown on the table.

If the parents of children at Deerfield are ready to step up to the plate and serve their community as board members they are more than welcome to file a petition and run for office. Having not filed in a timely fashion, there is a campaign for a "write-in candidate" and that is their prerogative. What is wrong that Mrs. Knodel and Mrs. Esemplare are being accused of impropriety in order that their candidate get more votes. I am sure many Mountainside residents are not ready to fall for that one. And we all talk about fair play.

I urge everyone to come out to vote on April 18.

Catherine Santos
Mountainside

Thank You Expressed to Those Involved in Youth Wrestling

In this day and age of frequent criticism of children's coaches and heated politics about the "game," I write this letter to commend the fabulous coaching effort of the 1999-2000 Westfield Little Devils Traveling Wrestling Team including Head Coach Al Rabinowitz, and Assistants Ralph Sorrentino and Eric Krasnoo (also a special thanks to Joseph Corea, the manager of the team, who worked hard "behind the scenes").

All of these men spent countless volunteer hours, week after week, weekend after weekend, at practices, matches and tournaments throughout the state. The season for wrestling in Westfield runs year round thanks to the investment of their time. All the effort has paid off handsomely. Westfield should be proud to know that this year we sent the most children ever to the NJ State Finals (six (6) in total).

The dedication of these coaches and their love for our children and the sport is especially admirable since none of

them had children of their own who were on the team!

I also want to extend a public thank you to the wrestling coaches of Berkeley Heights and Scotch Plains who so graciously allowed our boys to wrestle in their gyms and work out with their children in preparation for the NJ State Finals after the Westfield wrestling gym was no longer available to us at the end of the regular season.

In such a competitive sport, and with so much at stake in the Finals, the fact that these other towns opened their facilities to us was more than generous. They are the very definition of good sportsmanship!

Finally, a gigantic thank you to the "mother of our team" Kim Sorrentino. Without her tireless effort so much of our success would never have been possible.

Susan B. McCrea
Westfield
Joyce Delpopolo
Westfield

63-Year Resident Fears Parking Deck Will Change Character of Westfield

As a 63-year resident of Westfield I find it remarkable how far afield plans for the parking deck have gone; instead of identifying what would really benefit Westfield taxpayers and what they want.

Long before the current popular culture promoting open space as an environmental quality of life issue, Westfield prized exactly that practice. I see this deck as a magnet for increased traffic congestion, and, ultimately, a financial albatross on the backs of the town's taxpayers. The graceful development of Westfield over the years created a Norman Rockwell idyllic town which has always been the goal of those looking for a beautiful place to live. The reasonable road factor of our roads has already been filled to capacity (especially South Avenue), before we add hundreds of out-of-town additional au-

tos to gridlock access to our own town.

If we don't act we will be forced to the program of Westfield becoming another concrete jungle. The special interests have already started the process of using so-called "Out of Town Experts" to tell us what we want. As soon as enough of us are confused we will be given the generous option to choose from a list of plans that do not include a "no action" choice on this folly. The South Avenue deck, particularly, flies in the face of reality.

Our political leadership cannot be permitted to operate in a vacuum, but must hear directly from those of you who want to enhance Westfield's charm and beauty. If we don't speak out, we will become just another high density, cookie cutter, concrete jungle town.

Warren Victor
Westfield

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BRAKES Member Encourages Safety During Pedestrian Month

Spring has arrived and along with it there are more walkers, runners and bikers enjoying the longer days and sunlit evenings. May is National Pedestrian Safety Month — be a pedestrian for a change!

Police will be stepping up enforcement to increase the safety of those who choose to use the public roadways to walk or bike rather than drive. School zones will be monitored more closely in the coming weeks.

Look for the results of our Public Works department installing Yield to Pedestrian signs, adding reflective strips on stop signs, instituting traffic calming changes to Rahway Avenue and painting new and existing crosswalks.

Honor the crosswalks and the rights of those in them to cross safely.

The BRAKES (Bikers, Runners And Kids are Entitled to Safety) Group continues to work with as many facets of the community as possible. As daylight grows longer and our schedules get busier, please remember your individual responsibility to make Westfield a safer and better place.

Here's how you can start:

Just say no to activities that require you to race from point A to point B at breakneck speed.

• Anticipate and watch for pedestrians at all intersections. When you are a pedestrian, use the crosswalks. In non-marked intersections cross at a 90-de-

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Missing Cockatiel – white with yellow markings lost in the North Ave/Tuttle Pkwy area of Westfield. Please call (908) 233-8593.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: March 30, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unspecifiable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

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gree angle to the curb.

• Change others! Drive 25 m.p.h. and everyone behind you does too.

• Try a little courtesy. When someone lets you cross or motions you to go in your car, wave a thank you.

If Westfield is going to continue to become a safer and better place to live, everyone needs to do their share. Please try to do yours.

Jane Goodman
Member of BRAKES
Westfield

PUBLIC NOTICE

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Westfield Board of Education, intends to seek out contractors for Asbestos Removal. The Board invites prospective contractors to submit their sealed bids for this project. These bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside, ASBESTOS REMOVAL - WESTFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION BID # 1019-201 (B20-19). Direct all sealed bids to the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Westfield Board of Education, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ 07090.

There will be a mandatory site inspection on Friday, April 07, 2000 at 3:15 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the High School located at 500 Dorian Road in Westfield. All potential bidders or their representatives, must attend in order to bid. Plans and Specifications will be available at this site inspection upon payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per set payable to Environmental Remediation & Management, Inc. (ER&M, Inc.) This fee is nonrefundable.

Each bid must be accompanied by a deposit equal to ten percent (10%) of the base bid, but not in excess of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) in form and subject to conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The sealed bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday April 25, 2000 in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond in the full amount of the contract price, indemnifying the Owner from any and all proceedings, suits, or actions of any kind, name or description and condition for the faithful performance of the work.

Every contractor and subcontractor, shall comply with requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 127, (Affirmative Action).

Questions concerning this statement and specifications, should be directed to Robert Berman, Assistant Superintendent for Business (908-789-4400). The Westfield Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informality or to accept a bid that in its judgment will be in the best interest of the Board.

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Miss Dawn April Traver and Paul Jonathan Muir

Miss Dawn A. Traver Engaged to Paul J. Muir

Mr. and Mrs. Heath Traver of Newfoundland, Pa. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dawn April Traver, to Paul Jonathan Muir. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Muir of Mountainside.

A graduate of Wallenpaupack Area High School, the bride-elect received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. She is employed as a teacher in the Wallenpaupack Area School District.

The future bridegroom, an alumnus of The Delbarton School in Morristown, is also a graduate of Bucknell University. Mr. Muir, who earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, is employed as a commodities broker and is Vice President of Riverside Mutual Investments of Rahway.

A wedding is planned for the summer.



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT...The Westfield Y recently honored two of its employees for outstanding work. Kim Williams, who was named Employee of the Month for January, works in the Maintenance Department and was commended for having made sure the parking lot and sidewalks around the facility were plowed and shoveled during the winter months. MaryAnn Renfree, the Employee of the Month for February, was recognized for her diligence and extra efforts as part of the Y's Babysitting Department. Pictured, from left to right, are: Mr. Williams, Jean Stone, Director of Member Services, and Mrs. Renfree.

Women for Women to Hold Legal Panel Workshop

WESTFIELD — As part of a continuing Community Education Workshop series, Women for Women of Union County will present "Divorce Legal Eagles — Attorney Discussion Panel" on Tuesday, April 10, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 East Broad Street.

The workshop will introduce three local attorneys who will provide an open panel discussion on various areas of family and matrimonial law.

Marianne Zembryski, of the firm Mackevich, Burke & Stanicki, will discuss Family Law, from filing a complaint, through motion and the Case Information Statement.

Ellen Radin will discuss Family Law as it pertains to the Early Settlement Panel, through the negotiation and judgment of divorce. Jennifer Brandt will cover Divorce Mediation, a non-adversarial avenue through divorce in which the participants negotiate their own terms with a neutral third party.

Attendees will have the opportunity to divide into smaller groups to discuss particular topics with each attorney, including specific issues in their lives which are or may become legal matters.

Women for Women of Union County, headquartered at 511 North Avenue in Garwood, is a non-profit agency offering short-term, low-cost individual counseling and self-help support groups for women undergoing transitional or developmental crises in their lives.

The agency will offer a six-week support group on Monday evenings, beginning April 17, for women contemplating separation or going

through a divorce. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss and resolve issues and emotions they are experiencing.

Individuals interested in the support group, registering for the legal panel workshop or in obtaining more information are asked to call (908) 232-5787.

Admission to the workshop is free, but a \$5 donation is requested.

Library Announces Calendar For Story Time Registration

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street in Westfield, has announced the registration dates for its Pre-School Story Time and Magic Carpet Story Time programs.

Magic Carpet Story Time registration will begin on Saturday, April 15, for children in kindergarten through third grade. The sessions will meet on Thursdays, April 27 through May 25, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.

Three Year Old Story Time registration will begin on Thursday, April 13. The sessions will meet on Thursdays, April 27 through May 25, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., or on Mondays, April 24 through

May 22, from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

Registration for Four Year Old Story Time will begin on Tuesday, April 11. The sessions will meet on Wednesdays, April 26 through May 24, from 1:30 to 2 p.m., or on Tuesdays, April 25 through May 23, from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Children must have reached their third or fourth birthday by the first story session.

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

For further information, please call the library's Children's Department at (908) 789-4090.

Miller-Cory Plans to Continue Archaeological Dig on Sunday

WESTFIELD — This Sunday, April 9, Phase II of the Archaeological Dig will take place on the grounds of the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, between 2 and 5 p.m.

Daniel M. Sivilich, a historic archaeological specialist, and his team will do a surface survey on the museum grounds. A similar survey was conducted there last fall. Artifacts that were recovered and catalogued are on display in the museum. The team plans to concentrate on other sections of the property during Phase II.

Sherry Lange of Cranford and Janet Murphy of Kenilworth, members of the museum's Cooking Committee, will prepare foods using early American

recipes over the open hearth in the Frazee building.

Visitors may take tours of the farmhouse given by costumed docents in period dress. The last tour will begin at 4 p.m.

The museum's gift shop is stocked with Colonial reproductions, teas, cookbooks and educational materials.

On Sunday, April 16, a chair caning demonstration will be featured. Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6 years old.

For information about tours and future events, please call the museum office at (908) 232-1776. Office hours are 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.



MAKING NEW FRIENDS...Members of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Chorus recently performed for patients at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, two of whom are shown with the young singers during their visit. Pictured, from left to right, are: front row, Kassandra Scarnechia, Chantel Quesada, Poppy Hagood and Jennifer Mannino; middle row, Phyllis Cunningham, Mariel Rosen, Erin Klein, Carly Goldberg, Krista Burslem and Jessica Cunningham, and back row, Judy Klein, Rebecca Mason, Eleanor "Skip" Adams, Chris Quesada, Deena Heller and Christine Migton.

Leaf and Gumball Pickup Set for April 10 in Township

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Department of Public Property has announced that the township's annual Spring Leaf and Gumball Pickup will begin on Monday, April 10.

Weather permitting, all leaves and gumballs will be picked up at curbside during the week of April 10 only. Therefore, residents are advised to put out the debris that Monday. All personnel and equipment will be utilized on both sides of the township.

Residents are also asked to refrain from parking their vehicles on the street during this pickup in order for township personnel to conduct their operation in a safe and efficient manner.

Leaves placed at the curb should be free of debris such as branches, rocks, stumps and other material. Such debris

can cause serious equipment damage and slows the program down considerably, according to the department. Branches may be put out during the township's June cleanup program.

When putting leaves at the curb, residents are asked to leave space near the curbline for water to flow into catch basins. The department has also discouraged bagging of leaves, since workers must break open bags and leave them on lawns.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF EDUCATION
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education, Westfield, New Jersey, in the Board of Education Office, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, at 2:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time) on APRIL 17, 2000 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud for:

"RESTROOM RENOVATIONS AT WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL (SECOND FLOOR - REAR SECTION), R-2012B"

Plans, Specifications, form of bid, contract and bond for the proposed work and other Contract Documents thereto, as prepared by M. Disko Associates, are on file in their offices at 493 Lehigh Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083, and may be examined at the office of M. Disko Associates during normal business hours.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Plans and Specifications by the Engineer, upon proper notice and payment of a check for **Fifty (\$50.00)** (dollars), payable to M. DISKO ASSOCIATES, said cost being the reproduction price of the documents and is not returnable.

Proposal forms (as contained in the Specifications) provide for the awarding of all the work to the lowest qualified bidder under a single contract.

The guaranty accompanying the bid shall be given in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid and may be given at the option of the bidder by a Certified Check, or Bid Bond from a reputable insurance company.

All bidders must be prequalified in accordance with Chapter 105, Laws of 1962, as amended by Chapter 188, Laws of 1968 as set forth in Instructions to Bidders.

Labor in connection with the project shall be paid not less than wages as listed in Prevailing Wage Rate Determination, pursuant to Chapter 150 of the New Jersey Laws of 1963, or the U.S. Department of Labor Wage Determinations, whichever are higher for each class of labor.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of PL 1975, C. 127. (NJAC 17:27)

Bids may be held by the Board of Education for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in its judgment the public interest will be served by so doing.

By order of the Board of Education,
Westfield, New Jersey.

Robert Berman
Board Secretary
Fee: \$54.57

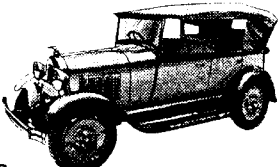
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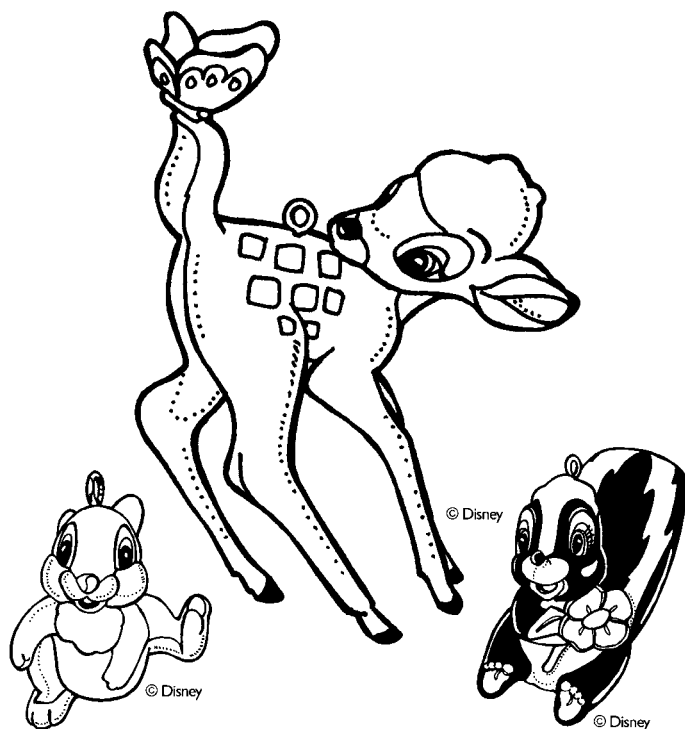
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SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-17438-97.
CITICORP MORTGAGE INC., PLAINTIFF vs. LUIS RAMIREZ AND ZORAIDA RAMIREZ HIS WIFE; LILIANA RAMIREZ, ET ALS., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 27, 1999 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 3RD DAY OF MAY A.D. 2000 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 ONE-HUNDRED FORTY TWO THOUSAND ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR & 89/100. (\$142,184.89).

The property to be sold is located in the CITY of Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208, County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 254 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208.

Tax Lot No. 1650 in Block No. 13. Dimension of Lot: approximately 23.50 feet wide by 200.00 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Chilton Street.

Situate at a point on the southerly sideline of Westfield Avenue distance approximately 663.50 feet westerly from its intersection with the westerly sideline of Chilton Street.

There is due approximately the sum of ONE-HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND THREE-HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO & 38/100 (\$165,372.38) 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

FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD,
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Fanwood Residents Gear Up for Annual Clean Communities Day to Take Place April 15

By SUZETTE F. STALKER

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

FANWOOD — On Saturday, April 15, borough residents will once again be invited to help spruce up their hometown during Clean Communities Day, an annual event designed to promote respect and appreciation for the environment.

Now in its 11th year, the cleanup is sponsored by the Fanwood Clean Communities Committee as part of the borough's yearly observance of Earth Day, which will be celebrated the following Saturday, April 22.

Fanwood Public Works Director and Committee Chairman Raymond Manfra said the cleanup was planned a week ahead of Earth Day so as not to interfere with residents' Easter weekend plans.

Participants will gather at 8:30 a.m. that day "around the Millennium Clock" in the south side Fanwood train station parking lot, according to Mr. Manfra, where they

will be divided into groups and assigned a specific location to clean up.

They will be issued Earth Day T-shirts, work gloves and garbage bags and transported to their designated sites by Public Works personnel, who will also serve as crew chiefs for the duration of the project, which is expected to conclude by noon.

Mr. Manfra revealed that 14 areas in the borough are earmarked for a spring cleaning, among them the rear area and parking lots of stores along Martine Avenue; municipal properties; local parks and the areas around the Fanwood Nature Center on Cray Terrace and the brook running parallel to Midway Avenue, from Farley Avenue to the Plainfield border.

Volunteers will clean up debris alongside the railroad tracks, where they will be supervised by two NJ Transit flag men at no cost to the borough, the Public Works Director

stated.

"They (NJ Transit) cooperate because they like the fact that we're doing their railroad right-of-way," he remarked. "They stay with us until our people are (done cleaning up around) the tracks."

In addition, Mr. Manfra reported that the Fanwood Lions Club will tackle the entire stretch of South Avenue between Terrill Road and Hetfield Avenue. Local scout troops are also scheduled to participate in the cleanup, he said.

He confirmed that the annual event typically draws between 80 and 120 people, adding that participants in past years have ranged in age from 3 to 85.

Clean Communities Day, in conjunction with talks to students and the purchase of books and CD-ROMs for schools and the library, enables Fanwood to receive grant money from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

These funds are used to support environmental education and for the purchase of items such as park picnic tables, trash receptacles and cleanup equipment for the Public Works Department, as well as for Clean Communities Day.

Mr. Manfra, who gives presentations at the local schools, told *The Times* he believes Clean Communities Day has been instrumental over the past decade in heightening sensitivity — particularly among children — to the impact of litter on the environment.

"It teaches young people that litter only comes from one area — and that's people — and it's our responsibility to clean it up," he said.

"It's an important lesson we learn, it's a good teaching tool, plus we get the grant money to subsidize the expenses we incur," he commented.

Local merchants will supply refreshments to volunteers at the conclusion of the event, according to Mr. Manfra, who said individuals should wear their Earth Day T-shirts

when they visit the stores.

In addition to Mr. Manfra, Clean Communities Committee members include Fanwood Planning Board Chairman Gregory Cummings, former Borough Councilman Bob McCarthy, Linda and Dean Talcott, Pamela Sayles and Ruth Samuelson.

Individuals interested in participating in the cleanup may call Mr. Manfra at (908) 322-7404. Walk-ins will also be welcome.



A HISTORY OF NAVAL MILITIA...Admiral Timothy Beard of New Jersey Naval Militia, a Westfield resident, was the guest speaker at a recent regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Westfield. Pictured, left to right, are: Rotary Club President Dr. William B. Bonsall, Admiral Bead and Rotarian Jane Sentivan, this year's Rotary Program Chairwoman.

Admiral Bead of Naval Militia Speaks to Local Rotarians

WESTFIELD — At a recent Rotary Club meeting Westfield Rotarians welcomed Admiral Timothy Bead of New Jersey Naval Militia, who gave a history up to the current status of the organization which is one of the three legs of the national guard.

Admiral Bead told Rotarians how in 1894 a New Jersey Navy existed. The force was activated in 1898 against Spain and Cuba and was federalized in 1917, manning federal warships. Again, in 1940, the Militia was activated and saw action at Pearl Harbor in 1941.

In 1953 the unit had a total of 3,950 men and in 1963 the Naval Militia was absorbed into the Naval Reserve.

The duties of the current organization include rendering assistance in storms and floods, assisting in anti-drug traffic missions and supporting

Realtors Association Slates Blood Drive

WESTFIELD — The Greater Union County Association of Realtors will sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday, April 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The mobile blood van will be parked in the Lord & Taylor parking lot on North Avenue in Westfield. All donors will be given a free cholesterol check.

The drive is held in conjunction with the Blood Center of New Jersey and is a semi-annual event coordinated by the Realtor Community Service Committee of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors.

Reservations may be made by calling Doris Kopil at (908) 233-0065, but walk-ins are also welcome.

Rotary Club and SPBPA Team Up for Casino Night

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club and the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association (SPBPA) will host a Casino Night on Friday, April 14, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Scotch Hills County Club, located at Jerusalem Road and Plainfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The evening will provide an opportunity for people who are not necessarily gamblers to learn about

games of chance such as Black Jack, Roulette and Craps and to practice their skills in an informal, relaxed atmosphere, according to SPBPA President Ray Pardon.

There will be no cash gambling or cash prizes. At the end of the evening, there will be a Tricky Tray with many items donated by local individuals and businesses. Admission for the evening is \$20, which includes some play money to get started, free hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks. There will be a cash bar and a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets may be purchased at the following Scotch Plains locations: Nuts n' Plenty, 407 Park Avenue; Apple Blossom Flower Shop, 381 Park Avenue, or Kucher, Harney & Miller, 365 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

For more information, please call either Steve Goldberg at (908) 322-5733, Ray Jajko at (908) 322-1700 or Carol Wood at (908) 654-0524. All proceeds from the evening will benefit various youth related programs supported by both organizations.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF EDUCATION
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Westfield Board of Education, intends to seek out contractors for Asbestos Removal. The Board invites prospective contractors to submit their sealed bids for this project. These bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside, ASBESTOS REMOVAL - WESTFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION BID # 1019-202 (R20-16). Direct all sealed bids to the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Westfield Board of Education, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ 07090.

There will be a mandatory site inspection on Friday, April 07, 2000 at 3:15 p.m. in the Gymnasium of the Tamaques Elementary School located at 641 Willow Grove Road in Westfield. All potential bidders or their representatives, must attend in order to bid. Plans and Specifications will be available at this site inspection upon payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per set payable to Environmental Remediation & Management, Inc. (ER&M, Inc.) This fee is nonrefundable.

Each bid must be accompanied by a deposit equal to ten percent (10%) of the base bid, but not in excess of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) in form and subject to conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The sealed bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday April 25, 2000 in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond in the full amount of the contract price, indemnifying the Owner from any and all proceedings, suits, or actions of any kind, name or description and condition for the faithful performance of the work.

Every contractor and subcontractor, shall comply with requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 127, (Affirmative Action). Questions concerning this statement and specifications, should be directed to Robert Berman, Assistant Superintendent for Business (908-789-4400). The Westfield Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informality or to accept a bid that in its judgment will be in the best interest of the Board.

Westfield Board of Education
Robert Berman
Assistant Superintendent for Business
1T - 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$50.49

Volunteers Sought to Help Plant Wildflowers at Center

FANWOOD — Dean Talcott, Fanwood Environmental Commission Chairman and Groundskeeper at the Fanwood Nature Center, is asking for volunteers to help plant wildflower seeds on Saturday, April 15, at 1:30 p.m. following Clean Communities Day activities.

The seeds were purchased at a substantially reduced price from Parker Greenhouses in Scotch Plains.

According to Mr. Talcott, the work should take about two hours. In the event of a steady rain that day, the activity will be rescheduled for Sunday, April 16, at 1:30 p.m.

The area to be planted is in the Public Service Electric and Gas overhead power line property, adjacent to the Nature Center on Cray Terrace.

Participants may get to the site by traveling one block south on Terrill Road from LaGrande Avenue. They should then turn left onto Cray Terrace and go to the location of the overhead power lines. Individuals are asked to park in the street and walk up the gravel

drive.

Volunteers should bring metal "T"-shaped rakes, dress appropriately and expect muddy ground. Everyone, even if they do not take part in the planting project, are invited to visit the site that day, according to Mr. Talcott.

The planting area has been prepared courtesy of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Some blooming is expected in May, while different flowers will appear into the fall. The public has been asked not to pick the flowers.

Dr. Robert Apuzzio, a chiropractor practicing on Martine Avenue in Fanwood, has offered a free spinal manipulation to anyone helping with the wildflower planting.

Any group that would like to help place wood chips on the trails, at any time, may call Mr. Talcott at (908) 322-6577 to make arrangements.

Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA To Sponsor Healthy Kids Day

SCOTCH PLAINS — The community is invited to attend Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, April 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, located at 1340 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Healthy Kids Day will feature fun events that celebrate healthy living for children and their parents. Many activities and demonstrations spotlighting safety, health and athletics will be offered.

The Scotch Plains Police Department will present Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education information, as well as Child Identification and Stranger Awareness programs.

Union County Fire Prevention will provide a Smokehouse, which demonstrates the proper way to exit a burning building.

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad will be on hand for tours of an ambulance. In addition, personnel from the Bike Stand will check bicycle helmets for proper fit.

The pool will be available all af-

ternoon for open swimming, so families are encouraged to bring their bathing suits and towels.

A Gymnastic Obstacle Course will also be available, along with many sporting events, including Track and Field, a Homerun Derby and Soccer Skills, provided by Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School athletes.

An NFL Punt, Pass and Kick program, which requires parents' written permission, will round out the athletic activities.

Prevent Blindness of New Jersey, an area organization, will offer visual screenings, while Scotch Plains Speech and Hearing will provide auditory screenings. Scoliosis screenings and information on dental care and immunizations will also be offered.

An infant masseuse, fitness demonstrations, healthy snacks, prizes, fine painting and an arts and crafts table are among the planned activities as well.

The first 100 children to attend will receive a special gift. For more information on Healthy Kids, please call the YMCA at (908) 889-8880.

main event will be a piano musicale presented by Jane Gross at 7:45 p.m.

A program entitled "Recent Discoveries to Rewrite New Jersey's Revolutionary War History" will be presented by Daniel M. Sivilich.

An avocational archaeologist, Mr. Sivilich has been involved for several years in electronic analyses of multiple New Jersey digs which have revealed new information about Colonial history.

He was the recipient last year of the National Award of Merit that is conferred by the American Association for State and Local History.

The event will conclude with refreshments and is open to the public. Parking is prohibited at the rear of the video store adjacent to the church but is available in the town lot accessible from either Elm Street or from Mountain Avenue.

Spring Sale to Be Held At JLEP Jumble Store

CRANFORD — The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield will conduct its annual Jumble Store Spring Sale on Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second floor of the store, located at 110 Walnut Avenue in Cranford.

This year, a large collection of new infant and children's clothing, which was donated to the store by a local retailer, will be featured.

In addition, there will also be a sale on gently-worn ladies', men's, children's and infants' clothing, as well as household items.

A blood drive will take place in front of the Jumble Store at the same time as the sale. Individuals who donate blood there will receive a coupon that can be used at the Spring Sale.

The Jumble Store is a consignment store run by the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield, a non-profit organization. For store hours other than the sale day and for directions, please call (908) 709-1177.

History Societies Announce Spring Assembly on April 12

WESTFIELD — The Spring Assembly of the Westfield History Societies will meet at the First Baptist Church on Elm Street on Wednesday, April 12, at 8 p.m. Preceding the

Local Lions Club Seeks

Flea Market Vendors

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Lions Club is seeking vendors for its 20th annual Lions Flea Market, scheduled for Saturday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fanwood Train Station.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the organization's Blind Fund.

Interested individuals are asked to call Flea Market Chairman Ron Kelly at (908) 753-8218.

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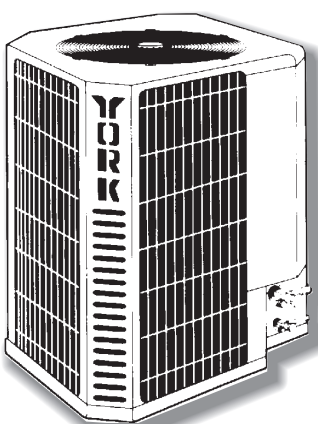
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Heritage, Culture Recognized In Program at Coles School

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Parent Teacher Association of J. Ackerman Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains recently held its annual Family Heritage night. It is on this night, all students, their families and the staff celebrate their cultural diversity.

Earlier this year, Coles School received an award by the Education Commission of the New Jersey State

Parent Teacher Association for "Parent Involvement in Multi-cultural Enrichment" because of the Family Heritage Night program with the associated classroom activities.

The award was presented at the state convention on December 2 of last year.

This year's event was chaired by Deborah Mattson and Wanda Perez. As in the past, the International Food Tastings, which is a buffet prepared by all families, was the highlight for many. Crafts included a Ukrainian Easter Egg demonstration by Dianna and Kristin Cassidy.

A demonstration of mehendi, an India henna art, was presented by Bina Merchant and family. Origami was taught by Shui Wah Chan. Carina and Chris Gerveshi had the students making international flags.

At each grade level, the students participated in classroom activities prior to Family Heritage Night. Some of these classroom activities included a paper "multi-cultural" class quilt, paper dolls in the dress of your culture, "travel brochures" describing the country of origin, family trees and interviews with family elders.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Black Student Union Dance Ensemble performed an African dance from the production of *Raisin*. Irish Tap Dancers from Dance 2000, performed "Lord of the Dance." Master Sung Keum Yoo, from Martial Arts America in Westfield gave a Tae Kwon Do demonstration.

An alpine horn demonstration by Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg, the Founder and Director of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts was given. Vani Kilakkathi and Priya Kamdar each performed a traditional dance from India. Alex Hahn performed a German folk song on the piano. Kunal Saxena gave a performance on the tabla, a classic Indian drum.

Many students and their families participated in a fashion show of costumes from around the world. The traditional grand finale of "This Land Is Your Land" was led by fifth grade student, Allyson Rome, accompanied on the piano by vocal music teacher, Suzanne Barclay.

Meghan Erin Bender Selected for Membership To Rho Beta Chapter

WESTFIELD — Meghan Erin Bender, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce F. Bender of Westfield, who is attending the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education Master's program in Secondary Guidance Counseling, has been selected for membership in the Rho Beta Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, The Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society, International.

Meghan is a 1995 graduate of Westfield High School and a 1999 graduate of Bucknell University.

Concepts & Thought



FIESTA TIME...Kindergartners at Washington Elementary School in Westfield recently hosted a Mexican Fiesta for parents and guests. Students studied the customs, traditions and lifestyles of Mexico through cross-curricular activities, including art, literature and music. The month-long unit concluded with a traditional fiesta, where the sombrero-wearing children collectively gave a short presentation on Mexico, each reciting their memorized lines. The children also broke a pinata. Pictured, left to right, are children in Siobhan O'Connor's class: Claudine DeHaas, Justine Alexander, Brian Doles, Maddie Chandler, Clement Ponsennet, Alex Graff and Joseph Salmon.

Marina K. Powell Earns Achievement Scholarship

WESTFIELD — Marina K. Powell of Westfield has received an Honorary Achievement Scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in Evanston, Ill.

An Honorary Achievement Scholar designee is one whose educational plans or monetary awards preclude acceptance of an achievement scholarship award. The student's name is included in the public announcement in recognition of the student's outstanding

performance in the competition.

At Westfield High School, Marina has been a member of the Student Council for four years, Recording Secretary of the Spanish Club for four years, Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, an Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, a member of the Varsity Lacrosse Team for four years, the school musical for two years and a Senior Class Senator.

Students Earn Academic Honors At Franklin & Marshall College

Students from Westfield and Scotch Plains received academic honors for the 1999 fall semester at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa.

Those students were: Jodi Goldberg of Westfield, Amelia (Mia) Baker, George Danileles and Lindsey Everitt, all of Scotch Plains.

Jodi, a senior government major and history minor, is a 1996 graduate of Westfield High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Goldberg of Westfield.

Amelia, a senior classics major, is

a 1996 graduate of The Wardlaw-Hartridge School. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Baker of Scotch Plains.

George, a senior sociology major and music minor, is a 1996 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. He is the son of Peter Danileles of Freehold and E. Joy Danileles of Scotch Plains.

Lindsey, a junior business major, is a 1997 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Everitt of Scotch Plains.

The Learning Curve

Inclusion of Disabled Students Along With Others Can Have Positive Result

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SCOTCH PLAINS — As schools move toward fuller inclusion (that is, integrating students with disabilities into regular education classrooms), parents of special needs children and parents of typical children all wonder what that may mean for their individual child. If handled properly, inclusion can mean good things all around.

The presence of a special needs child in the classroom can cause a domino effect. Children with disabilities interact with peers, peers model appropriate behavior, and all children become more accepting and appreciative of individual differences. With the right information and support, children come to understand that "different" is not bad or frightening, but a quality worthy of appreciation and respect.

However, while social benefits top the list of reasons why inclusive education is good, experts warn that physical proximity alone does not ensure friendships will blossom among classmates. It takes committed effort and ongoing communication among parents and teachers.

Making It Work

Parents and teachers need to encourage children to think about what they have in common with their classmates, and to help them empathize with those children who live with differences that make them unique.

In some school districts, for example, physical, speech and/or occupational therapy are delivered to special needs students in regular classrooms. This approach gives typical students a bird's-eye look at services that were previously provided in a separate room.

Kindergarten teacher Karen Redding likes the idea of therapists doing more "pushing into" the classroom rather than "pulling students out" for support services. She believes her special education colleagues provide tips and suggestions that add a positive dimension to the class that can benefit every student.

When Karen Pilkington, an elementary art teacher, discovered that one student was physically unable to sit cross-legged like the rest of the class, she followed the suggestion of the occupational therapist working in her classroom to have everybody (teachers included) lie on their stomachs at circle time.

Packaged programs also help teachers foster acceptance within their classrooms. A Circle of Friends, for example, encourages children and parents to focus on what people can do rather than what they cannot, according to Lois Glaster of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood middle

school child study team.

Each child draws four concentric circles around herself to represent the people closest to her, starting with family members and working out toward teachers or camp counselors. The activity helps to "raise the self-esteem" of the included child and "replace the fear" other students may be feeling, said Ms. Glaster.

Inviting persons with disabilities, therapists or parents to speak to a class can dispel the mystery surrounding a child's leg brace, wheelchair or computerized communication device. While visiting her son's class as a guest reader, Lois Brooks took the opportunity to explain why it is sometimes difficult to understand Robby's speech.

She explained how Robby's tongue and muscles work differently because he has Down's Syndrome. That can make him hard to understand, even for his family, she said. But, she assured the class, "Robby will never get angry" if asked to repeat something.

Parents can help smooth the path toward acceptance by providing socialization opportunities outside school. These might include making play dates or inviting classmates to parties. Ms. Brooks regularly invites one or two of Robby's friends out for a school-day lunch at Burger King.

In class, teachers can raise children's awareness by reading books about children with differences. Role playing, cooperative learning activities, and simulation exercises, too, can help bridge the gap between suspicion and understanding.

Exercises like getting a drink from the water fountain while confined to a wheelchair or picking up a paper clip while wearing a bulky glove allow typical children to experience what it feels like to live with a disability.

In the book, "Including Students With Special Needs in the Regular Classroom" (Allyn and Bacon, 1999), authors Marilyn Friend and William D. Bursuck say the teacher's primary responsibility in nurturing acceptance and fostering social interaction is to model appropriate behavior.

Teachers can, from day one, clearly state and enforce the class rule that every person should be treated with respect and kindness. Teachers can also affirm the contribution every child makes to his class and community. By acknowledging the best efforts of a special needs child, the teacher guides classmates to do the same.

A Positive Experience

Ms. Brooks admitted that, initially, she had huge reservations about en-

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School Board Election Coverage



Community Input Is Key, States BOE Candidate Ava McNamara

SCOTCH PLAINS — Continuing her campaign for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, Ava McNamara stressed the importance of continued community involvement in the critical issues that face the school district.

According to the candidate, many parents and taxpayers came out to speak or listen at the recent Facilities and Enrollment presentations. Those who spoke, Mrs. McNamara reported, asked questions and/or communicated strong feelings about the educational direction they would like to see the district take.

"I think it would be a crime to see many of those same people stop contributing now that a decision has been made. Much planning remains before this district sees the approved plan completed," the candidate stated.

Mrs. McNamara said she believes the ideal way to move forward is to keep the community actively participating in the discussions to come. "This election will decide who will sit on the board responsible for bringing the referendum to the public. There are many details that need public input and approval if this plan is to be successful," she said.

Mrs. McNamara urges all interested parties to come to board meetings. "Meetings to take place in April and May will most definitely address the Facilities and Enrollment fund-

ing. This will be a critical time for those members of the public concerned about the financial decisions to attend and be heard," she urged.

The candidate believes accountability is what being on the board is all about. "It is the responsibility of everyone on the board and in the administration to be certain the public understands the key issues surrounding this district's critical decisions. The referendum is only one of several important phases in this district's facilities saga. I know I can contribute positively because my own children will be impacted. No one on the board or running can make that claim," she said.

In a final comment about accountability, Mrs. McNamara stated that the public must be accountable as well. "They must watch their elected officials and take time to educate themselves, whether about the referendum or the upcoming board elections. I would like to be the board member they can count on to make the process of being informed and educated as easy and open as possible," she stated.

"Whatever your feelings on the board, it's business or the candidates, just please remember to vote on April 18," she concluded.



Ava McNamara

Westfield Candidate Billson Urges Public Involvement

WESTFIELD — Speaking after "Meet The Candidates Night," Westfield Board of Education candidate Peter W. Billson said, "Having five people running for three seats is really wonderful. The open discussion and exchange of ideas is what the electoral process is all about."

That evening, Mr. Billson, who is running on a platform of open and honest communication, staged an exercise designed to showcase the effectiveness of involving the entire community in our children's education, including the two-thirds of the individuals who do not have children in the school system.

During his opening remarks Mr. Billson asked members of the audience to donate something to the exercise. "Everyone was eager to get involved. They trusted me with their car keys, credit cards and cash. All I needed to do was ask them to help. There is an important lesson to be learned in this simple exercise. Ask for what you need and Westfielders respond."

Mr. Billson continued by saying, "But we can't just involve the public one month a year. The entire public needs to be engaged 12 months a year for the system to work. A philosophy of inclusion not exclusion."

If elected, Mr. Billson pledges to

"use my position on the board to engage the entire public in the educational system."

The candidate stressed a simple point. "There are a great number of ways that every person can become involved in the education of our children. Many of them are fun and

require very little time," he said.

Speaking about Candidates Night, Mr. Billson said, "Every resident of Westfield is encouraged to watch. While it may not be quiet as entertaining as 'NYPD Blue,' the topics covered directly affect your life."

Candidates Night will be televised nightly at 4 and 8 p.m. on TV-36 from now through Monday,



Peter W. Billson

April 17.

Mr. Billson is now asking each of the residents to become involved. "Don't depend upon your friends and neighbors to become involved. Everyone should be responsible. Go out and vote on April 18 from 2 until 9 p.m.," the candidate urged.

Furthering his platform of communication, Mr. Billson is encouraging the public to voice their hopes, dreams, concerns, ideas, suggestions and complaints to him directly. He may be reached by phone at (908) 317-8606, via e-mail to pete@elbnet.com or by fax to (908) 232-0473.

Candidate Molnar Says Budget, Planning Is Ongoing Process

WESTFIELD — B. Carol Molnar, who is seeking re-election to the Westfield Board of Education, commented that the school budget process has been facilitated by the on-going planning undertaken by the board.

"As a member of the Finance Committee, I know that developing a school budget each year is a difficult task facing the board which must balance

the goal of educational excellence with the local tax burden, as well as operate within the state cap restrictions," said Ms. Molnar.

"To create such a budget," she continued, "the district has an on-going process which constantly addresses both the short term and long term needs. Over the past few years, the board has moved in this direction by creating a long range planning committee to address planning concerns. During my term, I was a strong advocate for the creation of such a committee."

The incumbent candidate remarked, "To further facilitate the budgeting process, next year's budget should be addressed by the board this summer utilizing three models: one assuming that state aid remains constant, one assuming a decrease and the other assuming a slight increase."

"Then, all of the pieces of the budget can be reviewed, while concurrently factoring in all of the contractual and fixed expenses. After

reviewing each model, the board can determine whether the forecasted budgets will be over the state cap. As a result, the entire board, in addition to the Finance Committee, would have a total forecasted picture of next year's budget, including any funding requirements from the Reserve Fund," she stated.

"The board can then determine by early fall what new initiatives could be funded and review what measures would be necessary in order to ensure that important programs were continued and enriched," she commented.

In closing, Ms. Molnar stated, "My past experience and involvement enables me to contribute to this important budget planning process. I thank the community for its support of my re-election on Tuesday, April 18."



Carol Molnar

Candidate Rhodes Considers BOE Campaign 'Informative'

WESTFIELD — Kimberly Rhodes, candidate for a three-year term on the Westfield Board of Education, said that despite the time and expense, running for a seat has been a positive experience.

Ms. Rhodes said that she has met hundreds of new people and heard varying opinions on numerous topics.

"While they don't necessarily agree on the solutions to the main issues facing our district, almost everyone acknowledges that growing enrollment at the high school, technology, and improved curriculum are the areas requiring immediate board focus," she said.

"Interestingly enough," Ms. Rhodes added, "no-one denied a future space problem at the high school. I expected some of them to argue that enrollments in the 70's were even higher than current projections."

"Maybe they read my article," she joked referring to her article entitled, "Kimberly Rhodes Addresses Enrolling Growth at WHS," in the March 23 issue of *The Westfield Leader*. In that article Ms. Rhodes pointed out that several classrooms at the high school were converted to other uses and that many of today's programs, like special education, require smaller class sizes.

"However, opinions varied widely about the way the board should address the problem. The vast majority seemed supportive of a bond referendum to pay for an addition to the high school, but they wanted assurance that the board would consider other options like Lincoln School and the Armory. I encouraged all of them to volunteer for any Citizen's Advisory Committee formed to focus on enrollment growth," said the candidate.

On the topic of technology, Ms. Rhodes found that the most controversial issue was that of providing

high school teachers with laptop computers. "The people agree that children graduating from Westfield High School must be able to function in today's highly technological world. For the most part, they admit that our district is behind others in incorporating technology in the classroom, but many didn't see how laptops will change that," she said.

"I read the report prepared by the PTC Education Studies Committee, and it provides strong support for the laptop initiative," Ms. Rhodes stated. "The report says that once teachers have access to computers, they begin using them to enhance instruction. Westfield teachers will be expected to use their computers for grading, attendance and parent communication."

In the area of curriculum, Ms. Rhodes said that she has heard repeatedly that the district needs to revamp its K-8 math program.

"Numerous parents have expressed concern that the middle school math curriculum doesn't mesh well with that at the elementary schools. I'm happy that the district is attending to this issue. They have an excellent new math coordinator, Regina Keycheck, who is charged with selecting a teaching method that will provide consistency from kindergarten through grade 8. Several alternatives are currently being piloted."

Ms. Rhodes added that elementary world language and technology are some of the other exciting new curriculum initiatives.

"I have really enjoyed talking to the voters," Ms. Rhodes said in summary, "and if elected, I would welcome the same dialog. I have supported this community as a member of several volunteer organization and school committees. I have experience in school finance, and I want to serve."



Kimberly Rhodes

'Dollars for Students' Drive Set by Scholarship Foundation

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation will conduct its 33rd annual residential canvass, "Dollars for Students" on Saturday, April 15, and Sunday, April 16.

The Foundation is seeking contributions to provide financial assistance to deserving Scotch Plains and Fanwood student residents in their post high school education. Approximately 60 local high school and college students will be making door-to-door solicitations throughout

Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

In addition to its own fundraising efforts, the Foundation also administers scholarships sponsored by 20 local organizations as well as administering the capital of 23 established memorial scholarship funds.

Since it was founded in 1966, the Foundation has administered \$791,370 in scholarships for the benefit of local students. Last year, \$83,900 of financial aid was administered by the Foundation to 61 of the students who applied. This year, the screening committee is in the process of evaluating 90 applications from local high school and college students.

The house-to-house canvass and a direct mail effort are the Foundation's only fundraising efforts for its "Dollars for Students" scholarships. If residents are not contacted by a student, donations may be sent to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box No. 123, Fanwood, 07023.

Thomas J. Killian Set to Compete In State Level Bee

WESTFIELD — Thomas J. Killian, a student at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield, will test his geography knowledge at the state-level competitions of the National Geographic Bee this Friday, April 7.

Amanda C. Koscielecki Earns First Honors At Marist College

SCOTCH PLAINS — Amanda C. Koscielecki of Scotch Plains was awarded first honors on the Marist College Dean's List for the fall 1999 semester. Amanda, a freshmen student, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Koscielecki.



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Jozef Anackowski, 88, Parishioner; Was Steelworker at Newark Firm

Jozef Anackowski, 88, of Fanwood died on Saturday, April 1, at his home.

Born in Poland, he came to the United States in 1951. He had lived in Newark and Irvington for 25 years before settling in Fanwood in 1981. Mr. Anackowski had been em-

played as a steelworker for United States Steel Supply Company in Newark for 25 years, retiring in 1977.

He was a communicant of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church in Irvington.

Surviving are two sons, Eugene Anackowski and Ignatius Anackowski; a daughter, Christina Gonnella, and five grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted yesterday, Wednesday, April 5, from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains, followed by a Mass at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

April 6, 2000

Annie G. Cooke, 76

Annie G. Cooke, 76, of Berkeley Heights died on Sunday, April 2, at Runnells Specialized Hospital in Union County in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Plainfield, she had lived in Westfield for 25 years before moving to Berkeley Heights a year ago.

Mrs. Cooke had been employed at Art Color Corporation, formerly of Dunellen.

She was a former member of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Plainfield. She was predeceased by her husband, Herbert Cooke, in 1980.

Surviving are three sisters, Evelyn Hill of Sewaren, Bernice DaSilva of Los Angeles and Margarette Gould of Richmond, Va.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, April 5, in Brown's Funeral Home in Plainfield. Interment took place at the Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

April 6, 2000

James Slocum, Jr., 55

James H. Slocum, Jr., 55, of Oceanport died on Thursday, March 30, at the Meridian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Red Bank.

Born in Elizabeth, he had lived in Cranford before moving to Oceanport 15 years ago.

Mr. Slocum had been a site manager with the Morton Division of the Rohm & Hass Corporation in New Egypt and retired from E. I. Du Pont de Nemours in Parlin after 26 years as a chemical engineer.

He was a 1967 graduate of the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He was a communicant of St. Dorothea Roman Catholic Church in Eatontown.

He was predeceased by his father, James H. Slocum, Sr.

Surviving are his wife, the former Kathleen Griffin; a son, Michael T. Slocum of Oceanport; his mother, Helen Laverty Slocum; a brother, George Slocum of Cranford, and a sister, Joan Alder of Mountainside.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, April 3, at St. Dorothea Church. Interment was private.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Braun Funeral Home in Eatontown.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fox Chase Cancer Center, 7701 Burholme Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19111-2497, or to the National Kidney Cancer Association, 1234 Sherman Avenue, Suite No. 203, Evanston, Ill. 60202-1375.

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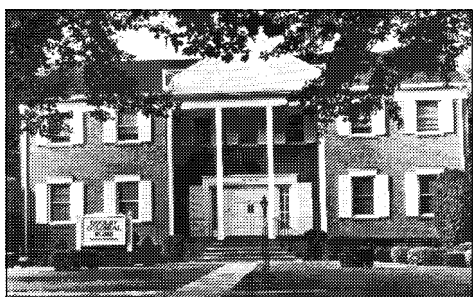
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Obituaries

Dollie Stradford, 55, Assembly Worker; Active With Aeon Baptist Church

Dollie L. Stradford, 55, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, March 31, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Chester, S. C., she had lived in Vauxhall before moving to Scotch Plains 29 years ago.

Mrs. Stradford had been employed as an assembler for Silverline Building Products in North Brunswick for 14 years.

She was a member of the Aeon Baptist Church in Vauxhall for 37 years and was a missionary there.

Surviving are her husband, John Stradford; a son, Kelvin D. Stradford of Scotch Plains; a daughter, Belinda

Stradford of Scotch Plains; her mother, Elner W. Glenn of Red Bank; two sisters, Beatrice Glenn of Red Bank and Elizabeth Glenn of Irvington; five brothers, Jesse Glenn of Irvington, Haywood Glenn and William Glenn, both of Chester, S. C., Columbus Glenn of Irvington and Michael Irvin of Germany, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, April 5, at the Aeon Baptist Church.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Juddins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

April 6, 2000

Robert Heffernan, 65, Was Postal Clerk; Member of New Jersey Jazz Society

Robert W. Heffernan, 65, of Edison died on Monday, April 3, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in New Brunswick, he had lived there for 20 years and in Piscataway for 25 years before moving to Edison.

Mr. Heffernan had been employed as a clerk with the Highland Park Post Office for 40 years, retiring in 1955.

He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose in South River and a member of the New Jersey Jazz Society.

Surviving are his wife, Thea Heffernan; two sons, Robert W.

Heffernan, Jr. of Bridgewater and Brian Heffernan of Edison; two daughters, Deborah Morone of Middlesex and Jennifer Heffernan of Edison; a brother, Donald Heffernan of Woodbridge; a sister, Elizabeth Caszar of Mountainside, and five grandchildren.

A blessing will be offered at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, April 7, at the Boylan Funeral Home in Edison. Burial will take place at St. Peter's Cemetery in New Brunswick.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, April 6, at the funeral home.

April 6, 2000

Dorothy Riddle, 74, Taught Biology At Plainfield High School for 17 Years

Dorothy Riddle, 74, of Westfield died on Thursday, March 30, in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Detroit, she lived in Westfield since 1957.

Mrs. Riddle had taught biology at Plainfield High School for 17 years before retiring in 1987. Previously, she had worked as a substitute teacher in Clark and Westfield.

She earned a bachelor's degree in 1946 and a master's degree in 1960, both in science, from Wayne State University in Detroit.

She was a member of the New Jersey Education Association for many years.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, Lawrence P. Riddle; two daughters, Jeri R. Miller and Kristi LaRosa; a son, Hamilton Paul Riddle, and three grandchildren.

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Bernard Rowe, 82, Corporate Attorney; Was in Army Intelligence During War

Bernard Rowe, 82, of Westfield died on Friday, April 1, in Rahway Hospital. Born in South River, he had lived in Elizabeth and in Roselle Park before moving to Westfield 40 years ago.

A corporate attorney, Mr. Rowe had served as General Counsel for the Canada Dry Corporation in New York City before retiring in 1982. Prior to that, he had worked for Norton Simon, Inc. in New York City as assistant to the President, Secretary and General Counsel of the McCall Corporation.

He had earlier been in private practice in Newark and Dover.

Mr. Rowe graduated summa cum laude in 1938 from Lafayette University in Easton, Pa., where he received a Gary scholarship. He was awarded an Epstein scholarship while attending Harvard Law School, from which he graduated in 1941. He was admitted to the New Jersey Bar Association in 1942.

He was a First Lieutenant in the military intelligence of the United States Army during World War II.

He was a life member of the Union

County Figure Skating Club.

Surviving are his wife, Lily Rowe; two daughters, Lois Fishman and Janice Blinder, and four grandchildren.

Services were held on Sunday, April 2, in the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.

April 6, 2000

Izydora Focht, 81

Izydora Focht, 81, of Dunnellon, Fla. died on Monday, March 27, in Williston Hospital in Dunnellon.

Born in Elizabeth, she had lived in Westfield and in Columbia before moving to Dunnellon 10 years ago.

Mrs. Focht served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

Surviving are a son, Albert Focht; a daughter, Phyllis Miller, and four grandchildren.

A Mass was offered on Saturday, April 1, in St. Adalbert's Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth, following the funeral from the Krowicki Gorny Memorial Home in Clark.

April 6, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting held April 4, 2000, and that the said Council will further consider the same for final passage on the 25th day of April, 2000, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time and place any person who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

Bernard A. Heeney
Town Clerk

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE SHERMAN AVENUE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield in the County of Union as follows:

SECTION I. The Town Council of the Town of Westfield does hereby find that the lands known as Sherman Avenue, extending eastwardly from Prospect Street, have been dedicated to public use as a public street and that the public interest of the Town of Westfield will be better served by releasing the lands herein described from the dedication thereof.

SECTION II. It is the intention of the Town, and the tax maps of the Town shall be so amended, that the vacated portions of Sherman Avenue attach to the contiguous lots as hereinafter described with the said tracts being described as follows:

TRACT 1

SHERMAN AVENUE VACATION, PORTION TO BE ADDED TO LOT NO. 4.011, BLOCK NO. 103

Beginning at a point on the southerly sideline of Sherman Avenue (Variable ROW), said point being 127.00 feet easterly along the southerly sideline of Sherman Avenue from its intersection with the easterly sideline of Prospect Street (54' ROW), and running:

Thence (1) North 47° -25' West, into the Sherman Avenue Right of Way, a distance of 13.33 feet to a point on the centerline of Sherman Avenue,

Thence (2) North 42° -35' East, along the centerline of Sherman Avenue, a distance of 50.00 feet to a point in same,

Thence (3) South 47° -25' East, a distance of 13.59 feet to a point on the northerly line of Lot No. 4.011, Block No. 103,

Thence (4) South 42° -53' West, along the northerly line of Lot No. 4.011, Block No. 103, a distance of 50.00 feet to the point and place of beginning.

The described property contains 672.8 +/- s.f. and is to be combined with Lot No. 4.011, Block No. 103, as designated on the Westfield Tax Records.

TRACT 2

SHERMAN AVENUE VACATION, PORTION TO BE ADDED TO LOT NO. 9, BLOCK NO. 103

Beginning at a point on the southerly sideline of Sherman Avenue (Variable ROW), said point being 177.00 feet easterly along the southerly sideline of Sherman Avenue from its intersection with the easterly sideline of Prospect Street (54' ROW), and running:

Thence (1) North 47° -25' West, into the Sherman Avenue Right of Way, a distance of 13.59 feet to a point on the centerline of Sherman Avenue,

Thence (2) North 42° -35' East, along the centerline of Sherman Avenue, a distance of 25.91 feet to a point in same,

Thence (3) South 47° -52' East, a distance of 13.73 feet to a point on the northerly line of Lot No. 9, Block No. 103,

Thence (4) South 42° -53' West, along the northerly line of Lot No. 9, Block No. 103, a distance of 26.02 feet to the point and place of beginning.

The described property contains 353.2 +/- s.f. and is to be combined with Lot No. 9, Block No. 103, as designated on the Westfield Tax Records.

TRACT 3

SHERMAN AVENUE VACATION, PORTION TO BE ADDED TO LOT NO. 1.02, BLOCK NO. 103

Beginning at a point on the southerly sideline of Sherman Avenue (Variable ROW), said point being 203.02 feet easterly along the southerly sideline of Sherman Avenue from its intersection with the easterly sideline of Prospect Street (54' ROW), and running:

Thence (1) North 47° -52' West, into the Sherman Avenue Right of Way, a distance

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of 13.73 feet to a point on the centerline of Sherman Avenue,

Thence (2) North 45° -42' East, along the centerline of Sherman Avenue, a distance of 102.18 feet to an angle point in same,

Thence (3) North 45° -15' East, continuing along said centerline of Sherman Avenue, a distance of 39.79 feet to a point,

Thence (4) South 41° -19' East, a distance of 5.95 feet to a point on the northerly line of Lot No. 1.02, Block No. 103,

Thence (5) South 41° -51' West, along the northerly line of Lot No. 1.02, Block No. 103, a distance of 40.00 feet to an angle point in same,

Thence (6) South 42° -39' West, continuing along the northerly line of Lot No. 1.02, Block No. 103, a distance of 101.03 feet to the point and place of beginning.

The described property contains 1,401.8 +/- s.f. and is to be combined with Lot No. 1.02, Block No. 103, as designated on the Westfield Tax Records.

TRACT 4

SHERMAN AVENUE VACATION, PORTION TO BE ADDED TO LOT NO. 21, BLOCK NO. 103

Beginning at the point on the southerly sideline of Sherman Avenue (Variable ROW), said point being 344.05 feet easterly along the southerly sideline of Sherman Avenue from its intersection with the easterly sideline of Prospect Street (54' ROW), and running:

Thence (1) North 41° -19' West, into Sherman Avenue Right of Way, a distance of 5.95 feet to a point on the centerline of Sherman Avenue,

Thence (2) North 45° -46' East, continuing along said centerline of Sherman Avenue, a distance of 87.46 feet to the endline of Sherman Avenue,

Thence (3) South 47° -07' East, along the endline of Sherman Avenue, a distance of 1.52 feet to a point,

Thence (4) South 42° -53' West, along the northerly line of Lot No. 21, Block No. 103, a distance of 87.95 feet to the point and place of beginning.

The described property contains 326.7 +/- s.f. and is to be combined with Lot No. 21, Block No. 103, as designated on the Westfield Tax Records.

TRACT 5

SHERMAN AVENUE VACATION, PORTION TO BE ADDED TO LOT NO. 42, BLOCK NO. 101

Beginning at the point of intersection of the easterly sideline of Prospect Street (66' ROW), with the northerly sideline of Sherman Avenue (Variable ROW), and running:

Thence (1) North 42° -17' East, along the northerly sideline of Sherman Avenue and the southerly sideline of Lot No. 42, Block No. 101, a distance of 190.85 feet to an angle point in same,

Thence (2) North 48° -41' East, continuing along said sideline and lot line, a distance of 230.34 feet to the end of Sherman Avenue,

Thence (3) South 47° -07' East, along the endline of Sherman Avenue, a distance of 1.52 feet to a point,

Thence (4) South 45° -46' West, along the centerline of Sherman Avenue, a distance of 87.46 feet to an angle point in same,

Thence (5) South 45° -15' West, continuing along the said centerline, a distance of 39.79 feet to an angle point in same,

Thence (6) South 45° -42' West, continuing along the said centerline, a distance of 102.18 feet to an angle point in same,

Thence (7) South 42° -35' West, continuing along the said centerline, a distance of 190.88 feet to a point on a newly created easterly sideline of Prospect Street,

Thence (8) North 47° -25' West, along the newly created easterly sideline of Prospect Street, a distance of 12.72 feet to the point and place of beginning.

The described property contains 4,279.6 +/- s.f. and is to be combined with Lot No. 42, Block No. 101, as designated on the Westfield Tax Records.

TRACT 6

SHERMAN AVENUE VACATION, PORTION TO BE ADDED TO LOT NO. 8.01, BLOCK NO. 103

Beginning at the point of intersection of the easterly sideline of Prospect Street (54' ROW), with the southerly sideline of Sherman Avenue (Variable ROW), and running:

Thence (1) North 47° -07' West, along a newly created easterly sideline of Prospect Street, a distance of 12.66 feet to a point on the centerline of Sherman Avenue,

Thence (2) North 42° -35' East, along the centerline of Sherman Avenue, a distance of 126.93 feet to a point in same,

Thence (3) South 47° -52' East, a distance of 13.33 feet to a point on the northerly line of Lot No. 8.01, Block No. 103,

Thence (4) South 42° -53' West, along the northerly line of Lot No. 8.01, Block No. 103, a distance of 127.00 feet to the point and place of beginning.

The described property contains 1,649.8 +/- s.f. and is to be combined with Lot No. 8.01, Block No. 103, as designated on the Westfield Tax Records.

SECTION III. The Town reserves to itself any easements for municipal utilities. In addition, easements in favor of any utility companies shall also encumber the title to the property and shall not be disruptive by the property owners of the land being acquired by this vacation.

SECTION IV. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION V. In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION VI. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as and in the manner provided by law.

1 T - 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$211.65

CYAN YELLOW MAGENTA BLACK

Reverend McNulty to Lead Mission Event at St. Helen's

WESTFIELD — St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, located at 1600 Rahway Avenue in Westfield, will conduct a Parish Mission from Mon-



Rev. Frank J. McNulty

Cantata Performance To Feature Fred Stiefel

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainide will present a performance by its choir of the cantata entitled "The Seven Last Words of Christ" during the worship service this Sunday, April 9. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

First presented at Ste. Clotilde in Paris on Good Friday in 1867, the cantata will be conducted and accompanied on the organ by Lyudmila Syrochkina, Choir Director and church organist.

"What is so special about this performance is that all the baritone solos will be sung by Fred Stiefel, a member of our choir for 40 years and a regular at all of our music events," said the Reverend Chris Belden.

"The Stiefels are planning to relocate in June, so this is a bittersweet performance for the whole congregation and the choir," he added.

The performance will be divided into eight parts, with an introduction by solo soprano, followed by performers presenting the final words uttered by Christ on the cross.

The solo work will be performed by choir members Kristy Weeks Boyce, Warren Fristensky, Julie Fristensky, Andrew Hoydich and Laurie Weeks Thomas. All are invited to attend the service.

day through Wednesday, April 10 to 12, beginning at 8 p.m. each evening.

The Reverend Frank J. McNulty, the guest presenter, will preach on the general theme, "Lord, Teach Me To Pray." Each evening's program will cover a topic related to this theme.

On April 10, Reverend McNulty will focus on reaching out and relating to others with a talk entitled "The Outer Life."

During "The Inner Circle" on April 11, he will discuss turning loneliness into prayerful solitude and responding to grace from deep within.

The final topic on April 12, entitled "The Daily Life," will explore how individuals can transform the experiences of being human and the "nitty gritty" of everyday life into a spiritual foundation.

Reverend McNulty resides in Summit and conducts missions and retreats in the area. He has taught moral and pastoral theology at the Immaculate Conception Seminary, was the Vicar for Priests for the Archdiocese of Newark and served as a Pastor.

In 1987, he was selected by the National Council of Catholic Bishops to represent the priests of the United States in an address to Pope John Paul II in Miami.

Everyone is invited to attend all three days of the mission or a specific day. For further information, please call the Reverend Larry Fama at (908) 232-1214.

Book Sale to Continue Through Saturday

WESTFIELD — The Annual Book Sale of the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library will continue today and tomorrow, April 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the library's Program Room, 550 East Broad Street in Westfield. Tomorrow is Half-Price Day.

Bag Day will take place this Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., when customers may purchase a grocery bag and fill it for \$3.

More than 100 volunteers have worked during the past week on the sale. Proceeds from the event benefit the library.



WE'LL MISS YOU...The Reverend Dr. Robert Harvey, left, is greeted by parishioners Katie and David Virzi during a farewell dinner at The Westwood in Garwood, held upon his retirement as Senior Minister of the First Baptist Church in Westfield. Reverend Harvey, who conducted his final worship service on March 26, spent nearly 23 years with the parish.

Westfield Y to Hold 'Splash Week' Events

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Y has announced a week-long program of introductory swimming and water safety classes from Monday, April 10, through Friday, April 14.

"Splash Week" classes are designed for individuals aged 6 months to adult and are most appropriate for new or beginner swimmers.

The four, 30-minute classes are free for everyone and Y membership is not required.

In addition, the Y will offer a special "My Parent & Me" class for 3- to 5-year-olds who are hesitant to swim without a trusted adult by their side, as well as a "Try Scuba" class conducted by Ocean Explorers for individuals over age 16 who can swim.

The week will end with a special day of swimming and a safety presentation on April 14 at 11 a.m.

Splash is a national YMCA event designed to introduce the community to swim lessons, pool and beach safety in conjunction with caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

PANDA Seeks Input For Potential Programs

WESTFIELD — Westfield Municipal Alliance/PANDA will soon be preparing its next, three-year application for county funds through the Municipal Alliance Grant Program.

Anyone interested in submitting ideas for programs are asked to call PANDA at (908) 789-4040, or write to: Westfield Municipal Alliance/PANDA, P.O. Box 2122, Westfield, 07091-2122. The deadline for submittals is next Thursday, April 13.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: March 30, 2000
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unescapable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO.: 404-2000
AWARDED TO: Kanen Psychological Associates, PA, 76 Ridgewood Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide psychological evaluations for the Sheriff's Office.
PERIOD: 1/1/00 - 12/31/00.
COST: Not to exceed \$5,000.
M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

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RESOLUTION NO.: 377-2000
AWARDED TO: Kole Appraisals Company, 710 South Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To prepare updated appraisals on the Albender Building, 1143 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to enhance TITLE IV - D facility revenue.
COST: not to exceed \$2,000.
M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$21.93

Mayor Schundler to Speak At Church on Palm Sunday

WESTFIELD — Mayor Bret Schundler of Jersey City, a former Westfield resident, will speak at the First United Methodist Church, located at 1 East Broad Street in Westfield, on Palm Sunday, April 16.

Mr. Schundler will speak to all guests from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on family and Christian values. He will then join the Reverend David Harwood in a dialogue sermon entitled "Conscience" during the 11 a.m. worship service.

A social event, including a church family barbecue, will take place at 12:15 p.m. following the service.

As Mayor for nearly a decade, Mr.

Rabbi Block to Present Passover Lecture On April 12 at JCC

SCOTCH PLAINS — Rabbi Levi Block of the Union County Torah Center in Westfield will present a special Passover lecture on Wednesday, April 12, at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 South Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The lecture will address many different commentaries on the Haggadah and offer participants insights and information on how to enhance their own Seder tables. It is open to the public free of charge and all attendees will receive a complimentary Shmurah Matzah and holiday guide.

For more information, please call (908) 789-5252.

Fall Prevention Lecture Is Planned on April 12 For Lunch and Learn

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Y, located at 220 Clark Street, will hold a Lunch & Learn for the Sixty and Better Set on Wednesday, April 12, at 12:30 p.m.

Physical therapist Larry Bock from Twin Boro Physical Therapy in Westfield will speak on fall prevention.

Participants will learn what they can do around the house to prevent falls; precautions they need to take and practical exercises to help improve their balance.

Mr. Bock, who has been in practice for 20 years, specializes in orthopedic problems and sports medicine.

All Lunch & Learn programs are free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to bring a bag lunch and dessert to share with about three people. The Y will supply the beverages. To make a reservation, please call (908) 233-2700.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 367-2000
AWARDED TO: Jean Filsaime, MSW, 263 Holly Drive, Roselle, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide short-term individual/family counseling to Youth Service Bureau clients.
PERIOD: 1/1/00 - 12/31/00.
COST: Five evening hours a week at \$20 per hour, not to exceed \$4,000.
M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$21.93

Clothing, Toy Sale to Benefit Learning Disabled Children

SCOTCH PLAINS — A Clothing and Toy Sale to benefit the Scotch Plains/Fanwood Learning Disabilities Association (SP/F LDA) will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations of items are now being accepted.

Learning disabilities may be as simple as speech delays and as involved as autism and autism-related disorders.

The SP/F LDA provides support and information services to parents and professionals who interact with learning disabled children.

It also offers parent workshops on how to help children succeed in school and with their peers. The SP/F LDA has organized social skills workshops for children, as well as support services for parents.

Literature and information regard-

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 1999 annual return for The Leon and Victoria Shaldjian Foundation is available at the address listed below for inspection during normal business hours, for any citizen who so requests within 180 days of the publication of this notice of its availability.

The Leon and Victoria Shaldjian Foundation, Inc.
210 Orchard Street
Westfield, New Jersey 07090
Principal Manager: William D. Peek
1 T - The Leader, — Fee: \$12.75

ing additional special education resources are also available.

To donate gently-used children's clothing and/or toys to the sale, or for more information, please call Karyn Steele at (908) 322-7265 or Ann Antolick at (908) 757-1446.

The location of the sale is 561 School Place in Scotch Plains. Individuals are asked to follow the signs from Park Avenue just south of All Saints' Episcopal Church, across from Park Middle School.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 380-2000
AWARDED TO: Populus & Associates, Inc., 125 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To prepare updated appraisals on the Albender Building, 1143 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, to enhance TITLE IV - D facility revenue.
COST: not to exceed \$2,500.
M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$21.93

Good News

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured by the sword: for the mouth of the lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 1:19,20

The Gospel

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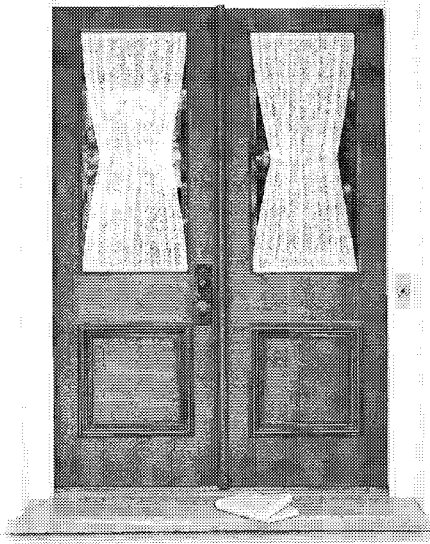
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CYAN YELLOW MAGENTA BLACK

Schundler has dealt with issues ranging from leading businesses in the metropolitan area to the network of social service agencies charged with meeting the needs of the community.

A former All-State Westfield High School football star, Mayor Schundler won the Canterbury Medal for Religious Freedom for his defense of religious freedoms. He has also volunteered in the past with various groups including a coalition of churches providing shelter to the homeless.

He has studied at the University of Haifa in Israel and graduated from Harvard University with honors. Mr. Schundler and his wife, Lynn, have a daughter, Shaylin, and a son, Hans Otto, 3rd.

For further information on the church's Palm Sunday services, please call Herbert Brynildsen, Associate Minister for Program and Parish Development, at (908) 233-4211.

Holy Trinity Seniors Reveal Meeting Date, Upcoming Excursions

WESTFIELD — The regular meeting of the Senior Social Club of Holy Trinity will be held on Monday, April 10, at 1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Holy Trinity Elementary School, located at 336 First Street in Westfield.

The entrance is on First Street. For easier access, attendees are advised to use the side door to the gymnasium.

The program will feature "The Golden Lights," a 35-voice senior choir from the Evangel Church in Scotch Plains which is known for songs bearing the message of love. Refreshments will be served.

On Tuesday, May 2, a trip is planned to Cape May, where participants will take a trolley ride, among other activities. A luncheon is included.

A trip is planned for Monday, June 19, aboard the *Thomas Jefferson*, an elegant replica of the paddle steamers which cruised Long Island's Gold Coast during the 1800s. Participants will have an opportunity to see manors from that era. Lunch will be included.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
Notice is hereby given that on April 26, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey the Fanwood Planning Board will hold a public hearing to consider the appeal of Ernest Fantini for a bulk variance to erect a deck from the requirements of Chapter 93 of the code of the Borough of Fanwood and from provisions of subparagraph 93-9A(4)(b) (rear yard depth) on the property at 49 Fifth Street, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block No. 58, Lot No. 7 on the Fanwood Tax Map.

All interested persons may be present and heard.
The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours from the Secretary of the Board at the Administration Offices of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Ernest Fantini
P.O. Box 123
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
1 T - 4/6/00, The Times Fee: \$22.95

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15190-98.
NATIONS BANK MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. NORMA LLANOS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 3, 1999 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 3RD DAY OF MAY A.D., 2000 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 ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY NINE THOUSAND NINE-HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR & 09/100 (\$139,954.09).

BEING KNOWN as Lot(s) No. 198, Block No. 8, ON THE TAX MAP OF City of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 941 Anna Street.

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED as Lot No. 23 as shown on a certain map entitled "Map of Building Lots Between Magnolia and Spring Streets and Port Avenue," said map being filed in the Union County Register's Office on 02-01-1866 as Map No. 535-B.

BEGINNING at a point on the northeasterly sideline of Anna Street, said point being distant 275.00 feet southeasterly from the intersection of the southeasterly sideline of Spring Street (also known as New Jersey State Highway Route 25), and the aforesaid northeasterly sideline of Anna Street, from said beginning point; thence

1. Along the northeasterly sideline of Anna Street, South 56 degrees 42 minutes East, 25.00 feet to a point; thence
2. North 33 degrees 18 minutes East, 100.00 feet to a point; thence
3. North 56 degrees 42 minutes West, 25.00 feet to a point; thence
4. South 33 degrees 18 minutes West, 100.00 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING.

The premises are also known as Lot No. 198 in Block No. 8 as shown on the City of Elizabeth Tax Map.

In accordance with a survey by A-1 Land Surveys dated 10-24-97.
There is due approximately the sum of ONE-HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND SEVEN-HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE & 14/100 (\$150,781.14) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH
SHERIFF

FRANK J. MARTONE, Attorney
4 Brighton Road
Clifton, New Jersey 07012
CH-754926 (WL)

4 T - 4/6, 4/13,
4/20 & 4/27/00 Fee: \$246.84

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FLYNN HOMERS, RIFLES 2 OUT AT 2ND; HERRMANN, PAI GET 2 RBI EACH

Devil Baseball Men Make it Interesting; 'Steal' a 9-8 Victory From the Raiders

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

Several interesting events combined with eight stolen bases molded the outcome of Westfield High School's, 9-8, victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood in Scotch Plains on April Fools Day. Senior Brian Flynn provided plenty of muscle for the

Devils while seniors Dave Herrmann and Tim Pai both had two RBI for the Raiders.

It was no joke, however, when Flynn whizzed a solo homer over the left-center field fence in the top of the first inning. Next, an error at first followed by a costly dropped fly ball in right field allowed sophomore Mike Duels to score, upping the lead to 2-0.



BIG CONTRIBUTOR TO RAIDER OFFENSE...Raider senior Tim Pai connects with the ball in the game with the Blue Devils. Pai cracked a single and a two-run ground rule double.

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"It was not a well-played game," commented Blue Devil Head Coach Bob Brewster. "But that dropped ball was a big play because it gave us a second run."

Another interesting situation occurred in the bottom of the first after Raider Dan Goehry hopped an infield single. Paul O'Conner's pop-up plunked into shallow right but Blue Devil Jay Cook grabbed the ball and forced Goehry out at sec-

ond. Next, Cook forced himself to make a diving catch in right for the second out, then Raider Jerry Salerno topped an RBI single into left.

The first impressive interesting play took place in the bottom of the second when catcher Flynn rifled out Brad Belford at second which prevented at least a run because the

Raiders went on to tie the score at two. Interestingly, Raider Tony Blasi, facing an 0-2 count, was hit by a pitch from Blue Devil pitcher Oscar Perez, advanced to second on Goehry's second hit of the day, then scored on a throwing error.

The Devils took a 3-2 lead in the third, when Brett Picaro singled, stole

RBI single. Next, a passed ball convinced Flynn to attempt a score from third but the relay got to Raider pitcher Kevin Schenk in time for the out. However, perhaps the slickest play of the day happened next. With Ryan MacDonald on first and Duels on third with two outs, MacDonald got himself caught in a rundown. During all the confusion, Duels streaked home before the tag could be made on MacDonald.

"That's a designed play," grinned Brewster. "MacDonald is supposed to

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SCORING THE FIRST RUN...Raider Katie Church scoots home from third after Megan Miller's RBI single. Just before, Church hooked a triple down the left field line.

PINIAT 'K'S 7, WALKS 0; HAYES HAMMERS HOMER

Raiders Win Pitchers' Duel; Edge Devil Softballers, 3-2

By MATTHEW J. SEAGULL
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Winning against a perennially strong Westfield High School varsity softball team hasn't come easy in recent history for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls. But this time, the

Raiders took charge with strong pitching from junior pitcher Alicia Piniat and some clutch hits to edge the Blue Devils, 3-2, in Westfield on April 1.

The Raiders got two of their three runs in the first inning from a hooking triple down the left field line by junior Katie Church and RBI singles from junior Megan Miller and senior Jen Vanderhoff. Westfield bounced back in the bottom of the inning when sophomore Jen Hayes fooled them all by smashing a solo home run over the center fielder's head. Junior Courtney Thornton followed with a single and a face-sliding stolen base but was left stranded at second.

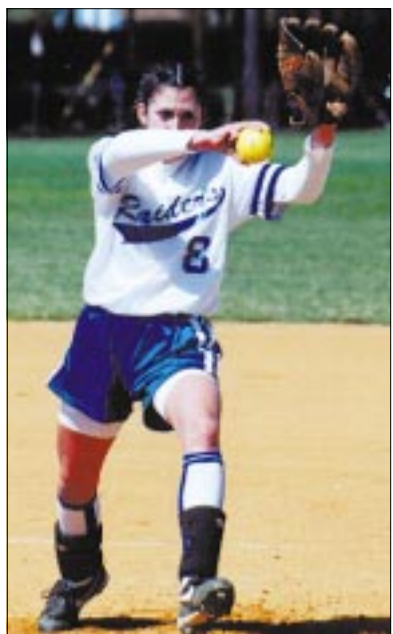
Troubles increased for the Blue Devils in the top of the third. Junior pitcher Lindsay Guerriero, while backing up third after a triple from Raider Miller, left the game with a bruised arm after getting hit with a ball. Miller scored later that inning on Vanderhoff's ground out, upping the score to 3-1.

Singles by Hayes and Caitlin MacDonald provided a threat in the bottom of the third, but the Blue Devils failed to score. Alex Lee added a single in the scoreless fourth, then the Blue Devils went three-up, three-

down in the fifth.

Solid pitching by junior reliever Peggy Doerr, a heads-up double play by third baseman Hayes in the fifth, a great pickoff at third in the top of

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David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
Raider pitcher Alicia Piniat



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
Devil pitcher Lindsay Guerriero



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
HOME RUN TROT...Bob Brewster congratulates Brian Flynn after clouting a home run.

second, then scored on Flynn's single to left. The inning ended on a fine short-to-second-to first double play. But the Raiders took a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the inning on a single from Salerno, an RBI single by Blasi and a bases loaded walk to O'Conner.

The only noise heard in the silent fourth came when Flynn fired another rifle shot to second to bag the runner.

"They were big plays," said Brewster of Flynn. "We work very hard on the little things, situations at first and third, pickoffs. Those things win games."

The Blue Devils regained the lead with two runs in the very interesting fifth. Discovering an edge in speed, Picaro on first, stole second. Flynn was hit by a pitch, then a double steal was successful. Duels ripped an

CO-CAPTAINS MANN AND WEBER WILL LEAD DEVILS

Blue Devil Golfers Face Stiff Opposition, Have Solid Team

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

Thirty players may experience action on the fairways this season for the Westfield High School golf team. And the competition will be "ruff" for the Blue Devils to keep on course for success. At stake is a fine regular-season record and their defense of the Watchung Conference and the Union County crowns.

"Depending on who we are playing, we are going to use lots of different lineups to get as many kids as much experience as possible," said Blue Devil Head Coach John Turnbull.

Turnbull is sticking to a beefed-up schedule with Hunterdon Central, West Windsor and Immaculata and even adding more meat with a good Chatham team. Also, new on the schedule will be the Blue Devil Invitational held at Shackamaxxon Coun-

try Club on Monday, April 17.

"There will be five very strong teams which will be full of good players," said Turnbull.

Although sensation Ronnie Kashlak, who captured the Union County Match-Play Title last year, has graduated, several stars have returned. Senior Co-Captains Brian Mann and Jeff Weber will be running the show and will be getting plenty of support from junior Brett Bramnick, who was last year's county champion.

"Brian had a disappointing season last year but this year, he is doing fine," commented Turnbull. "And, Jeffrey is Jeffery! He's a character," chuckled Turnbull. "He's doing all right and is definitely in the top-four."

Junior Josh Rogers did very well last year and will definitely be part of the Blue Devils top-five and sopho-

more Erin Cockren is also expected to be in the top-five.

"She (Cockren) played JV last year and, over the summer, she worked very hard at her game. She won the New Jersey PGA Junior girls Match Play Championship and won the her age division in the National Max-Fly Tournament New Jersey Junior Section," pointed out Turnbull. "And Josh is solid."

Turnbull pointed out that sophomore Gerrit Hill, who played baseball last year, will strengthen the Blue Devils' depth. But how does the top-six size up?

"It's close. Brent is definitely number one, then Brian, Jeff, Erin and Josh are within a few strokes of each other," explained Turnbull. "The sixth place is a crap shoot among five or six other kids. We have a lot of depth this year. We have a full JV and freshman team. I expect to use close to 30 kids this year."

Last year, Cranford and Union were very strong and pushed the Blue Devils in the Watchung Conference and in the Union County Tournament. According to Turnbull, "Cranford is very strong. It will probably be between Cranford and us. It will come down to who plays well that day. Last year, I had four players playing on all cylinders."

As to the outlook for the season, "If our kids play well, we could go undefeated. If they don't, we could lose three or four matches because we are playing good competition," said Turnbull. "We have a good solid team with seven of our eight players back and we want to challenge them. We also want our better players to experience good competition."

The Blue Devils opened with Union at Echo Lake Country Club on April 3 and won 165-211. Rogers took top honors with a 39. Weber was second with a 40, Bramnick shot a 42 and Cockren finished with a 44. Mike Fields was the best Farmer with a 49.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
ROOKIE!...Blue Devil golf Co-Captains Brian Mann, left, and Jeff Weber, right, grin and shake their heads after watching junior Brett Bramnick line up his putt with a driver. Actually, Bramnick had the best round at the Union County Tournament last year.

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CYAN YELLOW MAGENTA BLACK



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
LEADING THE RAIDER CHARGE...Raider senior Captain Steve Busch, left, and junior Lou Schultz will lead the Raider golf team's charge this season.

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the sixth by catcher Carolyn Matthews and an RBI single by senior Paige Corbett in the sixth kept the Blue Devils in the game. However, Westfield could not capitalize in the seventh as Piniat fanned the first two batters and preserved the win by getting the final Blue Devil to ground out.

Piniat, who is becoming increasingly well-known for her control, pitched a complete game, walking none while totaling seven strikeouts, including striking out the side in the second inning.

On the win, Piniat said, "Everyone gave it all they had and we finally beat Westfield. I'm speechless."

Freshman Megan Reddington went 3 for 3 with two singles and a triple to lead the Raiders who totaled nine hits. Church finished with a triple and a double, Vanderhoff finished with a single and two RBI and Katie Blom contributed a double.

"We had outstanding pitching from

Alicia, and we got some early runs. We played solid throughout the game. Westfield was a good team, though. They really gave us a run," said Raider Head Coach Frank Butz.

Hayes, who added a single to her round-tripper later in the game, said, "We played great defense, but we took too long to get the bats going."

Blue Devil Head Coach Maggie McFadden said, "We played decent, but we have a lot of areas to work on. Luckily, it's early in the season, so we have plenty of time to work on these areas. Scotch Plains played good defense today. They made the plays."

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Blue Devils Blank Tiger Girls, 11-0

The Westfield High School softball team rebounded well after its loss to Scotch Plains-Fanwood by shutting out Linden, 11-0, in Linden on April 3. Courtney Thornton led the Blue Devils with two doubles and two RBI. Winning pitcher Caitlin MacDonald helped her own cause by slapping three singles and driving in a run.

Westfield (1-1) 141 32 11
Linden (0-2) 000 00 0

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF TOM N. TORRICK, also known as THOMAS TORRICK, THOMAS N. TORRICK AND TOM TORRICK, Deceased.

Pursuant to the order of JAMES S. LaCORTE, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 31st day of March, A.D., 2000, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

Judith A. Torrick
Executor
Buttermore, Mullen, Jeremiah & Phillips,
Attorneys
445 East Broad Street
P.O. Box 2189
Westfield, New Jersey 07091
1 T - 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-10191-99.

BANK UNTELED, PLAINTIFF vs. BERNABEL VELEZ ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 02, 2000 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 26TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2000 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 ONE-HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND TWO-HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE & 16/100 (\$112,289.16).

MUNICIPALITY: City of Elizabeth.

COUNTY & STATE: UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

STREET & STREET NUMBER: 436 Redcliffe Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206.

TAX LOT & BLOCK NUMBERS: LOT NO. 1153, BLOCK NO. 5.

DIMENSIONS: Approximately 60 feet x 100 feet x 44.47 feet x 101.20 feet.

NEAREST CROSS STREET: Fifth Avenue.

There is due approximately the sum of ONE-HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND NORTHEASTLY side of OLIVE STREET.

There is due approximately the sum of \$95,342.29 together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

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CH-755112 (WL)
4 T - 3/30, 4/6,
4/13 & 4/20/00 Fee: \$177.48

Raider Linksters Must Succeed With Youth

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

The very young Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School golf team has much work to do this season. With just two returning starters, senior Captain Steve Busch and junior Louis Schultz, the Raiders have several spots still up for grabs.

Even with a young team last year, the Raiders finished fourth in the Watchung Conference and fifth in the Union County Tournament, both which were won by a strong Westfield team.

** Special Sports **

* Deadline Notice *

Due to our special edition of The Westfield Leader and The Times for April 13, weekday sports articles must be submitted by Friday. Saturday articles must be submitted by Sunday morning. The Sports Section must go to the printer by noon on Monday. Sunday activities may be placed in the following edition. Please e-mail articles if possible to: dave@goleader.com

"We lost a few seniors last year, so that hurt us a little bit," said Busch. "But Lou and I should be number one and two and should be able to do pretty well. We have a few juniors and sophomores and a couple of freshmen who could help us. So I think that we can do pretty well in the conference and I am hoping that we can make states."

Vying for the open spots appear to be juniors Brett Bushinger and Doug Gillie and sophomores Brian Mueller, Jackie Egan and Steve Lowen.

"Since we only have one senior and two returning starters. Last year, we had a large freshmen class who now as sophomores will have to step it up this year," said Raider Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli. "If so, knowing that Cranford and Westfield will be very strong again, we would like to give them a run for their money."

The Raiders opened at home with Linden on April 3 and won, 153-198. Shultz led the pack on the par 33 course with a 35. Busch followed with a 37, Brian Muller shot a 39 and Brett Bushinger had a 42.

RAIDER COUSAR GETS 1ST TEAM

G. L.'s Marcantonio Gets UC Wrestler of the Year

Governor Livingston Highlander senior Tim Marcantonio has been selected as the

Star-Ledger All-Union County (UC) Wrestler of the Year. Marcantonio headed a group of six Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, one Westfield High School and two Highlander wrestlers who had been named to the list.

Wrestling at 160-lbs., Marcantonio smoothly captured his class at the Union County

Tournament and was named Outstanding Wrestler. He placed first in the District 12 and in the Region 3 tournament, then went on to place sixth in the New Jersey State Championships. Additionally, ranking very high academically, he recently has been selected as The Westfield Leader and

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: March 30, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unfeasible service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO.: 396-2000
AWARDED TO: Matrix Environmental and Geotechnical Services, Inc., 215 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide professional environmental services at the Scotch Plains Maintenance Facility, as required by the NJDEP.

COST: not to exceed \$28,760.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$21.93

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-16366-98.

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, PLAINTIFF vs. ADAN MARTINEZ, ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 12, 1999 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 12TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2000 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 \$124,369.68.

ALL THAT CERTAIN land and premises situate in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey:

COMMONLY known as 139 Clark Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Also known as Lot No. 25 & 27, Block No. 7 on the tax map.

There is due approximately the sum of \$139,104.86 together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

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4 T - 3/16, 3/23,
3/30 & 4/6/00 Fee: \$146.88

The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Door Boy Scholar-Athlete of the Month of March (Governor Livingston).

Raider junior Gary Cousar at 189-lbs., was selected to the first team All-UC. Cousar captured both the Union County and the District 12, being named Outstanding Wrestler, crowns at that weight and qualified to compete in the state tournament at the Continental

Arena in East Rutherford. Cousar, who finished at 27-5, lost all of his bouts to state qualifiers.

Raiders teammates Lucas Francavilla (125), A. J. Romeo (130) and Mike Grabel (152) were selected to the second team and Dave Loewinger (112) and

Mike Loewinger (119) were named to the third team. Blue Devil senior Mike Kivetz at 171 was named to the third team as was Highlander senior Fred Williams at 189.

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
VIKING SOFTBALL CO-CAPTAINS...Seniors Kelly Sretenovic, left, and Casey Cooper have been selected as the Viking softball team Co-Captains.

COOPER, SRETENOVIC WILL LEAD UC

Viking Softballers Face Long Road of Learning

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

Union Catholic High School softball Head Coach Jim Revel has plenty of shaping to do this season with such a young and inexperienced squad. Senior Co-Captains Kelly Sretenovic at shortstop and Casey Cooper in center field are two of just four returning varsity players.

As a team "We are very young. The shortstop and the three outfielders are the only girls who played varsity last year," explained Revel. "But they are still relatively inexperienced because last year almost the whole team who played, had very little varsity experience."

Flanking Cooper in center will be junior Vanessa Fernandez in right field and junior Kristen Ramondi in left.

The new faces in the infield will consist of junior first baseman Katie Donan, second baseman Rachel Seamon and junior Justine Grady at third. Two freshmen, will make up the battery, pitcher Suzanne Hennessey and catcher Stephanie Massaro.

Offensively, "Kelly was our leading hitter last year and this year she has shown the ability to hit the ball

Hunterdon C. Nips

Devil Laxers, 6-5

The 2-0 Hunterdon Central High School boys lacrosse team held off Westfield, 6-5, in Raritan Township on April 3 despite being out-shot, 23-20. Sean Joffe led the Blue Devils with two goals.

Tim Mansfield and Chris Dodge both had a goal and an assist and Brad Gillian had a goal while Mike Todd and Matt Simone had one assist each. Goalie Chris Driscoll had 10 saves for the Blue Devils.

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Hunterdon Central 3 1 1 1 6

Devils Get 9th at Kearny Track Relays

A first-place finish from the sprint medley relay team enabled the Westfield High School boys track and field team to place ninth with 19.5 points at the highly competitive Kearny Relays on April 1. In addition to the first place, the Blue Devils grabbed a third, a fifth and a sixth place.

Chris Dixon, Adam Walker, Seth Augenstein and Mike Sanocki combined for a time of 3:42.7 to dust the rest in the sprint medley. Josh Ray (11') and Nick Tidwell (11') soared to a height of 22 feet to snatch third in the pole vault. Matt Borchin, Matt Manahan, Jacob Albertson and Tim Flannery combined to take fifth in the distance medley relay with a time of 11:20.9. Ed Harry (5'2") and Tidwell (5'10") tied for sixth in the team high jump with a height of 11 feet.

Devil Girls Get 8th at Kearny Relays

The Westfield High School girls track and field team tied for eighth, totaling 16 points, with Parsippany at the Kearny Relays on April Fools Day. Blue Devils Alexis Anzelone, Maura McMahon, Adrienne Blauvelt and Heather Dennis had a combined time of 13:21.4 to seize second in the distance medley relay. Dennis and Susan Hinds took third in the long jump with a distance of 29'0.5". In the shot put, Dana Grau and Liz Sweeney placed fifth with a total distance of 55'6.5".

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15729-99.

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF vs. DORIS TURLIK, HER HEIRS, DIVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2000 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 26TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2000 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 EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE & 65/100 (\$85,009.65).

Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as 649 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201.

BEING KNOWN as Lot No. 333, Block No. 7 on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth.

Dimensions: (approximately) 100 feet x 25 feet.

Nearest Cross Street: Seventh Street.

There is due approximately the sum of NINETY THOUSAND EIGHT-HUNDRED FORTY FIVE & 04/100 (\$90,845.04) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

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CH-755128 (WL)
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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14868-99.

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF vs. DELMAR SANTOS A/K/A DELMAR N. SANTOS AND IDALIA M. SANTOS ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 02, 2000 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 19TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2000 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 SIXTY ONE THOUSAND NINE-HUNDRED THIRTY NINE & 73/100 (\$61,939.73).

Property to be sold is located in the City of ELIZABETH in the County of UNION and State of New Jersey.

Tax LOT ACCT. NO. 934 C-3C BLOCK WARD 2.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5864 SOUTH SECOND STREET, #3-C, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.

There is due approximately the sum of SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT-HUNDRED TWENTY TWO & 36/100 (\$65,822.36) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

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4/6 & 4/13/00 Fee: \$169.32

COSTLY MISCUES MAKE DIFFERENCE

Hanover Park Nine Sink Highlander Boys, 5-4

By FRED LECOMTE

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Governor Livingston Highlanders baseball season took off on a rocky start on April 1 as they fell to Hanover Park, 5-4, in the Millburn Invitational in Millburn. Costly Highlander miscues in the fifth inning permitted the Hornets to snap a 4-4 tie with the deciding run.

The Highlanders loaded the bases in the top of the first inning on a single by Hank Hanson, but could not capitalize. Then 6' 2" junior Andrew Gropper took to the mound and was tagged for three runs in the first inning and, later, yielded one in the second before being pulled.

In the meantime, the Highlanders erupted for two runs in the top of the second. Senior center fielder Jason Guidiciopietro blasted an RBI double to center, scoring Eric Cantagallo. Next, right fielder Frank Cavallo launched a sacrifice fly to score Guidiciopietro, narrowing the score to 3-2.

The Hornets' run in the bottom of the second forced Highlander coach Bill Howard to make the change.

*** GL Highlander ****** Track Notice ***

An in depth story of the Highlanders' results in the Mountain Valley Conference Track and Field Relays will appear in our special edition of *The Westfield Leader and The Times* for April 13.

With the score 4-2 and a runner on first with one out, senior right-hander Mike Farrell entered the game. A combination of well-placed fast balls and change ups muffled the Hornets' buzz as Farrell struck out the number three and four hitters.

Farrell continued his fire, taking the sting out of the Hornets, as he struck out the side in the third.

The Highlander bats began to crack in the fourth inning. Rob Findlay and Guidiciopietro both walked, then Cavallo reached first safely to load them up. Hanson strutted to the plate and whacked a two-RBI single to knot the game at four apiece.

Highlander mental lapses and miscues in the fifth allowed Park to forge ahead 5-4. Hornet Jesse Novalis tapped a single to start the inning then stole second. As the Highlander catcher fired to an empty second base in an attempt to get Novalis, the ball rolled into center field and Novalis darted to third. A throw to third resulted in the Highlander third baseman failing to make the play and Novalis sailed home.

The Highlander bats were unable to respond for the remainder of the game. Farrell, however, was quite effective despite the loss as he struck out 10, allowing just two hits and one walk.

The Highlanders were to host the Hillside Comets in a Mountain Valley clash on April 4.

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David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*
A TENSE MOMENT...Raider coaches Willie Leonardi, back left, and Brian Homm gaze intently as Raider pitcher Kevin Schenk puts the tag on Blue Devil Brian Flynn as he slides home. Flynn was called out.

Blue Devil Baseball Men Steal Victory From the Raiders, 9-8

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look only at me. Then when the throw goes to first, Duells goes home."

The Blue Devils stretched their lead to 7-4 in the sixth, highlighted by Jim McKeon's second stolen base, a bunt single by Blair Richards and a two-run double by Picaro.

The Raiders awakened with two in the bottom of the inning when O'Conner reached on an error, Dave Herrmann singled and Tim Pai brought them both home with a ground rule double.

But, according to Brewster, "We had a trap play at short that was a problem. We made the play but did not know what to do with it. We have three sophomores in the infield and two in the outfield. We are only going to get better. A couple of plays which were just off our mitts, in another couple of weeks, we are going to make those plays."

Two more stolen bases and two passed balls in the top of the seventh killed the Raiders when the Blue Devils backed it up with RBI singles from MacDonald and Cook. But the Raiders still had hope and loaded the bases with two outs for Herrmann, who then ripped a two-run single to center. With a chance to tie or win it, Pai whacked a low liner to right, but Cook performed his second diving catch to preserve the victory.

"When the year goes on, those catches will be made standing up," stressed Brewster. "Because, he will get a better jump on the ball."

Brewsters concluded, "We put into practice what we had been working on. As the year goes on, our reactions will be much quicker. I'm happy about that!"

Westfield 201 022 2 9
Sc Plns-Fanwood 112 002 2 8

Blue Devils, Raiders Head All-County Boys Swim List

The Westfield High School and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPF) boys swimming teams combined to fill 21 of the 36 slots in the *Star-Ledger* All-Union County Boys Swimming list. Raider senior Steve Berkowitz, recently selected as *The Westfield Leader and The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* Scholar-Athlete for the month of February (SPF High School), headed that list and was named Swimmer of the Year.



Steve Berkowitz

The Blue Devils, who made a remarkable comeback from last year's setback in the Union County Tournament to the Raiders, were selected as the Team of the Year. Not only did they win the county title, but they defeated the Raiders to capture the North Jersey Public A title then climaxed their season by stunning Cherry Hill East to seize the Public A State Championship. Coach of the Year recognition went to coaches Martha Heintzelman and Bruce Johnson.

PUBLIC NOTICE**SHERIFF'S SALE**

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15040-97.
UNION PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK, PLAINTIFF vs. NORMA L. ASH, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 04, 2000 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 19TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2000 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 FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY ONE & 57/100 (\$55,421.57).

Property to be sold is located in the **City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.**
Premises commonly known as **914-916 Flora Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201.**

BEING KNOWN as Lot No. 700, Block No. 8 on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth.
Dimensions: (approximately) 37.50 feet x 100 feet.

Nearest Cross Street: Henry Street.
There is due approximately the sum of FIFTY NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY & 44/100 (\$59,140.44) together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
FEDERMAN and PHELAN, Attorneys
Suite 505 Sentry Office Plaza
216 Haddon Avenue
Westmont, New Jersey 08108
CH-755109 (WL)
4 T - 3/23, 3/30,
4/6 & 4/13/00
Fee: \$171.36

Tiger Boys Stop Blue Devils, 5-3

Linden High School baseball pitcher Dennis O'Keefe fanned 13 to lead his Tigers to a 5-3 victory over Westfield on April 3 in Westfield. Blue Devil pitcher Randy Majocha tried to help his cause by smashing a solo homer in the sixth inning. Brian Flynn drilled a double for the Blue Devils.

Linden (1-1) 000 032 0 5
Westfield (1-1) 100 002 0 3

PUBLIC NOTICE**SHERIFF'S SALE**

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-3774-98.
CORESTATES BANK, N.A. A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOC., PLAINTIFF vs. EFRAIN VAZQUEZ AND BRUNILDA VAZQUEZ, HIS WIFE ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 30, 1999 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 26TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2000 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 ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED & 70/100 (\$148,900.70).

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 67 DeHart Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

It is known and designated as Block/Ward No. 6, Lot/Account No. 250.

The dimensions are 35 feet wide by 110.00 feet long.

Nearest cross street: Situate on the easterly line of DeHart Place, 65 feet from the northerly line of Murray Street.

Prior lien(s): subject to unpaid taxes and municipal liens, amount due is available in the Sheriff's Office or from plaintiff's attorneys upon written request to plaintiff's attorneys.

There is due approximately the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE & 53/100 (\$158,325.53) together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
STERN, LAVINTHAL, NORGAARD & KAPNICK, Attorneys
Suite 300
293 Eisenhower Parkway
Livingston, New Jersey 07039-1711
CH-755133 (WL)
4 T - 3/30, 4/6,
4/13 & 4/20/00
Fee: \$179.52

VARADY, MCKENNA ADD THUNDER

Viking B-ballers Have Speed and Will Use It

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Expect much activity on the bases once the Union Catholic High School baseball team gets runners on the base pads this season. According to Head Coach Paul Reddick, in his fourth year, the Vikings have speed and plan to use it.

"That we have a lot of. We are going to run. There isn't a slow guy on the team," emphasized Reddick. "We are going to add speed, aggressiveness base running and bunting. We don't have the most talented team but we certainly are not going to be out-hustled or out-performed."

Senior four-year veterans, left fielder Will White and right fielder Guy Varady are expected to be the leading speedsters.

And, the Vikings have some "thunder" which should enable these runners to get on base. Varady and senior third baseman/pitcher Dan Alvez along with junior catcher Ryan McKenna appear to be the Vikings who will provide that thunder with their "metal sticks".

"He was our most consistent player the last three years," said Reddick of Varady. "And we are looking for some big things out of Alvez. He stepped up toward the end of last year."

Also according to Reddick, McKenna's "going to step up and

probably bat in the number two or three spot."

So much for the thunder! How about the pitching? "The number one pitcher will be senior Joe Moonsammy, who has pitched varsity for three years. We expect him to step up and pitch all of the big games for us," said Reddick.

Adding depth to the pitching staff will be junior Greg Moonsammy, who also pitched varsity last year, Alvez and sophomore Mike Miskowicz at number two, three and four, respectively. Junior Mike Coleman is also expected to add pitching support.

Defensively, first base is presently up for grabs between seniors Rashad Carlton and Adam Rusnock. Miskowicz will play second and sophomore Roger Barrueco will play shortstop. Sophomore Matt Smith is expected to play center.

"Defensively, we are making improvements. We are pretty solid in the infield," commented Reddick. "We are young still in places so that shows up some times. But by mid-season, we should be pretty good."

The Vikings opened at Montgomery on April 1, falling 8-6, and will face a powerful Ridge squad in Basking Ridge today.

Union Catholic 100 005 0 6
Montgomery 212 300 x 8



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*
UNION CATHOLIC THUNDER...Catcher Ryan McKenna, left, and outfielder Guy Varady are expected to provide much of the Viking thunder this season with their "metal sticks".

Scotch Plains-Fanwood April Sports Schedule

Varsity Softball**Head Coach: Frank Butz**

4/1	Westfield	A	10:30 AM
4/5	Linden	H	4:00 PM
4/8	Bridgewater-Raritan	A	10:30 AM
4/10	Shabazz	A	4:00 PM
4/12	Cranford	A	4:00 PM
4/15	Piscataway	A	11:00 AM
4/17	Westfield	H	4:00 PM
4/19	Delaware Valley	H	4:00 PM
4/22	Linden	A	11:00 AM
4/24	Shabazz	H	4:00 PM
4/26	Cranford	H	4:00 PM
4/28	Plainfield	A	4:00 PM

Varsity Tennis**Head Coach: Dave Blackman**

4/3	Oratory	A	4:00 PM
4/7	Cranford	A	4:00 PM
4/10	Westfield	H	4:00 PM
4/12	Linden	H	4:00 PM
4/14	Shabazz	H	4:00 PM
4/17	St. Benedict's	A	4:30 PM
4/19	Linden	A	4:00 PM
4/24	Cranford	H	4:00 PM
4/26	Westfield	A	4:00 PM

Varsity Girls/Boys Track**Head Coaches: Bill Klimas and Rich McGiff**

4/4	Shabazz	H	4:00 PM
4/11	Westfield	H	4:00 PM
4/18	Cranford	H	4:00 PM
4/25	Linden	A	4:00 PM

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UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: March 30, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unspecified service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO.: 385-2000

AWARDED TO: Uniform Data Management Service, 232 Parker Hall State University, Buffalo South Campus, 3435 Main Street, Buffalo, New York.

SERVICES: To provide specified data compilation, reporting services and training to Runnels Specialized Hospital.

PERIOD: For one year.

COST: not to exceed \$3,360.

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Dave DeNichilo (75-lb)

Jr. Raiders Place Seven at State Mat Tournament

The SPF Jr. Raiders entered the New Jersey Olympic State Tournament with 13 qualifiers and placed seven. Each wrestler had to qualify at one of eight regional qualifiers.

Qualifying for the Raiders were: Bantams; 60 lb. Mike Ridge, 65 lb. Matt Nobbs and 75 lb. Daniel Gore; Midgents, 65 lb. Sal Gano, 75 lb. David DeNichilo, 95 lb. Patrick Mineo and 110 lb. Steven Wenson; Juniors, 75 lb. Ricky Olsson and 90 lb. Steven Mineo; Intermediates, 75 lb. Derek Francavilla, 90 lb. Eric Connelly, 95 lb. Ron Ferrara, and 119 lb. Andrew Silber.

Bringing home the state medals were: Ridge (6th), Nobbs (2nd), Gore (2nd), DeNichilo (7/8th), Patrick Mineo (5th), Steven Mineo (7/8) and Francavilla (2nd).



Patrick Mineo (95-lb)

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RESOLUTION NO.: 370-2000
AWARDED TO: Multimedia Transcription, 131 Main Street, Suite 120, Hackensack, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide the transcription of printed materials into Braille for the Office of the Disabled and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
COST: \$500.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T – 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$21.93

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RESOLUTION NO.: 400-2000
AWARDED TO: John D. Valdivia, 137 Augusta Street, South Amboy, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To serve as an assistant at the morgue when needed for preparation and removal of tissue.
PERIOD: 1/1/2000 - 12/31/2000.
COST: \$500.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T – 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-11056-99.
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. PLAINTIFF vs. WILLIAM P. BARBA AND MILUSKA BARBA, HIS WIFE, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 11, 2000 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 19TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2000 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 ONE-HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TWO-HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE & 32/100 (\$117,275.32).

The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

It is commonly known as 551 Grier Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

It is known and designated as Block No. 4, Lot No. 742.

The dimensions are 40 feet wide by 200 feet long.

Nearest cross street: Situate on the westerly line of Grier Avenue, 162.92 feet from the northerly line of Summer Street.

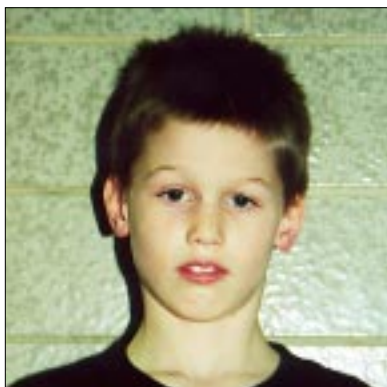
Prior lien(s): Subject to unpaid taxes and municipal liens. Amount due will be announced at the Sheriff's Sale or is available upon written request to plaintiff's attorneys.

There is due approximately the sum of ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO-HUNDRED FOUR & 05/100 (\$124,204.05) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

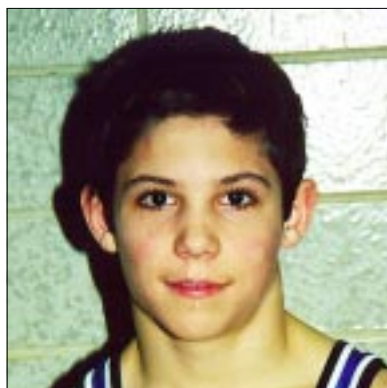
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STERN, LAVINTHAL, NORGAARD & KAPNICK, Attorneys
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CH-755110 (WL)
4 T - 3/16, 3/23,
4/6 & 4/13/00 Fee: \$197.88



Matt Nobbs (65-lb)



Mike Ridge (60-lb)



Steven Mineo (90-lb)



Daniel Gore (75-lb)

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RESOLUTION NO.: 368-2000
AWARDED TO: Caroline Petiotte, 537 Rosewood Terrace, Linden, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide 14 weekends and holiday on-call counseling coverage to families in crisis at the youth Service Bureau.

PERIOD: 1/1/00 - 12/31/00.
COST: On a per diem basis of 31 full days at \$80 & 13 half days at \$40 (\$3,000) with five hours of training provided to counselor at \$10 per hour (\$50) for a total of \$3,050.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T – 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$24.48

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RESOLUTION NO.: 401-2000
AWARDED TO: UMDNJ, Marlton Building, PABC-GB-1209, 65 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide x-rays for autopsies performed by the Union County Medical Examiner's Office.

COST: Not to exceed \$1,400.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T – 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15352-97.

NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. PAUL ANDREW CZACHOR, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 01, 2000 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 12TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2000 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 \$193,241.39.

Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as 143 Elm Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208.

BEING KNOWN AS Lot No. 391, Block No. 13 on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth.

Dimensions: (approximately) 40.03 feet x 3.50 feet x 167.99 feet x 77.89 feet x 159.09 feet.

Nearest Cross Street: Chilton Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$202,366.39 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 FROELICH
SHERIFF
FEDERMAN AND PHELAN, Attorneys
Suite 506 Sentry Office Plaza
216 Haddon Avenue
Westmont, New Jersey 08108
CH-755088 (WL)
4 T - 3/16, 3/23,
3/30 & 4/6/00 Fee: \$161.16

Westfield High School April Sports Schedule:

Subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen inconveniences

Varsity Girls Softball

Head Coach: Maggie McFadden

4/1	Scotch Plains-Fanwood	H	11:30 AM
4/3	Linden	A	4:00 PM
4/5	M. X. Shabazz	A	4:00 PM
4/7	Colonia	H	4:00 PM
4/10	Cranford	H	4:00 PM
4/12	Columbia	A	4:00 PM
4/17	Scotch Plains-Fanwood	A	4:00 PM
4/19	Linden	H	4:00 PM
4/24	Cranford	A	4:00 PM
4/26	Hunterdon Central	H	4:00 PM
4/28	Irvington	A	4:00 PM

Varsity Boys Tennis

Head Coach: George Kapner

4/4	Holmdel	A	4:00
4/6	Bridgewater	A	4:00
4/7	Summit	A	4:00
4/10	Scotch Plains-Fanwood	A	4:00
4/11	Old Bridge	H	4:00
4/12	Columbia	H	4:00
4/14	Linden	A	4:00
4/17	Cranford	A	4:00
4/18	Watchung Hills	A	4:00
4/24	M. X. Shabazz	H	4:00
4/25	Livingston	A	4:00
4/26	Scotch Plains-Fanwood	H	4:00
4/27	Union Co. Tournament	A	TBA
4/28	Union Co. Tournament	A	TBA

Varsity Girls Lacrosse

Head Coach: Lynne Steuerle

4/5	Blair	H	4:00 PM
4/7	Rutgers Prep Varsity	H	4:00 PM
4/11	Ridge	A	4:00 PM
4/13	Pingry	H	4:00 PM
4/15	West Windsor	A	11:00 AM
4/19	Oak Knoll	A	4:00 PM
4/25	Newark Academy	H	4:00 PM
4/27	Morristown Beard	A	4:00 PM

Varsity Golf

Head Coach: John Turnbull

4/3	Union	H	4:00
4/4	St. Peter's	H	4:00
4/5	Summit	A	4:00
4/6	Wardlaw	H	4:00
4/10	East Side	H	4:00
4/11	St. Benedict's	H	4:00
4/13	Linden	A	4:00
4/17	Blue Devil Inv'tl	H	TBA
4/18	Elizabeth	A	4:00
4/19	Hunterdon Central	A	4:00
4/20	M. X. Shabazz	H	4:00
4/24	Roselle Catholic	A	4:00
4/26	Girls' Tournament	H	4:00
4/27	St. Joseph's	H	4:00

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RESOLUTION NO.: 397-2000
AWARDED TO: PMK Group, 629 Springfield Road, Kenilworth, New Jersey.

SERVICES: For ongoing environmental engineering services at the Venneri Complex in Westfield, as required by NJDEP.
COST: Not to exceed \$46,150.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T – 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$20.40

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RESOLUTION NO.: 403-2000
AWARDED TO: Suplee Clooney & Company, 151 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To perform and audit of the Forensic Program Trust Accounts.
PERIOD: 1/1/99 - 12/31/99.
COST: not to exceed \$10,435.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T – 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-8543-98.

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK F/K/A THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, N.A. F/K/A CHEMICAL BANK NEW JERSEY, N.A., ET ALS, PLAINTIFF vs. HECTOR MONTEVERDE, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 17, 1999 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 19TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2000 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 NINETY FIVE THOUSAND TWO & 73/100 (\$95,002.73).

Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as: 719 Livingston Road, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Ward No. 10, Account No. 1289.

Approximate dimensions: Approximately 50.00 feet wide in front, by 100.00 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situated at a point on the northerly side of Livingston Road, approximately 225 feet west from the corner formed by the intersection of said side of Livingston Road with the westerly side of Springfield Road.

There is due approximately the sum of ONE-HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY & 07/100 (\$108,133.07) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH
SHERIFF
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Varsity Baseball

Head Coach: Bob Brewster

4/1	Scotch Plains-Fanwood	A	4:00 PM
4/3	Linden	H	4:00 PM
4/5	MX Shabazz	H	4:00 PM
4/7	St. Joseph's	A	4:00 PM
4/8	Watchung Hills Tourn.	A	2:00 PM
4/10	Cranford	A	4:00 PM
4/13	Edison	H	4:00 PM
4/15	Watchung Hills Tourn.	A	TBA
4/17	Scotch Plains-Fanwood	H	4:00 PM
4/19	Linden	A	4:00 PM
4/22	Hunterdon Central	A	11:00 AM
4/24	Cranford	H	4:00 PM
4/28	Irvington	H	4:00 PM

Varsity Boys Lacrosse

Head Coach: Gerry Benaquista

4/3	Hunterdon Central	A	4:00 PM
4/5	Seton Hall Prep	A	4:00 PM
4/7	Hillsborough	H	4:00 PM
4/10	West Morris Central	A	4:00 PM
4/15	Montclair	H	11:00 AM
4/18	W. M. Mendham	H	4:00 PM
4/24	St. Joseph's	A	4:00 PM
4/26	Fair Lawn	A	4:00 PM
4/29	Mountain Lakes	A	11:00 AM

Boys and Girls Track

Head Boys Coach: John Martin

Girls Coach: Nancy Carpenter

4/4	Cranford	H	4:00 PM
4/11	Scotch Plains-Fanwood	A	4:00 PM
4/15	Blue Devil Classic	H	TBA
4/25	MX Shabazz	H	4:00 PM



HOTSHOT...Tara Handza of the Westfield Hotshots drives toward the basket in a game against the Bulldogs of Roselle.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-10026-98.

NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY, PLAINTIFF vs. MARITZA COLON, ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 29, 1999 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 12TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2000 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 \$146,382.24.

Municipality: Elizabeth.

Street Address: 590 Monroe Avenue.

Tax Lot No.: 10.04.

Tax Block No.: 12.

Approximate dimensions: 40 feet x 150 feet x 40 feet x 150 feet.

Nearest cross street: Fairmont Avenue.

There is due approximately the sum of \$156,915.91 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
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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-21766-98.

IRVIN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. YUDELSKA D. SUREO, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 30, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 12TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2000 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 \$145,736.52.

COMMON STREET ADDRESS: 509 Franklin Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

TAX LOT AND BLOCK: Lot No. 438, Block No. 3.

DIMENSIONS: 25 feet x 100 feet.

NO. OF FEET TO NEAREST INTERSECTION: 100 feet from Fifth Street.

UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES INCLUDING WATER AND SEWER IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF: \$800.00.

There is due approximately the sum of \$158,113.19 together with lawful interest and costs.

Honor Roll Students for Second Period At Westfield High School Announced

WESTFIELD – Dr. Robert G. Petix, Principal of Westfield High School, announced that the following 548 students, representing 41 percent of the school population, received Distinguished Honor Roll or Honor Roll status for the second marking period of the 1999-2000 school year.

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL FRESHMAN CLASS

Francine D. Agnone Katherine Lechner
Gil Arbtsman Jessica Lee
Alison Bennett Christine Leiz
Rah Bhandari Joshua Lerner
Emily Chen William Masket
Sean M. Devaney Christina Mc Cabe
Dominique M. Diaz Adam Osborn
Michael Dubitsky Tyler Patla
David Eisenberg Christine J. Piro
Jessica R. Flynn Lauren Pollack
Christopher Ford Jacqueline Ramalho
Eileen M. Gessner Angela M. Ricci
Toby L. Hershkovitz Zohaib Saeed
Zontee Hou Douglas F. Shineman
Daniel R. Kane Jubie Tamboli
Angela W. Kim Cristine Velazco
Marisa K. Lau Alison Yuhas

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL SOPHOMORE CLASS

Priya Bhasin Sarah Heitner
Alicia Bilheimer Mara Judd
Ashley A. Carr Shannon E. Kunath
Michael Charney Brian J. Levy
Erin E. Cockren Erin M. Mc Clellan
Jacquelyn Cusimano Rosanne Palatucci
Daniel Deserio Anura A. Patil
Kiera Evans Andrew Pilecki
Rachel Falcone Blair Richardson
Heather B. Fishberg Adam G. Yoffie
Adam Gormley David Zorn

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL JUNIOR CLASS

Julie Cleaves Julie M. Muroff
Ushma Dedhiya Kate Onishi
Ian D. Federgreen Richard R. Rowe
Susan M. Hinds Christian Santomauro
James Ryan Hogan Daniel Siegel
Stephanie Kolterjahn Joseph Swingle
Anne Loughlin Daniel J. Weinberg
Shawn W. Mc Cabe Christina Yang
Victoria Mc Cabe Allen Yu
Leanne M. Meriton Peter Yu

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL SENIOR CLASS

Elizabeth D. Ambrosia Julie C. Iannazzone
Stefanie M. Bistak Kristen Jacobsen
Paige E. Corbett Heike M. Kasper
Elizabeth C. Dixon Jason B. Laderman
Frank B. Ellis Rachel L. Luria
Telitha Ellis Laura E. Mac Neil
Jenna C. Ellsworth Amy Ngew
Julia W. Gates Elizabeth Nicol
Shana Golemba Sandra L. Rhein
Lisa R. Goodman Kathleen M. Russell-Smith
Allison M. Greene Tanya Tran
Valerie E. Griffith Valerie Wicks
Ines Wu

HONOR ROLL FRESHMAN CLASS

Sara H. Ackerman Gregory Matthews
Sean Adams Alexandra Maus
Anthony S. Agresta Christine McGrath
Michael Babetski Paul L. Meierdierck
Lauren Bannworth Ryan T. Mench
Sean M. Baran Beth Mokrauer
Sarah Bhagat Jenise Morgan
Beniam T. Biftu Jenna Noonan
Keith Bodayla Darcy O'Brien
Catherine Bonyard Geoffrey Ostrega
Andrew R. Bridgman Laurette A. Partridge
Ryan A. Cahill Kaitlyn M. Patella
Jennie Chang David A. Perez
Shelby E. Cherin Alexander Pinho
John J. Chiesa Trevor Putnok
Holly Coleman Daniel N. Rea
Megan Connors Melissa Richey
Zachary A. Copeland Cari-Nicole Rock
Christian E. Corkery Tracy Rood
Margaret Curran Katlyn M. Ropars
Meredith DeMarco Alexa Rose
Robert Eckman, 3rd Matthew Rothstein
Allison M. Edles Jennifer L. Rubino
Gregory Engel Andrew K. Ruotolo, 3rd
David A. Falk Kathleen Salmon
Michael Federici Erin F. Salmond
Jason M. Fertakos Kenny Sanocki
Jennifer Fleck James Scariati
Ashley Flood Marc Schott
Vivian J. Futran Jordan A. Seagull
Mara Ganz Emily Sharpe
Mollie O. Gibbons Vincent Shen
Thomas J. Greene Julian D. Siano

Timothy Heine William L. Subjack
Charles D. Hely Emily N. Suda
Andrew Heo Anna E. Tabachnik
Samantha Hermann Christopher Thayer
Ryan Hoens Matthew Toriello
Emily Kahn Erica Triola
Lawrence J. Kao Andrew J. Tucker
Adam Karnish David Ucciferri
Ariel B. Kaye Julianne M. Vanarelli
James Kennedy Alexa Vantosky
David M. Koepfel Matthew J. Velderman
Daniel Kotch Melissa Walsh
Paulina K. Kotowicz Jordan Warner
Whitney Laird Alison L. Weinstein
Heather A. Lane Susan E. Williams
Joshua T. Lawrence Jill Woodbury
Allison N. Lemberg Sean Wright
Albert Lin Kelly Yang
Brian J. Luck Jeremy C. Zaccaro
Benjamin A. Masel Joshua Zucker
Joseph Zulewski

HONOR ROLL SOPHOMORE CLASS

Dania K. Aguerro David Louie
John Edward Alvaro Matthew K. Lowenstein
Kristin Anton Rui Lu
Lauren A. Baeder Joshua Ludmer
Sasha M. Bartolf Mary M. Lygate
Tara Behr Michael MacKechnie
Jonathan R. Bender Christopher MacKay
Joshua M. Bengal Elizabeth A. Madresh
Casey Benson Kristin L. Mann
Michael Biggs Timothy Mansfield
Samantha Bourque-Trieff Katie Massenzio
James Bridgeman Martta McGlynn
Alexandra S. Brill Nehal L. Mehta
Matthew Brinkmann Brittany L. Miller
Sarah G. Burke Ryan Miller
Bridgette A. Califf Theresa B. Murphy
Michael Cenci Julee Noguchi
Michael Charmatz Peter T. O'Hara
Charles Z. Chaung Jeremy Owens
Valerie S. Chu Neil Owens
Maureen Cooke Elizabeth A. Perrella
Erin Corbett Marian Pomann
Kevin J. Cutro Christopher Quackenbush
Hoang Lan Dang Christine Romano
Ngoc Lan Dang Sarah E. Round
Robert Daurio Elisabeth P. Salemm
Courtney N. Donahue David J. Santoriello
Gregory R. Elliott Scott Satkin
Alex Emmet Ryan D. Schafer
Joseph Fischetti Elizabeth Schaffer
Bret Fleming Rory Schulman
Amy L. Frank Daniel B. Seeger
Christopher Freishen Bree Sherry
Robert Freundlich Edward Singh Baba
Pamela Fried Brett Snowden
Christopher Gismondi Lauren E. Solon
Bethany Goldman Leor Spector
Elyse F. Goldweitz Jessica Ann Speir
Eli Harel Evan Statton
Megan Hein Gregory Stewart
Katherine Hild Joanna G. Todaro
Karen Huskey Meghan V. Tomlinson
Gerritt P. Ill Rosemary Topar
Nicole Infantino Charles P. Tortorello
Hannah G. Israelow Marie B. Tracy
Sheri Jenkins Adam Turner
Daniel R. Kagan Jessica R. Tyminski
Michael A. Kazazis Rachel M. Wagner
Aaron L. Klinger Andrea Waksman
Katherine R. Kreil Jonathan P. Williams
Jennifer A. Lamont Emily G. Yudkovitz
Megan A. Lesko Miriam Zichlin

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Megan G. Amelia Evan J. Lee
Marisa Anthony Sean Lewis
Ingrid Arnold Andrew Lin
Ilyssa Barer Aimee Lombard
Ellen Debra Bernstein Shannon M. Look
Jennifer H. Bernstein Ryan S. MacDonald
David A. Bhasin Karen B. Manahan
Samantha H. Black Karen B. Masterson
Matthew Borchin Carolyn A. Matthews
Jessica A. Bowers Eileen McKeever
Rebecca Brachman Breigh Ann Menza
Brent A. Bramnick Leah Mesches
Scott R. Brewster Kristin Messina
Karen D. Brown Jessica E. Meylor
Megan H. Brown James P. Mitchell
Kevin Buckland Evan J. Molloy
Meredith S. Campbell Rachel E. Moloshok
Mari Nicole Candelore Qiana Monroe
John O. Carpenter Conner Mulvey
Timothy Carroll Erin O'Brien
Francesca Chabrier Kelly K. O'Brien
Jessica L. Cohen Denise O'Connor
Lauren E. Coltrera M. Ryan O'Donohue
Rodger V. Curlik Andrew Olsen
Kathleen Czap Elizabeth Ottoson

Jenna Davino Krystle K. Dixon
Charles Dodge Charles Dodge
Peggy M. Doerr Kevin Doyle
Bethany Dresely Kathryn C. Duddy
Sara Elizabeth Euwer David Ucciferri
Colby Fagin Jennifer M. Fowler
Brett Freidman Brett Freidman
Robert A. Fromtling Robert A. Fromtling
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Edward Harry Edward Harry
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Eleanor Hodara Eleanor Hodara
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David King David King
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Lianna M. Kong Lianna M. Kong
Jennifer M. Korecky Jennifer M. Korecky
Nicholas Koren Nicholas Koren
Lisa E. Krieger Lisa E. Krieger
Joseph Kukis Joseph Kukis
Anna Kukula Anna Kukula
Taryn Wyckoff Taryn Wyckoff
Mun Ling Yeow Mun Ling Yeow
Jimena Yrivarren Jimena Yrivarren

HONOR ROLL SENIOR CLASS

Allison L. Archambault Jonathan K. Larsen
Kathryn A. Bartholomew Stephanie A. Larson
Danielle F. Baukh Derek R. Lartaud
Michael J. Bays Rong Liu
Charles Bender Jeff Lynes
Annabel Benito Linda E. Madorma
Kay H. Bhagat Julianne Mandrillo
Laura Bonavita Judy S. Mathew
Michael C. Brunhofer Cara L. Matossian
Rick P. Bugel Lauren A. Mattes
Claire E. Cambria Aubrey P. McGovern
William E. Cashman Tullia C. McHugh
Kitty Chang Maura W. McMahon
Jenny-Tyng Chern Sara J. Mirsky
Brian S. Chiger Howard Monroe-Gray
Michael J. Ciacciarelli Matthew R. O'Neill
Mary Clancy Lisa G. Orchier
Kristin Connors Michael Orlando
Leah Cowburn Natalie M. Orsini
Jessica Coxson Brian C. Osborn
Stephen Cusimano Ki Mun Park
Claire De Campo Kristin E. Pastir
Kimberly De Serio Virginia R. Paynter
Heather L. Dennis Sarah Pietruszki
Jason Dreyer Marina K. Powell
Robin C. Early Joshua Ray
Sara Finestein Justin D. Renard
Timothy O. Flannery Michael Sanocki
Samuel Fleder Joseph W. Schaefer
Brian R. Flynn Jennifer L. Schembs
Christine Genova Elizabeth C. Schundler
David I. Gialanella Karima Shah
Sasha M. Gibbons-Ohr Yaron Sigal
Thomas Hanscom Evan L. Smith
Katharine Healy Abigail K. Speck
Katharine B. Heinen Meghan Steinbrecher
Rose Davis Hely Neil Talreja
Megan M. Hobson Melissa Tironi
Yao Young Huang Michael L. Todd
Frank Ianni John Toriello
Sean P. Joffe Luis E. Torres
Brett D. Kahn Michael D. Vaughan
Scott Kautzmann Kate Walsh
Christopher Kenoy Kate Walsh
Kristen J. Kelly Jeffrey N. Weber
Leigh A. Kendrick Dara Weinberg
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Joanna D. Koepfel Peter Wilson
Jonathan M. Kotler Jennifer Woodbury
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Concepts & Thought

Running for BOE Has Been Positive 'Learning Experience' For Candidate Peter W. Billson

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

Editor's Note: Peter W. Billson, a candidate for the Westfield Board of Education, is participating in a series of articles outlining the step-by-step process one must follow to run for the school board. This is the fourth article in that series.

WESTFIELD – On Election Night, Tuesday, April 18, Westfield Board of Education candidate Peter W. Billson plans to spend the evening at the offices of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*, posting the results on the Internet as they are reported.

"It's definitely been a learning experience, running," reflected Mr. Billson while remembering milestones down the campaign trail.

The candidate for a three-year term stated that he finished visiting all of the principals within the district, with the exception of Westfield High School Principal Dr. Robert G. Petix, who is recovering from a mild heart attack and had to cancel his scheduled ap-

pointment with Mr. Billson.

"All very helpful and upbeat" is how Mr. Billson described his meetings with the principals. "I was really surprised by the energy that they all had," he added.

Mr. Billson said he would be happy if residents without children could also benefit from such tours of the district's schools and meetings with the principals. He added that students are taught aggressively, with fifth graders given the advantage of early instruction in algebra.

Meeting with different Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) has also been an extraordinary experience for the candidate, who reported that all of the PTAs face similar challenges.

He called for further outreach by the PTAs to members of the community for participation in fundraising efforts, such as collecting cereal box tops for furthering technology in the schools.

Mr. Billson commented that he is impressed with "how active par-

ents are and how much money they

have raised" for special projects. As an example, he cited roll-out lunch tables which were paid for by the PTA at Washington Elementary School.

He also admired how parents at Jefferson Elementary School have rallied together to improve the school's library, which has been renovated over the past three years. The candidate remarked how the parents are not only working for their own children, but for future students who will attend Jefferson School.

"Meet the Candidates Night," a forum held on March 27 at Roosevelt Intermediate School and sponsored by the Westfield Parent Teacher Council and the Westfield Area League of Women Voters, also had a positive effect on Mr. Billson.

The candidate, who is usually a member of the audience at these forums, found himself in a unique position as a member of the panel. Mr. Billson noted that after responding to a question, he would find himself thinking of a further explanation he could provide to these inquiries.

"It was an enlightening, positive experience," he said, although he remarked that he was disappointed by the audience turnout. "Something needs to be done to spice things up," he said.

Mr. Billson added that he thinks the format of the forum should be geared more toward getting the public further involved and interested in the issues and the candidates.

He also wished there were more open forums available for candidates to get the word out to the public. "As a candidate, it's a little frustrating that this is the only public forum," he noted.

Mr. Billson has noticed that some of the policies toward candidates' submission of press releases may need to be re-examined by the offices of *The Leader* and *The Times*.

He said that making the April 6 edition the last issue for candidates to submit releases leaves no room for rebuttals by opponents right before the election on April 18. He also wondered if the deadline for submitting releases should be extended to Mondays before publication, instead of the normal Friday deadline.

The candidate, who reported that he is still actively meeting residents, noted that he may call fellow nominees on Election Night to offer his wishes of congratulations or good thoughts.

Until the results are in, however, Mr. Billson thanked members of his campaign team, including Wendy Tillman, who helped him with his speechmaking.

County Vo-Tech Schools Slate Annual Open House

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS) in Scotch Plains will hold an Open House at the Raritan Road campus on Wednesday, April 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All programs will be available for discussion and perusal. There will be demonstrations of the latest technology in each of the instructional areas.

Visitors will receive free raffle tickets. Included among the prizes will be an Adirondack chair and foot rest,

baskets of groceries as well as cosmology and beauty products, a flat of bedding plants and gift certificates for computer training.

The public is invited to attend and view the campus' facilities and instructional equipment. Instructors and trades people will be available to answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call UCVTS Day Admissions Office at (908) 889-2999 or visit www.ucvts.tcc.nj.us.

Spring Spelling Bee Deemed Successful in Scotch Plains

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Recreation/Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club Spelling Bee held for local school children on March 11 at the Scotch Hills Clubhouse had the largest number of registrants in the long history of presenting this event.

For third graders, with over 40 students registered, First Place went to James Livingstone, a student at St. Bartholomew's Interparochial School. Second Place went to Kathryn Cockrell, a Coles Elementary student.

For fourth graders, there was a tie for First Place between Brian Pesin and Maya Robinson, both Coles students. Maya was also a competitor in

the Sixth District Junior Woman's Spelling Bee held in Cranford in February.

For fifth graders, Derek Simmons took First Place. He attends School One Elementary. A student from Wardlaw-Hartridge School placed second.

The winners in each grade's category were awarded certificates to purchase items at the Town Book Store in Westfield, a meal coupon courtesy of Burger King, and a certificate of award from the Recreation Department.

The Junior Woman's Club furnished two judges, Regina O'Connor and Kathy Vilarino. Laura Swidersky of the staff was the moderator.



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Town Bank to Pay 20 Percent Dividend to Shareholders

WESTFIELD — On May 1, a 20 percent stock dividend will be paid to The Town Bank of Westfield shareholders of record March 24 as recently approved by Karen L. Suter, New Jersey's Acting Commissioner of Banking and Insurance.

The Town Bank of Westfield's first hometown bank in 70 years offi-

Taylor & Love Cited For Office Achievements

WESTFIELD — Century 21 Real Estate Corporation has honored Century 21 Taylor & Love, Inc., of Westfield with the Centurion Award and the Quality Service Award for 1999.

The Centurion Award is a symbol of excellence earned by only an elite group of Century 21 offices. This is one of the highest forms of recognition awarded to top producing Century 21 sales offices.

The Westfield office has received this award consecutively for the last three years.

"Quality service is paramount to fostering successful client relationships. This honor is a direct result of hard work, superb training and commitment from a outstanding sales staff, in meeting the special needs of every client," Roger Love, Real Estate Broker and Taylor & Love Owner stated. "We have won this award every year since its inception in 1993."

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: March 30, 2000
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unспециifiable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.
RESOLUTION NO.: 366-2000
AWARDED TO: Elizabeth Pineros, L.C.S.W., 12 Belgrade Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide bilingual family therapy sessions to juveniles at the youth Services Bureau.
PERIOD: 1/1/00 - 12/31/00.
COST: Five hours of counseling per week at \$30 per hour, not to exceed \$6,030.
M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

cially opened for business in October 1998.

The Town Bank of Westfield's assets at year-end 1999 were at \$36,392,000.

According to President and Chief Executive Officer Robert W. Dowens, Sr., the bank "was founded on the fundamental principal of providing the highest standard of excellence in service to the people and the businesses in our community. Toward that end, Mr. Dowens further noted the bank is planning to open a second location in the heart of Westfield's business district, at 44 Elm Street.

A full service commercial bank, the Town Bank is located at 520 South Avenue at the Westfield traffic circle.

Lola Reed Top Sales Producer in February At Weichert, Realtors

WESTFIELD — Lola E. Reed, a sales associate with Weichert, Realtors' Westfield Office, has won a February office award for outstanding sales achievements.

Ms. Reed was honored as a member of Weichert's Million Dollar Sales Club, and qualified for the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club in 1999. They are the most recent achievements for Ms. Reed, a licensed real estate professional and Cranford resident.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 399-2000
AWARDED TO: Nature's Choice Corporation, P.O. Box 905, Lyndhurst, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To lease equipment from the County of Union and pay the County \$30,000 for such equipment per year and a guaranteed amount of \$43,000 per year at the rate of \$3,600 per month for the disposal of leaves, grass and wood chips at the Union County Conservation Facility.
M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 4/6/00, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

Marilyn Kelly Appointed To President's Council

WESTFIELD — Marilyn Kelly, Manager of the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker, has again been appointed to the corporations' President's Council. This honor places Ms. Kelly in the most elite group of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office managers.

Throughout the corporations' North American network just a few managers have been appointed to the council.

"Only the very top performing managers with the top performing offices earn the right to be included in this select group, and Marilyn Kelly is the number one member of this group," noted Alex Perriello President and Chief Executive Officer of Coldwell Banker. "This is quite an outstanding accomplishment."

Ms. Kelly has been the leading sales manager associates in the corporation for the past 15 years. This year 54 sales associates in the

Westfield office earned designation to the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club. The Office is located at 209 Central Avenue in Westfield.



Marilyn Kelly

Frank D. Isoldi Earns Award For 1999 Sales Performance

WESTFIELD — Frank D. Isoldi, Broker/Associate with Isoldi Associates Realtors, located in Westfield, was recently awarded for his outstanding sales performance which earned him the prestigious Gold Award of the 1999 New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dol-

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UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: March 30, 2000
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unспециifiable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.
RESOLUTION NO.: 369-2000
AWARDED TO: Mary Delano, 129 Mohawk Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide 13 weekends and holiday on-call counseling coverage to families in crisis at the Youth Service Bureau.
PERIOD: 1/1/00 - 12/31/00.
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lar Sales Club, raking him in the top 2 percent of all licensed Realtors.

Realtors qualify for this award with a minimum of 25 units sold and \$10 million closed sales. In 1997, Mr. Isoldi was awarded Realtor of the Year. He is currently the Second Vice President of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors where he is a member of the Association's Community Service Committee.

He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the United Fund of Westfield and a member of both the Westfield Board of Adjustment and the Westfield Chapter of UNICO.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-2912-97.
EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. MADELINE CUMBA, ET AL, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JUNE 18, 1999 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 19TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2000 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 ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND SIXTY THREE & 84/100 (\$187,063.84).
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 559-561 Morris Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208.
Tax Lot No. 721 in Block No. 11.
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 50 feet wide by 200 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the northeasterly side of Morris Avenue 222.24 feet from the easterly side of Cherry Street.
There is due approximately the sum of TWO-HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND THREE-HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO & 30/100 (\$207,372.30) together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH
SHERIFF
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, Attorneys
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P.O. Box 1024
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Telephone: 1-908-233-8500
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CH-754645 (WL)
4 T - 3/23, 3/30,
4/6 & 4/13/00 Fee: \$181.56

Rose W. Scharlat Named Top '99 Prudential Associate

WESTFIELD — Rose Wurgaff Scharlat has been named Prudential New Jersey Realty's Westfield Office Sales Associate of the Year. The announcement was made by Prudential President, William O. Keleher, Jr.

Ms. Scharlat earned Sales Associate of the Month honors at her office in March, May, June, July August in 1999.



SALES ASSOCIATE OF YEAR...Prudential President William O. Keleher, Jr., congratulates Rose Wurgaff Scharlat on being named Sales Associate of the Year for Prudential New Jersey Realty's Westfield office.

She has also earned Silver Level membership in New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club and was named to Prudential's President's Circle, the top 4 percent of the entire international Prudential Network.

She attributes her success to hard work, thorough knowledge of the market, and specialty marketing.

"Rose's constant use of technology has been a significant asset in this year's brisk market," says Westfield Office Manager, Bernadette Houston.

"With many homes selling very quickly, often after multiple offers, a good agent has to act immediately. To do that, the agent must have extremely current information. Rose is constantly on the computer, getting updates on new

listings, using our Know The Neighborhood technology, and e-mailing clients on a variety of subjects. She takes her notebook computer and portable printer with her just about everywhere, so she can fax, draw up and print contracts wherever she is with a client.

"Technology gives me the information I need to meet my clients' indi-

vidual needs," Ms. Scharlat explained. "Whether I'm matching buyers to sellers or looking for some unusual home features for a unique family, the computer helps me to streamline the process."

"When I list a home for sale, I have my digital camera so that I can e-mail a photo of that house directly to our advertising agency and to clients who will want to see it. And now Prudential New Jersey Realty has an alliance with bamboo.com to provide virtual tours of our listings on our Web site at www.PruNewJersey.com."

"I can e-mail not only my digital photos but also the virtual tours to prospective buyers. My pager, cell phone, and contact management software ensure that I'm always in touch with my clients. All these conveniences enable me to focus more effectively on my clients and give them truly professional service," said Ms. Scharlat.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-3174-97.
THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, F/K/A THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, N.A., ET AL, PLAINTIFF vs. JOHN R. HARTWELL AND ARSLA HARTWELL, HIS WIFE; ET AL, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 29, 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 19TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2000 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 TWENTY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN-HUNDRED TWENTY TWO & 80/100 (\$22,722.80).
Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as: 1011 Fanny Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
Tax Lot No. 619 in Block No. 8.
Approximate dimensions: 25 feet wide by 100 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Situated at a point on the northeasterly side of Fanny Street, approximately 150 feet northwesterly from the intersection formed by the northwesterly side of Route 1 & 9 (a/k/a Spring Street) with the northeasterly side of Fanny Street.
There is due approximately the sum of TWENTY NINE THOUSAND EIGHTY FIVE & 61/100 (\$29,085.61) together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
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RALPH FROEHLICH
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CH-753396 (WL)
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4/6 & 4/13/00 Fee: \$187.68

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-16110-97.
DOVENMUEHLE MORTGAGE COMPANY, L.P., PLAINTIFF vs. SHANTI M. SAVLA AND KOKILA S. SAVLA, HIS WIFE ET AL, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 1, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 3RD DAY OF MAY A.D., 2000 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 TWO-HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT-HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN & 30/100 (\$215,857.30).
Property to be sold is located in the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union and State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as 1062 Sunny Slope Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092.
BEING KNOWN as Lot No. 5, Block No. 7F on the official Tax Map of the Borough of Mountainside.
Dimensions: (approximately) 175 feet x 100 feet.
Nearest Cross Street: Summit Road.
There is due approximately the sum of TWO-HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX-HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR & 67/100 (\$265,634.67) together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
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'A Taste of South America' Will Be Featured in Concert At Union County Arts Center

RAHWAY – An evening of "mes-tizo" South American music with the Trio Pasional, Yas-Cortes and Festival Llanero Group, will be presented in "A Taste of South America" at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on Saturday, April 8, at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$25. For more information and ticket reservations, please call the Union County Arts Center at (732) 499-8226 or Luis Cardenas at (201) 866-0341.

Trio Pasional consists of North American flutist Sharon Levin, Ecuadorian guitarist Mr. Cardenas and Dominican guitarist Luis Polanco. These performers have been entertaining audiences in the Metropolitan area for the past few years.

Their latest project is the creation of a CD called "Reir Llorando." The music is representative of various facets of Ecuadorian sentiments and cultures of many generations.

Westfield Chef Liz Scott

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dinner in the middle of it all.

"Now my kids and I can do these things together and still come home and have a great dinner of healthy food," she said.

Both parties have grown accustomed to the weekly regimen. Added Mrs. Hopkins, "Once Liz gets to know the kitchen and cupboards and what I have in the freezer and such, she keeps a mental inventory; she knows how to use up all the ingredients in a creative way, a way you never thought of."

"She likes to vary side dishes, to not repeat a meal. She's very concerned about our well being and the best way to cook for it. She's very nurturing and we feel it's more than just having somebody come make meals," Mrs. Hopkins commented.

When asked whether he was confident in his children's diet, Mr. Hopkins responded emphatically, "Very much so. I'm impressed with how healthy the meals are. I mean, she's buying organic things, things I wouldn't know to buy. My kids like it a lot, and they're always willing to try different things Liz makes. She's won them over, so they're willing to keep exploring."

A Westfield High School graduate, Liz earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art History from New York University and followed it up with a master's degree from Villa Schifanoia in Italy.

Returning to the United States, she found work in the publishing field and ended up in the advertising department for *Bon Appetit* magazine.

Although she was making good money, she felt frustrated because she didn't have any hands-on involvement in the actual culinary process. Hence, she made the decision to attend the French Culinary Institute (FCI) in New York. From there she tried different facets of work for restaurants and catering services.

She was offered a position as an assistant teaching chef at FCI, an honor since she was chosen first of all the graduates.

"I did that part time for a year," Liz informed, "and then I started to do private chef work."

Dubbed Top Cat after her favorite feline, Liz's career as a personal chef has allowed her to experience life with the rich and famous. Observe the clientele: She was a personal home chef in New York for playwright John Guare (*Six Degrees of Separation*), with whom she has kept in contact. She also did a stint cooking for Brooke Astor, considered the "Grand Dame of New York society" and who is a relation to John Jacob Astor who perished on the *Titanic*.

She has also worked for the enormous family of the former Mrs. Reynolds Dupont, of Dupont, Inc.

During the time she cooked for Mrs. Astor, David Rockefeller frequently came to dinner. According to Liz, he "...always told me how much he loved my watercress soup."

Wanting her contributions to reach more of the populace, Liz returned to Westfield, feeling that the average hard-working families deserved just as much, if not more, of this service and attention. Consequently, she began her personal chef service locally.

"As I did it more and more, I began to love its whole idea," she said.

It shows in her personal working relationships.

"She's not only a great cook, but she's really great to have in your house," said Mrs. Hopkins. "My only hesitation when I got started was how would I feel

having someone working a few hours a week in my home. And it's just been wonderful."

"She's very pleasant to work with," agreed Mr. Hopkins. "We enjoy having her here. Right from the start Liz made it very comfortable. She laughs a lot, she has a good time; she's easy to get along with. It works well for us."

Tagging along with her on a trip to the supermarket, one can learn from her habits how to garner the best in produce. She will study a group of asparagus to determine the best stalks, pinch pea pods and check various other pieces of produce by feel.

By doing her homework she offers a personal tip: "Very often what is on special is going to be fresher."

"I'm a very tactile shopper," she admitted. "My weekly reading material is grocery store flyers. I have the utmost respect for food and its ingredients. I consider it a top sensual gratification in life. If we have to eat, let's enjoy it, and more importantly, let's use it to our advantage."

Liz puts her "entire presence" into the flowchart of her meal preparation, placing no flavor above another in the production.

"I like the whole process," she said, "from picking out the vegetables in the supermarket to putting it all together on the table as a presentation."

"You have to be equally present in everything. There are times when the frustrated artist comes out in me. For instance, last week I sautéed cherry tomatoes in butter with fresh chives and poured it over the fish because I felt that the meal needed color. Something has to look good, too," Liz remarked.

"The presentation is beautiful, her grand finale," Mrs. Hopkins enthused. "I mean, it just looks great."

Asked what her favorite creation is to prepare, Liz disclosed a fondness for Asian-style stir-fries, stating, "I like putting together the combinations because I like working with those ingredients, the fresh ginger, the garlic, the different vegetables, sauces and rice combinations."

As for her client's personal favorites, Mr. Hopkins especially enjoys Liz's cuisines which have a European flair. "I like her Italian meals," he stated. "They're not ordinary. Like eggplant, she usually makes it with a great salad and side dish, so it's really balanced. There's always a vegetable, and we eat a lot more fish than we would if she wasn't with us."

Liz is currently working on several projects; foremost is her own cookbook, designed for people in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. Since her brother passed away from alcohol abuse years ago, Liz feels a personal stake, almost a sense of responsibility, in the publication.

"It's never really been addressed," she stressed. "It's a new part of treatment. Nutrition is not discussed as much as it should be in this regard. Since it affects your brain chemistry, obviously what you put in your body is important. So the basis of this book is finding substitutes for alcohol in recipes without sacrificing quality, and also designing menus that rely a lot on the glycemic index, how quickly food turns into glucose in your blood stream, which is directly related to mood, an important issue in recovery."

Liz, who can be contacted in Westfield at (908) 232-1891, or on the Web at chefliz@home.com, extends her services in a quest to promote the importance of family health and unity.

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Romeo Must Die Kung-Fu Flick Gets A Kick Out of Shakespeare

By Michael S. Goldberg

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Romeo Must Die is just plain bad. And that's not good. Pity. They don't make bad movies the way they used to. There was a time when a moviegoer could count on any number of low budget studios to routinely craft the proverbial "so bad it's good" film. The steady supply was necessary in a world that left audiences deserved two features for their money.

Often they were goofy but guileless B-movies, endearing for their passionate naiveté. Some even gained cult status despite themselves. And occasionally, there was a gem that would later come to be known as a genre classic, like *The Day The Earth Stood Still* (1951).

But that won't happen with *Romeo Must Die*, a sly slab of nihilistic schlock with a savvy eye for the bottom line: the inner city and suburban 18-25 crowd who flock to the cineplex on Friday and Saturday nights, plus all the adolescents who will slip past the ticket collector in defiance of the picture's R rating.

But for all its rousing, rock em-suck em action, this bad boy turf war set on the Oakland, Calif. waterfront runs out of testosterone midway through its raucous ranting, raving and kung-fu fighting. An East meets West angle has philosophical promise, but quickly disappears when it turns into a parade of stereotypes.

The hostility between rival organized crime gangs — one Chinese, the other African-American — produces a racial storm when the son (Jon Kit Lee) of warlord Sing is killed. An opportunity for sociological enlightenment, you ask? Hardly. In director Andrzej Bartkowiak's hands, all chances of artistic rumination go by the way-side. Instead, this predictable mob tale drags out the old plot and plays like a connect-the-dots primer on gangster movies. In other words, both sides say they want to get along, especially since a mutual land-buying scheme could net them each \$38 million. Inexplicably, someone's making it seem other-

wise. But just who is at the heart of this treachery?

Enter Jet Li as Han Sing, the warlord's remaining son. In case you inadvertently let your subscription to "Modern Martial Artist" run out, Mr. Li is this week's heir apparent to the legendary Bruce Lee.

He's missing the white hat, but Han is no chip off the corrupt block. An ex-cop, it seems this karate kid took the rap for his power-hungry father back in Hong Kong and is wasting away in prison when he hears of his brother's terrible and untimely demise. In a scene reminiscent of sociopathic Cody Jarrett (James Cagney) when he learns about his Mom's passing in *White Heat* (1949), Han breaks out. Talk about fancy footwork.

Only Dr. Hannibal Lecter escapes from prison with more fanfare. The warlord's son will now head for Oakland and avenge his younger brother's death. Little does he suspect that love awaits in the enemy camp. Call him Romeo.

The film flirts with a potentially good idea, courtesy of Willy Shakespeare. But the screenplay by Eric Bernt and John Jarrell (based on a story by Mitchell Kapner) has neither the chutzpah nor the inclination to really attempt a hip-hop update of the venerable romantic tragedy.

The accompanying music by several rappers, the John Phillip Sousa of inner-city conflict, is lively if uninspiring. And in a missed opportunity, it probably didn't dawn on the music director to counterbalance the African-American sounds with some Asian noise. But it all ties in with an exploitative package astutely fashioned for box office draw. Which means casting singer Aaliyah as boutique proprietor Trish, the straight but with-it daughter of mobster Isak O'Day (Delroy Lindo). You can't really call her an actress. Call her Juliet.

Probably believing that writing, let alone a good plot, is overrated, the filmmakers concentrate on the action. And, truth be told, there are several exhilarating fight scenes, plus superimposed X-rays that give audiences a chiropractic analysis of the bone crunching. But most of it follows a choreographic stencil of the same windmilling feet we've come to expect in just about every kick-happy flick. And with an overabundance of stop action, slo-mo and f/x wizardry synthetically heightening the battle scenes, a cartoonish hokiness detracts from the derring-do quotient.

So we don't know just how good a warrior this Jet Li really is. His acting acumen is another story. Suffice it to note that, while he is the fearsome epitome of evil in *Lethal Weapon 4* (1998), it's doubtful he'll be doing Shakespeare in the Park any time soon.

Yet Li does manage to meet the general thespic requirements of this mindless fare. Which means he can mix a general level of glib nonchalance with a suddenly violent and near-religious dedication to revenge. Hey, his Dad left him to rot in jail. He has issues. No wonder Trish finds him so irresistible.

Practically everything in this film is a wicked joke, especially when someone's kicking someone in the throat or littering a whole alleyway with combat scene casualties. And though some absurdly pretentious lip service is paid to family values (whereas glamorizing organized crime family values is what they're really concerned with), fueling the entertainment engine of director Bartkowiak's film is a questionable mean-spiritedness that may make you wonder: Oh "Romeo Must Die," wherefore art thou, "Romeo Must Die?" The proper response is: "Buried at the bottom of everyone's moviegoing list — that's wherefore."

Romeo Must Die, rated R, is a Warner Brothers release directed by Andrzej Bartkowiak and stars Jet Li, Aaliyah and Delroy Lindo. Running time: 120 minutes.

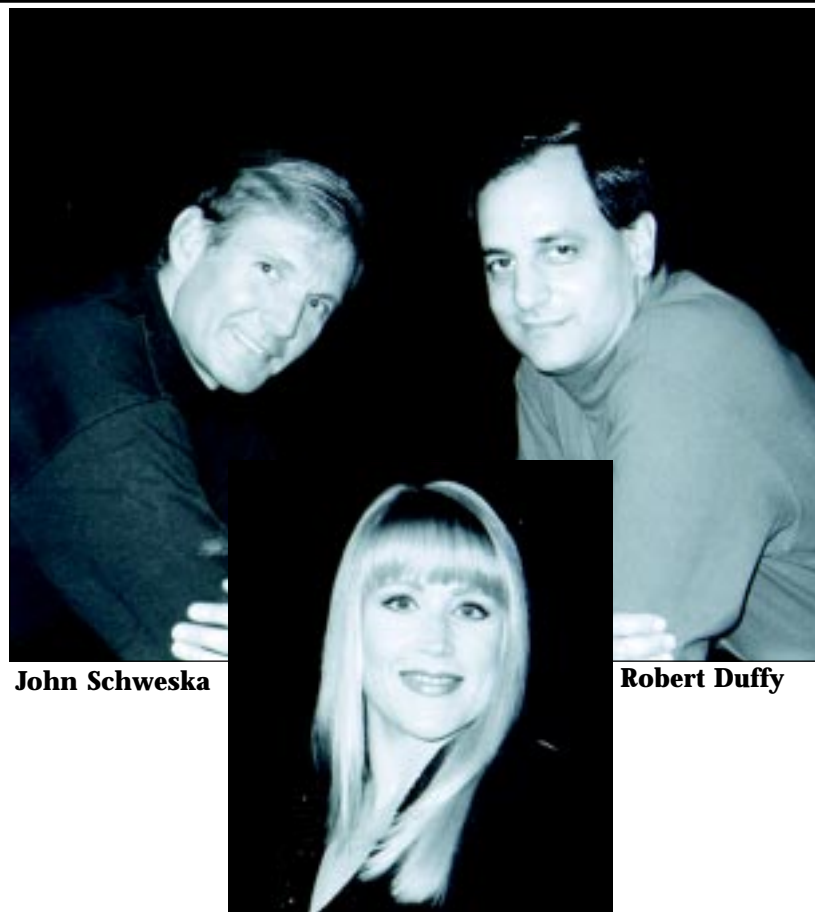
The Main Ingredient

Scallops, Mushrooms In Garlic Sauce

3/4 lb scallops
1/4 c. flour
1/2 lb mushrooms
3 tbsp. olive oil
1/4 c. white wine

3 tbsp. bread crumb
2 tbsp. minced onion
1 tbsp. minced parsley
2 cloves garlic, minced
Red pepper flakes, salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brush a shallow baking dish with 1 tbsp. of oil. Bake the mushroom caps for 10 minutes. Combine bread crumb, onion, parsley, garlic, salt and red pepper flakes in small bowl. Add scallops to baking dish. Add wine. Sprinkle bread crumb mixture on top of mushroom caps and drizzle with remaining olive oil. Bake for 20 minutes.



John Schweska

Robert Duffy

Joanne Guida

Love and Other Things Cabaret Slated by Two Theater Groups

WESTFIELD – John Schweska, a member of the Westfield Community Players (WCP) and the Cranford Dramatic Club (CDC), will reprise his New York City cabaret show, *Love and Other Things*, as a benefit to help both community theaters. The production will be shown on Saturday, April 8, at 8 p.m. at the CDC.

Tickets are \$12 each, including a post-show reception. For reservations, please call the CDC at (908) 276-7611.

Mr. Schweska will be joined by vocalist and Cranford resident Joanne Guida, and vocalist Robert Duffy. Joining the vocalists will be pianist and arranger Andrew Cooke.

Mr. Cooke has directed this New York cabaret. He holds credits in New York and regional theater. He has been the associate conductor of Broadway's *Sweeney Todd* and pianist for the Broadway production of *Aspects of Love* and Sondheim's Off-Broadway revival of *Company*.

Most recently, he was musical director for the Guthrie Theater's production of *Sweeney Todd* in Minneapolis.

Mr. Schweska, a lyric baritone, has been singing cabaret for over 10 years with Mr. Cooke, his musical director. He has appeared in many local musical productions including the *Tinman* at the CDC and *Romance, Romance* at WCP. He is currently involved in a regional staging of a new musical, *Jack the Ripper*.

Mr. Duffy has been seen in many local productions, and will soon be heard on the concept album for the new musical, *A Tale of Two Cities*.

Ms. Guida has sung and acted in many local theaters in various roles, appearing with Mr. Schweska and his wife, Monica, in *Romance, Romance*.

Summing up *Love and Other Things*, Ms. Guida stated, "There are many things that will catch your eye, but few that will capture your heart — pursue those!"

The Golden Fleece at UCC

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sian man be the sexy, forbidden lover of his wife? Simple! By running into the basement to get into his full-body makeup and crazy wig. At first glance, this scenario borders on offensive, but you soon see that this is not the author's intent. It actually makes a rather profound statement on the absurd stereotyping that still, unfortunately, exists today.

Barbara Guidi and Gary Wood as the husband and wife were simply terrific. They are both seasoned actors with excellent comic timing and an obvious understanding of the material. They were flawlessly funny without trying to "go for the laughs." They were both a pleasure to watch and I was disappointed when their segment came to a close.

The Golden Fleece is the more difficult of the two plays. This one-act is longer and not quite as humorous as the first, though it does have quite a few silly moments. It is actually a much darker piece, loosely based on the extremely intense Medea. The Greek Drama penned by Euripides.

According to Greek mythology, *The Golden Fleece* was the treasure sought by Jason and the Argonauts. After many battles and threats to the children of the Goddess Nephele, a golden ram was sent to carry the two children to safety. One of them died, but the other arrived safely and the ram was sacrificed as a gift to Zeus. The pelt of the ram was then hidden in an oak tree, where it remained until Jason and Medea, his barbarian bride, came to claim it.

In the Greek Drama, Jason abandons Medea for another woman, the daughter of the King of Corinth. In a fit of jealous rage, the witchcraft-skilled

Medea sends a robe to Jason's new bride, which bursts into flames when she puts it on, killing her instantly. Medea then proceeds to kill her own children.

This story does seem to be an odd premise for this contemporary piece that focuses on Bill and Betty, a normal married couple. Bill and Betty have befriended "Jason and Medea" in our current world. Jason was Bill's best man.

Medea is the coolest chick that Betty has ever known. Both couples seem to have similar marital problems, but nothing that can't be fixed. That is, until Jason meets "the other woman."

What follows is the examination into the relationship between Bill and Betty, and how the infidelity of their friend affects them. Both Daaimah Talley and Andre DeSandies as Betty and Bill, respectively, have some wonderful, intimate moments.

They both have several monologues alone onstage, spoken directly to the audience. (Which, incidentally, was onstage with the actors, making the audience a sort of built in Greek Chorus.)

The work that the two actors did in this peculiar play was quite good. They both had energy and commitment that is to be commended. I hesitate to say anything negative about the work that was done in this segment, but perhaps it may have been a bit smoother if the actors didn't try so hard.

The play is interesting, and the acting was good, so just say the words. This stood out the most for me when the character of Betty was applying powder to her face from a compact while she spoke to the audience. It would have been such a nice moment if the actress didn't "act" at putting powder on her face, and just said what was written while she applied the powder. Less is more. With an action that is as simple as powdering your nose, it is always best to keep it truthful.

All in all, it was an entertaining evening and there is clearly a lot of talent within The Theater Project. The Golden Fleece was directed by Mark Spina, a founding member of the organization. It is evident that Mr. Spina chooses to direct plays that are not exactly mainstream, and I think that is very important.

There are a lot of amazing, relatively unknown plays out there that have a lot to say. Mr. Spina clearly knows what he is doing, and I look forward to the upcoming production of Defying Gravity in July.

The Golden Fleece ran at UCC on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, March 23 through April 1st.

Arts & Entertainment

ON THE BEAT

Smashing Pumpkins Return With Guns Blazing in Latest Release, "Machina"

By ANDY GOLDENBERG

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

I have a veritable plethora of CD and DVD releases to share with you this week.

"The Smashing Pumpkins" return to form with "Machina/The Machines of God" off Virgin Records. After their previous album, the disappointing "Adore," I was nervous that the band was running out of steam what with the departure of bassist D'arcy and various personal and legal hassles.

However the band comes back strong with their new offering. The mix between aggressive guitar assaults and melodic pop ballads is perfect. Fans of this band should be excited to hear these new tunes live.

Another band teetering on mediocrity is Oasis. Britain's current bad boys have spent the last few years starting families and cleaning up their act and their new album, "Standing on the Shoulder of Giants" should alleviate the fear for their record company, Epic Records.

Guitarist and lead songwriter Noel Gallagher has gone back to the more melodic Brit-Pop sound and as a result this album marks a strong return to form.

A band many of you never heard of but should check out is "Marillion," who was and is the only essential English Progressive rock band of the early 1980s and they continue to release great music.

Sanctuary Records has licensed their back catalog from EMI and I suggest you pick them all up as they offer 24-bit re-mastered sound along with bonus discs of unreleased material and demos. Start out with "Misplaced Childhood" and "Clutching At Straws," both concept albums which feature original lead singer Fish.

Then be sure to check out "Afraid of Sunlight" and "Holidays in Eden" which feature present lead singer Steve Hogarth. Other releases include "Script for a Jester's Tear," and "Fugazi" and "Brave."

You will not be disappointed as both incarnations of Marillion feature stellar lyrical content and instrumental prowess.

Definitely pick up Universal Motown's recent Stevie Wonder re-masters, "Talking Book," "Innervisions," "Music of My Mind" and "Fulfillingness' First Finale."

These albums represent some of the greatest music of the 1970's in my opinion as Wonder was on a musical roll not seen since the Beatles in terms of consistency.



SUMMER PRODUCTION...The Westfield Summer Workshop presented *The Creature Creeps* during the summer of 1998.

Westfield Summer Workshop Brochure Currently Available

WESTFIELD - Brochures for The Westfield Summer Workshop, a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, have been mailed to homes in Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside and Cranford.

The brochures contain course descriptions and registration materials.

The Westfield Summer Workshop program is open to all New Jersey students from pre-school through ninth grade. Interested residents in other communities may obtain a brochure by calling (908) 518-1551.

The five-week arts program will commence on Monday, June 26, and end on Friday, July 28, with courses held daily from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Full day programs are also available in conjunction

Other recent CD releases of merit include Lou Reed's classic "Rock N Roll Animal," from RCA Records. Recorded in 1973 at New York's Academy of Music and featuring Dick Wagner and Steve Hunter from Alice Cooper's band on shimmering dual lead guitar, this may be one of the greatest live recordings ever. Essential listening!

Lastly, check out former Led Zeppelin bassist John Paul Jones's highly creative and enjoyable instrumental solo album "Zooma" on Discipline Global Mobile Records.



GATHERING TOGETHER...William Higginson and Penny Harter, former residents of Fanwood and Scotch Plains now living in Santa Fe, N.M., read to an audience on March 16 at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center in Fanwood. Mr. Higginson and Ms. Harter were the featured readers in the latest reading in the Carriage House Poetry Reading Series, which is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. John McDermott of Cranford, who received honorable mention in the first Fanny Wood Day poetry competition, also read. For more information on the Poetry Series, please call Series Director Adele Kenny at (908) 889-7223.

Program of Opera Arias Planned at Mid-Day Musicales

WESTFIELD - The First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer Street, has announced the last of their Lenten Mid-Day Musicales series of free, half-hour concerts to be held on Wednesday, April 12, at noon, with a program of opera arias by coloratura soprano Sarah Arneson and pianist George Kern.

Sarah Arneson's career has taken her from her native Nebraska to the opera stages of America and Europe, where she has received high

Cabaret Scheduled
At Governor Livingston
Wednesday, April 12

BERKELEY HEIGHTS - The Governor Livingston Hilltop Players will host a *Cabaret* on Wednesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

The school's cafeteria will be transformed into a 1920s nightclub atmosphere with familiar characters acting as waiters and waitresses, serving dessert and coffee.

Tickets are \$10, including dessert, beverage, and the show.

Tables of six will be available for parties wishing to sit together. For tickets or further information, please call Dawn at (908) 654-1046.



DELICIOUS DEMONSTRATION...Rod Marino, sous-chef and director of catering at Aquila Cucina Italia in New Providence demonstrated several Italian style dishes at a recent cooking class held by the New Jersey State Opera Guild in Westfield.

State Opera Guild to Star French Chef at Workshop

WESTFIELD - The New Jersey State Opera Guild will continue its exploration of cuisine from around the world in the spring series of cooking workshops. The next class on Tuesday, April 11, will be taught by proprietor/chef Sami el Sawi of Le Rendez-Vous Bistro in Kenilworth.

Chef Sami will demonstrate several dishes in the French Mediterranean style featured at his restaurant. This will mark his second culinary performance with the New Jersey State Opera Guild.

The classes are held in the kitchen of a private home in Westfield, beginning at 11 a.m. and ending at approximately 2 p.m. Reservations are \$40 per person and include a tasting of the dishes prepared in class. Proceeds benefit the New Jersey State Opera Guild.

For more information, please call Rosemary Bisio at (908) 233-1552.

The next scheduled production will be "Tosca," featuring two per-

formances at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark on Friday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 11, at 3 p.m. For more information, please call (973) 623-5775.

Winds, Piano and Voice Concert Organized by Musical Club

WESTFIELD - The April concert of the Musical Club of Westfield will be held on Wednesday, April 12, at 1 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield.

Pianist Edith Anderson will perform "Partita No. 1" by Bach and the "Prelude in C# Minor" by Rachmaninoff. Ms. Anderson is a piano teacher in Piscataway.

Clarinetist George Toenes will play "Piece En Forme de Habanera" by Ravel and "Finale" from "Sonate" by

Paul Ladmirault, accompanied by Louise Andrews on piano.

Mr. Toenes is the first clarinetist of the Union Symphony, concert master and soloist with the 70-piece Westfield Municipal Concert Band, and has played with the orchestra of the Choral Arts Society and Oratorio Society. He has also substituted in the New Jersey Symphony.

Ms. Andrews accompanies many performers, as well as being a soloist. Mezzo-soprano Drude Sparre Roessler will sing "Two Italian Arias" by Aldrovandini, accompanied by flutist Clarissa Nolde. They will also be joined by flutist Jenny Cline, and all three will perform Bach's "O Ewiges Feuer" from "Cantata No. 34."

They will be accompanied on by pianist Marie-Danielle Mercier. Ms. Roessler is a soloist at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield and has penned and conducted many musicals.

Ms. Cline instructs flute at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts in Westfield and Ms. Mercier is an organ soloist and accompanist on piano.

Mr. Toenes, Ms. Cline and Ms. Andrews will conclude the program as equal soloists in Saint-Saëns' "Tarentella, Opus No. 6" for clarinet, flute and piano.

The Program Chairwoman is Ms. Nolde and Ms. Cline is Hospitality Chairwoman.

YFCS Seeks Sponsors

For Spring Concert

WESTFIELD - Youth and Family Counseling Service (YFCS) will present its Annual Spring Concert on Saturday, May 20, and is now seeking sponsors to help underwrite the event. The concert will feature the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, conducted by the Reverend Alphonse Stephenson. This concert will be the only fundraising event of the YFCS.

The musical program by professional musicians is similar to an evening with the Boston Pops. The collection of tunes from Broadway and films, as well as traditional favorites, appeals to a large intergenerational audience each year.

Proceeds from the concert help to support counseling of clients who cannot pay the full cost of treatment. YFCS, a non-profit agency, has provided help for over 80 years to residents of Union County.

Sponsors will be mailed two tickets to the concert and their names will be listed with other sponsors in the evening's program. To become a sponsor, benefactors are asked to mail a tax-deductible check for \$300 to YFCS, 233 Prospect Street, Westfield, 07090. For more information about YFCS or the concert, please call (908) 233-2042.

'Beat the Brass'

Concert Planned

SCOTCH PLAINS - St. Bartholomew Interparochial School in Scotch Plains will host a concert, "Beat the Brass - Part II" on Thursday, April 13, at 10 a.m. in the school auditorium.

The concert will feature the Solid Brass Quintet, an acclaimed, professional brass and percussion ensemble, in a one-hour performance. Music from Ragtime to Renaissance periods will be highlighted.

As part of its outreach program to the community through the Scotch Plains Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the school extends an invitation to senior citizens of Scotch Plains and Fanwood for the concert. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

Glee Club Sings New Piece With Composer Matthew Sklar

WESTFIELD - At the 75th Anniversary Spring Concerts on Saturday, April 29, and Sunday, April 30, the Westfield Glee Club will sing first performances of "Gaudeamus Hodie/Dona Nobis Pacem", the newly composed music by Matthew Sklar.

The commission was funded by a HEART Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders administered by the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Mr. Sklar, a Westfield resident, was an active music student including compositions used by school chorus groups beginning in the ninth grade at Edison Intermediate School and on through Westfield High School.

His school musical participation included composing, directing, instrumental, and vocal. Two of his local area piano teachers were Fred Fischer and Sondra Tammam, well known performers and teachers. Mr. Sklar was the student musician winner of the Westfield Glee Club Scholarship in 1991.

Mr. Sklar has the distinction of having been the youngest conductor ever on Broadway, conducting the *Les Miserables* orchestra at the age of 21. He also conducted the Broadway productions of *Titanic* and *Miss Saigon*. He has been a pianist for the Broadway productions of *Putting It Together*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, and *On The Town*, along with workshops, readings of "The Sweet Smell of Success," "Parade," and Disney's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

With Chad Beguelin as lyricist,

Matthew composed the music for *Wicked City*, which was recently produced at the American Stage Company, the film *Hudson River Blues*, and music for Varese Sarabande's *Broadway Bound*.

He is a recipient of the 2000 Jonathan Larson Performing Arts Foundation Award and was selected



Matthew Sklar

as one of the year's "50 Creatives to Watch" by *Variety* magazine.

In addition to the new choral work, Mr. Sklar has arranged the traditional folk song "hina Ma Tov."

The Spring Concerts will also feature the 2000 Glee Club Scholarship Winner, Meryl Bezrutzyk, soprano, of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

For additional information, please call Dale Juntilla (908) 232-0673.

Funds Available for Non-Profits, Artists and Historians in County

ELIZABETH - The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites local non-profit organizations, individual artists and scholars to apply for funding from the Union County HEART (History, Education Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant Program.

The Freeholder Board, recognizing the importance of culture and the arts, established the HEART Grant Program in 1998. This program supports projects related to history, the arts and the humanities, and demonstrates a commitment to the organizations and artists of Union County.

The HEART Grant Program has five different submission dates throughout the year. Applications are reviewed bimonthly. The next deadline for submission is Thursday, April 20. Applicants are urged to submit a draft by Monday, April 10.

To request a HEART Grant application and guidelines, please contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633

Pearl Street, Elizabeth, 07202 or call (908) 558-2550. Relay users may call (800) 852-7899.

Virginia Wesleyan

Singers to Join

Church Concert

WESTFIELD - The Virginia Wesleyan College Singers will serve as guest choir during the Sunday morning worship service at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield on April 9.

Following the service, they will perform excerpts from their tour program including madrigals, spirituals, jazz and lighter pieces. The chorus is visiting the Northeast as part of their annual spring tour.

Admission is free, but an offering will be taken to assist the travel expenses of the group. For reservations or further information, please call the church at (908) 233-4211.

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Lucille Ball

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Lucille Ball (1911-1989)

With blazing red hair, America's favorite funny girl Lucille Ball had an uncanny habit of taking life's bowls of sour cherries and turning them into sweet surprises and successes.

A native of Jamestown, N.Y., Ball was left without a father at age 4 and became determined to succeed in entertainment. Because of several failed auditions for Broadway chorus lines, Ball decided to turn to modeling at fashion designer Hattie Carnegie's studio.

Capturing the eye of movie execs as the Chesterfield Cigarette Girl in the early 1930s, Ball earned her first silver screen role in *Roman Scandals*. In the next decade, 60 films would follow with Ball's name in the credits. In 1940, she married Desi Arnaz.

Teaming up with Arnaz was both a blessing and a curse for Ball in the "I Love Lucy" television series which began in 1951 and grabbed five Emmy Awards. Quirky, whiny and whimsical, Ball's rendition of Ricky Ricardo's wife was unmistakably one of the most classic characters in television history.

When the marriage's tumult became too intolerable for Ball, she split from Arnaz in 1960 and began "The Lucy Show" and "Here's Lucy." While cameo roles and television specials followed up to the late 1980s, attentive audiences were hard to find.

After open heart surgery in April 1989, Ball died a week later at the age of 77.

Special Notice:

The Arts & Entertainment Section will turn 1 yr. old next week. To celebrate, we will publish articles dedicated to the ambiance and opportunities of New York City.

Arts & Entertainment

PERSONAL CHEF HAS COOKED FOR ROCKEFELLER, ASTOR AND DUPONT

Westfield Chef Liz Scott Makes Healthy, Personalized Cuisine a Breeze

By BILLY CALLAHAN

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Families absorbed in the rush of life now have a new opportunity to catch a break.

Westfield resident Liz Scott offers her culinary talents to busy families wishing to free up quality time while still eating a healthy balanced meal together. Once only a privilege the wealthy enjoyed, having a personal chef is now an affordable and convenient answer to the never-ending question, "What's for dinner?"

"It's an important social action to sit down to a meal together," Liz opined. "When I was growing up, home-cooked meals were a big part of my life. Dinnertime was when the family got together to catch up on things and share fabulous food prepared with care."

"Unfortunately, schedules are so stressed to the limit these days that there just isn't enough time to prepare meals the way we used to," she continued. "There are so many activities going on around this area, and parents want to have more family time together than just stopping at McDonald's on the way home from basketball practice."

"We're living in an era where people are more conscious of what they eat, more interested in organic products and expanding their palette. So the question is, 'How do we fit this into our lives? With the service I provide, people can return to the basics of quality family time and a healthy eating schedule,'" she said.

comfort food," Liz observed. "But, somehow, it's just not the same as enjoying a meal at home."

Her "Top Cat" service prepares exquisite meals in portions large enough to be used for further "re-heats." Ideal for two-career couples, new mothers and seniors,

Leader and The Times, "but with two kids I'm busy. Now I have more time in the afternoon with my kids, to help them with homework and all the after-school activities they're involved in, and I don't have to worry about getting

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Michelle H. LePoidevin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

COOKING IN GRAND STYLE...Westfield resident Liz Scott drizzles olive oil atop spears of fresh green asparagus at the Cranford home of Beau and Janet Hopkins.

Top Cat also offers a catering service for weddings, birthdays, luncheons and dinner parties.

When on certain weeks it's not convenient to cook at a client's house, Liz cooks in her own kitchen and delivers the week's meals, done in the same fashion.

"When I meet a client," she stated, "we just sit and discuss if anyone is allergic to anything, if anyone is on a specific diet; we discuss menu, what the kids like, what they don't like. Everything is very personalized and so I feel like I'm participating in making their lives more full."

In 1998, *Time* magazine published a list of the top 10 up-and-coming occupations for the millennium. Personal

home chef was one of them. In this regard, Liz feels confident in her abilities.

"I have a true passion for cooking," she enlightened, "a palette for it, and I relish what I do. I have a good visual sense and a really broad knowledge, and these are all things I bring to the process. You don't have to have these as a chef, but to me, I think it enhances the final product."

"I think that with the end product you can taste if someone has given it attention," she observed. "I also firmly believe that if you are lucky enough to find your unique talent, you should give it back to your community. It's tremendously satisfying to know you are making a difference in people's lives and in their health."

During a cooking tour of the Cranford home of Janet and Beau Hopkins, where Liz has worked her magic for the past 2½ years, it was evident that the couple and their two young children were all well pleased with this concept.

"She comes every Tuesday and Friday," said Mrs. Hopkins, "and what she makes usually lasts until she comes again. She does all the meal planning, as well as the shopping that's related to the meal. We are like-minded about nutrition and work very well together."

"Typically, we talk the night before on the phone, about different meal possibilities and whether relatives or friends might be coming," Mrs. Hopkins revealed. "She can gear her cooking to different types of diet or nutritional needs, and, to exactly what we want. She's very flexible."

"This has helped my wife tremendously," offered Mr. Hopkins, "because it relieves her hectic schedule, freeing up her afternoon. If you have to do laundry and house chores and cooking, too, you get in a rhythm of sameness, and get easily bored with it."

"This way, we have variety, not the same meals every week. Sometimes you get in a routine in family life where every certain night you have this, the next you have that again. Now there's a lot more spice in what we have."

"I'm a pretty good cook myself," Mrs. Hopkins told *The Westfield*

David Palladino's

Music Box

A Review of Local Concerts

WSO Spells Success After Jonas, Pierce Performance

By DAVID PALLADINO

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Drawing a crowd from central and northern New Jersey counties, The Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) combined a number of musical elements last weekend to produce one of their great successes of the season.

The concert was held at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway and featured a number of special elements. With musical genres moving from the structured Classical era up through the passionate Romantic era and up into the modern classical and jazz styles.

To have the accomplished pianists Joshua Pierce and Dorothy Jonas made the evening even more special. Additionally, the concert offered a world premier piece as well as a powerful rendition of the

"Brahms 3rd Symphony."

The concert opened with a world premier piece by Mark McGurty which was commissioned and written in 1999 for the WSO and dedicated to the memory of C. Alexander Pelloquin. The 10-minute single movement piece had six sections based on sections from the medieval chant Te Deum.

The piece was turbulent with many tempo changes, which Maestro David Wroe handled with precision. A particularly outstanding performance by the brass section. The full orchestra played with vigor and very aggressively.

A dramatic change in pace brought pianist Pierce to the stage to perform the Duke Ellington "New World A-Comin'." Here, with this parting from classical music and into the realm of jazz, we were truly able to see the versatility of Pierce as well as the orchestra.

Both demonstrated a strong showing in the jazz style. Pierce has full command of the jazz genre. Of particular note were Principal Clarinetist William Shadels short, but perfectly intoned solos. Principal bass Vincent Carano provided the stable, musically driving bass for the piece.

In the next change of genre, the dual-pianists took the stage to perform the charming Classical piece, "Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra, K.365."

As with all Mozart, the piece was very well put together. The opening Allegro was typically Mozartian; smooth, refined, bold. Their styles became immediately apparent.

Pierce, who has immense technical command of the instrument along with highly articulate phrasing combined and complemented perfectly with the sensitive phrasing, accuracy and finessed interpretation of Jonas.

Musical ideas were tossed back

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Pen and Ink

By MICHELLE H. LEPOIDEVIN

Whitney's Oscar Dismissal Stirs Up Rumors of Drug Abuse, Suspicions

It's probably inappropriate to list this as a hobby on my resume, but I deliver a pretty good version of Whitney Houston's "I Believe In You and Me" and "The Greatest Love of All" during a Saturday morning shower. I've long emulated and admired Houston's vocal range and loved watching her rise to the status she deserved to attain. A supreme Diva if there ever was one, she has stolen every



Whitney Houston

show since her early Gospel-singing days in Newark. She has stolen every show...except for this year's Oscars — one of the biggest yawners of Academy Award history.

Reportedly, Houston was asked by Burt Bacharach to leave rehearsals for a compilation of favorite love songs when she could not focus and perform the music.

An Oscar source revealed, "She was clearly very out of it. It was so obvious." However, representatives for the star of *The Bodyguard* and *Waiting to Exhale* retorted that Houston was only suffering from a "sore throat" — a comment most Hollywood insiders balk at since rumors have been flying about the vocalist's possible drug use since she was supposedly caught in Hawaii with 15.2 grams of marijuana at an airport security checkpoint in January.

Since her marriage to Bobby Brown back in the 1990s (which wasn't all that long ago), Houston's relationship with Brown and his reported jaunts have been fodder for the hungry press who can't seem to get enough of digging into her private life. As I have expressed in earlier editorials, we should look at these celebrities as the human beings that they are and not infallible icons.

It is my sincere hope that if Houston is really suffering from substance abuse problems, she has the courage to conquer them and win. While it was not unreasonable for Bacharach to ask Houston to leave the rehearsal stage (he reportedly gave her time for breaks to re-work her vocal cords), I hope Hollywood will not turn its back on a probable problem. Instead, they should encourage the Diva to find her true path again before it is too late and no one can reach her.

Take the Stage

WITH KERRIANNE SPELLMAN CORT

The Golden Fleece Production Teaches Lesson: Less Is More

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CRANFORD — The Theater Project at Union County College (UCC) recently staged the A.R. Gurney comedy, *The Golden Fleece*, at the Roy Smith Theater on

and not be overwhelmed by a larger ensemble.

The celebrity vehicle *Love Letters* is still an enormous hit, playing in summer stock and regional theaters around the country.

The Golden Fleece is actually



Daaimah Talley and Andre DeSandies

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the Cranford Campus of UCC.

Mr. Gurney's wonderfully funny and touching work has been seen across America and on the terrific Off-Broadway stages of The Manhattan Theatre Club, Playwrights Horizons, and The Westside Theater, to name a few. His interesting, witty plays focus on the intimate and sometimes bizarre relationships of human beings and include *The Dining Room*, *Over-time*, *Later Life*, *Love Letters* and the outstanding *Sylvia*.

His work is the kind that makes acting students salivate, filled with well-written, fast-paced dialogue and timeless messages. The casts of his plays are usually on the small side, allowing the audience to get a closer look at the characters that are featured in the piece

two one-act plays by Mr. Gurney. *The Problem* plays first and is followed by the second one-act, *The Golden Fleece*. The two pieces are performed without an intermission.

The Problem is a hysterical look at the relationship between an average married couple in suburbia. The husband and wife have resorted to playing tricks and telling dirty little lies to one another in order to keep their love life interesting. The wife is "pregnant" with another man's baby, (which is actually a balloon that her husband later pops) and the husband insists that he is the African American gentleman caller that she insists impregnated her.

How could this average Cauc-

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