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LOOK OUT BELOW!...Sledding at Echo Lake Park in Westfield/Mountainside was the main attraction after the snow blanketed the area on Saturday. Pictured, front to back, are: Madeline Horowitz, Andy Horowitz and Scott Henkle.

Amy Horowitz for The Westfield Leader

Bids, Timeline Materials Involved in Modernizing Westfield HS Weighed by Board of Education

By MICHELE J. VACCARI
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Seven of the eight members of the Westfield Board of Education convened last Tuesday night to review the status of bidding, the construction timeline and the exterior and interior samples and colors suggested for upcoming renovations at Westfield High School (WHS).

David A. Rostron, Associate Architect at Faridy, Veisz and Fraytak, the Trenton-based firm selected to design the project, showed board members and Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley the cur-

colored brick, chosen to soften the effects of a light gray brick also being used. The brick colors were selected to closely match the existing brick, but the obvious change will be eliminating the current orange terracotta panels.

The Facilities Committee, which is led by board member Kimberly Rhodes, felt the school needs an updated look, so in addition to the bricks, a man-made light beige panel is being considered to replace the current orange terracotta panels located on the parking lot side of the school.

weather and the aesthetics of the man-made paneling.

Mr. Rostron assured the board that the material is as stable as any masonry material, is specially treated for weather conditions and can be very pleasing to the eye. Samples of the paneling and suggested masonry materials will be available to board members at the high school, so they can view what the visual aspects of the renovations might be.

"The man-made paneling is within our budget. If we want to add some masonry materials, we will have to look at the numbers again," said Ms. Rhodes.

While the Facilities Committee is pleased with the hard work of the architects, the board must closely examine the materials in the actual school setting in order to properly envision what the additions and renovations will look like.

"It's public money being used and it is our obligation to spend it wisely," said Arlene Gardner, Board President.

Bidding will start on Tuesday, February 12, with the contract being awarded one week later, on February 19. Renovations are slated to begin Monday, March 4, with partial completion expected by Tuesday, April 1, 2003, followed by completion of the entire project by Monday, September 1, 2003.

Since the additions will be finished by September 1, the architects have asked the board for a cushion of a week, prompting the board to suggest that the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year be pushed back to Tuesday, September 9, so they can deal with any last minute problems.

"I think the board is split on how they want to proceed. We will look at any options to please them," said Mr. Rostron.

Council Decides to Proceed With Plans For Two Decks

By NANCY CROSTA LANDALE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

A majority of the Westfield Town Council decided Tuesday night to proceed in the process to develop two, rather than three, parking decks, to address the estimated 900 space parking deficit in town.

With the consensus of Third Ward council members Kevin Walsh and Claire Lazarowitz, Fourth Ward Council members Lawrence Goldman and Susan Jacobson, Second Ward Councilman Matthew Albano and First Ward Councilman Carl Salisbury, the governing body will instruct the Westfield Planning Board to retain a developer to detail the construction of two decks.

One will be on the town's north side, at lots 1 and 8, located at Prospect and Elm Streets. The other is earmarked for the town's south side at lot 3, located on South Avenue and adjacent to the train station.

In preparation for Tuesday's meeting, the Traffic Parking and Transportation Committee heard a presen-

tation by Patrick Henry of The Atlantic Group, a Princeton-based development consulting firm. Mr. Henry reviewed the benefits of proceeding under a statutorily created "Redevelopment Plan" to construct the decks.

After hearing Mr. Henry, the committee agreed that the Redevelopment Plan would give the municipality a viable process to accomplish the deck project, but also requested further discussion by the entire council.

Honoring this request, at the outset of Tuesday's council conference meeting, Mayor Gregory McDermott said, "We're still sitting in a hypothetical area and will continue to do so until we get help with planning. We have the data. Let's take it and make a commitment to get a professional and go to the next level."

According to Committee Chairman and Second Ward Councilman Rafael Betancourt, Mr. Henry advised that proceeding under a Redevelopment Plan would provide the town "with broad powers of eminent domain and tax abatement incentives."

Under the recently enacted Revenue Allocation Financing Act, "the municipality may issue...bonds which may be secured by payments in lieu of taxes or special assessments." According to Mr. Betancourt, Mr. Henry explained that tax abatement incentives "are very attractive to developers. Long-term tax abatements would also allow the municipality to keep 100 percent of revenues collected, as opposed to our current property tax scenario, where a great portion of revenue collected by the municipality goes to the county and school board. This would assist the municipality in servicing the debt associated with financing the parking decks."

Mr. Henry also provided a schedule showing the time frame to effectuate the Redevelopment Plan. He projected it would take approximately 26 weeks to complete the process, during which time the town could perform its pre-design work and analysis of existing conditions. Special counsel then would be hired to prepare the Developer Agreement. Thereafter, the project would begin.

The cost to the town for the Redevelopment Plan is estimated at \$130,000, including approximately \$75,000 for the redevelopment consultant and \$50,000 for special counsel. Redevelopment costs would be reimbursed to the town by the developer under the terms of the Developer Agreement.

During Tuesday's discussions, Mayor McDermott, Councilman Betancourt and First Ward Councilman Peter Echausse urged that the development plan assess a third deck location at north side lot 5, located at Elmer Street and Central Avenue.

Drawing an analogy to home improvement, Mayor McDermott said, "If you're going to put an addition on a house, you look to see how big you can go. Then you get the plans and costs, and then you can scale back.

We should at least look at all of the possibilities first, so that we have a plan in place."

Mayor McDermott also argued the advantages of "splitting two hot spots" on the north side into two different parking areas, "so that there is no tremendous impact on the respective neighborhoods."

Councilman Echausse similarly stated, "We need a professional to take us through all the options. Lot 5 bears just as many positives as the 1 and 8 lots and is in the hotbed of where the parking needs are."

As the discussion developed, however, it became apparent that most council members were comfortable with what Councilman Goldman characterized as "a modest, two-deck approach" and believed the plan for three decks to be, as he said, "overly ambitious."

Councilman Salisbury added, "I just don't have the appetite to build three decks."

Councilman Albano said, "Once we get information back from the Planning Board, we can reassess our appetite; we don't have to make that decision now."

Referencing the issue of attendant private development, Councilwoman Jacobson questioned, "This lot (5) won't pay for itself the way the other lots would. This is a tremendous step for this town. What if no one shows up?"

The council uniformly supported, however, proceeding under the Redevelopment Plan and including a private development component as well. Councilman Goldman stated that the most attractive feature of the Redevelopment Plan is the "up-front, lump payment solely to the municipality, in lieu of taxes."

Town Attorney Robert Cockren echoed these sentiments, stating, "I am convinced that the tax abatement and financing structures are so much more creative under the Redevelopment Plan. In addition, there are more exemptions from public bidding laws, making the project more attractive to more bidders."

Councilman Salisbury added, "Until tonight, I was very skeptical about the Redevelopment Plan because I don't think it's necessary to take property and also because of the delay which will be engendered by the Planning Board. With the tax advantages and attractiveness to bidders, however, my thinking is tipped in favor of the Redevelopment Plan, provided we can do it without a nine-

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Michele H. LePoidevin for The Westfield Leader

READY FOR A FACE-LIFT...Westfield Board of Education members and Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley listened to recommendations from David A. Rostron, Associate Architect at Faridy, Veisz and Fraytak, regarding the different options for reconstruction to Westfield High School.

rent proposed selections of brick and other materials that could be used during the expansion and remodeling of the school.

Materials included a light bronze

Skepticism arose when the man-made panels were suggested. Questions raised by some members included concerns of the durability of the material, long-term effects of

2002 Union County Budget Calls For Boost in Local Property Taxes

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

A weaker economy and the loss of some revenue sources will combine to make this year's Union County budget a tight one, and one that will force a hike in the local property taxes – \$69 on average – that fund the county government's activities and services.

In proposing a 2002 budget of \$323.9 million on January 15, County Manager Michael J. Lapolla told the Board of Chosen Freeholders that "events in 2000 and 2001 had a financial impact on the County and ultimately effected the development of our 2002 budget." He noted that "many" revenue sources will be decreased from last year, including the \$4.6 million resulting from the cancellation of the U.S. Marshall's contract; the \$1 million in interest earnings resulting from falling interest rates last year; and a lower county surplus. He also said that insurance

costs were up 15 percent this year. To offset the decline in revenue, Mr. Lapolla said he had required all county departments to submit budgets that either were lower than last year or that included new or increased revenues. As a result, the \$323.9 million budget is about 1 percent higher than last year's spending plan, and "we are actively searching for new sources of revenue."

After budget hearings over the next month, the county budget will be formally submitted. Mr. Lapolla told *The Leader/Times* a final vote by the Freeholders on this year's spending plan will occur later in the spring.

The county is anticipating funding slightly more than half – 53.7 percent – of the budget via property

taxes. This will be the first year since 1999 that more than half of county revenue will originate this way, and ends a trend of several years in which property taxes funded an ever-decreasing portion of the budget. In 2000, just 49.1 percent of the county budget was funded in this manner. The county surplus, which was about \$26 million in 1999 and 2000, is now anticipated to be \$15 million this year – more than one-third less than last year.

The largest portion of the total budget – 28 percent – will be spent on health and welfare programs and services, with more than one-fourth being used to operate Runnells Specialized Hospital and a similar level required to administer the county's social services programs.

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Amy Horowitz for The Westfield Leader

ALL DRESSED UP...Westfield residents enjoy the festivities with new Governor James E. McGreevey and his wife, Dina Matos McGreevey, at the Governor's Ball on January 16. More than 7,000 people attended the event, held at the New Jersey Convention Center in Edison. Pictured, left to right, are: Pat Antonelli, Jill Sawyer, Mrs. McGreevey, Governor McGreevey and Nina Rosenberg.



GIFTED EDUCATION EXPERT...Sara Lampe, a consultant in gifted education, addressed the Westfield Board of Education at its January 8 meeting. Business Administrator and Board Secretary Robert Berman and Board President Arlene Gardner, pictured, far right, joined Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley and other administrators and board members in attendance. Mrs. Lampe gave recommendations for improving the district's program that the board will consider. She also supported the board's goal of implementing a program of differentiated instruction in the district within the next three years. The meeting was attended by several parents and a special meeting for parents was held the next evening at Roosevelt Intermediate School.

Winners of Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay, Poetry and Art Competition Revealed

WESTFIELD — Winners of the Essay, Poetry and Art Contest, sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Westfield, were announced during the commemorative service held on Monday, January 21, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

According to Contest Committee Chairwoman Elizabeth Wolf, over 1,000 essays, poems and works of art were submitted by Westfield students at the elementary, intermediate and high school level.

The winners included:

Westfield High School:

Essays: First Place, Ron Allen, 2nd, 11th grader; Second Place, Charlie Hely, 11th grader; Third Place, Tara Behr, 12th grader; Honorable Mention, Katherine Rose Greenberg, 10th grade.

Poetry: Winner, Kimberly Lan, grade 10; Honorable Mention, Katie Okamoto, grade 9.

Art: Winner, Minae Cho, grade 11; Honorable Mention, Ashley Curry, grade 10.

Intermediate Schools:

Essays: First Place, Alan Tso, grade 8, Edison Intermediate School; Second Grade, Yuchen Zhang, grade 8, Roosevelt Intermediate School; Third Place, Neha Limayc, grade 7, Edison School; Honorable Mention, Maurice Blackmon, grade 8, Edison School, and Gianna Pafumi, grade 8, Edison School.

Poetry: Winner, Anya Kaplan, grade 7, Roosevelt School; Honorable Mention, Kate Kovalenko, grade 7, Roosevelt School and Brittany Shaykevich, grade 7, Roosevelt School.

Art: Winner, Alison Siko, grade 8, Roosevelt School; Honorable Mention, Katie LaVecchia, grade 6, Edison School and Anny Wu, grade 8, Roosevelt School.

Elementary Schools:

Essays: First Place, Samantha Cruz, grade 4, McKinley Elementary School; Second Place, Nick Matthews, grade 3, Franklin Elementary School; Third Place, Matt Isabella, grade 5, McKinley School; Honorable Mention, Ryan A. Brown, grade 5, Washington Elementary School; Josh Solomon, grade 4, Franklin School and Allie Tunis, grade 5, Washington School.

Poetry: Winner, Dominique Gillyard, grade 5, McKinley School; Honorable Mention, Amanda Chang, grade 5, Franklin School and Danielle Gillyard, grade 5, McKinley School.

Art: Winner, Dan Klizas, grade 5, Franklin School; Honorable Mention, Courtney Beall, grade 5, Franklin School; Joe Kania, grade 5, Franklin School, and Rachel Rickles, grade 3, Franklin School.

Approximately 400 individuals attended the commemorative service at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, where First Place essays and poems were read. Winning artwork was also displayed.

In his First Place essay, Westfield

High School junior Ron Allen, 2nd referred to the influence Dr. King's Christmas Sermon on Peace had on him.

"I've learned that no matter what we may think, we are all connected and we all need each other," Ron wrote. He summarized his essay by writing, "The world labels people and that's the problem. Labels al-

lowed our differences to separate us into little groups. For the world to unite in peace, we all have to transcend the labels and become one group."

Ron's prize-winning essay resulted in the grand prize award of a new computer and printer. Other prizes, totaling approximately \$1,000 in savings bonds or books, were presented to the other award recipients.

Progress of New Park On Plainfield Avenue Discussed by SP Council

By FRED ROSSI

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader

SCOTCH PLAINS -- Further progress in the development of what Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks says will be a new state-of-the-art park on Plainfield Avenue will likely be made next week when the Scotch Plains Township Council awards a contract for the removal an oil tank on the site.

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In the meantime, Township Manager Thomas Atkins said he would like the council and members of the township Recreation Commission to meet next month to finalize the park's design plan.

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"Every government entity is suffering," he said, and this will have an effect on government revenue sources and projections, as this year's budget is prepared. Mr. Atkins also said that insurance costs for governments are also rising, and that this ever-increasing expenditure will also have an effect on the 2002 budget.

Other matters discussed during a meeting that touched on a wide array of topics included a call from the Towne Center Task Force for a streamlined procedure for the renewal of special use permits.

Task Force Co-Chairman Ray Pardon, in a letter to the council, noted that permit renewals can often cost business owners up to \$100 in fees and mailing expenses while burdening the Building Department, which must prepare and process applica-

tions and the other necessary paperwork.

Mr. Pardon suggested that, if there have been no substantial complaints filed against an applicant with regard to a special use permit within the prior year and there is no change in the application itself, then the process could be speeded up to where a letter from the Building Department and a \$20 renewal fee are all that is needed.

Any such change in special use permit procedures would require the council to amend the existing ordinance.

There have also been calls from some residents in Scotch Plains for a ban on the distribution of free advertising circulars that are enclosed in plastic bags and tossed on the lawns and driveways of properties during the week.

It would require an ordinance to prevent this kind of activity, but would also likely run into protests from those who view it as a form of advertising protected by First Amendment free speech principles.

Township Attorney Douglas Hansen and Assistant Township Attorney Lawrence Woodruff will be researching these questions of whether it is legally possible to ban this type of activity.

Fairfield Univ. Places Hogan on Dean's List

WESTFIELD — Edward Hogan, a Westfield resident and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hogan, was named to the dean's list. He is majoring in Computer Engineering at Fairfield University.

A graduate of Westfield High School, Edward plans a career in the computer technology field.



PROUD MOMENT...Assemblywoman Linda d. Stender poses with Speaker of the General Assembly, Assemblyman Albio Sires, in Trenton after taking oath of office on January 8.

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to 10-month process by the Planning Board."

Town Administrator James Gildea responded, "Twenty-six weeks from now it will be July. If the Planning Board does its work in the interim, we'll be ready to roll by July or August."

In urging a complete review of all options, Mayor McDermott added, "This issue has been talked about for 30 years. Six to eight weeks shouldn't make a difference. We need to prepare for parking down the road."

Mayor McDermott also clarified, "We don't want to penalize anyone and take their property. We're just looking for the best way to use the property."

In other parking-related business, the council decided to request that the Board of Education budget moneys for the construction of parking spaces at the Westfield National Guard Armory.

According to Mayor McDermott, since the spaces would benefit students at Westfield High School, it is appropriate to ask the Board of Education to pay the cost of constructing the spaces.

With respect to the Ward Commission suit, an action pending in New Jersey Superior Court challenging the 2001 redrawing of Westfield's ward boundaries, Councilman Walsh issued a press release on Tuesday stating, in part, that Democrat Council members Goldman, Salisbury, Lazarowitz, Jacobson and Walsh will support a proposed resolution, to be brought to the floor for a vote at the council's next regular public meeting on January 29, stating that "the 2001 redistricting was 'contrary to law' and 'adversely impacted a well-established, discrete and insular minority neighborhood in Westfield.'"

The resolution also calls for the retention of Ronald J. Riccio, former Dean of Seton Hall Law School, "to represent the town in challenging the actions of the ward commission, which in 2001 redistricted the entirety of a predominantly African-American neighborhood into the most affluent of voting wards in Westfield, New Jersey."

Councilman Walsh contended that last week he, Councilman Goldman and Councilwomen Lazarowitz and Jacobson sent written requests to Mayor McDermott asking for a special meeting on this issue to be held prior to Tuesday's conference meeting.

According to Mr. Walsh, the Mayor failed to adhere to the Town Charter and direct the Town Clerk to call a special meeting in response to the notices. According to Mayor McDermott, however, he was in receipt of only three written requests by the time he became engaged in a business meeting at 3:35 p.m. on January 18.

Afterward, he learned of the fourth request and at Tuesday's meeting, he offered the special meeting. Councilman Goldman observed that, because the issue will be discussed publicly on January 29, a special meeting no longer was needed.

Agreeing, and relying on the issue being included on the agenda for the next regular meeting, Mr. Walsh withdrew the request for a special meeting.

In other business, Recreation Commission Chairman Keith Hertell asked the council to give the commission the ability to charge or request performance bonds for the use of town facilities.

Mr. Hertell explained that without such charges, the taxpayers ultimately pay for maintenance or re-

pairs required to prepare the facilities for their next uses. The charge would apply to community and non-community organizations alike and be assessed by the commission on a case-by-base basis.

Mr. Hertell emphasized that the fees will not generate revenue and are not intended as penalties; rather, they are to encourage better care of the facilities and defray costs to the taxpayers.

Mr. Hertell also requested the backing of the council to make the pool a smoke-free area, proposing that an area could be provided for smoking outside the front gate. The council enthusiastically approved the idea.

Town Administrator Gildea remarked, "If Giants Stadium can be smoke-free, I don't know why our pool facility can't be."

Recreation Director M. Bruce Kaufmann also reported on the progress of the pool reconstruction project, stating that Metcon reported it is "on schedule" and "looking to finish by July." Mr. Kaufmann stated that, at present, the diving tank is being backfilled and excavation soon will begin for the competitive pool and splash-down area for the slides.

Mr. Gildea observed, "This is a major project; it's really something to see. It's a major change to a very big facility. It's going very well, and

we've been very lucky with the weather."

Building and Town Property Committee Chairman, Councilman Echausse, reported that the death of Edgar Reeves last month may result in a deed transfer of his historical home to the town, based on an agreement signed in the mid-1980s.

Under the agreement, the town may accept the Reeves home, "so long as the property is used for 'charitable, municipal or other non-profit use'." Funds in excess of \$400,000, however, reportedly will be necessary to renovate the home to meet public building codes.

In order to determine whether use of the property is feasible, the council accepted the committee's recommendation for a "walk-through" inspection of the home. Moneys already have been budgeted for this purpose and the findings of this informal inspection will be reported to the council so that a decision can be made about whether to accept transfer of the home.

Lisa Gorbaty Named To Fall Dean's List

WESTFIELD — Westfield resident Lisa Gorbaty was placed on the Dean's List for the fall 2001 semester at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.



ONE WEEK TO GO...Over 150 of Westfield's Washington Elementary School parents and teachers have been rehearsing night and day for the 54th annual Washington School show, *How We Toller*. Performances will be held at Roosevelt Intermediate School on Friday, February 1, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, February 2, at 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets are on a reserved seating basis, and are \$6 for the afternoon performance or \$8 for the evening performances. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Virtual Box Office at (908) 789-9373 or through Burdorff ERA Realtors at 600 North Avenue.

WHS Students Will Attend 'Project Pride' Discussions

WESTFIELD — On Tuesday, February 5 and Thursday, February 7, Westfield High School (WHS) students will attend a program called "Project Pride" (Promotes Responsibility in Drug Education) by the New Jersey Department of Corrections.

Young offenders will describe how their involvement with drugs and alcohol has changed their lives forever. Following the presentation, students in the audience will be able to pose questions to the presenters.

According to Westfield Coordinator of Health Services Marga-

ret Teitelbaum, "We, health educators and administrators, at WHS believe that this is an important program that offers a unique approach to the problem of substance abuse. It will give our students the opportunity to hear and talk to drug offenders first hand."

The programs on both days will be held in the WHS auditorium at 550 Dorian Road from 9:15 to 10:50 a.m.

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Westfield Public Schools Assist Youngsters With Special Needs

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Public Schools Department of Special Services is extending its annual invitation to parents of preschool children, ages 3-5, with educational disabilities to learn about the district's programs designed to help children with special needs.

"The Westfield Public School district recognizes the importance of providing services to young children with special needs through its Project Child Find efforts," stated Dr. Ted Kozlik, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services.

"Through our Project Child Find program, we provide assessments for children 3-5 years of age who appear to have problems in communication, motor, social-emotional or learning areas," he added.

Children found to be eligible for special education and related services are entitled to a free appropriate public education. Children with special needs may include a child who has one or more of the following signs:

- Significant delays in acquiring language or significant speech problems;

- Significant difficulty walking, running or manipulating small objects;
- Frequent health problems or birth handicaps;
- Consistent trouble seeing or hearing;
- Tendency toward temper tantrums or excessive anxiety or shyness;
- Significant difficulty playing appropriately with other children;
- Significant problems paying attention and listening;
- Measurable developmental impairment that may require special education and related services.

"In many cases, a special preschool program can greatly increase the child's ability to succeed in formal education," noted Dr. Kozlik.

Anyone who knows a preschooler who may be eligible for this program may call the Westfield Public School District, Department of Special Services at (908) 789-4442 or write to Dr. Kozlik at tkozlik@westfieldnj.com or at 302 Elm Street, Westfield, 07090. All information will be kept confidential.

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SLIP SLIDIN' AWAY...Scotch Plains resident Kristina Kalkstein, 10, rode a couple of snowy waves at Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains on Sunday, while Fanwood resident Beau Lia, 12, tried his skill at tubing down a powdery hill.

Ingrid McKinley for The Times

Scotch Plains Postal Employees' Union Airs Workplace Grievances

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Times

Numerous grievances filed by Scotch Plains postal employees against management at the Scotch Plains Post Office were discussed at

the monthly union meeting of the local branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers, No. 4102.

The meeting, held on January 9, was attended by approximately 20 employees from the Scotch Plains

Post Office and union officials.

Postal workers cited numerous violations of their rights perpetrated by management, including the deliberate mishandling of disability and retirement applications; persistent verbal harassment and threats of being fired; conflicting orders and various other forms of intimidation.

Several workers charged that their disability applications have been deliberately lost, misfiled or filled out incorrectly in an effort to prevent them from collecting temporary disability benefits for valid job-related injuries, such as dog bites.

Postal employee Joan Donovan claimed that she has been repeatedly disciplined, suspended and harassed for filing temporary disability claims.

Other workers accused management of issuing conflicting or impossible to carry out orders, which resulted in disciplinary actions taken against the workers when they were unable to carry out these "double-directives."

An example cited by the union of an impossible-to-fulfill "double-directive" was management's frequent refusal to issue required overtime forms, yet demanding that the letter carriers work overtime.

Other workers accused management of verbal abuse and using intimidating language in an effort to force them to work harder and faster, "beyond reasonable expectations."

The President of the union branch, Elizabeth Mulligan, asserted that she was disciplined with suspension for taking allotted family leave to attend her father's funeral. Another of the postal workers said she was disciplined for not having a faster footpace and for not being able to carry what she felt were unreasonably heavy amounts of mail in her arms while

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There have also been calls from

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Fanwood Business and Professional Assoc. Continues To Make Progress With Website and Special Projects

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

The Business and Professional Association of Fanwood, founded less than two years ago, has made solid progress in becoming a venue for members to share their concerns and work toward common goals, according to its President.

Peter J. Chemidlin, who also serves as President of Family Investors Company on South Avenue, said members of the business community — including merchants, professionals and the owners of home-based businesses — continue to meet monthly at The Chelsea in Fanwood, located at 265 South Avenue.

Meetings are typically held on the last Monday of each month, beginning at 6:30 p.m., with the next one scheduled for January 28. Attendees discuss issues relevant to their livelihoods, as well as activities aimed at encouraging patronage of local stores and businesses.

"We're trying to provide a platform for business owners to come in

and be involved," explained Mr. Chemidlin, who said he felt the biggest problem facing the business district in the past was a lack of communication among its own members.

The association seeks to provide "a better environment for merchants and professionals" and "a forum to give business owners a voice," he remarked.

Although the group is comprised of Fanwood business owners and professionals, landlords are also welcome to attend association meetings, Mr. Chemidlin acknowledged.

Discussing ways in which the association has grown since it was launched in the fall of 2000 with just some half dozen members, Mr. Chemidlin also noted the recent de-

but of the group's Internet site, www.fanwood.biz, which he said has further helped to promote the organization.

"We've had quite a bit of activity going directly to the site," he remarked, adding the association site is linked to the borough website, VisitFanwood.com, with community calendar information shared between the two.

The business group's officers include Mr. Chemidlin, along with Treasurer Edna Trujillo, a Certified Public Accountant and Chief Financial Officer of Family Investors; Secretary Ellen Cagnassola, President of SweetSoaps.com, and 10 vice presidents.

The organization's leadership ad-

ditionally includes Fanwood Downtown Revitalization Coordinator Clayton Pierce. Mr. Chemidlin said many association members are also active with the Fanwood Downtown Revitalization Committee, which meets right after the business group.

The association President credited Mr. Pierce with getting the business organization off the ground, saying Mr. Pierce "has been the glue" in reaching out to local business owners and professionals and getting them involved.

The group also has a board of directors, comprised of Mayor Louis Jung, Council President Joel Whitaker and David Friedrichs, Acting Chief Executive Officer and a

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2002 Union County Budget Calls For Boost in Local Property Taxes

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Times

A weaker economy and the loss of some revenue sources will combine to make this year's Union County budget a tight one, and one that will force a hike in the local property taxes — \$69 on average — that fund the county government's activities and services.

In proposing a 2002 budget of \$323.9 million on January 15, County Manager Michael J. Lapolla told the Board of Chosen Freeholders that "events in 2000 and 2001 had a financial impact on the county and ultimately affected the development of our 2002 budget." He noted that "many" revenue sources will be decreased from last year, including the \$4.6 million resulting from the cancellation of the U.S. Marshall's contract; the \$1 million in interest earn-

ings resulting from falling interest rates last year, and a lower county surplus. He also said that insurance costs were up 15 percent this year.

To offset the decline in revenue, Mr. Lapolla said he had required all county departments to submit budgets that either were lower than last year or that included new or increased revenues. As a result, the \$323.9 million budget is about 1 percent higher than last year's spending plan, and "we are actively searching for new sources of revenue."

After budget hearings over the next month, the county budget will be formally submitted. Mr. Lapolla told The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood a final vote by the Freeholders on this year's spending plan will occur later in the spring.

The county is anticipating funding

slightly more than half — 53.7 percent

— of the budget via property taxes. This will be the first year since 1999 that more than half of county revenue will originate this way, and ends a trend of several years in which property taxes funded an ever-decreasing portion of the budget. In 2000, just 49.1 percent of the county budget was funded in this manner. The county surplus, which was about \$26 million in 1999 and 2000, is now anticipated to be \$15 million this year — more than one-third less than last year.

The largest portion of the total budget — 28 percent — will be spent on health and welfare programs and services, with more than one-fourth being used to operate Runnells Specialized Hospital and a similar level required to administer the county's social services programs.



Cheri Rogowsky for The Times

UNDER CONSTRUCTION...On Friday, this front-end loader was ready for a busy day of reconstruction at Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains.

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Borough Business Association Continues To Make Progress

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property owner in the borough. Raj Mukherji, Vincent Frasca and Suranjan Ray are Internet consultants for the organization.

Included on the association's itinerary for 2002 is a Spring Fair, set for Sunday, June 9, which will take place along Martine Avenue between LaGrande and South Avenues. The rain date for the event is the following Sunday, June 16.

Like the popular "Fanny Wood Day" festival, which has been held in September for the past six years in the heart of the downtown, the upcoming fair is planned as a means of attracting people to the business district, this time before the end of the school year and the start of the summer vacation season.

To be staged at no cost to the borough, and featuring a diversity of vendors and activities, the fair will be promoted by the Advertising Alliance, which has conducted spring and fall festivals in Westfield for the past 10 years, Mr. Chemidlin said.

Net proceeds from the event will be directed back into the business community and will also be used for donations to various organizations, the association President told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*.

During the governing body's final meeting of the year December 27, the business association presented a check for \$3,500 to Mayor Jung and the Borough Council to underwrite the cost of installing 30 wreaths with bows and lights on the Victorian motif "Fanwood" lamps that were recently placed along South and Martine Avenues.

Eighty-five members of the business community contributed to the donation, described by Mr. Pierce as the largest ever received by the borough from a non-profit group.

The group also collected donations for the World Trade Center Disaster Relief Fund through distribution of red, white and blue ribbon lapel pins.

In addition to planning the Spring Fair, Mr. Pierce revealed the association is awaiting the governing body's permission to construct a gazebo on borough property that would house several antique sleighs being restored by local craftsmen.

The gazebo would potentially allow the sleighs to be viewed by the public throughout the year, while

also serving as a meeting place and a window into Fanwood's historic past.

In an overview of the proposal to Mayor Jung and the council, Mr. Pierce said the business group would underwrite the total cost of the endeavor through donations and charitable contributions, with labor and materials to be donated.

The project, entitled Fanwood Friends of Gazebo, is on the agenda for discussion at the association's Monday night meeting, along with the Spring Fair and recent donations made by the group.

Members are also expected to discuss marketing of the group's website and a residential version of the "Fanwood" lamp; a joint community shuttle and concierge service and various other topics.

Hoping to encourage as many people as possible to participate in the organization, Mr. Pierce said he canvassed the entire Fanwood business community, which extends from South Avenue to LaGrande Avenue and from Hetfield Avenue to Terrill Road, and also contacted home-based business owners.

"I think we're doing very well," Mr. Pierce remarked about the association's efforts so far in helping to unify the business community, adding that the responses he has received from members have all been positive. "I feel very confident about this."

Jennifer Del Roio Ends Hospital Rotations

SCOTCH PLAINS - Jennifer Del Roio, a Scotch Plains resident and a sixth-year Doctor of Pharmacy student at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at University of Sciences in Philadelphia, has completed five of eight clerkship rotations at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Ms. Del Roio has spent previous rotations at Novartis in East Hanover, Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Philadelphia, Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia and CVS Pharmacy in Philadelphia.



DIGGING IN...Eli Agsta and his son, Eli Agsta, Jr. of Scotch Plains, efficiently cleared away all traces of snow from their residence after inches were dropped on the township on Saturday.

Ingrid McKinley for *The Times*

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Bids, Timeline Materials Involved in Modernizing Westfield HS Weighed by Board of Education

By MICHELE J. VACCARI
Specially Written for *The Times*

Seven of the eight members of the Westfield Board of Education convened last Tuesday night to review the status of bidding, the construction timeline and the exterior and interior samples and colors suggested for upcoming renovations at Westfield High School (WHS).

David A. Rostron, Associate Architect at Faridy, Veisz and Fraytak, the Trenton-based firm selected to design the project, showed board members and Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley the cur-

colored brick, chosen to soften the effects of a light gray brick also being used. The brick colors were selected to closely match the existing brick, but the obvious change will be eliminating the current orange terracotta panels.

The Facilities Committee, which is led by board member Kimberly Rhodes, felt the school needs an updated look, so in addition to the bricks, a man-made light beige panel is being considered to replace the current orange terracotta panels located on the parking lot side of the school.



Michelle H. LePoidevin for *The Times*

READY FOR A FACE-LIFT...Westfield Board of Education members and Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley listened to recommendations from David A. Rostron, Associate Architect at Faridy, Veisz and Fraytak, regarding the different options for reconstruction to Westfield High School.

rent proposed selections of brick and other materials that could be used during the expansion and remodeling of the school.

Materials included a light bronze

Skepticism arose when the man-made panels were suggested. Questions raised by some members included concerns of the durability of the material, long-term effects of

SP Postal Employees' Union Airs Workplace Grievances

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delivering.

Many workers said that if they take allotted sick days to attend doctor's appointments, they are then disciplined as being "AWOL" and suffer retaliatory harassment or suspension.

Ms. Mulligan claimed that the supervisors get bonuses based on being able to fulfill quota expectations, which in turn cause them to make unreasonable demands on the workers.

In the meantime, Ms. Mulligan said she has filed numerous grievances with the national offices of the United States Postal Service regarding the "intolerable situation" at the Scotch Plains branch, but has not gotten timely or satisfactory responses, other than being advised to go through the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process.

The grievance process ADR, designed to fairly mediate disputes between management and the employees, has resulted in most decisions favoring management, the workers claimed.

Ms. Mulligan stated that requests for further arbitration have met with excessively long delays or retaliatory disciplinary actions taken against the workers.

"The problem is that the Scotch Plains branch is considered too small to warrant any attention from national," Ms. Mulligan claimed. She said her next step will be to file a suit on behalf of the postal employees with the Labor Board.

Michael Breslin, Union President of a branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers that covers several different municipal post offices, including Fanwood and Plainfield, among others, addressed the letter carriers at the meeting in regard to their options for resolving the situation at their post office.

Mr. Breslin has been a Union President for over 25 years and is currently working for the Plainfield Post Office.

Mr. Breslin stated that the hostile atmosphere at the Scotch Plains branch is not unique to Scotch Plains and is prevalent in many other towns. He told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that a history of "militaristic" disciplinary practices pervades most of the Postal Service and has been almost impossible to turn around.

"Some branches have been successful in bringing about needed correction to the hostile atmosphere, depending on management's willingness to cooperate," Mr. Breslin said. "However, the problem lies in the historically militaristic training methods that persist, which most management employees are reluctant to give up," he added.

Ms. Mulligan and Mr. Breslin agreed that the methods used by management were barbaric and cause many workers to develop stress-related illnesses.

Mr. Breslin advised the postal workers to persist in filing grievances, while continuing to do their jobs to the best of their abilities. Ms. Mulligan also advised the workers to be witnesses for each other's claims of harassment against management, which would strongly bolster the requirement by ADR that the em-

ployees offer "proof" of their grievances.

"We're being pushed to the very limits of endurance for stress," said one postal employee. "If they can't fire you, then they intimidate, harass and threaten you into leaving," said another letter carrier.

The supervisor at the Scotch Plains Post Office, Tom Thompson, told *The Times* that he did not wish to make any comments regarding the situation. He told the newspaper that he would communicate a message to the Postmaster, James McDade, regarding the newspaper's request for comments on the matter.

Spokeswoman for the Eastern Region of the Post Office, Diane Todd, said she was not aware of any problems at the Scotch Plains branch but told *The Times* on Tuesday that she would look into the matter and get back to the newspaper.

Post Office Spokesman for Central New Jersey, Carl Walton, told the newspaper that he was not sure whether Post Office policy would permit individual Postmasters to discuss these grievance and arbitration issues with the media.

He said that he would investigate whether the Postmaster was permitted to discuss these issues with media and get back to *The Times*. Mr. Walton was also unaware of the alleged problems and grievances filed by the Scotch Plains postal workers.

Union officials said that they would research hiring a labor attorney to represent them in a suit against the Post Office. They also plan on launching a letter-writing campaign to their Congressional representatives to make public officials aware of their grievances and lack of response from the National Postal Service.

SPFHS Music Dept., Boosters to Present Annual Pop's Concert

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) Music Department and the Music Boosters Association have announced that the 30th Annual Pop's Concert will be held on Wednesday, February 6, in the auditorium at SPFHS. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children, are available on the evening of the concert at the door. There will also be a 50/50 raffle awarded at the show, along with four raffle prizes.

Proceeds from the concert benefit the music program throughout the school district.

The concert will feature selections by the Concert Band, the Moonglowers, the SP-F Jazz Band, the Wind Ensemble, the Percussion Ensemble and the Symphonic Band.

The bands are under the direction of Vincent Turturiello, Durand Thomas and Joseph Reo.

weather and the aesthetics of the man-made paneling.

Mr. Rostron assured the board that the material is as stable as any masonry material, is specially treated for weather conditions and can be very pleasing to the eye. Samples of the paneling and suggested masonry materials will be available to board members at the high school, so they can view what the visual aspects of the renovations might be.

"The man-made paneling is within our budget. If we want to add some masonry materials, we will have to look at the numbers again," said Ms. Rhodes.

While the Facilities Committee is pleased with the hard work of the architects, the board must closely examine the materials in the actual school setting in order to properly envision what the additions and renovations will look like.

"It's public money being used and it is our obligation to spend it wisely," said Arlene Gardner, Board President.

Bidding will start on Tuesday, February 12, with the contract being awarded one week later, on February 19. Renovations are slated to begin Monday, March 4, with partial completion expected by Tuesday, April 1, 2003, followed by completion of the entire project by Monday, September 1, 2003.

Since the additions will be finished by September 1, the architects have asked the board for a cushion of a week, prompting the board to suggest that the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year be pushed back to Tuesday, September 9, so they can deal with any last minute problems.

"I think the board is split on how they want to proceed. We will look at any options to please them," said Mr. Rostron.

"Project Pride," which promotes

UCHS Spanish Honor Society Holds Candy Gram for 9-11

SCOTCH PLAINS - Due to the tragedies of the terrorist attacks on September 11, members of Union Catholic High School's Spanish Honor Society sought a way to aid the victims of the attacks by donating to a charity.

The students raised \$550 after conducting their annual Candy Gram sale. Volunteering their lunch periods and free time during the morning, the youngsters sold the Candy Grams for the week of October 22-26. During this period, over 800 bags were sold.

The students, along with their advisor, Bruce Zehnle, decided to donate their profits to Engine Company No. 3 - Ladder No. 12, 7th Battalion in New York City, which lost several firefighters on September 11.

To personalize the donations,

responsibility and drug education, will be held at WHS on Tuesday and Thursday, February 5 and 7, at 9:15 a.m.

Board of Education election petitions are due in the Board Secretary's office no later than Monday, February 25.

Educational Services Announces Courses

SCOTCH PLAINS - Educational Services Center is offering Prep Courses, starting for the March and May SAT exams at locations in Scotch Plains, Elizabeth, Summit, Edison and Metuchen.

The course consists of eight three-hour sessions and is taught by experienced, licensed high school teachers. The cost is \$375, including books.

To register or receive more information, please call (800) 762-8378 or visit www.esctestprep.com.

New Park

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some residents in Scotch Plains for a ban on the distribution of free advertising circulars that are enclosed in plastic bags and tossed on the lawns and driveways of properties during the week.

It would require an ordinance to prevent this kind of activity, but such action would also likely spark protests from those who view it as a form of advertising protected by First Amendment free speech principles.

Township Attorney Douglas Hansen and Assistant Township Attorney Lawrence Woodruff will be researching these questions of whether it is legally possible to ban this type of activity.

Evan Flath Receives Highest Honors

At Skidmore College

SCOTCH PLAINS - Evan Flath, a member of the Class of 2004 at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., has earned highest honors for the fall semester.

Evan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Flath of Scotch Plains.



TASTY TRIP...Children in the Pre-K Title I classes at Brunner Elementary School and School One Elementary in Scotch Plains recently took class trips to the ShopRite in Clark. The children received a behind the scenes tour of the market, while learning about the bakery department, the Food Guide Pyramid and why different food groups are important. The trip was planned to complement a unit of study on food and nutrition. Pictured, above, Ally Cerini, left, and Jackie Fletcher sample watermelon in the produce department.

Local Students Will Attend 'Project Pride' Discussions

WESTFIELD - On Tuesday, February 5 and Thursday, February 7, Westfield High School (WHS) students will attend a program called "Project Pride" (Promotes Responsibility in Drug Education) by the New Jersey Department of Corrections.

Young offenders will describe how their involvement with drugs and alcohol has changed their lives forever. Following the presentation, students in the audience will be able to pose questions to the presenters.

According to Westfield Coordinator of Health Services Margaret Teitelbaum, "We, health educators and administrators, at WHS believe that this is an important program that offers a unique approach to the problem of substance abuse. It will give our students the opportunity to hear and talk to drug offenders first hand."

The programs on both days will be held in the WHS auditorium at 550 Dorian Road from 9:15 to 10:50 a.m.



UNITED WE STAND...Tom Drubulis, Fanwood Republican Campaign Committee Treasurer, second from right, presents Captain Henry Thibault of the Salvation Army Plainfield Corps with a check for \$504, the net proceeds from the sales of American Flag T-shirts, to benefit victims of the World Trade Center disaster. Also pictured are Dr. Chester Lindsey, far left, and David Trump, former candidates for the Fanwood Borough Council in 2001, who were instrumental in the concept and sale of the shirts as a contribution on behalf of Fanwood residents. Additional shirts are still available and may be obtained by calling Mr. Trump at (908) 889-8870.

Benches Sought For Scotch Plains Streetscape Improvement Project

Residents, businesses and community organizations can donate a bench to be placed in Towne Centre as part of the Scotch Plains streetscape improvement project. The Scotch Plains Downtown Task Force sponsors the program.

The cost of a bench donation is \$500. A plaque with the sponsor's name on it and a message such as "In Memory Of..." will be placed on the bench.

Those that wish to donate a bench should call Jo Ford, Task Force Secretary, at (908) 322-6700, extension no. 1-306.

The deadline for ordering benches

is Thursday, February 28 for spring/summer delivery and installation. Orders will be handled on a first come, first served basis.

Last year, the program generated 20 donations from the community. "At this time, the task force does not know the exact number or locations of the new benches and to some degree, it will depend on the response we get from the community," said Task Force Co-Chairman Ray Pardon.

Mr. Pardon added that "we will try to meet specific requests for locations; however, to maintain the appropriate spacing of benches, specific

locations will be at the discretion of the Task Force and the township."



FINANCIAL ANALYSTS...Students from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter have been visiting some of the country's head corporations, and interviewing corporate executives, to determine the effect that the recent recession, the September 11 tragedy, and the ongoing terrorist threat has been having on the American and world economy. DECA students Rob Mattar, Ryan Crawford and David Baumwoll are pictured with Jack Zupko, President of Panasonic Service Company, and Linda Simonetti, Credit Manager at Panasonic, after an interview in DECA's project.

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Analysis of Nation's Economy Leads DECA Pupils to Major Corporations

SCOTCH PLAINS — Students from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter, an association of marketing students, have been visiting some of the country's head corporations, and interviewing corporate executives, to determine the effect that the recent recession, the September 11 tragedy, and the ongoing terrorist threat has been having on the American and world economy.

Among the corporations the students visited were Microsoft Corporation, Pfizer, Inc., Panasonic, Credit Suisse, First Boston, J.P. Morgan Chase, DeutscheBank, and McKinsey & Co. Senior DECA students David Baumwoll, Adam Bendik, Michael Hughes, Rob Mattar, Ryan Crawford and Andrew Pavoni participated in the interviews to analyze the economy, and to determine significant changes that are expected.

Although the students were told that the current state of business varies from industry to industry, with some such as airlines, tourism and many consumer products hit very hard by the recession, others, such as financial institutions, pharmaceutical firms, housing starts and automobiles (kept strong with interest incentives) have not been affected at all.

While some companies, such as some airlines, may face a bleak financial situation, some such as communication companies have flourished.

According to Robert Wallden, Director of Global Loan Operations for DeutscheBank, "Every company needs to spend more on security."

Mr. Wallden added, "As fear struck the nation, Americans turned to communications media such as cell phones to keep

in touch, and for a sense of security."

Each corporate representative agreed that the September 11 tragedy and the threat of terrorism were not the cause of the economic problems. The recession began sometime in March of 2001.

But according to Senior Analyst at Credit Suisse John McNulty, "People simply had not realized how poorly the economy was actually doing. September 11 was the straw that broke the economy's back."

Each executive also agreed that the economy is not doing well due to a low level of consumer confidence.

While all were optimistic, President of

Panasonic Services Company Jack Zupko stated, "Consumer confidence is coming back. We will get through this."

Robert Huber, Director of Media and Public Relations of Pfizer, Inc., was confident that the effect of terrorism on the global economy would not be a factor.

"Its effects will fade on the world's economy, should there be no other events like this in the near future," Mr. Huber stated.

According to William Denlinger, Practice Manager of Microsoft, "Many companies have been hesitant to engage in large-scale company endeavors."

Mr. Denlinger related that while many companies are downsizing, Microsoft, which has not been affected by the recession, is not. However, like other corporations, the terrorist threat forced them to curtail how they conduct business, including a first-time hiring freeze.

Avi Horev, Senior Analyst at J.P. Morgan, reported that his company, like many others, experienced massive layoffs and major cuts in the expenses of business.

All executives seemed to concur that the recession will bottom out soon, and that people can expect an upturn in the economy in the next 6 to 12 months.

Westfield Recreation Events

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Rhythm Social Dancing: Learn the Salsa, Swing, Merengue, Cha-Cha, Hustle and more! Class is February 5 through March 5. Tuesdays 8 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$65 per couple or \$40 single.

NJ Devils Tickets: Discount tickets are available for Sunday, April 7: Devils vs. Boston Bruins. Game time is 1:05 p.m. Fee: \$40.

Mad Science Workshop: Come join the worlds leading fun science provider create hands-on educational science experiences! This special workshop will be held during vacation week. March 25 through 29, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Cost: \$100.

Discount Ski Lift Tickets: Tickets are available for Camelback, Shawnee, Jack Frost, Blue Mountain and Mountain Creek.

Daddy Daughter Dance: Join us for our second annual dance on Friday, April 19 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Details will follow.

Teen Center Programs: Friday Nights 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Features music, movies, pool tables, video games, ping pong, foosball, air hockey, big screen TV, refreshments, lounge area and special events. Night Place: Offered monthly to all intermediate school youths from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Activities include: disc jockey, food, games, movies and dancing. Cost is \$2.00 in advance and \$3.00 at the door. Upcoming dates include January 25, February 15, March 22 and May 17.



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Doreen is recognized as a skilled clinician, researcher, and educator in the specialized field of Hand Rehabilitation. She shares her clinical knowledge and expertise by lecturing at area universities and presenting at local and national conferences. She has coordinated research projects that study the efficacy of various treatment interventions and has also published several papers on the rehabilitation of traumatic injuries to the hand.

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Economic Recession Poses Challenges In Hammering Out Budgets For 2002

In coming weeks, our local municipal governments will begin preparing their 2002 budgets in earnest. Unlike recent years, this process will be taking place not in the midst of an economic boom and raging bull market, but during a national recession and doldrums on Wall Street.

Municipal taxes paid by local property owners have generally been kept under control in recent years, thanks not only to the hard work of administrators and elected officials at the local and county levels, but also to the sunny economic skies that kept investments healthy; state and federal aid at a level that was at least adequate and tax delinquencies at a minimum. Public school taxes have always been difficult problem and county taxes are rising.

All in all, the late 1990s were likely the best environment in which to craft local budgets and to borrow money with bonds. Times may be different now.

As much as we hate to be the bearer of bad news, those days are likely over, and local governments and the boards of education will be very hard-pressed when putting together their spending plans this year. And, as a result, property tax increases could be a bit steeper than in recent times. If they're not, then local

officials perhaps face very tough choices when it comes to cutting programs and budgets in order to keep tax hikes to a minimum.

For one, state assistance to municipalities, never overly generous, could be further pared as the state looks to close a budget gap of nearly \$2 billion. Sharply lower interest rates, spurred by the Federal Reserve's 11 interest rate cuts last year, have negatively affected municipal revenues because of lower interest income on investments. Lower rates might, on one hand, help consumers and borrowers, but they hurt those on the other end of the spectrum.

A weaker economy can also translate into lower levels of economic activity, housing construction, business expansion and the like — meaning a lower level of assorted permit and construction fees paid to localities, thus spelling another drain on municipal revenues.

The threat of lower levels of revenue, combined with the very real possibility of higher costs from contracts, mandated programs, etc., leave local, county and education leaders with two choices: cut programs or raise taxes.

We wish these officials much luck as they face these difficult choices in the weeks ahead.

The Gentrification of Westfield Raises Many Social Questions

The process of gentrification is the renovation of older neighborhoods. This has become an increasingly prevalent occurrence in suburban central New Jersey in the past 30 years. Communities that face gentrification usually have several factors in common that make them subject to redevelopment, such as being within commuting distance of major urban centers and having an abundance of older buildings in need of some tender loving care.

Gentrification has spread out from the immediate suburbs of New York City to central New Jersey, as an increasing demand has come about for upscale, renovated apartments and condos, within an hour's commute of New York City.

The consequence of this demand has been the displacement of fixed income individuals and families because they could not afford to pay for the improvements. This is a problem for many long-standing senior citizens, disabled and otherwise fixed-income residents of Westfield and the region.

Everyone — landlords, homeowners and tenants included — are pressured with escalating taxes, maintenance and utility costs. There is an economic incentive for landlords to gentrify and raise rents to finance future renovations. This often outweighs loyalty to long-time tenants in their buildings.

Because state laws restrict the rate of rent increases in some types of buildings, landlords are limited by what they can do with existing tenants. In order to meet the cost of renovating, some landlords attempt to evict the existing tenants in order to impose higher rents on new tenants.

Where restrictions do not apply, existing tenants most often cannot afford the increases. Sometimes, they are forced to leave town due to the lack of affordable housing.

In Westfield, the Cacciola neighborhood, the Duncan Hill Apartment complex and many apartment buildings along East Broad Street are undergo-

ing the process of redevelopment. The character of these long-standing communities is changing. Fixed-income tenants are being displaced; some individuals have been residents in town for 40 years.

Along with the changeover from old-time residents to more affluent professionals, comes a need to change community amenities that serve higher income levels. Small ma-and-pa shops are being replaced with trendy national chains, high-end restaurants and an overabundance of coffee franchises. Prices escalate and unique, privately owned stores and services must move to more affordable locations.

The community, neighborhood and hometown character changes and cannot be reversed. We need to be sure that this is what we want. Officials, planners and the town residents must ask themselves if this is the most desirable direction for Westfield to evolve.

Without a plan by government, town agencies and tenant organizations, the future of neighborhoods could become merely that of a convenient stopover for affluent commuters.

In order for a town to moderate and guide this process, a vision must be developed. Various strategies that have proven successful in other, similar towns can then be put into place. Without adequate assessment and a detailed evaluation of the existing housing situation, plans of current developers and the collective desires of the community cannot be assessed.

Town officials and planners must develop and enforce appropriate zoning laws and other legal strategies to make sure the right things happen.

Just what is the correct vision, and what is the right level of compassion for those at risk? It is difficult to say.

It behooves town officials to step up to the plate to begin the process that will be necessary in order to insure that long-time residents on fixed incomes are not simply discarded as the economy dictates more redevelopment. Otherwise, our towns will lose some of its most dedicated, loyal and valuable citizens.

Slip Sliding Away – Recent Snowfall Seeps Horrible Drivers Out of the Woodwork

Indian summer has finally ended and the frigid realization that winter is here has hit. Last Saturday's four inches of snow finalized that. But why does wintry weather, even anticipated, cause horrible drivers to come out of the woodwork?

Since this was the first snow of the year, and the media was blowing it up to blizzard-sized proportions, everyone had enough time to break out the snow chains and the salt the roads prior to the storm. One would hope that the plows would be warming up ready to tackle the side streets as well as the major ones, and drivers would shift their gears to four wheel drive and proceed cautiously below the speed limit like is written in the DMV Manual. Not exactly!

Last Saturday night was a prime example, snowy side streets sent cars skidding sideways down Central Avenue in Westfield and other major roads in the

area. Road lane dividing lines meshed with the snow created catastrophic conditions. Drivers peered through fogged windshields hoping to avoid the black ice that would brandish them into a 360 degree turn in the middle of an intersection while other cars sped by passing them on the right, honking.

Preparation is a monumental idea that takes effort and money that one would rather not spend until after the snow has stopped, and the auto repair guy is towing your car out of an embankment.

The town and drivers, together, have to take responsibility for making sure the roads are safe this winter—even if it is short lived. So, now as the snow is melting, prepare for the next time. Run those horrible driver tendencies off a ramp before playing bumper cars becomes the new fad this winter. The road, after all is made for more than one car.

Letters to the Editor

Westfielder Responds to Continued Implication of Anti-Semitism in Town

I take exception to yet another letter from Len Rosenblatt, a resident of Elizabethtown, suggesting that there is a surge of anti-Semitic activity in Westfield. Mr. Rosenblatt again has his so-called facts all wrong.

He commends *The Leader* "for its courage in publishing several Westfield residents' letters to the editor responding to anti-Semitism in Westfield" (January 10). In my opinion, the letters were not about anti-Semitism, which Mr. Rosenblatt continues to imply is a huge problem in Westfield; rather they were objecting to an outsider's incredibly uninformed opinion of our town.

I was one of the letter-writing respondents that Mr. Rosenblatt refers to. Mr. Rosenblatt states that he is "dismayed that they (the letter writers) were somehow offended by the mere fact that he (Rosenblatt) raised the specter of anti-Semitism" in town.

He is exactly right! We were offended because anti-Semitism is not, as Mr. Rosenblatt continues to insinuate, an attitude that Westfield embraces. In fact, I believe that the mainstream opinion in town is exactly the opposite. We are an all-inclusive, family style town.

Mr. Rosenblatt attempts to support his assertion that "there is a surge of anti-Jewish sentiment in Westfield" with distortions and half-truths. He again correctly states that the Mayor refused to allow the placement of the Menorah on town property. He again fails to mention that placement of the crèche was also turned down. This bad situation was created because of legal challenges that triggered a "politically correct response."

Ultimately, the situation was resolved and all holiday displays were permitted, welcomed, and appreciated by all of us.

Mr. Rosenblatt offered other distorted snippets attempting to support his claim of widespread anti-Semitic attitudes in our town. He insinuates that the town leaders are somehow to blame because the Union County Torah Center is not mentioned on the Westfield website listing houses of worship.

First of all, it is the responsibility of the organization to have their presence posted on the website (and, by the way, all are welcome). Secondly, the Union County Torah Center is a school, not a house of worship.

Mr. Rosenblatt incorrectly states that the closest Jewish bookstore is in Maplewood when, in fact, there are two establishments in our town which provide this service. Maybe Len is not aware of this because he doesn't live here.

Finally, Mr. Rosenblatt continues to criticize our process of granting zoning/

construction variances for projects which would significantly impact residential neighborhoods.

He throws in an "anti-Semitic" wild card, saying that the local neighborhood's "near-hysterical resistance" to the parking lot expansion project of the "burgeoning Temple Emanu-El" is sufficient cause for concern about anti-Semitism in our town.

First of all, the neighborhood's response was not hysterical, and, secondly, it had nothing to do with anti-Semitism. It had everything to do with preserving a neighborhood's quality of life. The community's response would be exactly the same if it were the Catholic church or a candy store attempting to expand their parking lot in the middle of any residential neighborhood in our town.

Think back a few short years when the Westfield Y.M.C.A. (a Christian-based group) attempted to purchase a house adjacent to their property and convert it to a parking lot. The affected neighbors protested this encroachment because it would adversely impact their quality of life in Westfield.

For better or worse, the parking lot conversion was denied. Guess what? Nobody attempted to skew the debate by tossing in an anti-Christian wild card. The debate was about a neighborhood's quality of life, not religion. I think this is exactly analogous to the current Temple Emanu-El parking lot expansion project.

In conclusion, I suggest that Mr. Rosenblatt do his homework regarding our town before cavalierly tossing out the serious and divisive charge of anti-Semitism against us.

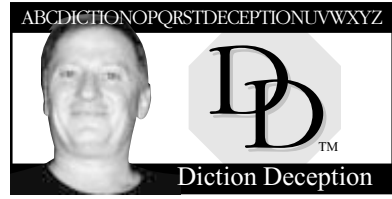
William Risberg
Westfield

Leader Praised for Giving Tenants Voice on Renovation Problems

We were delighted to read the front-page story in the January 17 edition of *The Westfield Leader* written by Deborah Madison. We live in the downtown Westfield property that is the subject of that article. We, too, have been the victims of harassment by Mr. Schilling and his attorney, Wayne Augenstein. In the past six months, we have been served with numerous Notices to Cease attempting to force us to allow the electrical renovations in our apartment. We did, in fact, allow the renovations to begin in September, 2001.

Mr. Schilling told us that there would be dust and debris, but that the "channeling" (tearing holes) in the walls and ceilings would be minimal and that the holes would be spackled and repainted. So, we allowed the renovation to begin. By the end of that same week, we had gaping holes in the ceilings in our front room and above our bed, the wall below the front room windows was torn open to the wooden latticework, the ceiling and one entire wall of the interior hallway were torn open to the latticework, and the walls in the small front bedroom were also torn open to the latticework.

Moreover, the wall in that bedroom that separates our apartment from the vacant apartment next door was left with only the thin wooden latticework separating us from the apartment next door, making our small bedroom accessible from the apartment next door. That vacant apartment was previously gutted and the windows removed but not covered over. The loss of heat in our apartment was tremendous.



Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions — only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?

If you can guess one correctly — good guess. If you get two — well-read individual. If you get three — word expert. If you get all four — You must have a lot of free time!

All words and correct definitions come from the board game **Diction Deception**.

Answers to last week's arcane words.

1. Tentiginous — Exciting lustfulness or lasciviousness
2. Saltant — Leaping, jumping, dancing
3. Salebrous — Rugged; uneven
4. Thurrock — The bidge of a ship

ASAPHIA

1. Marked by extreme loss of energy
2. Having a sticky, viscous or gooey texture

ARRENOTOKOUS

1. Boastful; self absorbed
2. Belligerent, hostile or warlike
3. Bearing males
4. Infamous; notorious

SOLUM

1. In law, a piece of ground
2. Living a solitary lifestyle
3. Complete ownership
4. Belief in a singular divinity or creator

ASSAPAN

1. Unusually childish behavior
2. Bland; mellow
3. A native of Mindanao in the Philippines
4. The flying squirrel of the eastern United States

More Letters on Page 5

Edmund Kole
Westfield

Parents Urge Governor to Uphold Funding For Autism Research

As parents of a 6-year-old boy with autism, we are greatly alarmed that our newly-elected Governor, James E. McGreevey, is being pressured to rescind the already appropriated funds for the Governor's Council on Autism, which provides \$1.5 million in funding each year for the next three years for biomedical research on autism. The Governor's decision will be rendered on Monday, January 28.

Autism is the third most common developmental disability, with a prevalence rate of at least 1 in 500. It affects people of all races, religions and economic levels. In 1999, the New Jersey Infantile Biomedical Research Act was signed, creating the New Jersey Governor's Council on Autism. It was funded at \$1.5 million per year for five years — subject to review after two years of operation.

Since its inception, the Council has awarded 23 research grants, is working to establish a New Jersey autism registry

and has helped develop the first statewide campaign in the country designed to educate parents of young children and physicians about early warning signs of autism and other developmental disorders.

The State Legislature appropriated money to continue the funding for 2002-2004, in the Governor's Council on Autism Act of 2001, signed into law by Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco on January 7, 2002.

This timing is unfortunate. Because of a \$1.9 billion budget deficit estimated for fiscal year 2002, budget hawks are pressuring our new Governor, Jim McGreevey, to cancel the \$114 million appropriated for health-related items, which includes the funds for autism research.

We urge our new Governor to spare the autism health and education items from the budget ax.

Robert and Deborah Matos
Scotch Plains



Mr. Manahan Joins Program To Reduce Gun Violence

AREA – Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan has been selected from among prosecutors throughout the country to help implement a national strategy to reduce violent gun crimes in troubled neighborhoods.

Mr. Manahan, 49, said he was “truly honored” to be part of a program led by Attorney General John Ashcroft that was to begin yesterday, January 23, in the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, S.C.

“The invitation extended to me is due to the successful efforts of Union County law enforcement to reduce violent crime, as well as a recognition of our programs, such as Save A Life Today (SALT) that seek to reclaim neighborhoods for the good citizens who live there,” Mr. Manahan said.

He noted that the National District Attorneys Association, in congratulating the office and the county’s chief law enforcement officer, notified him last month that it will fund all his travel and lodging expenses through the United States Department of Justice.

President George W. Bush, in making gun violence reduction a top priority, selected a “Project Safe Neighborhoods” program as the best way to implement a nationwide strategy to prosecute criminals who use handguns and other dangerous weapons in crimes that destroy the safety of neighborhoods.

The Prosecutor said he will be joined for the two-day conference

sessions by police chiefs, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents and United States Attorney Office leaders, as the handful of attendees review firearms tracing techniques, crime gun mapping, computer record recovery systems and regional partnership approaches.

First Assistant Prosecutor James F. Keefe said guns were used in nearly half the county’s homicides over the last five years and in many armed robbery cases and is among the reasons why the office has applied for federal grant money to hire additional prosecutors to deal specifically with gun-related crimes.

Non-Profit Groups Offered Grant-Writing Workshop

AREA – Union County non-profit organizations are invited to attend a grant-writing workshop on Monday, February 11, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the Springfield Public Library, located at 66 Mountain Avenue in Springfield. The snow date is Wednesday, February 13.

The workshop will provide specific information about the guidelines and application for the Union County Arts Grant Program, which is funded in part by the Local Arts Program of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

All non-profit groups and arts organizations that wish to offer an arts project to the public are eligible to apply for grant funds. Arts activities taking place between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003 are eligible for consideration.

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Jeopardy! Appearance Set by UCHS Pupil Margaret Monroe

SCOTCH PLAINS – Margaret Monroe, a junior at Union Catholic High School (UCHS) in Scotch Plains, will be a contestant on the ABC television game show, “Jeopardy!” – Teen Tournament.

The program will air on Friday, February 8, at 7 p.m.

Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Monroe of South Plainfield. She auditioned for the tournament in August after seeing an ad on television.

The nationwide audition was held in Baltimore and she found out in November that she was selected. Margaret and 14 other contestants were chosen out of a pool of 3,000 other teenagers. Margaret and her father flew out to Los Angeles for the taping.

Captain of the UCHS Cross Country Team and an Irish step dancer, Margaret is also an altar server at her parish, Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.



THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES...Steven Clark, fourth from right, is honored for his long service to the Fanwood Memorial Library upon his retirement as President of the library’s Board of Trustees in December. Also pictured, left to right, are: Stuart Kline, Council Liaison to the board; board member Debbie Skaar; Mayor Louis Jung; Library Director Dan Weiss; new board President David Richard; Board of Education Liaison Lorna Everhart, and board member Peggy Ferreiro.

Fanwood Library Honors Former Board President

FANWOOD – Steven Clark was honored for his long service to the Fanwood Memorial Library by the Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Library and Mayor Louis Jung during the board’s final meeting of the year on December 10.

David Richard, Board President, thanked Mr. Clark for his hard work, leadership and clarity of vision for the library and presented to him, on behalf of the board, a plaque honoring his service.

Mr. Clark, whose retirement was effective at the end of 2001, had served on the library’s Board of Trustees for 10 years, the last six as President.

Under his guidance, many sweeping changes were accomplished at the library. These included the hiring of Director Dan Weiss in October of 1998; the automation of the library’s services and catalog; joining the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium (LMxAC) and providing Internet and computer access to

the public.

There was also renewed focus on professionalism and service and increased programming, including an annual concert on the lawn that Mr. Clark dubbed “Fanwoodstock.”

Additionally, multiple improvements to the library building were achieved during Mr. Clark’s tenure. These included directional signs around the borough; lighting of the exterior of the building; repaving of the front lawn area and a complete renovation and redesign of the main floor of the library that was completed in September of 2000.

Carol Campell, Vice President of the Friends of the Library, presented Mr. Clark with an engraved pewter cup and, noting his interest in music, a book and set of videos of the recent PBS documentary entitled “American Roots,” which are now available at the library.

Mr. Clark thanked everyone and said he felt the years spent volunteering on the board represented time well spent and that it was rewarding to see such positive changes as a result of his service and gratifying to be able to give back to the community, of which he is a long-time resident.

Matthew Hanas Named To Fall Dean’s List

WESTFIELD – Matthew Hanas of Westfield was named to the Dean’s List at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison for the fall semester.

Matthew was also admitted to Phi Omega Epsilon Honor Society for consistent excellent academic achievement during the last four years at the university.

A mathematics major, Matthew is concentrating in secondary education.

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Letters to the Editor

Customer Combats Poor Comcast Service

Thank you for your story on the poor Internet transition Comcast is still struggling with. I transitioned exactly as they had instructed and my service is, as you note in your story, poor. My connection frequently breaks due to their server. My e-mail is barely usable. Uploads are not possible (net or e-mail).

I understand they may have problems in their transition but their lack of frankness is appalling. Their service on the phone, though polite, was of no use. Their customer relations’ people were uninformative, and had no estimate on when the situation is likely to be rectified.

Thanks to *The Leader* for letting us know there are others out there with the same problem. It will soon be time to decide on alternates.

Barton Colbert
Westfield

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A Thank You: Gifts Touched 9/11 Victims

I would personally like to thank all those wonderful, generous and caring who helped me help a local family suffering from the 9/11/01 Twin Towers’ tragedy. All gift monies and cards that were donated have been forwarded to the family.

I personally took the collected money and went to the local merchants in Westfield and purchased gift certificates from Stop and Shop, Trader Joe’s, Randalls’ Shoes, Haagen Dazs Ice Cream, Gap, J and M Market, Video Video, Barnes and Noble, Cosmos Pizza, K-B and Zany Brainy Toy Stores. These gift certificates helped this family.

My personal thanks to the following for donations of their services: Beena’s Restaurant in Rahway, Tom at Innovations Salon in Garwood, Gabe Bravo from Cellular Signal Plus of Westfield, Expressions Hair Salon in Westfield, Evelyn Dunne Gallery in Westfield and my favorite dentist in town whose donation and beautiful letter from the heart was greatly appreciated.

You have all warmed my heart and soul and showed me we are truly here together as one family. On behalf of “The Family,” I thank you.

Maureen B. O’Connor
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MR. AND MRS. BRADLEY HOWELL
(She is the former Miss Susan Letwink)

Miss Susan Letwink Marries Bradley Howell

Miss Susan Letwink, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Letwink of Westfield, was married on Saturday, May 19, to Bradley Howell. He is the son of Ms. Jeanne Howell of Long Valley and H. William Howell of Morris Plains.

The couple was wed in a ceremony at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, with the Reverend Philip Waters officiating. A reception followed at the Chantier Chateau in Warren.

Escorted down the aisle by her father, the bride had Mrs. Susan St. Onge of Fanwood as her matron of honor. Bridal attendants included Mrs. Alisa Wasserman of Denville, Mrs. Amy Hayes Hennebery of High Bridge, Mrs. Anne Marie Augenstein of Berkeley Heights, Mrs. Tami Ochs of Long Valley, the sister of the bridegroom; Miss Nicole Makoul of Allentown, Pa., and Mrs. Hillary Elser of Elizabethtown, Pa.

Miss Joanna Walker of Scotch Plains and Miss Brielle Gemberling of Allen-

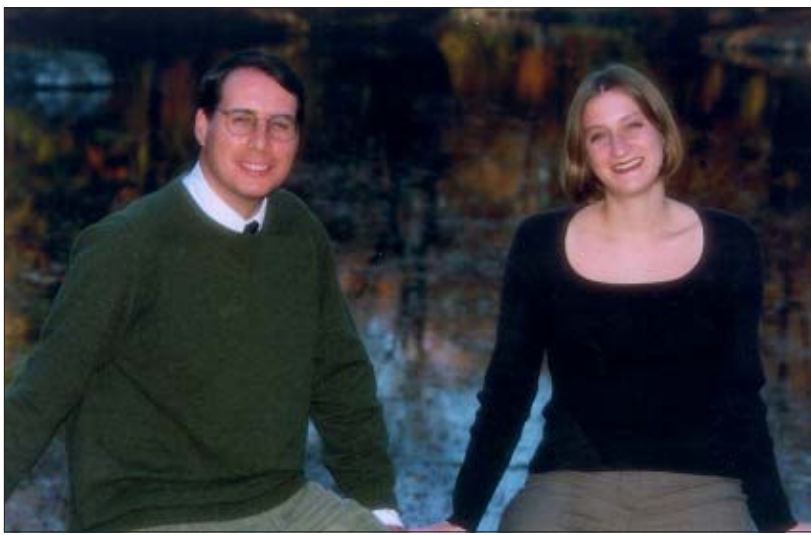
town, Pa., were the flower girls.

Aaron Hohenstein of Califon was the best man. The groomsmen included Brian Carenza of New Milford, Stephen Carenza of Westwood, Wayne Letwink, Jr. of Scotch Plains, the brother of the bride; Michael Hennebery of High Bridge, William Ochs of Long Valley and Edward Schmidt of Tacoma, Wash.

A 1989 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management from Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa., in 1993. She is employed as a Personnel Manager for Snelling Personnel in Summit.

The bridegroom graduated in 1987 from West Morris Central High School in Long Valley and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Environmental Studies from Ramapo College in Mahwah in 1993. He is the President of Maintenance Solutions, Inc. in Lebanon.

Following a wedding trip to Disney World, the couple resides in Long Valley.



Theodore S. Ritter and Ms. Susan A. Fontana

Ms. Susan A. Fontana To Wed Theodore S. Ritter

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Fontana of Manahawkin, formerly of Chatham, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Susan A. Fontana of Summit, to Theodore S. Ritter, also of Summit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Ritter of Westfield.

The future bride is a graduate of Chatham High School. She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Moravian College and a Master of Arts Degree in Education from Duquesne University. Ms. Fontana teaches English at Bridgewater-Raritan High School.

Her fiancé graduated from Westfield High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, cum laude, from Niagara University. He also received a Master of Arts Degree

in Journalism and Public Affairs from American University.

Mr. Ritter is employed as a Principal Planner of Public Affairs and Policy Research at the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority in Newark.

A summer wedding is planned.

F-SP YMCA Posts Ski Trip for Feb. 19

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA will hold a ski trip to Mountain Creek in Vernon on Tuesday, February 19.

The bus will depart the facility at 1340 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 6:30 p.m. The \$47 per person cost for the trip includes transportation and a lift ticket.

There is also a Beginner Skier and Snowboarder package that includes lesson, rental, limited lift access and transportation, for \$50, or an Advanced Skier or Snowboarder package that includes lesson, rental, unlimited lift access and transportation, for \$60.

The ski trip is open to all youth and adults in the community (students in grade 7 and below must be accompanied by an adult). Registration and medical release forms are available at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA facility on Martine Avenue. The deadline for registration is Monday, February 11.

For more information, please call the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA at (908) 889-8880.

Miller-Cory to Spotlight Colonial Games Sunday

WESTFIELD - On Sunday, January 27, the Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will feature the Colonial card game "Loo" and children's games between 2 and 4 p.m.

The Hallada family of Westfield, including Esther, Thomas and Fran, will demonstrate Loo and Colonial children's games.

Chelsea to Participate In Collection to Help New Eyes for Needy

FANWOOD - As a special service project, The Chelsea at Fanwood, along with its sister residence, The Chelsea at Warren, will collect used eyeglasses, jewelry and hearing aids for the Short Hills-based New Eyes for the Needy during the month of February.

New Eyes for the Needy provides the gift of sight to the poor in the United States and around the world.

Collection sites will be The Chelsea at Fanwood, 295 South Avenue in Fanwood, and The Chelsea at Warren, 274 King George Road in Warren.

Collection baskets will also be placed at the Fanwood Memorial Library, located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road in Fanwood, and at the Basking Ridge Library, located at 32 South Maple Avenue in Basking Ridge.

Volunteers dressed in authentic period costume will guide visitors on tours of the pre-Revolutionary farmhouse and answer questions about Colonial life in New Jersey. The last tour will begin at 3:30 p.m.

The museum's gift shop features a variety of educational items, Colonial reproductions and cookbooks.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under age 6. On Sunday, February 10, the museum will spotlight Historic Valentines with Evelyn Kennelly of Westfield.

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

Library to Feature Book Discussion Of 'Perfect Storm'

FANWOOD - The public is invited to participate in a book discussion at the Fanwood Memorial Library, located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road, on Thursday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Librarian Ruth Ahnert will lead a discussion of "The Perfect Storm," by Sebastian Junger.

Participants are asked to read the book prior to the meeting date. Anyone needing the book may pick up a copy at the library. For more information, please call the library at (908) 322-6400.

People for Animals Seeks New Home For 'Princess'

AREA - People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization, will sponsor pet adoption events this Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27.

They will take place on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the PETVALU store, 300 South Avenue in Garwood, located in the Kings Shopping Center, and on Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m., at the PETSMART stores in Bridgewater, at the Promenade Mall at the intersection of Routes 28 and 287, and at the Watchung Square Mall, 1515 Route 22, West, in Watchung.

Among the many cats available for adoption will be "Princess," described as a beautiful, 10-month-old calico kitten with white, orange and

black markings. She is spayed, current with her vaccinations and has tested negative to FIV and feline leukemia.

"Princess" is said to be a playful, affectionate cat with lots of personality who is good with other pets and with people of all ages. To adopt one of these pets or for other information, please call (908) 688-1073 and press 8 for cat adoption or 1 for dog adoption. Other available pets may be seen at www.pfa.petfinder.org.

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Westfield Hadassah Honors Betty Dubman for Service

SCOTCH PLAINS – Betty Dubman of Scotch Plains was recently selected by the Westfield Chapter of Hadassah as its Woman of the Year, receiving the prestigious honor at the Northern New Jersey



Betty Dubman

Region of Hadassah's Myrtle Wreath Brunch on December 16 at the Marriott Hanover in Whippany.

Mrs. Dubman has been Co-President of Westfield Hadassah, Recording Secretary, Fund Raising and Programming Vice President, and Chairman of the Godparents event, as well as holding numerous other positions over the years.

A life member of Hadassah, she is also a member of the "Keepers of the Gate" category of contributors.

Besides her Hadassah activities, Mrs. Dubman is a volunteer for the "I Have a Dream" after-school program in the Plainfield schools, where she tutors and mentors youngsters in a first-grade class in a program that will continue for them through high school.

She also participates in the National Council of Jewish Women's Steering Committee for "Cares Day" at nursing homes. She and her family are members of Temple Sholom in Plainfield.

Rutgers Cooperative Posts Dates For Garden Show

AREA – Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, headquartered in Westfield, has revealed the Agricultural Division of the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show, in cooperation with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Sussex County, will present the sixth annual Springfest 2002 Flower and Garden Show.

The show will be held Thursday through Sunday, March 14, 15, 16 and 17, in the quarter-acre greenhouse at the Sussex County Fairgrounds located on Plains Road in Augusta.

Participants will have an opportunity to stroll through more than 14 colorful landscape gardens, attend lectures and demonstrations and purchase plants and garden accessories.

The show hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and free for children under age 15. For more information, please call (973) 948-5000 or visit www.newjerseystatefair.org.

Fanwood Presbyterian Slates Summer Camps

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Presbyterian Church has announced that it is the recipient of a bequest that will enable the church to develop and fund a summer day camp, "Summer Quest," for community middle school youth.

The bequest was made in memory of Shirley D. Friedman and will allow the church to expand outreach in youth ministry.

The inaugural year of the camp will focus on the theme "Arms Wide Open" and will be held for two weeks this summer. A Community Service Camp will be offered July 22 through 26 and an Arts and Theatre Camp will take place August 12 through 16.

Each weeklong camp will provide participants with a wide range of activities designed to broaden their horizons, deepen understanding and build community, according to Summer Quest spokeswoman Shelley Gardner.

Although based at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, the program will include a variety of off-site activities at cultural and historic locations.

For more information and registration materials, please call the church office at (908) 889-8891.



IMAGINARY ARCTIC TRIP...Lydia Seaman, a kindergartner from St. Paul's Day School, recently took an imaginary trip to the Arctic with her classmates. The class learned about animals that live in this part of the world. Lydia shows a picture of an arctic fox that she drew on her trip. Registration for St. Paul's kindergarten will be held on February 1 at 9 a.m. for the 2002-2003 school year.

Group to Help New Moms Adjust to Changing Roles

SUMMIT – The Women's Resource Center and the Connection for Women and Families, both Summit organizations, will co-sponsor an eight-week program designed especially for new mothers.

"Changing Roles: A Group for New Mothers" is a small group for mothers and infants up to six months of age. The group will provide new mothers with support and encouragement in order to help each woman achieve the goal of raising a healthy

and happy child.

Weekly topics will include sleepless nights, relationship issues, career versus mommy track and the vicissitudes of emotions.

Leading the program will be Berkeley Heights resident Patricia Shulman, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker from the Mothers and Infants Program at the New Jersey Consultation Center.

The group will meet on Fridays, beginning February 1, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Additional meeting dates include February 8, 15 and 22 and March 1, 8 and 15, along with Wednesday, March 27.

Meetings will be held at the Women's Resource Center, 31 Woodland Avenue in Summit.

The cost is \$105 for members of either the Women's Resource Center or the Connection for Women and Families, and \$120 for non-members.

To register or obtain more information about this program and other parenting programs, please call the Women's Resource Center at (908) 273-7253. Scholarships are available for all programs.

Methodist Church Takes Part in 'Kids Hope USA'

WESTFIELD – The First United Methodist Church of Westfield, located at 1 East Broad Street, has announced its participation in "Kids Hope USA," a mentoring program conducted on a national level.

While more than half the states in the country have participated in this organization, First United Methodist's involvement marks the first "Kids Hope USA" program implemented in New Jersey.

The faith-based, community program for mentoring children was founded by Dr. Virgil Gulkar in Michigan in 1994, linking a local church with a local elementary school.

Adults from First United Methodist are paired with a child at McKinley Elementary School in Westfield. They meet once a week for an hour to build a relationship designed to affirm a child while helping the youngster build academic skills.

Diana Kazakis is Director of the local program. There are currently 14 adult mentors who meet weekly with 14 children at McKinley. Each mentor has a prayer partner in the church for spiritual support.

The adult mentors are Carolyn Greasham, David Harwood, Henry Merkle, Debbie Solan, Virginia

Toenes, Kathy Zuber, Louise Ayd, Aleta Zoidis, Margaret Campbell, Tom Doeber, Niki Fry, Mike Kazakis, Diana Kazakis and Paul Somers.

Nursery School Sets Registration Date

WESTFIELD – The Wesley Hall Nursery School has announced that open registration for the 2002-2003 school year will begin on Monday, February 11.

Parents in the community who would like to register their child may call the school to schedule a tour of the facility between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays.

Wesley Hall is beginning its 50th year of providing programs for preschool youngsters. Morning and afternoon sessions are available for children ages 2½ to 5. The school offers lunch and enrichment classes and has indoor and outdoor play areas.

For more information, please call Mary Pembroke, Director, at (908) 233-9570. The school is located in the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Chai Teens Program Offered by Center

WESTFIELD – The Union County Torah Center in Westfield will launch a program for Jewish teenagers in grades 8 through 12 beginning on Monday, February 4.

Teenagers will have an opportunity for lively discussions with Rabbi Levi Block of the Torah Center on topics of Jewish philosophy and ethics while enjoying a pizza dinner.

Grades 8, 9 and 10 will meet on the first and third Monday of each month, while grades 11 and 12 will meet on the second and fourth Monday.

The program will take place at the Torah Center, located at 418 Central Avenue, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Joshua Cantor will sponsor the Chai Teens in memory of Herman Cantor and Bernard and Francis Wolf. There is no charge.

For more information or to respond, please call the center at (908) 789-5252.

Torah Center Plans Tu B'Shevat Event

WESTFIELD – The Union County Torah Center will hold a special women's Tu B'Shevat program on Monday, January 28, at 8 p.m. at the center, located at 418 Central Avenue in Westfield.

Participants will learn how to make a six-braided Chalah to enhance their Shabbat table, while enjoying special Tu B'Shevat fruits. Shternie Block will discuss the significance of the occasion.

Tu B'Shevat (the 15th day in the Hebrew month of Shevat), which this year is on January 28, celebrates the new year for trees. It is customary to eat certain fruits on this day.

The program is open to the public free of charge. For more information, please call the center at (908) 789-5252.

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Israeli Film Festival Scheduled at Temple

WESTFIELD – Temple Emanuel of Westfield will hold its Sixth Annual Israeli Film Festival on Wednesdays, January 30 and February 13, at 7:30 p.m.

On January 30, the featured movie will be *Kadosh*, an award-winning film that tells the story of two Orthodox sisters. One sister is married but loves another man, while the other sister is barren in a society where childbearing is essential.

I Love You, Rosa, described as a heartwarming and unusual love story, will be presented on February 13.

The title character is a young widow living in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem at the end of the 19th century, surrounded by hostile family members who blame her for her husband's death. According to Biblical law, she can only marry her husband's brother – but he's only 12 years old.

The program will be offered free of charge. Temple Emanu-El is located at 756 East Broad Street. For more information, please call Carolyn Shane at (908) 232-6770.

Temple Sholom Posts Playgroup Dates

AREA – Temple Sholom of Plainfield, which includes congregants from Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Westfield, has invited members of the community to participate in its "Get Ready for Shabbat Playgroup" that affords families an opportunity to participate in various educational and social activities.

Scheduled playgroups for the rest of the 2002 school year are Fridays, January 25, February 8 and 22, March 8 and 22, April 12 and 19, and May 3.

Parents and youngsters from birth to age 4 are offered the chance to meet other Jewish families with young children while enjoying such activities as braiding challah, learning Shabbat songs, doing art projects and playing in a Jewish environment.

Interested individuals are asked to call the office at Temple Sholom, located at 815 West Seventh Street, at (908) 756-6447. Temple Sholom is a Reform Jewish congregation and is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Commuter Parking Available in Fanwood

FANWOOD – The Borough of Fanwood has announced that it has 103 daily commuter parking stalls available. Located on the South Avenue side of the Fanwood train station, at a cost of \$3 per day, they are available for use by those unable to secure a parking permit in Fanwood or other municipalities along the Raritan Valley line of NJ Transit.

The daily parking stalls are marked with white lines and numbers. Payment is made at the machine located on the west side of the ticket office. Payment may be made by purchasing a token using one-dollar or five-dollar bills or the appropriate number of coins (quarters or one dollar pieces only). Instructions are provided on the machines.

Commuters must remember the number of the stall where they parked. The number is entered into the parking machine, along with the token or correct amount of coin. A receipt is given and should be retained by the commuter.

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Tom D. Shea, 68, Taught Law Courses; Was Employed by Coldwell Banker

Tom D. Shea, 68, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, January 9, at his home.

Born in the Bronx, he had lived in Westfield prior to moving to Scotch Plains.

Mr. Shea was employed in residential real estate with Coldwell Banker in Westfield.

A member of the New York and New Jersey bar associations, he had also worked in transportation law and taught courses in law.

He served as a special agent with United States Counter Intelligence and was a business law and business regulation teacher for the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station and an adjunct professor of law at the College of Staten Island.

Mr. Shea was admitted to practice law in New York, New Jersey, the United States Supreme Court and

various district federal courts.

He graduated from Fordham College in 1955 and from Fordham Law School in 1962.

He was a member of the Historic Review Committee and of the Ordinance Revision Committee in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Leahy Shea; two sons, Joseph M. Shea and Thomas D. Shea, Jr.; two daughters, Kristen Shea Bartok and Elizabeth P. Shea; three sisters, Patricia Draddy, Betsy McDermott and Marijean Sommer, and five grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, January 12, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Memorial donations may be made to the Atlantic Home Care and Hospice, 33 Bleeker Street, Millburn 07041.

January 24, 2002

Ralph W. Lermond, 91, Art Director; Had Illustrated Book on Virginians

Ralph Warren Lermond, 91, of Fanwood died on Saturday, January 12, at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains.

Born in South Boise, Idaho, he grew up in Whitinsville, Mass., and had also lived in Yonkers, N.Y., before moving to Fanwood in 1973.

Mr. Lermond studied fine art at the Museum School of Fine Art in Boston and taught drawing and painting at Phillips Exeter Academy in Massachusetts. While at the Museum School, he was awarded a two-year traveling scholarship for art study in Europe.

He took part in the Works Progress Administration art project in Richmond, Va., drawing people of Virginia for a book on the state.

Mr. Lermond spent many years as Art Director at advertising agencies in New York City, retiring at age 78 from Wunderman, Ricotta and Kline.

During his retirement, he studied with the Art Students League in New York City, the Summit Art Center and the Westfield Art Association.

He served for three and a half years in the Pacific Theater in World War II as a Staff Sergeant, Master Gunner, in the 158th Anti-Aircraft Artillery of the United States Army.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Lermond; three daughters, Katherine Benaroch of Groton, Mass., Annette M. Ogden of Lampasas, Tex., and Deanna Turrano of Highland Park, and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, at the First Congregational Church in Westfield.

Wilbur Hamm, 91, Mechanical Engineer For Architectural and Design Company

Wilbur G. Hamm, 91, of Westfield died on Thursday, January 17, at the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Clark.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Westfield since 1960.

Mr. Hamm had worked for the Celanese Corporation at various locations for many years. He later was employed for many years as a mechanical engineer for D. Reddy, an architectural and design company, in New York City before his retirement in 1985.

During World War II, he had worked as an engineer in the building of war ships at the Kearny Federal Ship Building and Dry Dock Company.

He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.

Mr. Hamm was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Carolyn Hamm, in 1984.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Jean Millington Hamm, and a daughter, Joan Mc Closkey of Millington.

The funeral service was held on Sunday, January 20, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Muhlenberg Foundation, Park Avenue and Randolph Road,

Arrangements are under the direction of the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

Memorial donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of the First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer Street, Westfield 07090.

January 24, 2002

Robert A. White, 80, Former Executive; Was Retired Army Reserve Captain

Robert A. White, 80, of Cranford died on Sunday, January 13, at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Bayonne, he had lived in Roselle and Westfield before relocating to Cranford in 1988.

Mr. White had been Vice President of the Marco Chemical Division of United States Steel in Linden prior to his retirement in 1982.

A United States Army veteran of World War II, he served as an aircraft engineering officer until 1946, when he joined the Army Reserve. He retired from the Reserve in 1960 with the rank of Captain.

Mr. White served as an usher at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and was a member of the church's Seniors Club.

He additionally was a member of the Suburban Golf Club of Union and the Scotch Hills Men's Golf Association in Scotch Plains.

He was predeceased by his wife, Rose McCurnin White, in 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan Parker of Westfield and Sister Kathleen White of Lutherville, Md.; two sons, Robert P. White of Roselle

Michael Walko, Jr., 62, Professor; Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scout Leader

Professor Michael Walko, Jr., 62, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, December 23, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Elizabeth, he had lived in Carteret before moving to Scotch Plains 36 years ago.

Employed for 30 years with Union County College in Cranford, he was a Professor in the Business Department. He was also Chief Executive Officer of the Shadow Lane Dental Laboratory in Scotch Plains and a partner in the Walko Fence Company in Carteret.

Additionally, he was Department Chairperson for the Dental Technology Program at the Union County Vocational-Technical Institute in Scotch Plains and was a consultant to Thomas Edison College in Dental Laboratory Education. He was a nationally-certified technician.

A graduate of Carteret High School, he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1970, majoring in biology and chemistry. He also earned a Master of Arts Degree in School Business Administration.

Professor Walko did advanced

work in the Master of Business Administration program at Monmouth University and held teacher certification in science.

He was involved in the academic counseling of students at Union County College, having acquired a master's degree and certification in student personnel services in 1979 from Kean University.

He earned a second Master of Arts Degree in Educational Management and School Business Management in 1983, leading to state certification as a Principal/Supervisor and School Business Administrator, also from Kean University.

Professor Walko was the Aerospace Education Officer for Ocean Composite Squadron and presented workshops for civil air patrol at annual aerospace education conferences.

An Eagle Scout himself, he was Assistant Scoutmaster for Cub Pack No. 277 at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains; Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop No. 130 and Post Advisor for the Emergency Preparedness Explorer Post No. 22. He additionally was a Unit Commissioner for the Watchung Area Boy Scout Council.

He served on the Scotch Plains Telecommunications Committee for Channel 34 and was President of the Parents Auxiliary for the 821st Air Force ROTC at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. He was Vice-President to the Plainfields Chapter of UNICO.

Professor Walko was active in Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the United States Air Force, since 1991, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He held various positions at the squadron level and was Administrative Officer for the Northeast Region Staff College; Public Affairs Officer for the New Jersey Wing Solo School, the Corporate Leadership School and the Squadron Leadership School; Logistics Officer for the Cadet Encampment at Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base, and an Air Operations Officer. He was Deputy Commander for Ocean Composite Squadron at Miller Air Park in Toms River.

While participating in the Civil Air Patrol, he received the Gill Robb Wilson Award, the highest award for executive leadership; multiple Commanders' Commendations, distinguished service and exceptional service awards, plus ribbons and clusters for search and rescue and emergency involvement, cadet activities and aerospace education.

He recently completed a term as Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications for the nine-state Northeast Region.

He was Co-Director for the Annual New Jersey Wing Conference and a staff member and presenter for the Annual National Congress on Aviation and Aerospace Education. Additionally, he completed Air Force courses for service as a mission scanner, observer and coordinator; emergency services team member, and in public affairs and safety.

Professor Walko also trained as an Inspector General and served as a Red Cross volunteer at Fort Dix while a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

He was inducted into Phi Delta Kappa, a national honor society in education and Kappa Delta Pi, an education honor society, and was a member of various other education organizations. Professor Walko was Secretary to the New Jersey Aviation Education Council.

He served with the United States Air Force, in the 860th Medical Group, from 1957 to 1961.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Dr. M. Ann Walko; a son, New York City Police Officer Michael Walko, and a brother, Stephen Walko.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, January 20, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to a scholarship established in his memory through: Plainfields UNICO-Attention: Frank Licato, P.O. Box A, South Plainfield 07080-0509.

January 24, 2002

Charles H. Betz, Jr., Decorated Veteran; Executive With Insurance Company

Charles H. Betz, Jr., 83, of Voorhees, died on Wednesday, January 16, at Compassionate Care Hospice in Trenton.

Born in Woodhaven, N.Y., he had lived in Massachusetts and in Westfield for 32 years prior to moving to Voorhees.

Mr. Betz had a 43-year career with the Home Insurance Company of New York, beginning as a trainee and retiring as Vice President in Charge of Sales and Marketing of the Premium Finance Division in 1983.

He served for 20 years in various management positions at the company in both Boston and Springfield, Mass., before returning to the home office in 1966.

Mr. Betz, who served in Europe with the 253rd Infantry Regiment of the 63rd Infantry Division, was twice wounded and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and France's Croix De Guerre, that country's highest award for outstanding bravery in battle.

Mr. Betz graduated in 1940 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of New Hampshire, where he also played football and baseball

and was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega national fraternity.

He additionally was elected to membership in Tau Kappa Alpha, a national honorary forensic society.

In 1990, he was invited to serve on the University of New Hampshire's President's Council.

He was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and an active member of the Old Guard of Westfield, having served as Director in 1992.

He also was a member of the Bay State Club and Past President of the Western Massachusetts Field Club.

He was predeceased by his wife of 44 years, Jane Flanary Betz, in 1990.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas C. Betz of Haddon Heights and Charles H. Betz, 3rd, of Dublin, N.H., and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, January 19, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad.

January 24, 2002

Elaine C. Fane, 72, Firm Comptroller; Was Elementary, Special Ed Teacher

Elaine C. Fane, 72, of Monroe Township died on Friday, January 11, at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Plainfield and Scotch Plains before relocating to Monroe Township 17 years ago.

Mrs. Fane was Comptroller at L. L. Fane Co., Inc. of Plainfield.

Before that, she had been an elementary and special education teacher for gifted students in the North Plainfield school district for many years prior to retiring 15 years ago.

She was a member of Hadassah,

B'nai B'rith and Deborah.

Mrs. Fane graduated from Montclair State College.

Surviving are her husband, Leonard L. Fane; two daughters, Joan Sichertman and Susan Feldman; a sister, Irma Silverman, and five grandchildren.

Services were held on Sunday, January 13, at the Jewish Center in Princeton. Interment took place at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin.

Arrangements were handled by Orland's Ewing Memorial Chapel in Trenton.

January 24, 2002

Agnes Morning, 83, Was Volunteer; Foster Mother to Over 200 Babies

Agnes Morning, 83, of Westfield died on Tuesday, January 15, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Jersey City, she moved to Westfield many years ago.

A foster mother, Mrs. Morning had cared for more than 200 babies since 1957. For the past 39 years, she had been associated with the Children's Aid Society in Hackensack.

She was also a volunteer at the soup kitchen of St. Joseph's Church in Elizabeth.

She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Robert Morning, in 1987, and by a son, Jerome Morning, in 1993. Another son, Carl Morning, died as an infant.

Surviving are a sister, Elizabeth Bertini, and a grandson, John Robert Morning.

A Requiem Eucharist service took place on Saturday, January 19, at the All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains. Interment was at Somerset Hills Memorial Park in Woodbridge.

Parker Nelson, 81

Parker Nelson, 81, of Westfield died on Saturday, January 12, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Milwaukee, Wis., he was raised in Yonkers, N.Y., moving to Pelham Manor, N.Y., in 1949. He relocated to Westfield in 1962.

Mr. Nelson had worked for 14 years for Solomon Brothers in New York City and since 1975 was a self-employed financial advisor.

He was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, the Westfield Historical Society and the Clark Historical Society.

He additionally was a board member of the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield.

Mr. Nelson received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Finance in 1943 from Columbia College in New York City.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Thompson Nelson; a son, Martin Parker Nelson; a daughter, Susan Palma, and two grandsons.

Private services were held on Tuesday, January 15, at the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

January 24, 2002

Henrietta Wadiak, 76

Henrietta B. Frankowski Wadiak, 76, of Westfield died on Tuesday, January 15, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born and raised in Carteret, she lived in Westfield for the past 54 years.

Mrs. Wadiak had been a biochemist at Saint Barnabas Hospital in Livingston from 1946 to 1953.

She was a substitute teacher at the Featherbed Lane School in Clark during the 1970s and 1980s.

She graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station in 1947 with a degree in science.

Mrs. Wadiak was a member of the Holy Trinity Choir and the Choral Arts Society of New Jersey.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, Michael Wadiak; a daughter, Alexis Paul; two sons, Michael Wadiak and Damian Wadiak, and two grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Saturday, January 19, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment was at St. Gertrude's Mausoleum in Colonia.

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

January 24, 2002

Basking Ridge.

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Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Aid and Family Services, 200 Robin Road, Paramus 07652 or to Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore, Md.

January 24, 2002

Bennett S. Brand, 4

Bennett Singh Brand, 4, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, January 18, at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Born in Summit, he is survived by his parents, David and Raji Brand; two sisters, Samantha Brand and Sophie Brand, and his grandparents, Burton and Elaine Brand and Pampal and Veronica Sidhu.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, January 20, at the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union. Interment was at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge.

Memorial donations may be made to the Kylie Ann Rossett Foundation, P.O. Box 31, Rumson 07760.

January 24, 2002

Margaret Malanga, 79

Margaret K. Malanga, 79, of West Orange died on Friday, January 11, at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Born in Morgantown, W. Va., she had been a resident of Westfield before moving to West Orange 50 years ago.

Mrs. Malanga had been a reader with *Newsweek* magazine in Livingston for 15 years, retiring in 1987. She had previously been a reader with Burrelle's Press Clipping Service in Livingston for six years and a service assistant with New Jersey Bell Telephone in Westfield for seven years.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald D. Malanga; a son, Bruce A. Malanga; a brother, Andrew Kovach, and a sister, Helen Evans.

Surviving are two sons, Gary D. Malanga and Dean G. Malanga, both of West Orange; two sisters, Julia Guiles and Irene Boyer, and two brothers, William Kovach and James Kovach.

The funeral was held on Monday, January 14, from the Quinn-Hopping Funeral Home of Livingston. A Mass followed at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in West Orange. Interment took place at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

January 24, 2002

Rose Vallerio, 92

Rose D'Urso Vallerio, 92, of Toms River died on Thursday, January 10, at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains.

Born in Brooklyn, she had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Toms River.

Mrs. Vallerio had been an olive packer with the B.M. Reeves Company in Brooklyn for more than 40 years prior to retiring in 1972.

She was predeceased by her husband, Michael Vallerio.

Surviving are a son, Donald Vallerio; two daughters, Jean Fauci and Marilyn Gialanella; a sister, Louise McAleer; a half-sister, Judy Sereo; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Monday, January 14, from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains, followed by a Mass at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church of Scotch Plains. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Brooklyn.

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Concepts & Thought

Honor Rolls for Grades 9-10 at Westfield High Reported Recently by Principal Robert Petix

WESTFIELD – Westfield High School Principal Dr. Robert Petix announced that the following students were named to the first marking period honor roll for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The Distinguished and Regular Honor Rolls for grades 11-12 will appear next week, due to the massive amount of names.

REGULAR HONOR ROLL

GRADE 9 – 165 Students

Matthew J. Kukis
Sara A. Lesko
Andrew R. Levy
Abigail M. Lewis
Alyson Ludmer
Christian K. Luker
Elizabeth M. MacKay
Brendan J. Mahoney
Nicholas Malaspina
John Marks
Sarah Masel
Rebecca A. Mason
Corey J. Matricciano
Maggie E. McDermott
Tara J. Meagher
Jared M. Messina
Michelle L. Morawski
Taylor Mulvey
Joel Nemec
Barrett L. Newell
Katherine Newingham
Hillary Nicoll
Lisa H. Novick
Rebecca O'Rourke
Katharine Okamoto
Michael S. Oliff
Annie Onishi
Emily R. Ortuso
Giovanna Palatucci
Jonathan Dickinson
Michael C. Patella
Jeffrey Pazzo
Rebecca Perch
Sarah Perch
Matthew Perrelli
Nicholas Petrarca
Dina M. Printz
Emily Ragab
David Rimkus
Patrick G. Rizk
Alison Beth Rodino
Abigail Rosenstien
Perry Sacks
Gregory Salmon
Willia A. Schaefer
William Schoenbach
Jessica Schor
Sasha Sharif
Emily K. Sheehan
Anne E. Siwulce
Katherine Smith
Dana B. Spass
Brad Speck
Amanda Spector
Gregory J. Speir
Christine E. Stritt
Brian Stotter
Elizabeth K. Strickland
Michael N. Tannenbaum
Maxwell Thomas
Allison L. Tiedrich
Elizabeth T. Trimble
Justin Tullo
Allison Turitz
John H. Velasco
Christopher Velderman
Albert Venezo
Bailey Verdone
Jacqueline Weidman
Elizabeth J. Werner
Thomas White, 4th
Benjamin Wieder
Christopher Witkowski
Michael Woods
Kathy Yang
Sing Yeow
Anne Yingling

Sean Young
Michael Zahler
Lorena Zamarelli
Lisa Zhang

REGULAR HONOR ROLL

GRADE 10 – 155 Students

Jesse Abramowitz
Kimberly Adams
Katherine Albino
Prudence Alexander
Stephen Anderson
Brooke Austin
Leigh Mary Bannworth
Carl Baron
Alexander Barrett
Ryan M. Bartholomew
Rahul Bhasin
Benjamin Bogen
John Boyd
Kathryn Bucia
Nicole Brunetto
Jennifer Buccino
Ryan Burslem
Thomas Byrne III
Matthew Calvaruso
Sarah M. Caprario
Matthew Carlin
Michael Checchio
Jason Chironna
Dorothy Chou
Brian Ciaciarello
Danielle Coleman
Jessica Conner
Stefanie Courtney
Alex C. Crawford
Mikaela Cruz
Ashley Curry
Annika Danielsson
Christopher De Freitas
Joshua Dennerlein
Matthew F. DeSantis
Alexandra Devlin
Jonathan Dickstein
Sagiv Edelman
Rebecca Fallon
Kathleen Ferio
Maxine Fertig-Cohen
Elizabeth Fetisoff
Suzanna Fowler
Daniel Francis
Carolyn Freundlich
Steven P. Fromting
Jennifer Frost
Milan Fry
Claire M. Ganley
Ariel Garfinkel
Danielle Gelber
Amanda Genova
Erin G. Goldberger
Scott Grau
Scott S. Grobstein
Jessica Guerriero
Samuel Gurdus
Kirsten A. Hall
Christina Hamway
Carolyn E. Harbaugh
Erika L. Hasenflus
Christian F. Heinen
David D. Hewitt, Jr.
Kevin Hobson
Samantha Hooper-Hamersley
Carrie Hubbard
Michael K. Huber
Sabrina L. Hurley
Heather Idland
Peter Itz
Steven Jacobsen
Anthony Johnson
Paul Johnson
Elizabeth Keating
Christine Kessler
Thomas Killian
So-Mi Kim
Joseph D. Korfmaier

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

GRADE 9 – 78 Students

Jeffrey Bayne
Evan D. Bilheimer
Jake P. Brandman
Jacqueline A. Burns
Michelle Markowski

Caroline R. Cariste
Amanda L. Cohen
Daniel P. Cohen
Christina N. Cordeiro
Leah Di Matteo
Carina C. Don
Mark Doss
Gilad Edelman
Katherine Fahrenthold
Michael J. Fantini
Scott B. Fishberg
Meaghan K. Fitzpatrick
Megan Fowler
Lauren Gelmetti
Deanna Goldner
Justin Goncalves
Alexandra K. Hermann
Kate Judd

Mary Mc Call
Suzanne Merkelson
Jennifer Monnet
Kathryn R. Mulvey
Lauren E. Nolan
Tara O'Donohue
Brian Oxman
Elizabeth Purcell
David P. Reinhardt
Jessica N. Ropars
Rebecca K. Schulman
Kirsten Selert
Neda Simaika
Kayli Spialter
Adam V. Subhas
Monica C. Sull
Brendan J. Sullivan
Christopher Tropeano

Lauren Kelley
Samuel Kim
Colleen Kirk
Rebecca K. Korn

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

GRADE 10 – 20 Students

Stephen Adamo
Rebecca Bellovin
Sabrina C. Bengal
Hannah A. Burke
Sean Callahan
Youri Choi
Katherine Greenberg
Adam Gerckens
Alyson D. Goodman
Gianna E. Guasconi

Alec Wasserman
Lauren Winchester
Dana Zichlin
Dana Zichlin

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

GRADE 10 – 20 Students

Sarah M. Hoban
Candace Johnson
Kelli Layton
Meghana Limaye
Jourdan Loffredo
Caitlin L. Lojo
Jeremy Mac Kechnie
Aurora Rivendale
Ashley A. Yarusi
Laura M. Yee

Annual Competition Yields Several Awards for DECA

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter, an Association of Marketing Students, won 98 awards during their annual Central Region competitions, the highest total in their 32 years of competitions.

Vying against over 980 students from 28 schools in Central New Jersey, the 120 Scotch Plains-Fanwood delegates brought home 55 trophies.

The competitions included objective testing, and case studies on real business problems in marketing areas, such as management, promotions, selling, economics, basic and social skills and market research. The students also engaged in a role-play situation with a business person acting as a judge.

Winning first place was the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Quiz Bowl team of David Baumwoll, Joshua Finkelstein and Andrew Pavoni. Individual first place winners included senior Naor Chazdan, who also won two first place awards and a second place award in the Marketing Management event; senior Andrew Pavoni and sophomore Joshua Kay in the Retail Management and Technical Marketing events, respectively.

Seniors Jay Cordes and Michael Hughes teamed up to win the Travel and Tourism Management Decision Making event, as did the team of seniors Pamela Fischbein and Kerry McVey.

Second Place overall winners were: Alfred Twu in Food Marketing; sophomore Sean Colvin in Quick Serve Restaurant Management; Adam Bendik and Jesse Rogowsky in Sports and Entertainment Marketing; Tiffany Kane and Christine Troiano in Travel and Tourism; Matthew Vanderheyden and Daniel Zelikman in Financial Services.

Third place honors were awarded to Ryan O'Donnell in Retail Management; Michael Kaiser in Food

Marketing; Lenore McMillion, Adam Garrity, Steven Doremus and Danielle Hirschhorn in Business Services Management, Quick Serve Restaurant Management, Marketing Management and Apparel & Accessories Management, respectively.

Other winners who became eligible to compete on the state level were: Jack Egan, Matthew Bartiromo, Ryan Crawford, Steven Lowen, Laine Bonstein, Joshua Finkelstein, Brian Schiller, Maura Daly, Julianne Buro, Eve Stepanwicz, Marta Stepanowicz, Allison Newcomer, Robert Wallden, Christopher Feighner, Christopher Zidonik, Matthew Loomis, Sara Finkelstein, Anthony Bruno, Richard Fleissner, Joshua Heffler, Michael Zitorsi, Steve Pietrucha, Steven Rodriguez, Raymond DiNizo, Jonathan Bezutczyk, Drew Machrone, Jamie Buteus, Cristina Fabiano, Christina DeLusant, Christopher LoBrace, Jacquelin Smith, Jovonne Jones, Derek Francavilla, Kathryn Bantz, Lauren McVey, Jaime Gomez, Matthew Goldberg, Michael Hessmer, Shaun Bendik, Adam Corbin, Robert Kuchinski, Jack Meade, Sean Varsolona, Terrance Charles, Andrew Watson, Jeremy Sanders, Jared Turner, Salvatore Cerchio, Sefano Gaetano, Robert Lasher, Christopher D'Annunzio, Jason Kreuger, and Dori D'Aloiso.

DECA's statewide competitions will be held from Thursday, February 28, to Saturday, March 2, at the Cherry Hill Hilton.

Michael Erik Idland Earns Dean's List Recognition

WESTFIELD -- New York College at Cortland honored Michael Erik Idland of Westfield for making the Dean's List for the fall 2001 semester.

Catholic Schools Week to Start At Holy Trinity This Sunday

WESTFIELD – Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield will celebrate this year's theme, "Where Faith & Knowledge Meet," with a variety of activities during Catholic Schools Week.

To begin the week, on Sunday, January 27, masses will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountainside at 9:30 a.m., St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield at 9:15 a.m. and at Holy Trinity Interparochial School at noon.

Holy Trinity School Principal Dorothy Sztot will address parents and visitors. Highlights of the open house will include visits to classrooms, meeting teachers, and registering for the 2002-2003 school year for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

On Monday, all students and staff

will receive special Catholic Schools Week buttons to wear throughout the week, expressing their pride in their school. Tuesday, parents and visitors can participate in Classroom Visitation from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Students will receive an ice-cream social on Wednesday. Thursday, Sister Kathy Burton will lead an all day religious retreat. The week will culminate with a "dress down" day on Friday and a 12:30 p.m. early dismissal for an afternoon of roller-skating at USA Skates. Teachers will enjoy a luncheon provided by the Home School Association and the parents.

For further information about Holy Trinity Interparochial School and activities during Catholic Schools Week, call (908) 233-0484 or visit THIS at 336 First Street in Westfield.

St. Peter's Prep School Sets Open House This Sunday

JERSEY CITY – St. Peter's Preparatory School will hold its 2002 Winter Open House on Sunday, January 27, from noon to 3:30 p.m. at the school's campus in downtown Jersey City. Prospective students and their parents are invited to attend.

Members of St. Peter's faculty and staff, as well as coaches, students and teachers, will be present to dis-

tribute information and answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus and school facilities will be provided.

Applications for the Class of 2006 will also be available at the Open House. Last year, almost 250 families attended the open house.

For more information or for directions, please call (201) 547-6420 or visit www.stpetersprep.org.

Catholic Schools Week Marked at St. Agnes

CLARK – While celebrating Catholic Schools Week, St. Agnes School in Clark has marked several accomplishments, such as a new Pre-K, new playground and playscape, as well as increased enrollment and school spirit.

"Catholic Schools: Where Faith and Knowledge Meet," the theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week celebration, will be celebrated through Friday, February 1.

Registration for new students will take place today, Thursday, January 31, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. It will continue on Friday, February 1, from 9 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

Meeting the national and state curriculum standards, the students continue to excel in standardized testing. All classrooms are networked with Internet access. Spanish is taught in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Many opportunities in sports for boys and girls are offered and a variety of after-school clubs are scheduled throughout the year. School hours are 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Daily after-school care is available until 5:30 p.m.

For more information, please call (732) 381-0850.

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Wardlaw-Hartridge Posts Middle School Honor Roll Listing

AREA – Students from Westfield and Scotch Plains who attend The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison have been named to the Middle School Honor Roll for the second trimester.

Seventh grade students include Matthew Forman, Emily Kaplowitz, Rudi Richmond, and Alyssa Torpey.

Eighth grade pupils include Lauren Miceli and Walter Trosin.

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DESERIO SINKS 17, COOK NETS 16, MCKEON GETS 12

No. 3 East Side Surges in 4th; Top Blue Devil Cagers, 70-50

By STEVEN KRAKAUER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Espn.com says of Randy Foye, "He can flat-out score," and ranks the high school senior at No. 53 of all high school players in the nation.

Have you heard of him? He's the star of the Newark East Side boys' basketball team, the squad that defeated the Westfield Blue Devils, 70-50, on January 17 in Westfield. The score, however, hardly indicates the hard-fought battle between these two Watchung Conference powerhouses.

East Side entered the game ranked No. 4 in the Star-Ledger top 20, and Westfield was looking for their 10th win in their first 11 games.

The 6'3" phenom, Foye, with indescribable leaping ability, won the

tip over 6'6" senior Dan DeSerio to begin the game. Both teams pulled some fancy plays but both committed several turnovers. Three East Side steals were converted to six points; however, Westfield held on and led, 13-12 at the end of the quarter.

Blue Devil senior Jay Cook provided the bright spots in the first quarter, scoring seven of his team's 13 points, and collecting three rebounds and two assists. He did, however, turn the ball over three times in the quarter. Westfield also started slowly with their three-point shooting, missing their first four shots from beyond the arc.

Free throw shooting became a problem for East Side, shooting just 20 percent (2-10) from the line in the

first half. Westfield, in an attempt to keep in the game, shot 100 percent (6-6) from the free throw line. Despite strong efforts, Westfield slipped to a nine-point deficit at halftime, with East Side leading 32-23. The Blue Devils were able to contain Foye, however, holding the star to just six first half points.

The Blue Devils came out of the locker room fully rested, as senior Co-Captain Jimmy McKeon sank two quick three-pointers to begin the third quarter and DeSerio hit three of four free throws to close East Side's lead to just four.

DeSerio pushed his point total to 17 for the game, while McKeon tall-

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
ACTION BEFORE A NEAR CAPACITY CROWD...The game between 10-2 Westfield and No. 3 ranked Newark East Side drew one of the largest crowds in decades to show for a boys' basketball game in Westfield.

'FRANC' STARTS ERUPTION, CONNOLLY WINS IN O.T., POWELL WINS

Raiders Erupt, Win 9 of Last 11 Bouts; Overcome Blue Devil Wrestlers, 46-22

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

Take technical superiority and add two shakes of perseverance and you get the recipe for a convincing victory. After losing the first three bouts, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team used technical superiority and perseverance to win nine of the last 11 bouts and to claim a 46-22 victory over Westfield on January 16 in Westfield.

Undefeated 140-lb. senior Lucas Francavilla started the Raider eruption with a 12-3, majority decision and 119-lb. sophomore Eric Connolly

ended with a crucial 2-0, overtime win.

Francavilla had a tough customer in sophomore Lee Tomasso, but after scoring a takedown, he exercised his top-position dominance to gain six

plained Connolly. "In overtime, I said I have to get this over with now. I shot and came out the backdoor."

"Connolly beat a tough kid. They both may have been a little conservative. We have been working top posi-

tion a lot with Eric. He rode a good kid. That was huge for seeding and a big boost for his confidence," said Raider Head Coach Dave Bello.

With the match beginning at the 125-lb. class, the Blue Devils got a 3-0 team jump when Jake Kramer scored five takedowns and an escape to defeat Raider Ron Ferrara, 11-4. Freshman Tom DelDuca upped the team score to 7-0 by notching three takedowns, a two-point tilt and a penalty point to grab a 9-0, majority decision over 130-lb. Anthony Ferrante.

Junior Ethan Powell (135-lbs.) continued to be the most effective Blue Devil, improving his record to 16-1, but found the road to a 13-8 victory a bit rocky. Against Raider Chris Sprague, it was smooth sailing in the first period when Powell scored on a fireman's takedown and a two-point tilt. After Powell upped his lead to 7-0 with a three-point headlock near fall, Sprague came to life late in the second period with a reversal then matched Powell 6-6 in the third period.

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
APPLYING THE POWER HALF...Blue Devil Tom DelDuca, top, applies a power half nelson on Raider Anthony Ferrante in the 130-lb. bout.

near fall points via a tight waist and an arm bar. He also added a reversal in the second period and a smooth low single-leg takedown in the third.

Connolly needed his top-position proficiency against junior Joe DeCampo, who was equally proficient in the top position. After a scoreless first period, Connolly chose top and controlled DeCampo throughout the second period. DeCampo returned the favor to send the bout into overtime. Connolly's perseverance paid off 30 seconds later when he scored a takedown to earn the win.

"In the second period, I tried to cross cradle him but he wouldn't turn. In the third, I fought off his cradle but couldn't escape," ex-

just four points in the second quarter while scoring 10 to take a 21-16 lead into the locker room. The Raiders' defensive formula continued until the final buzzer.

Freshman point guard Jen Burke finished with seven points, senior Erin Gillooly and junior Lindsay Pennella each netted six and freshman Maura Gillooly sank four while Kellie LaForge and Jen Russell had three each.

The challenge offered by Irvington was far less, but the Raiders did what they had to do and were again led offensively and defensively by Klimowicz, who fired in 16 points and yanked in seven rebounds while swiping three steals.

Realistically, the game was decided in the first half and the entire Raider

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
COMING OUT THE BACKDOOR...Raider Eric Connolly shoots for a takedown in his 119-lb. bout with Blue Devil Joe DeCampo.

KLIMOWICZ LEADS OFFENSIVELY, DEFENSIVELY

Raider Hoopsters Overpower Lady Minutemen, Irvington

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

Each game, the maturity of the very youthful Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls' basketball team becomes more evident.

The 11-1 Raiders, who lost only to third-ranked Malcolm X. Shabazz early in the season, faced their second major test of the season and came up smelling like a rose on January 15 when they bounced Union County power, Elizabeth, 42-31, in Scotch Plains. On January 17, the hosting Raiders utilized their entire bench in a 57-31 humbling of the 7-4 Irvington Lady Blue Knights.

Defense played a major role as the Elizabeth Lady Minutemen were off

in their shooting. Freshman center Hillary Klimowicz, who led the offensive attack with 13 points, also controlled the boards and pulled down six rebounds.

"Our girls are coming along nicely. It was a big win. We were ranked eighth in the county and we only had one loss. I think some of the girls were looking forward to moving up a little bit. The only way to do that was to beat Elizabeth. They did it," expressed Raider Head Coach Brian Homm. "They (Elizabeth) may have had an off day of shooting but maybe we forced a little bit of that."

After a tight first quarter, the defensive pressure got to the Lady Minutemen as the Raiders held them to

CUSIMANO BLAZES IN 29 POINTS

Kearny Cagers Outlast Blue Devil Girls, 68-54

The defensive roof caved in for the 3-9 Westfield High School girls' basketball team when the visiting 4-8 Kearny Cardinals went on a 25-12 scoring frenzy in the fourth quarter to grab a 68-54 victory on January 19. Coming off a career-high 33-point game, Blue Devil senior Jackie Cusimano led all scoring with 29 points, including three 3-pointers.

In a chaotic, fast-paced first quarter the Cardinals jumped to an 8-2 lead before Blue Devil Head Coach Joe Marino called a time out with 4:37 left to settle his team. Cusimano rose to the occasion and netted seven points, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer that made the score 16-15 Kearny, and assisted Dana Passananti on a lay up. Senior Suann Hutchinson,

who had a team-leading six swipes, created a steal and converted to a lay up.

Early in the second quarter, on an assist from Cusimano, Lisa Venezia hit a two-pointer then Cusimano, on a breakaway, rolled in a lay up to give Westfield a 19-16 lead. Unfortunately, three straight steals led to a 26-21 Cardinal lead. Cusimano, who had 12 points in the quarter, nailed two 3-pointers, then sank two free throws just before the buzzer to give Westfield a 31-29 lead at the half.

The rapid pace got to the Blue Devils in the second half while the Cardinals flew toward the basket. Cardinal Laura Correnti, who finished with 21 points, netted six and

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
BEING CLOSELY GUARDED...Blue Devil Nicole Infantino, No. 20, finds herself amidst a host of Cardinal defenders.



Fred Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times
AN INDIVIDUAL WINNER...Blue Devil swimming ace John Chiesa touched first in the 200 Individual Medley against Shawnee with a time of 2:10.06. See another picture on page 14.

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A “WRENCHING” SITUATION...Blue Devil Craig Hewit, front, attempts to wiggle away from a possible pipe wrench situation being set up by Raider Steve Mineo in the 112-lb. bout.

CUSIMANO HITS CAREER-HIGH 33 Lady Blue Devils Edge East Side Cagers, 52-50

It has been a relatively rough season so far for the Westfield High School girls' basketball team; however, senior Jackie Cusimano has been smooth offensively as the Blue Devils' leading scorer.

On January 17 in Newark, Cusimano was exceptionally smooth as she poured in a career-high 33 points to lead the Blue Devils to a 52-50 victory over Newark East Side. Junior Lisa Venezia was the most fluid under the boards as she recorded a career-high, 17 rebounds.

After an offensively very modest first quarter where the Blue Devils held a 6-4 lead, Cusimano went to work and scored 14 of team's 19 points in the second quarter to give Westfield a semi-comfortable 25-16 halftime lead. Senior Dana Passananti, who finished with 12 points, sank a three-pointer in the first quarter and added the remaining five points in the second quarter.

The Red Raiders, led by Latoya Vaughn, caught the Blue Devils off-guard in the third quarter and outscored them 20-11 to knot the contest. Vaughn, who finished with 26 points, netted 12 in the quarter. Cusimano scored eight.

Throughout the fourth quarter, the Red Raiders committed a multitude of fouls and the Blue Devils capitalized on the majority of them. Cusimano, who was 12-15 from the line, went 6-for-6 in the quarter. With nine seconds remaining and the score still tied, senior Suann Hutchinson, who totaled four points via free throws, drew a foul and sank both free throws to finalize the scoring.

Westfield (3-8)	6	19	11	16	52
East Side (3-8)	4	12	20	14	50



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
WORKING DEFENSE...Blue Devil Dana Passananti, No. 12, tries to prevent a Kardinal from getting off the ground.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD after public hearing granted approval to Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Morik to construct a porch on the property at 98 Coriell Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey being Block 101 Lot 18.

Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at Borough Hall during normal business hours.

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Morik
98 Coriell Avenue
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
1 T - 1/24/02, The Times Fee: \$15.30

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-11340-01
HOMESIDE LENDING, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. EUGENIO LOPEZ, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 22, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2002 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 SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY & 97/100 (\$146,880.97).

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

Tax Lot 554 BLOCK 3
COMMONLY KNOWN AS 448 FULTON STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206

Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 25.0 feet wide by 100.0 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the SOUTHWESTERLY side of FULTON STREET, 175.00 feet from the SOUTHWESTERLY side of FIFTH STREET.

THE SALE IS SUBJECT TO UNPAID TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, TAX, WATER AND SEWER LIENS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS. THE AMOUNT DUE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITY.

There is due approximately the sum of TWO-HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY NINE & 96/100 (\$154,999.96) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH
SHERIFF

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
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Marlton, New Jersey 08053
CH-756354 - (WL)
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& 2/14/02 Fee: \$214.20

Raiders Win 9 of Last 11, Beat Blue Devil Matmen, 46-22

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"I got sloppy at the end and gave up a major (near fall)," commented a somewhat disappointed Powell. "I had him in a headlock and was going for the pin, but I got too high and he rolled me through."

Francavilla's win made the team score, 10-4, then 145-lb. Raider Matt DeNichilo quickly knotted the team score with a 22-second head pry, stack pin over Tom Byrne. After trailing 4-2, Blue Devil Gil Arbitsman turned the tables on Tyler Stender and pinned him in 4:11 at 152-lbs. Raider Charlie Bachi used a double-leg takedown followed by a Turk ride and a half nelson to pin Scott Saggio in 26 seconds.

Top-position superiority proved to be the difference in the 171-lb. bout between Blue Devil Chris Gismondi and Andrew Silber. Gismondi took a 2-0 lead with a takedown in the first period but, in the second period, Silber chose top and collected a two-point tilt using a shoulder claw and another two points using a pipe wrench. In the third, Silber ended the bout at 5:00 with an arm bar and a half nelson to give the Raiders a 22-16 lead.

"We have been spending a lot of time in practice on the top position. Andrew has always been tough on top and can turn people when he has to," noted Bello.

In a bout that looked like it could have gone either way, Raider Marc Fabiano made it go his way when he showed Mike Barbieri the lights in 4:00 with a half nelson. Raider Matt Loomis received a forfeit at 215 then perseverance came into play at heavy-weight when Andrew Loomis won a 1-0, sudden death overtime victory over Blue Devil Nick Gismondi.

At 103 lb., Rob Mench added six more points to Westfield's team score when he demonstrated his top-position superiority to entangle Dakim Gaines in 1:45, using double grapevines and a chin hook. Raider freshman Steve Mineo streaked behind Craig Hewit and rocked him to sleep in 40 seconds with a double-leg cradle.

"Overall, things actually went better than I expected because we didn't match up well," said Bello. "And Sprague wrestled a nice match against Powell."

"They are a very good team," said

Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz of the Raiders. "We thought we had a shot, our kids wrestled well. This is beginning to be a nice rivalry."

WEIGHT BREAKDOWN:
125: — Kramer (W) d. Ferrara, 11-4
130: — DeDuca (W) md. Ferrara, 9-0
135: — Powell (W) d. Sprague, 13-8
140: — Francavilla (SPF) md. Tomasso, 12-3
145: — DeNichilo (SPF) p. Byrne, 0:22
150: — Arbitsman (W) p. Stender, 4:11
160: — Bachi (SPF) p. Saggio, 0:26
171: — Silber (SPF) p. Gismondi, 5:00
189: — Fabiano (SPF) p. Barbieri, 4:00
215: — M. Loomis (SPF) won forfeit
Hwt: — A. Loomis (SPF) d. N. Gismondi, 1-0, 2 OT
103: — Mench (W) p. Gaines, 1:45
112: — Mineo (SPF) p. Hewit, 0:40
119: — Connolly (SPF) d. DeCampo, 2-0, OT

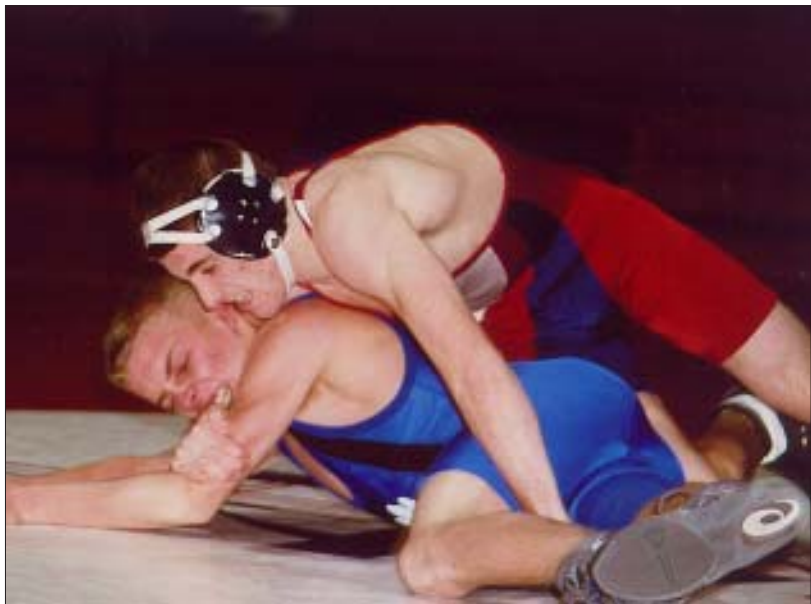
REGENYE IMPROVES TO 11-0, FULLOWAN TO 10-1 Highlander Matmen Corral Cougars, Tripped by Indians

By FRED LECOMTE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Governor Livingston High School Highlander Wrestling team suffered a 40-29 loss to 5-1 hosting Rahway on January 16 then followed with a 51-24 victory over the Chatham Cougars on January 18 in



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
WORKING ON A TILT...Raider Tyler Stender, top, works on an arm-hook tilt in an attempt to pry Blue Devil Gil Arbitsman to his back. Arbitsman regained the upper hand and won his 152-lb. bout via fall.



Fred Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times
WORKING A CROSS-FACE CRADLE...Highlander Mike Fullowan sets up a cross-face cradle on Chatham Cougar Doug Rillo in the 130-lb. bout.

Berkeley Heights to improve its record to 6-3. Senior Jon Regenye (152-lb.) continued to impress while sporting an undefeated 11-0 record and junior Mike Fullowan (130 lb.) recorded two more victories improve to 10-1.

Facing a solid Rahway lineup, the Highlanders gave the Indians all they could handle and fell shy of victory by a single bout. Highlander die-harts were pleased to receive impressive performances by numerous G. L. wrestlers.

Sophomore Rick Lecomte wrestling in the 119-lb. class, earned a 9-0, majority decision over a tough Steve Viegas.

"We went out there to beat them and we almost did," said Lecomte. "In my match, he was tough and aggressive. I worked the barrel roll several times and the arm bar tilt.

crunched Jeff Page, 12-3 and Fullowan registered a narrow 6-4 decision over tough Marcus Glasco.

"It was a big county match for me, seeding wise," said Fullowan. "Realizing he didn't have too many losses and not knowing much about his style, I worked the moves I felt most comfortable with. It really all came down to takedowns."

Fullowan added, "As a team, I feel we're starting to get a lot more comfortable with our new style, so we expect to become a lot more successful as the season progresses."

Regenye dropped Joe O'Reilly to his back in 3:19. Colin Price, at 189-lb. decked Mike Podell in 4:51 while 215-lb. Shawn Coughlin destroyed Enrique Huezio in 5:43.

"I'm really pleased with our teams performance", said Coughlin. "To come close to winning this meet is

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted January 17, 2002

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

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2002
AWARDED TO: Rosemarie Salerno, R.D., 60 W. Sumner Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey

SERVICES: To provide consultation to the clinical dietitians and dietary services at Runnels Specialized Hospital.

PERIOD: 2/1/02-1/31/03
COST: \$20,800

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board of Freeholders
1 T - 1/24/02, The Leader Fee: \$21.93

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-8172-01
EQUICREDIT CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY, PLAINTIFF vs. EARLINE SCOTT AND GEORGE SCOTT, HER HUSBAND, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 18, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2002 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 SIXTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR & 61/100 (\$166,784.61).

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 613 Court Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

It is known and designated as Block "Ward" 7, Lot "A" 94.

The dimensions are approximately 25.00 feet wide by 100.00 feet long.

Nearest cross street: Situated on the north-easterly line of Court Street, 150.00 feet from the northwesterly line of Sixth Street.

Prior lien(s): Taxes/Water/sewer Lien (Cert. #006690) sold 6/11/01 to FUMB CT/ MD Sass II (2) in the sale amount of \$874.25. The total amount to redeem to 9/28/01 is \$937.72. The total amount due as of 9/28/01 for property taxes, unpaid water/sewer charges and lien payoff is in the aggregate sum of \$5,265.00. 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 SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT & 05/100 (\$178,528.05) 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.

RALPH FROEHLICH
SHERIFF

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Kearny Cagers Top Devil Girls, 68-54

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seven points, respectively in the third and fourth quarters while teammate Melina Montunez, who finished with 20 points, hit six of her points in the breakthrough fourth quarter.

Cusimano sank six points in the third quarter and four in the fourth while Nicole Infantino, who finished the game with 12 rebounds and three steals, netted three of her nine points in the third and four in the fourth quarter. Venezia finished with eight points and two steals and Passananti finished with two steals, three assists, four points and a blocked shot.

Westfield will host Plainfield today at 4 p.m. and will travel to Cranford on Saturday, January 26 to play the Cougars at 7 p.m.

Kearny	16	13	14	25	68
Westfield	15	16	11	12	54

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-4920-01
FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. GERARDO J. ORTIZ; MRS. GERARDO J. ORTIZ, HIS WIFE, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 22, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2002 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 THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR & 82/100 (\$183,284.82).

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

It is commonly known as 711 MCKINLEY STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.

It is known and designated as Block WARD 4, Lot 1035.

The dimensions are approximately 25.00 feet wide by 85.00 feet long.

Nearest cross street: Situated on the north-easterly line of McKinley Street, 124.50 feet from the westerly line of Bayway.

Prior lien(s): SUBJECT TO UNPAID TAXES AND OTHER 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 TWO-HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTEEN & 53/100 (\$210,313.53) 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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-16629-00
FLEET MORTGAGE CORP., PLAINTIFF vs. JUAN PIREZ AND GLAIELA PIREZ, HIS WIFE, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 24, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2002 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 FORTY FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE & 66/100 (\$245,355.66).

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

Tax Lot 31 BLOCK 10
COMMONLY KNOWN AS 124 ALTON STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07201

Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 100.0 feet wide by 35.0 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the SOUTHERLY side of ALTON STREET, 129.12 feet from the WESTERLY side of CANTON STREET.

THE SALE IS SUBJECT TO UNPAID TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, TAX, WATER AND SEWER LIENS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS. THE AMOUNT DUE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITY.

There is due approximately the sum of TWO-HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND TWO-HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE & 18/100 (\$260,271.18) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH
SHERIFF

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9589-01
ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. DOMINGO QUEZADA, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 29, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2002 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 TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE & 76/100 (\$182,383.76).

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

Commonly known as: 119 FULTON STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.

Tax Lot No. 491 in Block No. 2

Dimension of Lot approximately 25.00 feet wide by 100.00 feet long

Nearest Cross Street: First Street

Situated at a point on the northeasterly sideline of Fulton Street distance approximately 225 feet northwesterly from its intersection with the northwesterly sideline of First Street.

PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES
2000 Third Party Water & Sewer Lien; Date of Sale: June 11, 2001; Certificate #6551S&W \$2,868.57.

There is due approximately the sum of ONE-HUNDRED NINETY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHT & 46/100 (\$192,508.46) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH
SHERIFF

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& 2/14/02 Fee: \$210.12

really something. I feel we are on the edge of something."

The victory was sweet against the Chatham Cougars in front of a packed gymnasium. Despite giving up 30 points via forfeits, the Cougar lineup proved to be tough and competitive. The action began with a very good bout at 119-lb., when Lecomte showed Andrew Adams the lights in 3:48. At 125, Tim Vanderveer followed with a strong 7-1 decision over a tough Sal Mannino. Fullowan continued his winning ways by decking 130-lb. Doug Rillo in 2:26. Coughlin at 215-lb., concluded the evening by dropping Alex Gelb in 1:57. Picking up forfeits were 103-lb. Marc Vanderveer, 135-lb. Craig DiStefano, 140-lb. Eric Serrano, 152-lb. Regenye and 189-lb. Price.

RAHWAY 40. G. L. 29
WEIGHT BREAKDOWN:
103: Ryne Ludington, (R) p. M. Vanderveer, 1:16
112: S. Herbak, (R) won by forfeit
119: Lecomte (GL) md. Viegas, 9-0
125: T. Vanderveer (GL) md. Page, 12-3
130: Fullowan (GL) d. Glasco, 6-4
135: Sean Horton, (R) d. DiStefano, 16-5
140: Anthony Nicasio, (R) d. Serrano, 6-5 OT
145: A. Montes, (R) d. G. Granholm, 5-3
152: Jon Regenye (GL) p. O'Reilly, 3:19
160: M. Santiago, (R) p. M. Sharkey, 4:30
171: Dave Racellis, (R) p. Marcello Cavallaro, 1:58
189: Price (GL) p. M. Podell, 4:51
215: Coughlin (GL) p. Huezio, 5:43
Hwt. Joe Giacobbe, (R) p. Rob Hernandez, 0:57

G. L. 51, CHATHAM 24
KEY MATCHES:
119: Lecomte (GL) p. Travers, 3:48
125: Vanderveer (GL) d. Mannino, 7-1
130: Fullowan (GL) p. Rillo, 2:26
215: Coughlin (GL) p. Gelb, 1:57

Highlanders Level Comet Lady Cagers

The Governor Livingston High School girls' basketball team laid waste to the 0-11 Hillside Comets with a 69-15 leveling. Rebecca Ringwood and Kathleen Dreitelin each netted 13 points to lead the 4-7 Highlanders.

The Highlanders burned the net for 28 points in the first quarter while the Comets managed only to trickle in four. However, scoring for the Comets was nearly non-existent in the final quarter as they netted merely a free throw.

Junior Peggy Lallis, who sank 10 points, was the Highlanders' chief thief with six steals. Meagan Butler put in seven points while Margaret Goodspeed, Catherine Dotto, Kerri Moore and Crystal Hammond scored six points apiece.

Hillside	4	4	6	1	15
Gov. Livingston	28	11	16	14	69

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF: WILLIAM J. MEEK, A/K/A WILLIAM JAMES MEEK, Deceased

Pursuant to the order of JAMES S. LACORTE, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 18TH day of JANUARY A.D. 2002, 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.

Jean M. Green
Executor

Donald D. Vanarelli, Attorney
211 North Avenue East
Westfield, New Jersey 07090
1 T - 1/24/02, The Leader Fee: \$19.38

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF: RICHARD LIEBLICH, Deceased

Pursuant to the order of JAMES S. LACORTE, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 18TH day of JANUARY A.D. 2002, 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.

Susan Lieblich
Executor

Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook, Attorneys
53 Cardinal Drive
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Westfield, New Jersey 07090
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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
BRINGING THE BALL DOWN COURT...Raider Lindsay Pennella, No. 33, brings the ball down court in the game against Irvington. The Raiders overpowered the Lady Blue Knights, 57-31.

Raider Hoopsters Overpower Lady Minutemen, Irvington

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bench experienced plenty of playing time by game's end. Klimowicz, who had 10 points in the first half, scored six in the first quarter and Maura Gillooly fired in eight, including two 3-pointers, in the second quarter to lead the Raiders to a 36-13 halftime lead. Gillooly added her third 3-pointer in the third quarter and finished the game with 11 points.

Pennella was the chief thief with four steals and finished the game with six points and three assists. Erin Gillooly netted six points and grabbed three boards. Burke put in six points and had three assists; LaForge scored four points, snatched two steals and had two assists while Katie Feeley and Russell each scored four points. Alethea Gibbs led the Lady Knights with eight points.

After the Elizabeth victory, "We got moved up to No. 2 in the county, so we still have to come out and win these games," emphasized Homm. "You worry about beating the top teams when you play them but you still must beat the teams you are supposed to beat."

The next test would come on January 19 in Scotch Plains against 10-2 Union. (See follow up story Raiders/Farmers).

"We are looking forward to playing the better teams in the county," said Homm. "There are about 10 teams that are very competitive with each other."

Elizabeth	12	4	9	6	31
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	11	10	11	10	42
Irvington	7	6	7	11	31
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	18	18	11	10	57

Union County High School Boys Basketball Results:

JANUARY 15:

Elizabeth 63, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 36

Tyrell Bell fired in 22 points for the 8-1 Minutemen. Anwar Montgomery sank 12 points, Mike Brennan hit for 10 and Steve Williams scored four points for the Raiders.

Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	8	4	11	9	32
Elizabeth	22	17	13	11	63

Plainfield 64, Cranford 60

Andre Dabney banged in 21 points for the healthy Cardinals and Kasim Rajahn scored 19 for the Cougars.

Plainfield	13	16	15	20	64
Cranford	10	17	11	22	60

St. Mary's (Elizabeth) 44, Dayton 28

Brett Wyatt had 13 points and 14 rebounds for 10-1 St. Mary's.

St. Mary's	13	16	4	11	44
Dayton	8	6	11	3	28

JANUARY 17:

Scotch Plains-Fanwood 56, Irvington 43

The Raiders came to life in the second half, especially when Anwar Montgomery scored 11 of his 18 points in the final quarter. Mike Brennan sank 13 points and Steve Williams put in 10.

Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	15	8	12	21	56
Irvington	16	8	5	14	43

Linden 75, Plainfield 52

The addition of 6'8" Jakeel Gary made the 18th-ranked Tigers even more treacherous. Don Busby fired in 29 points and Gary added 13. Andre Dabney put in 19 for the Cardinals.

Linden (8-2)	21	20	21	13	75
Plainfield (5-4)	15	8	11	17	52

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-4142-01
WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK FA SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK UNITED, PLAINTIFF vs. WENCESLAO ROMERO, ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED SEPTEMBER 01, 2001 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, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2002 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 SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY SIX & 44/100 (\$26,726.44).
Municipality: City of Plainfield
Street Address: 427 Orchard Place
Tax Lot: 11
Tax Block 238
Approximate dimensions: 33.60 feet x 97.90 feet x 33.10 feet x 98.37 feet
Nearest cross street: New Street
There is due approximately the sum of TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETEEN & 83/100 (\$28,919.83) together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH
SHERIFF

PLUESE, ETTIN, BECKER & SALTZMAN
A DIV. OF KATZ, ETTIN, LEVINE
905 North Kings Highway
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034
CH-756356 - (WL)
4 T - 1/24, 1/31, 2/7
& 2/14/02

Fee: \$171.36

JANUARY 19:

Newark East Side 58, Linden 55

Randy Foye blazed with 30 points for the No. 4 Red Raiders. Tony Wilson netted 17 for the Tigers.

Linden (7-3)	18	8	12	17	55
East Side (12-1)	19	15	10	14	58

Elizabeth 83, Cranford 70

Kashad Robinson scored 17 points for the No. 12 Minutemen and Jon Brown scored 27 for the Cougars.

Elizabeth (10-1)	22	18	24	19	83
Cranford (5-7)	8	21	21	20	70

Blue Devil Boys Halt Irvington Hoopmen

The Westfield High School boys' basketball team pulled ahead in the fourth quarter to halt Irvington, 73-62, in Westfield on January 15. Senior Jay Cook, who finished with 25 points, scored nine points in the final quarter to help put the Blue Knights' effort to rest.

The 9-1 Blue Devils totaled six 3-pointers and senior Dan DeSerio, who led all scorers with 33 points, nailed three of them. Jim McKeon hit one 3-pointer and finished with seven points and Louis Mercer scored five points. Shaun Williams led the 5-7 Blue Knights with 22 points.

Irvington	11	18	17	16	62
Westfield	14	19	16	24	73

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12399-01
BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE F/K/A THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, AS TRUSTEE FOR DELTA FUNDING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 1999-2, PLAINTIFF vs. WILLIE B. LYLES, ET ALS., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 23, 2001 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, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2002 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 SIXTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY & 02/100 (\$160,970.02).

The property to be sold is located in the city of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 453-455 Catherine Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201
Tax Lot No. 409 W08 in Block 8
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 50 feet wide by 95 feet long
Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the easterly line of Catherine Street with the southerly line of Flora Street.

There is due approximately the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY & 02/100 (\$160,970.02) 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
1139 Spruce Drive
PO Box 1024
Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024
1-908-233-8500
file no. XCZ-46450
CH-756355 - (WL)
4 T - 1/24, 1/31, 2/7
& 2/14/02

Fee: \$199.92

KLIMOWICZ PUMPS IN 17 POINTS

Lady Farmers Hold Off Rallying Raiders, 53-49

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

In what could be a prelude to the Union County (UC) Championship game, the UC No. 1 ranked Union High School girls basketball team held off a surging UC No. 2 ranked Scotch Plains-Fanwood team, 53-49, in Scotch Plains on January 19. The difference in the game may have simply come down to the direction of the possession arrow on jump-ball calls.

Coming into this game, the Raiders, featuring three freshmen in their top-six players, have earned respect, losing only to third-ranked Shabazz while amassing 11 wins. Any questions as to whether such a young Raider team could handle the pressure of such an important game were dispelled when they mounted a 23-7 rally in the fourth quarter to narrow the Farmers' lead to 50-49 with 11 seconds remaining.

"We were down 14-15 points and we came back to within one," said Raider Head Coach Brian Homm. "The effort was there. We fell a little short. Fifteen points is a lot to make up."

Raider freshman center Hillary Klimowicz led that fourth-quarter charge by sliding in 12 of her team-high 17 points and junior Lindsay Pennella sank eight of her 15 points. Freshman Maura Gillooly fired in one of her three 3-pointers during the quarter.

After Klimowicz rolled in a lay up

to bring the Raiders to within one point, three seconds later with eight seconds left, Farmer Monique Blake was fouled. Blake went to the line and missed both free throws. Klimowicz and Pennella grabbed the rebound; however, Farmer Ronke Adedoyin got a hand in and forced a jump call. The possession arrow pointed toward Union and the Farmers maintained possession.

"With a jump ball, they (Union) got the ball. If we get the rebound, at least we get an opportunity," pointed out Homm.

Blake was fouled again and netted one free throw. With three seconds left, another foul was necessary and, this time, Latissa Watson went to the line with and sank both free throws to up the score to 53-49.

Blake led all scoring with 24 points, Adedoyin finished with 16 and Watson had nine for the 11-2 Farmers. Raider Erin Gillooly finished with four points and five rebounds, Klimowicz had five rebounds and an assist and Pennella had four rebounds and two assists while Kellie LaForge scored two points, grabbed two boards and had two assists. Freshman point-guard Jen Burke had an assist and two steals and Maura Gillooly had two steals.

"It was a nice match up, one and two. It came down to the wire," concluded Homm.

Union	11	14	16	12	53
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	7	9	10	23	49

Union County High School Girls Basketball Results:

JANUARY 15:

Irvington 45, Westfield 28

Nicole Infantino scored eight points for the Blue Devils, Jackie Cusimano and Lisa Venezia netted seven and Dana Passananti put in six.

Westfield	7	11	4	6	28
Irvington	6	8	19	12	45

Union 50, Linden 40

Monique Blake scored 17 points and pulled down 15 rebounds for the 9-2 Farmers and Latissa Watson sank 17 points.

Union	20	7	12	11	50
Linden	9	12	7	12	40

Cranford 48, Plainfield 45

Sharon Majors led the Cougars with 13 points.

Cranford (7-2)	8	12	6	13	48
Plainfield (4-5)	9	7	10	13	45

Oak Knoll 54, Bound Brook 19

The 10-1 Royals continue to shine. Tracey George and Katie Cummings scored 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Oak Knoll	6	25	11	12	54
Bound Brook	10	2	2	5	19

JANUARY 16:

Roselle Catholic 44, Immaculata 36

Liz Imbriacco score 23 points for the 9-2 Lions.

Immaculata (9-1)	11	7	10	8	36
Roselle Catholic	11	6	12	15	44

JANUARY 17:

Union Catholic 53, Mount St. Mary 21

Kenya Johnson scored 12 points,

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-4623-00
EQUICREDIT CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. MARILYN J. LONEKER, ET ALS., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 03, 2001 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, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 30TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2002 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 SIXTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR & 90/100 (\$260,634.90).
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 1451 LEXINGTON PLACE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.

It is known and designated as Block 11, Lot 595.

The dimensions are approximately 35 feet wide by 100 feet long (irregular).

Nearest cross street: Situate on the northerly line of Lexington Place, 136.13 feet from the easterly line of North Broad Street.

Prior lien(s): The total amount as of 4/30/01 for property taxes and unpaid water/sewer charges is in the aggregate sum of \$13,331.18. SUBJECT TO UNPAID TAXES AND OTHER 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 TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN & 66/100 (\$283,287.66) 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, FRANKENBERG, NORGARD & KAPNICK, LLP
Suite 300
293 Eisenhower Parkway
Livingston, New Jersey 07039-1711
CH-756312 - (WL)
4 T - 1/03, 1/10, 1/17
& 1/24/02

Fee: \$222.36



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

IN THE HEAT OF THE ACTION...Blue Devil center Dan DeSerio, No. 30, mixes it with Red Raider superstar Randy Foye, No. 15, during the big basketball showdown.

No. 3 East Side Surges in 4th; Top Blue Devil Cagers, 70-50

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

led eight points in the third quarter as Westfield outscored the Cardinals 20-13. Then, as East Side's lead was cut to just one point, with the crowd of Blue Devil fans on their feet, Westfield self-destructed with only four minutes left in the game. DeSerio fouled out and the Blue Devils were routed 21-5 in the final quarter.

"I think the good side was that we can clearly hold our own against the top teams in the state, but the negative side is that we have to stay out of foul trouble and play for all four quarters," said DeSerio.

McKeon ended the game with 12 points and Cook finished with 16, as well as 10 rebounds. A bright spot for the Blue Devils was senior Louie Mercer, who dished off four assists

and snatched four steals. Foye finished with 20 points and eight rebounds, while senior Pierre Mitchell dropped 21 points and passed out four assists.

The key stat that showed East Side's domination was the steal margin. Westfield swiped nine steals while the Cardinals amassed 17 (both Foye and junior Calvin O'Neal had five).

Now standing at 10-2, Westfield has already won more games than they had all of last year. But this week should prove how successful the Blue Devils can be in what could be their toughest week of the season. They faced Elizabeth on Tuesday, and match up against Plainfield (another Star-Ledger Top 20 team) today at Plainfield. On Saturday, January 26 the Blue Devils face Cranford for the rubber-match of a tough series this season.

"We know we have a big week coming up. We're looking ahead and not looking behind," DeSerio said.

East Side	12	20	13	25	70
Westfield	13	10	20	7	50

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

Date Adopted January 17, 2002

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. 60-2002

AWARDED TO: Goodkind & O'Dea, Inc., 60 Feronia Way, PO Box 1708, Rutherford, New Jersey

SERVICES: To design a replacement structure for South Street Bridge, over the Salt Brook, New Providence, New Jersey.

COST: \$258,864.30

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board of Freeholders

1 T - 1/24/02, The Leader Fee: \$20.91

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-21163-00
NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY, PLAINTIFF vs. NELSON ORTEGON AND ALIDA ORTEGON, HUSBAND/WIFE; ET ALS., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 11, 2001 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, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2002 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 NINE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX & 25/100 (\$112,966.25).

Being known and designated as lot number 4 on a certain map entitled "Proposed Subdivision of 268-276 First Street, City of Elizabeth, Union County, New Jersey and filed in Union County Register's Office on April 8, 1991 as Map #786-C.

Also known as Lot #138C, Block 1 on Tax Map of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The above premises are further described in accord with a survey made by Paul J. Rinaldi dated March 3, 1995 as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northwesterly line of First Street distant southerly 25 feet from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly line of Insee Place with the northwesterly line of First Street, thence running

1. Along First Street, South 54 degrees 20 minutes West 31.25 feet to a point, thence

2. North 35 degrees 40 minutes West 100 feet to a point, thence

3. North 54 degrees 20 minutes East 31.25 feet to a point, thence

4. South 35 degrees 40 minutes East 100 feet to the northwesterly line of First Street and the point and place of BEGINNING.

Being commonly known as #276 First Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey

PREMISES are commonly known as 276 1st Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206.

THIS is a Purchase Money Mortgage There is due approximately the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT & 34/100 (\$18,828.34) together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH
SHERIFF

FREEMAN & GERTNER, P.C.
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
Suite 104
76 South Orange Avenue
South Orange, New Jersey 07079
CH-756336 - (WL)
4 T - 1/10, 1/17, 1/24
& 1/31/02

Fee: \$252.96

Union County High School Varsity Wrestling Results:

JANUARY 16:
New Providence 46, Ridge 27

KEY BOUTS:
103: — Ross Baldwin (NP) p. Julian Bommier, 1:39
119: — Jon Reedy (NP) md. Tom Zaborsky, 15-2
171: — Alex Pavlinov (NP) p. Steve Kammerer, 1:59
189: — Shane Mallory (NP) p. Tom Wahlgren, 5:41

Roselle Park 57, Brearley 17

KEY BOUTS:
112: — Ryan Yospin (B) tf. John MacDermant, 16-0, 4:00
119: — John Gura (RP) d. Marc Yospin, 5-4
140: — Stefano Serracino (B) d. Rob Dent, 9-2
171: — Dan Zika (B) d. Bob Appello, 8-4

North Plainfield 66, A. L. Johnson 9

KEY BOUTS:
Hwt: — Nick Jahn (ALJ) p. John Wells, 2:42

JANUARY 17:
Somerville 39, Cranford 37
Cougar Greg Donofrio grabbed his 100th career victory when he pinned 215-lb. Kevin Gray in 26 seconds.

JANUARY 18:
Westfield 54, Plainfield 22

KEY BOUTS:
125: — Omar Carter (P) md. Eric Gale, 14-6
130: — Jake Kramer (W) p. John Robinson, 0:25
145: — Tom Byrne (W) p. Rouland Seay, 1:07
152: — Gil Arbtsman (W) p. Ben Gonzalez, 2:36
160: — Mike Stenbridge (P) Chris Johnson, 0:46
189: — Mike Barbiere (W) p. Chris Walcott, 2:16
215: — Nick Gismondi (W) p. Jihad Carter, 5:59

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-18962-99
CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. JOSE M. DAVILA, SINGLE; MRS. JOSE M. DAVILA, HIS WIFE, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY, 17, 2001 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, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2002 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 NINETEEN THOUSAND THREE-HUNDRED FORTY NINE & 12/100 (\$119,349.12).
REAL ESTATE TAX DISCLOSURE
If designated below, there are liens in the estimated sum as specified below. Plaintiff advises that the municipal tax offices should be contacted to obtain any additional tax amounts that may be due.
1. Taxes: \$531.20 - 4th quarter, year 2001
2. Water & Sewer: \$2,339.99
4. Liens: \$2,470.07 - water, Taxes and sewer
CONCISE DESCRIPTION
1. The property to be sold is commonly known as: 230 PINE STREET, ELIZABETH NEW JERSEY 07206.
2. Tax Block No.: 1 Lot No.: 456
3. Dimensions of lot: 100.00 x 25.00
4. Nearest cross street: Second Street
There is due approximately the sum of ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND EIGHT-HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO & 98/100 (\$130,882.98) 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
HUBSCHMAN & ROMAN ATTORNEYS AT LAW
318 Bergen Boulevard
Palisades Park, New Jersey 07650
CH-756329 - (WL)
4 T - 1/10, 1/17, 1/24
& 1/31/02 Fee: \$204.00

Scotch Plains-Fanwood 47, Linden 22

KEY BOUTS:
125: — Eric Connolly (SPF) tf. Terrence Park, 16-0, 4:00
135: — Chris Sprague (SPF) p. Juan Monterrosa, 5:56
145: — Matt DeNichilo (SPF) p. Marco Rendeus, 1:35
160: — Sean Colvin (L) md. Charlie Bachi, 15-6

Roselle Park 55, Union 15

KEY BOUTS:
140: — Charles Mueller (U) d. Rob Dent, 6-2
189: — Shawn Kachnowski (RP) p. Alex Iwankiew, 1:06

JANUARY 19:
Brearley 36, Cranford 36

KEY BOUTS:
112: — Tom Murray (C) p. Ryan Yospin, 5:12
119: — Marc Yospin (B) p. Anthony Crecia, 1:25
130: — Stefano Serracino (B) p. Nick Seeman, 1:58
160: — Dan Zika (B) d. Brendan Small, 9-4

BridgeH2O Sink Raider Swim Boys

The 9-2 Bridgewater-Raritan High School boys' swimming team won by an 88-82 splash over 7-2 Scotch Plains-Fanwood at the Raritan Valley Community College 25-yard pool on January 18. The Raiders won two individual and two relay events out of the 11 events.

Steve Swenson touched first in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:03.37 and Ryan Hauptman finished first in the 100-butterfly at 57.35. Hauptman and Swenson joined with Eric Swenson and David Hauptman to win the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:53.84. Steve and Eric Swenson, David Hauptman and Jon Sheffield combined to win the 200-freestyle relay with a time of 1:35.01.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-10745-01
WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. MARQUINA MARVIN, ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 01, 2001 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, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 30TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2002 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 THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND SIX-HUNDRED THREE & 62/100 (\$38,603.62).
Property to be sold is located in the **City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey**
Premises commonly known as **306 Court Street, Elizabeth New Jersey 07206**
BEING KNOWN as LOT 66, BLOCK 3, on the official Tax Map of the **City of Elizabeth**
Dimensions: **100.00 feet x 25.00 feet x 100.00 feet x 25.00 feet**
Nearest Cross Street: **3rd Avenue**
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
Subject to unpaid taxes, assessments, water and sewer liens
There is due approximately the sum of THIRTY NINE THOUSAND NINE-HUNDRED NINETY ONE & 22/100 (\$39,991.22) 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, P.C.
Suite 505 Sentry Office Plaza
216 Haddon Avenue
Westmont, New Jersey 08108
CH-756311 - (WL)
4 T - 1/03, 1/10, 1/17
& 1/24/02 Fee: \$198.80



Fred Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times
ABOUT TO WIN THE 200-FREE RELAY...Blue Devils Alexa Vantosky, Kelli Layton, Suzanne Fowler and Kristin Selert combined to win the 200-yard freestyle relay event against the Shawnee girls in a time of 1:46.86. The Westfield girls swimming team defeated Shawnee, 92-78, in Westfield on January 17.

FSPY 'Y' Swimmers Edged By Lakeland Hills Boys

The FSPY Piranhas boys' were defeated by Lakeland Hills swim team, 110-98, on January 19. The Piranhas accomplished many notable swims.

In the 200-yd. individual medley, Billy Swenson (13-14) placed second with a time of 2:16:30. Brian Gartner (15-18) placed first at 2:04:63.

In the 100-freestyle, Andrew Smith (9-10) touched first at 1:10:49 and Peter Livolsi took third at 1:14:87. David Hauptman (13-14) was edged in the 200-free, taking second at 1:54:59.

In breaststroke, R. Hobson (8U) took first. Patrick Daurio (13-14) placed first in the 100-breast at 1:09:36. For the 15-18's, Steve

Swenson took first and Eric Swenson third.

Joe Dunn (8U) placed first in the 25-backstroke. For 9-10's, Zach Peart's 34:82 took first and Stephen Moonsar (11-12) touched second at 32:29. Kevin Bobenchik (15-18) placed second in the 100-back with a time of 56:31. Peter Weigal (9-10) also achieved a fast time in the backstroke.

Piranah's butterfly fliers had a strong showing with (8U's) Michael Daly and Greg Baliko taking first and second. Eric Walker and Michael Henkes (9-10) took first and second. M. Miller (11-12) placed second at 31:17. Michael Sheffield (13-14) achieved a time of 1:01:83, taking third in the 100-butterfly.

The medley relay teams of (9-10) Peart, Kosenick, Walker and Smith and 15-18's Shen, S. Swenson, Gartner and Bobenchik placed first.

Spartan Cagers Top Highlander Boys

The Immaculata High School boys' basketball team went on a 15-8 run in the third quarter and held off Governor Livingston, 45-41, in Berkeley Heights on January 18. Doug Caruso poured in 14 points to lead the 4-7 Highlanders.

Jason Gionta netted eight points and Scott Donohue scored six for G. L. Brad Clemente and Alex Stone both scored 13 points for the 4-8 Spartans.

Immaculata	6	12	15	12	45
Gov. Livingston	8	11	8	14	41

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted January 17, 2002
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. 49-2002
AWARDED TO: Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., PO Box 360545M, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
SERVICES: To purchase liquid oxygen through NJHA Group Purchasing.
PERIOD: 1/1/02-12/31/02
COST: \$8,000
M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board of Freeholders
1 T - 1/24/02, The Leader Fee: \$20.91

SPF Jr. Matmen Top Heights, Get 7 Medals at R. P. Tourney

The Scotch Plains Fanwood P.A.L. Junior Raider wrestlers captured seven medals at the Roselle Park Tournament on January 13. On January 15, they beat Berkeley Heights in a lopsided victory in Scotch Plains.

In Roselle Park, Patrick Mineo dominated his class and captured gold at Junior 110 lb. Jawan Gaines at Midget 60 and Daniel Gore at Midget 85 placed second. Midget 80-lb. Mike Ridge took a third while Sean Cannon, Eddie Heavey and Joe Sette all placed fourth.

Against Berkeley Heights, Gaines, Dio Curry, Gore and Trevor Cannon

provided the Raiders with four hard fought victories. Gore dominated his opponent securing a pin in just 25 seconds.

Mike Colineri (50-lb.), Sean Cannon (63-lb.), Matt Zawodniak (67-lb.), Mike Ferrera (77-lb.), Ridge (80-lb.), Antonio Albano (85-lb.), Brandon Wergland (102-lb.), Sette (110-lb.) and Hwt. Lordley Okarta received forfeits.

Thomas Bell, Cannon, Ridge and Willie Heard were all victorious in their exhibition matches. Marc Fusillo, Ryan McCarthy and Damian Gibbs also wrestled exhibition.

SPF 70, BERKELEY HEIGHTS 15
53 lb - Andrew Webster (BH) p. Kevin Lewis, 0:35
57 lb - Joey Hoy (BH) p. Brad Alleman, 0:38

60 lb - Gaines (SPF) md. Mike Coppola, 12-0
70 lb - Curry (SPF) d. Patrick Eichner, 6-1

73 lb - John Jennings (BH) d. Darell Linton, 6-3
90 lb - Gore (SPF) p. John Mangienello, 0:25

95 lb - Cannon (SPF) d. Matt Fullowan, 9-5

Head Coach Mike Ridge, Steve Cannon, and Kevin Morrison led the SPFPAL Wrestlers. Further information on the SPFPAL Junior Raider Wrestling program can be obtained on the web at www.spfwrestling.org.

SP-F Boosters Host Annual Quarter Dip

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Athletic Boosters will be hosting the Annual Quarter Dip. The event will be held on February 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

There is a start up fee of \$ 2.00 and food dips are a quarter per dip. Beverages will be additional. The quarter dip is open to everyone in the community. So mark your calendars.

St. Helen's Hoopsters Win Two, Fall to St. Joseph's

St. Helen's 5th grade basketball team concluded a successful week with wins over New Providence (46-24) and Our Lady of Peace of New Providence (39-24) and a 47-24 loss to St. Joseph's of Roselle's sixth grade team in combined CYO and Garden State League action.

Matt Isabella led all scorers against New Providence with nine points and Brett DiFazio and Greg Baker contributed eight points each. Kyle Marsh and Tommy McManus each chipped in five points in a well-balanced attack. Patrick Fringer had two key baskets and Spencer Cassidy and Neil Amato controlled the boards.

Against Our Lady of Peace, Brendan Burgdorf led in scoring with

12 points and Jimmy Reardon pumped in eight. Chris Sheehan and Isabella each added six points and James Hughes and Craig Dyer had three assists each. Dylan Clark contributed on both ends of the court.

In the loss to St. Joseph's, St. Helen's led at the end of the first quarter 9-4 and were in the game at half, trailing by four, 18-14. St. Joe's finally wore down the undermanned but scrappy St. Helen's squad in the second half. Isabella and Burgdorf led St. Helen's with five points each.

JCC Lakers Tear JCC Nets, 30-23

The Lakers defeated the Nets 30-23 in the JCC Central New Jersey 3rd & 4th grade basketball league on January 20.

The Nets quickly jumped out to a 10-2 lead behind the hot shooting of Lane Darwin and Alex Davis who both had three points, and James Leitner and Alec Friedlander who added two points each. Zach Flanzman netted the two points for the Lakers.

Later, the Lakers went on a 15-2 spurt. Flanzman and Michael Riesenberg each sank six points and Greg Stein added three to give the Lakers a 17-12 half time lead.

Riesenberg added seven more in the second half to lead all scorers with 13. Darwin led the Nets with 10. Jacob Schaffer added four more for the Nets late in the game, but by that time Adam Offitzer's two buckets and another basket by Stein had iced the victory for the Lakers, who also received some big defensive contributions from Spencer Merman and Eli Silvertin.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-609-99
SOVEREIGN BANK, FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. ARNULFO RODRIGUEZ AND AIDA L. RODRIGUEZ, HIS WIFE, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 10, 2001 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, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2002 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 TWO THOUSAND NINE-HUNDRED THIRTY & 56/100 (\$82,930.56).
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 139 CATHERINE STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.
It is known and designated as Block 9, Lot 114 W09.
The dimensions are approximately 30 feet wide by 100 feet long (irregular).
Nearest cross street: Situate on the easterly line of Catherine Street, 60.00 feet from the southerly line of Lafayette Street.
Prior lien(s): PD-004702-90 entered on 1/18/90 in favor of the Office of the Public Defender in the sum of \$621.50. Plaintiff alleges that the judgement has been satisfied. The total amount due as of 9/30/01 for unpaid taxes/water/sewer is in the aggregate sum of \$3,671.16. SUBJECT TO UNPAID TAXES AND OTHER 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 EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND 19/100 (\$88,000.19) 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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WHS Grad McKeon Interns At 'NBA' Headquarters

EASTON, PA. — Westfield graduate Elizabeth McKeon, now a junior at Lafayette College who majors in English and minors in Spanish, spent last summer at the National Basketball Association (NBA) headquarters in Secaucus researching and locating footage for the NBC television show, NBA Inside Stuff.

During the internship, McKeon composed and dubbed video material that was distributed to NBC studios, and delivered the material to NBC's studios in New York. She attended the NBA draft, and even participated in an episode of the show.

"I was always interacting with people who were great and always willing to reach me," she said. "I had such a great time and learned so much that it's indescribable."

McKeon who hopes to become a sports broadcast analyst and commentator, says her work over the summer

taught her just how challenging producing a TV show can be.

"I never knew how much work went into producing a show," she said. "After my summer experience I wouldn't mind doing behind-the-scenes stuff. But my real love is on-camera work."

During the 10 week internship, McKeon kept a journal and wrote a five-page paper about all she learned. Ultimately, McKeon says she hopes to work for the NBA again before she finishes her bachelor's degree and begins graduate studies in communications.

McKeon, who plays for Lafayette's women's basketball team, also serves as a Sports Council representative and peer mentor for student athletes. A graduate of Westfield High School, she's also director of scholarship for Delta Gamma, her sorority, and participates in a variety of intramural sports.



HURRICANES STRIKE AGAIN...The Westfield Hurricanes Girls Travel 6th Grade team recently the Madison Recreation Basketball Tournament held on January 13. They defeated Springfield 50-5, and Summit in the final round, 26-21. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Kathleen Donovan, Gabrielle O'Leary, Ava Scheininger, Melissa Souto, Charlotte O'Leary and Head Coach John O'Leary; back row, Ryan Ferro, Olympia Gaglioti, Claire Bennett and Assistant Coach Tim Donovan. Missing is Rachel Ganz.

Westfield UNICO Offers Scholarships

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Chapter of UNICO National, in conjunction with the UNICO National Foundation, Inc., will grant two \$6,000 college scholarships at \$1,500 per school year.

The Alphonse Miele Scholarship and the Theodore Mazza Scholarship will both be based on need and academic achievement.

The Mazza Scholarship applicant must major in one of the fine arts, architecture, history of art, music, studio art or theater art.

For more information, please call Westfield UNICO President Charles Grillo at (908) 654-3717 or e-mail mrbrpnting@home.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9155-01

WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. CARLOS ZACARIAS, ET ALS., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 10, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

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The judgment amount is ONE HUNDRED FIFTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN & 03/100 (\$151,418.03).

The property to be sold is located in the city of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 534 Richmond Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202

Tax Lot No. 1298 in Block 4

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 38 feet wide by 155 feet long

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the southwesterly sideline of Richmond Street 174.30 feet from the northwesterly sideline of McKinley Street.

There is due approximately the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY SIX & 84/100 (\$160,836.84) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH
SHERIFF

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& 1/31/02

Fee: \$191.76

Randolph-Macon Places Westfielder Christian Fagin On Dean's List for Fall

WESTFIELD — Christian Fagin, a Westfield resident and a 1998 graduate of Westfield High School, has earned a place on the fall 2001 Dean's List at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-6770-01

WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, PLAINTIFF vs. JANET TUDOR, ROBERT TUDOR, SOVEREIGN BANK, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 11, 2001 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, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2002 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 SIXTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVEN & 20/100 (\$166,407.20).

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Michael Seaman Graduates Coast Guard Recruit Training

WESTFIELD — United States Coast Guard Reserve Seaman Apprentice Michael J. Biggs, the son of Lynn M. Clark of Westfield and John C. Biggs of South Plainfield, recently graduated from the United States Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May.

During the eight-week training program, he completed a vigorous training curriculum consisting of classroom academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival; military customs and courtesies; seamanship skills; first aid, firefighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness, health and wellness.

Mr. Biggs and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's three core values — honor, respect and devotion to duty — and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. He will now join 36,000 other men and women serving in the Coast Guard force.

To reinforce the team concept, Mr. Biggs and his fellow recruits were trained in the prevention of sexual harassment; drug and alcohol aware-

ness; civil rights training and the basics of the work-life balance, as well as total quality management.

'The Yentatainers' To be Presented By JCC on Feb. 9

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey, Wilf Jewish Community Campus, located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains, will present "The Yentatainers" on Saturday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m.

The two women, who combine music and comedy in their performance, have appeared at the Catskills, Miami Beach and at Avery Fisher Hall, as well as at various temples across the country.

Advance registration is required. Interested individuals are asked to call Nan Statton at (908) 889-8800 to reserve a seat by Monday, January 28. Tickets are \$18 per person and \$10 per senior adult. Coffee and dessert will be included.

Red Cross Chapter to Offer Courses on Lifesaving Skills

WESTFIELD — The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled its winter courses and classes in lifesaving skills.

A Community First Aid and Safety class will be offered on Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This full-day course will teach participants infant and child Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), adult CPR and basic first aid.

Adult CPR classes will be held on Tuesday, January 29, from 6 to 10:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Tuesday, February 12, from 6 to 10:30 p.m.

The course will instruct participants on how to deal with choking, breathing and cardiac emergencies and will also include training in Automated External Defibrillation (AED).

An AED Essentials class will be offered on Wednesday, February 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. This course will teach participants how to use AED equipment. The pre-requisite for this class is that participants must hold a current certification in Adult CPR.

Infant/Child CPR classes will be held on February 2 from 1 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, March 6, from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., and again on Saturday, March 23, from 1 to 6 p.m. This course will cover choking, breathing emergencies and CPR for infants and children.

A First Aid Basics class will take place on Thursday, February 21, from 6 to 10 p.m. Participants will learn how to check the condition of conscious and unconscious victims, how to recognize and care for life-threatening illness and injury, and how to handle choking and breathing emergencies.

A CPR for the Professional Rescuer (infant, child, adult and two-person CPR) class will be offered on Wednesday and Thursday, January 23 and 24. The two-

part class will be held from 6 to 10:30 p.m. each night. A one-day training session is available on Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This course is intended for individuals who have a duty to respond to emergencies as job requirements, such as lifeguards, emergency medical technicians and health professionals. For individuals who currently hold this certification but need renewal, a class will be offered on Thursday, February 7, from 6 to 10 p.m. and again on March 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All training sessions will take place at the Red Cross Chapter House, located at 321 Elm Street in Westfield. Advance registration is required and space is limited. For more information, please visit the Chapter House, call (908) 232-7090 or send an e-mail to johnsonl@crossnet.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted January 17, 2002

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

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2002
AWARDED TO: University Health System of New Jersey (UHSNJ), 154 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey

SERVICES: For participation in the Maryland Hospital Association's (MHA) Quality Indicator Project for Psychiatric and Long Term Care.

PERIOD: 1/1/02-12/31/02

COST: \$6,545

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board of Freeholders

1 T - 1/24/02, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

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RESOLUTION NO. 68-2002
AWARDED TO: Donald Smith, Esq., 1139 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey

SERVICES: For legal representation for Union County mental health patients in their commitment hearings.

COST: Not to exceed \$37,500

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board of Freeholders

1 T - 1/24/02, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO.
F-9380-99

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
Debora Tomaka, Gregory Pepe, Ann G. Pepe, and Jonathan Hussy, his heirs, devisees, personal representatives and successors in right, title and interest.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Leib, Kraus, Grispin & Roth, plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 328 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076, telephone number (908) 322-6200, an Answer to the Foreclosure Complaint and Amendments to Complaint filed in a civil action in which James E. Kriney, Jr. is plaintiff and Mark S. Pepe, individually and as executor of the estate of Theodore W. Hart, Jr., et als. are defendants pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Hunterdon County, and bearing docket no. F-9380-99 within 35 days after January 24, 2002 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Foreclosure Complaint.

You shall promptly file your Answer and Proof of Service thereof in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey at the Foreclosure Unit, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the mortgage dated June 3, 1987 made by Theodore W. Hart, Jr., as mortgagor to Starpointe Savings Bank, predecessor in interest to the Dime Savings Bank of New York, FSB, recorded on June 10, 1987, in the offices of the Clerk of Hunterdon County, in book 812 of mortgages for said county, page 279, and to also foreclose a mortgage dated June 3, 1987, made by James E. Kriney, Jr. and Theodore W. Hart, Jr., as Mortgagors to Starpointe Savings Bank, predecessor in interest to the Dime Savings Bank of New York, FSB, which mortgage was recorded on June 12, 1987 in the offices of the Register of Union County in Book 3763 of Mortgages for said county, page 341; and to recover possession of, and concerning premises commonly known as 2060 Route 31, Block No. 8, Lot No. 11, on the Tax Maps of the Borough of Glen Gardner, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, and 1520 East Second Street, Block No. 301, Lot No. 2, on the Tax Maps of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey. You, Debora Tomaka, Gregory Pepe, Ann G. Pepe, and Jonathan Hussy are made defendants because the mortgaged property was devised to you and your respective issue per stirpes as beneficiaries of the Estate of Theodore W. Hart, Jr. You, the heirs, devisees, personal representatives and successors in interest are made defendants in the event Jonathan Hussy is deceased.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may contact the Lawyer Referral Service of Hunterdon County by calling (908) 735-2611. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Hunterdon by calling (908) 782-7979.

DONALD F. PHELAN
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BEYOND THE COOKIES... Girls from Franklin fifth grade Junior Girl Scout Troop No. #56 participated in a service project where they assembled activity packs for young patients at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Pictured, from left to right in the back row are: Katie Abruzzo, Ivy Harrington, Charlotte Clarke, Kristen-Leigh Caruana, Amy Frattarola and Cassie Simcox. Shown in the front row are Caitlin Steele, Taylor Murtishaw, Kate Sheridan, Tara Handza and Annie Re.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on Monday February 11, 2002 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following appeals for variance from the requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance:

1. Tom and Bonnie Holt, 779 Summit Avenue seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section 11.08 E5 of the Land Use Ordinance. Applicant proposes the required street side yard setback for corner lot of 16 feet. Ordinance requires 20 feet.
2. Dr. and Mrs. Carl Ingrassia, 512 Colonial Avenue seeking permission to build a cantilevered bay in side yard contrary to the requirements of Section 11.06 E.6. and 12.04 F. of the Land Use Ordinance. Applicant proposes side yard set back of 10.15 feet. Ordinance requires 15 feet. Maximum building coverage proposed is 20.2%/2125 square feet. Ordinance requires 20%/2100 square feet.
3. Wassef H. and Mahro H. Simaika, 246 Sinclair Place seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section 12.04 F and 12.04 E of the Land Use Ordinance. Application proposes a Maximum building coverage of 20.5%. Ordinance allows 20%. Maximum floor area ratio proposed is 36%. Ordinance allows 35%.
4. Bruce and D'Arcy Dunnann, 650 Maple Street seeking permission to erect a two story addition contrary to the requirements of Section 12.04 F1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Maximum allowable coverage of building and structures proposed is 22.8%. Ordinance allows 20.
5. Robert Cutro, 741 Oak Avenue seeking permission erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section 11.09 E.6. and 13.01 B of the Land Use Ordinance. Applicant proposes a minimum side yard set back of 5 feet 9 inches. Ordinance requires 10 feet. Also proposed is a 5 feet 6 inches set back from an accessory structure (garage). Ordinance requires at least the height of the accessory structure (garage) which is 14 feet 5 inches.
6. Richard and Alice Corkery, 515 Woodland Avenue seeking permission to erect a two-car garage contrary to the requirements of Section 13.01 I1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Maximum height of accessory structure (garage) proposed is 18 feet. Ordinance allows 15 feet.
7. Daniel and Diane Sawicki, 712 Hyslip Avenue seeking permission to erect a front porch and extension of front steps contrary to the requirements of Section 12.03 D and 12.03 of the Land Use Ordinance. Front yard setback proposed is 41.77 feet. Ordinance requires estimated front yard setback which is 43.83 feet. Right side yard setback proposed (and present) is 13 feet. Ordinance requires 15 feet.
8. Karrie Hanson and Ben Greene, 402 Harrison Avenue seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section 11.08 E5, 11.08 E6 and 12.04 F of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum street side yard (corner lot) proposed (and present) is 15 feet. Ordinance requires 20 feet. Minimum side yard proposed (and present) is 9.71 feet. Ordinance requires 10 feet. Maximum allowable coverage by structures proposed with porch is 27.7% and without porch is 21.5%. Ordinance allows 20%.
9. Take Good Care Holdings, Inc., 222 North Avenue West seeking permission to erect signage contrary to the requirements of Section 16.04 E1a of the Land Use Ordinance. Applicant proposes three (3) signs. Ordinance allows only one (1) wall or awning sign at the main entrance.

Documentation of the above is on file in the Office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Any interested party may appear at the hearing, either in person, or by their attorney, and be given an opportunity to be heard with respect to this application.

Colleen Mayer, Secretary
Board of Adjustment
Fee: \$96.90

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Banquet to Recognize Y's Black Achievers

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Y, located at 220 Clark Street, will hold its fourth annual Black Achievers Banquet on Thursday, February 7, starting at 6:30 p.m. at The Westwood in Garwood.

The dinner honors individuals involved with the Black Achievers program and will feature keynote Congressman Donald Payne as the keynote speaker. The cost is \$75 per person.

The Black Achievers Program focuses on building community partnerships in which young people are encouraged to develop their fullest potential in spirit, mind and body.

By matching youth with achieving African-American professionals as role models, the program aims to raise the academic standards of young people; expose students to diverse career options and inspire them to reach for their goals.

For more information about the banquet or the Black Achievers program, please call Doreen Thaxton, the Y's Community Outreach Director, at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 268.



VISIT WITH THE MAYOR... Brownie Troop No. 289 recently visited Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks, who gave the girls a tour of the Municipal Building and answered their questions. Pictured, left to right, are: Emily Skaar, Ryann Morrison, Megan Huxford, Mayor Marks, Brittany D'Annunzio, Stefanie DeVizio, Lindsay Laguna and Julia Babis.

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RAINBOWS Program To Focus on Helping Kids Deal With Loss

SUMMIT – Barbara Coloroso, the author of “Parenting Through Crisis,” will speak on “Helping Kids in Times of Loss, Grief and Change” on Monday, January 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Summit Middle School in Summit.

A former Franciscan nun, special education teacher, university instructor and parent, Ms. Coloroso will offer advice for supporting children as they navigate the emotional ups and downs that accompany loss.

The discussion will be offered through the New Jersey Chapter of RAINBOWS, Inc., an international, non-profit organization that provides grief support programs for children, teenagers and adults.

RAINBOWS offers a 12-week peer support program using age-appropriate curricula and trained adult volunteers to assist children in dealing with painful loss and change in their lives.

Individuals interested in a RAINBOWS location near them, or for tickets, reservations or more information about the event featuring Ms. Coloroso, please call the RAINBOWS office at (908) 608-0888.

A \$10 admission donation is requested. The program will be sponsored by Chase Manhattan Bank, Lois Schneider Realtors and the Summit Parent-Teacher Association.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
 NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
 Date Adopted January 17, 2002**

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. 51-2002
 (Amending Resolution 640-2001)
 AWARDED TO:** Associate Attending Physicians
SERVICES: For providing "on call" medical coverage to the medical staff for nights/weekends at Rumlins Specialized Hospital.

PERIOD: 9/1/01-8/31/02
COST: \$43.00 per hour
 M. Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board of Freeholders
 1 T - 1/24/02, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

Overlook Seeks Donations Of Blood and Platelets

SUMMIT – Overlook Hospital in Summit is appealing to the public to donate blood to be used in the Emergency Room, for patients undergoing non-emergency surgeries that require transfusions, and for children being treated for leukemia and blood disorders at the hospital's Valerie Clinic.

According to the hospital, it is particularly important for new donors to come forward in the winter, since bad weather and seasonal ailments prevent others from making appointments during these months, and the blood supply can reach dangerously low levels.

"All of the blood donated through Overlook Hospital Blood Donor Services is used for patients at Overlook," said Loretta Ferrara, a Blood Donor Recruiter at the hospital.

Anyone in good health and over age 18 (17 with parental permission) can donate blood. The procedure takes less than an hour and free snacks and a gift come with every donation.

Overlook Hospital is also in need of platelet donors. Platelets are cell particles in the bloodstream that aid in blood clotting. They are removed separately and the rest of the blood is returned to the donor.

Like blood donation, platelet donation is a simple procedure, although it takes longer. Platelets are used in treating chemotherapy patients, such as those with leukemia.

To make an appointment to donate blood at Overlook Hospital, please call Blood Donor Services at (908) 522-3509.

Woman's Club Plans Dinner Theater Trip For Butterflies Are Free

FANWOOD – A bus trip to the Hunterdon Hills Dinner Theater is planned by the Fanwood Woman's Club for Friday, February 22, to see *Butterflies Are Free*, a comedy by Leonard Gershe that won Goldie Hawn an Academy Award for her role in the film version of the play.

The public is invited to participate in this event, which will help underwrite the Woman's Club's various charitable projects.

The bus will leave at 10 a.m. from the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center on Watson Road in Fanwood, near the intersection of Martine Avenue, and will return there around 4 p.m. Playgoers may leave their cars at the new pocket park located on the opposite side of Watson Road.

For more information or to make a reservation, at \$52 per person, please call Barbara Coupfos, Fanwood Woman's Club Fundraising Chairwoman, at (908) 322-7892, or Marge Palmer, Club President, at (908) 322-4772.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 47-2002
 AWARDED TO:** Mary Jo Kreis, 124 St. Paul Street, Westfield, New Jersey
SERVICES: To provide professional services for the patients/residents of Rumlins Specialized Hospital.

PERIOD: 2/1/02-1/31/03
COST: \$87,750
 M. Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board of Freeholders
 1 T - 1/24/02, The Leader Fee: \$20.91

**RESOLUTION NO. 50-2002
 AWARDED TO:** Hill Rom Corp., Highway #46, Bates, Indiana
SERVICES: For the rental of therapeutic beds through NJHA Group Purchasing.

PERIOD: 1/1/02-12/31/02
COST: \$45,000
 M. Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board of Freeholders
 1 T - 1/24/02, The Leader Fee: \$20.40



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For example, Laurie Halse Anderson's novel "Speak" which was recently released by Puffin as a paperback, deals with the issue of date rape. Melinda Sordino, a high school freshman out-

cast, becomes mute as a result of being attacked at a party. As Ms. Anderson's first book, it makes an excellent debut into the world of YA literature. In "Fat Chance" by Leslea Newman, published by Paper Star Publishers in 1996, tells the tale of a thirteen-year-old Judi Leibowitz's experiment with bulimia as a way of trimming down her chubbiness. The book is written in a diary format a particularly appealing feature to women readers. While the book is fiction, it is based on the real-life diary of a young woman who died from bulimia.

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ing distance of his home, Jeff and his family struggle to live a normal life while dealing with the ramifications of the abduction. The book is fiction, but reads like real life.

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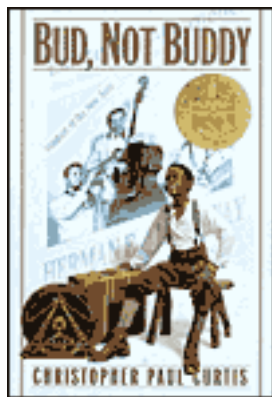
New Jersey Author To Sign Picture Book

Ever thought how an only dog feels when its parents bring home a new puppy?

Town Book Press, the imprint of Westfield's Town Book Store has recently released "Chelsea and the New Puppy" by Loren Spiotta-DiMare of Tewksbury, New Jersey.

Loosely based upon the frolics of the author's spaniels, Chelsea and Smokey, children will easily draw parallels between sibling rivalry and the behavior of the two dogs. Illustrator Kara Lee's watercolor paintings compliment the charming story and bring the words to life. All children, but especially those with one or more pet dogs, will adore this picture book.

Meet the author at her upcoming book signing at The Town Book Store, 255 East Broad Street, Westfield on Saturday, February 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



not Buddy" by Christopher Paul Curtis, tells the story of Bud Caldwell a 10-year old orphan on the run from his foster parents.

The setting is 1930 Michigan. Bud is orphaned due to the death of his single mother. He is determined to find his father and he thinks he knows who that man is. The unexpected ending to the story makes it easy to see why this book was worthy of such a prestigious award in 2001. It has recently been released in paperback by Yearling Books.

The devastation of having a relative suffering from AIDS is chronicled in "My Brother Has Aids", written by Deborah Davis. When Jack, her 27-year old brother comes home to die, 13-year old Lacy and her parents deal with the complications of the disease, as well as the social stigma that came along with publicly admitting an AIDS diagnosis a few years ago.

Jeff, the main character in "When Jeff Comes Home," tells the story of his abduction and sexual abuse in Catherine Atkin's first novel, recently released as a paperback by Puffin. Abducted at a highway rest stop and held for two and half years before being released within walk-

Stern

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seven nights a week. And in early 1997, a full-length motion picture adaptation of "Private Parts" opened to reviews that were surprisingly positive and helped the film garner a very respectable box office take.

A Stern-produced series called "Son of the Beach," a spoof of "Baywatch," is now in its third season on the FX network. Perhaps it's time for the naysayers to admit that he truly is the King of All Media, as he dubbed himself several years back.

Stern's fame has also translated into a good deal of recognition for his sidekicks, including longtime co-host Robin Quivers, the lone female among the band of testosterone-filled men on the show and author of a bestselling autobiography a few years back.

Stern may rankle many, but many of his fans see him as a quick-witted commentator, humorist, satirist, ad libber and observer, a skilled interviewer and debater, and the most entertaining way to get through the morning.

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The Superbowl is fast approaching and there is no better place to find the top recipes for your Sunday celebration than A&E! Clip 'em out and cook 'em up and you are guaranteed to please the fans!

Bach Festival Series Returns For New Season

WESTFIELD — Following up on last year's success, the Festival Committee has planned a three-day event, celebrating the works of J. S. Bach, to be held at various Westfield churches during the last weekend of February.

The opening program, Friday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m. will be a semi-staged English production of Bach's humorous *Coffee Cantata* and *Peasant Cantata*. The presentation will be in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and will feature tableside seating and coffee and pastries.

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 23, there will be a symposium on the omnipresent symbolism in Bach's music, and at 2 p.m., the popular Organ Marathon will return for three hours of non-stop performances. Both Saturday events will be held at The First Congregational Church.

The gala closing concert, which is slated for 7:30 p.m. on Sunday evening, will feature the Westfield Bach Festival Chorus, Soloists and Orchestra, and will be preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a pre-concert lecture on the music to be heard.

Philip Dietterich, the former director of the Westfield Oratorio Society, is returning to conduct this Festival performance, which will take place at the Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity.

Series and individual concert tickets will be available after February 1 at the participating churches: The First Congregational Church, The First United Methodist Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity, and The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Series tickets may be purchased at Betty Gallagher's Antiques, The Classic Basket, Lancaster, Ltd., and Periwinkle's.

The Westfield Bach Festival is made possible in part by a generous grant from the Westfield Foundation.

For more information about the festival, please visit <http://www.westfieldbachfestivalhomesite.com>.

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By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
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Call *Orange County* Johnny's first good film. Or at least the best thing he's deemed to view since he stopped being seen in the movie theater with the likes of you.

Sure, I know. Once upon a time you bathed him in cinematic culture. You took him to see every new kiddie flick that came to the Rialto.

At home in the den, with VCR as your spoon, you lovingly fed him classics like *Lady and the Tramp* (1955) and *The Wizard of Oz* (1939). *Mary Poppins* (1964) seemed to play on an endless loop. You even tried to sneak in a couple of your old favorite black and whites. (Don't worry...someday he'll impress a film professor, or at least a co-ed, with the reel knowledge you imparted).

You so hoped to prepare him to grab life's brass ring. It's just that for the time being he prefers to wear it in his nose. And he likes his movies to match that mood.

Thus he has no compunction about seeing the same trashy teen fare week in and week out. Unlike the titles and the names of the various "hotties" change, and then barely.

Otherwise, it's either a horror picture with the requisite number of "awesome" decapitations or a gross-out comedy with enough potty jokes to keep a convention of Freudians deep in speculative quandary about toilet training in America. But *Orange County* is none of that. And once Johnny realizes he's been betrayed at the Bijou, he may even like it.

However, be warned. *Orange County* isn't love at first bite. In fact it takes a little too much time for director Jake Kasdan's interpretation of Mike White's screenplay to get its creative juices flowing.

For the first half hour of expository nonsense, when first we learn of high schooler Shaun Brumder's epiphany and his obsession to study writing at Stanford, it is cacophonously illustrated exactly why that dream could not possibly come true.

Of course the kids will love this: You see, holding Shaun back are not his poor study habits, lack of ambition or a group of bad friends. Quite the contrary. He's the class president and a model student despite his slacker pals, who, along with his ever complaisant girlfriend (Schuyler Fisk), support his every move. Nope. Sorry Mom. Sorry Dad. The spoilers here are his separated parents. That'll teach you to get divorced!

But you'd think a drunken mater played with swigging grandeur by Catherine O'Hara and a selfish tycoon of a pater portrayed by John Lithgow would be just about enough to hamper Shaun in his academic plans. Wrong again. Because when it comes to familial forces working against him, the thoughtful young man, exacted with a familiar, chip off the old thespian restraint by Colin Hanks (that's right, Tom's son), manages the hat trick.

Enters Jack Black as Lance, his drugged-out, embarrassment-from-Hell brother who, for one reason or another, always seems to wind up traipsing incoherently in his underwear.

Of course it doesn't help that Shaun's dizziness guidance counselor (Lily Tomlin) made his admittance to Stanford an extra-tough challenge in the first place by sending that college the class idiot's transcript instead of his.

Tomlin, joining a surprise retinue of unbidden stars who gift *Orange County*

with several plot-important cameos, is a rip when the Merit Scholar, anguished by the rejection, storms into her office. She asks, "And you are?"

Trying to right the catastrophic mix-up, Shaun's girlfriend calls in a chip owed her by the class strumpet. Actually, it's a bit more like blackmail. But in any case, it just so happens that the gal's grandfather, played by a comically starchy Garry Marshall, is a major trustee at the university. Thus at her behest the bigwig agrees to a home visit.

Now bearing in mind that this is a farce, factor in the total insanity that plagues Shaun's family, and then imagine the scene at the Brumder manse when the college muckamuck and his equally uptight wife make their inspection tour.

Needless to note, another plan is in order. And surprisingly enough, it emanates from big brother Lance: Drive up to Stanford with the correct transcript, says he, hand it right to the dean of admissions, and appeal to his sense of fairness.

Hence with his girlfriend and brother in tow, Shaun agrees to the last ditch pilgrimage. And as is befitting a visit to a place of higher learning, the experience is, er, educational, even if not in the conventional sense of the term.

An alternately rambunctious and edifying trek, *Orange County* has its quotient of property damage and exaggerated family dysfunction. That's for those teen viewers who must be carefully weaned from such attractions lest withdrawal symptoms set in.

It is also entertaining, in the very conventional sense of the term. Meaning the ultimately sweet movie has a beginning, middle and end, some decent characterizations, and a moral to the story that isn't just slapped on for appearances. But don't tell that to Johnny.

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Orange County, rated PG-13, is a Paramount Pictures release directed by Jake Kasdan and stars Colin Hanks, Schuyler Fisk and Jack Black. Running time: 90 minutes.

Stauss Festival

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Full of glorious horn sections, performed by Lucinda-Lewis and her Valkyrie horn section, and rich scoring, the piece infused the audience with Germanic heroism. One could sense beams of Teutonic chords radiated from the orchestra out into the hall like rays of golden sunlight.

The NJSO must overcome a central liability in a lack of strength and sound produced by the string section, not including the basses, which are superb. There are too many upper-level strings of violins and violas that are not playing with the dynamic vigor an orchestra ascendant requires. They are sitting back, appearing as if they are only along for the ride.

Maestro David Wroe of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra would be the best selection to lead the NJSO. He, along with only a handful of others, will be able to instill the necessary drive and enthusiasm to bring the orchestra to the next level.



Get Outta The House

By CAROL F. DAVIS

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Lights...Action! If you love being the first one to see a movie, sign up for either this six- (\$121) or 12-week (\$229) film series. Watch the films, and then join in a discussion with the creators.

The Filmmakers Symposium premieres movies, and is held locally at the Loews Mountinside theaters on Monday evenings. Sessions begin on February 18, and the series is open to anyone. They suggest you register early, as seats fill up quickly. You never know who is going to show up. Former participants include Danny Aiello, Alan Arkin, Wendy Wasserstein, Gil Bellows, and Mary KayPlace. The agenda is flexible, to allow for surprise visitors. Add \$20 for registration fees. For information, or to register, call (800) 531-9416.

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Oh, those Chansonettes! The local women's choral group, whose members sing purely for the fun of singing, will begin rehearsals for the upcoming program — "*This Land is Your Land*." Their musical performances range from pop tunes to the classical sounds, and the members sing four-part harmony. If you would like to join in the fun, come to The Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue in Westfield on Wednesday, January 30, at 8 p.m. Call Ginny at (908) 232-1750, or Jackie at (908) 789.5819, for more information. You can also book a performance of these gleeful gals by calling Louise at (908) 232-8213.

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Through January 29, *The Watchung Arts Center* is featuring the art of Vadim Stain and Stephan Doris in the Gallery. Stain's work, entitled "Concepts," will showcase his objective art. This native Russian's paintings can be viewed individually, but they are also part of a group based on a common theme. Doris's "Awakenings" are a stark contrast to Stain's vision. Who knows — this may just be the inspiration you need to begin those drawing classes, which the Arts Center offers as well. The Center is located at 18 Stirling Road on the Circle in Watchung. Call (908) 753-0190 for hours and more information.

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Forget about watching those home and garden shows on the tube for a few hours. Break away and head for the *Country Folk Art & Craft Show* at the New Jersey Convention & Expo Center in Edison this weekend. Craft lovers, decorators, and shabby chic addicts will all find something there. The show will be there from Friday evening, the 25th, through Sunday afternoon, the 27th, and admission is only \$7. Parking is free, and you can come back as much as you can stand it, if you get your hand stamped. Don't wash.



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ON THE BEAT

With Andy GoldenBERG

2001: A Sprinkling of solid CD and DVD Releases

By ANDY GOLDENBERG

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

While 2001 has been a disappointing year for new releases, there were a few notable candidates in both the audio and DVD format.

BEST CD'S:

Album of the Year

Mark Lanegan

"Field Songs"

(Sub-Pop Records)

The former Screaming Trees lead vocalist firmly established his brilliance with this atmospheric gem. With an eclectic array of musicians, the album soars like a Jim Jarmusch black and white film, quiet and mysterious.

Standout tracks include the opener "One Way Street," featuring gorgeous flamenco guitar and piano, as well as



"Don't Forget Me." For those who haven't had the pleasure of hearing Lanegan, think of a cross between Eddie Vedder and Tom Waits coupled with the baritone of Iggy Pop.

Runner-Up

Stone Gossard

"Bayleaf"

(Epic Records) Another veteran of the Seattle grunge scene, Gossard is the longtime guitarist for Pearl Jam and is apparently more than just a six-string talent. Playing bass, piano and drums, Gossard has come up with a quirky, yet enjoyable pop album devoid of the "heaviness" that a Pearl Jam release usually conveys.

Third Place

Boz Scaggs

"Dig"

(Virgin Records)

Where has the Bozmeister been hiding all this time? While this album fails to quite reach the highest ground of Scaggs' 70s work, the album flows nicely and there are plenty of great tunes to choose from. While Boz adds some modern scratch samples and loops, there is plenty of that trademark soulful voice. As they say in the business, a true return to form.

Honorable Mention

Edith Frost

"Wonder Wonder"

(Drag City Records)

Long a favorite on the alternative-country circuit, Frost was well-received on her European tour with the Willard Grant Conspiracy. Her laconic, witty songs coupled with her breezy guitar serve her well on this mellow yet satisfying set.

Biggest Disappointment

Jewel

"This Way"

(Atlantic Records)

If you gaze at the picture on the back the CD box, which depicts Jewel, fast asleep on a couch, that is pretty much my reaction to this mediocre set of tunes. Lyrically, this album is so bad in places it made me wince. For example, "Underneath the disco light,

everybody's feelin' alright" Ouch!! I would honestly prefer to hear a concept album based on her experience living in the car than this disappointing, wimpy, self-indulgent mess. I loved her last two albums but alas, the third time is no charm.

Best Box Set

Grateful Dead

The Golden Road (1965-1973)

(Rhino Records)

To quote the mighty MC Hammer, "Can't Touch This." From a packaging and sound quality standpoint, this may be the greatest box set yet released. In addition to these aforementioned attributes, there is a whole disc of unreleased, pre-Dead material for the fanatic. A behemoth of a release, "The Golden Road" is the standard from which future box sets should be measured.

BEST DVD RELEASES

Best Reissue

The Godfather Trilogy

(Paramount Home Video)

Presented in beautiful wide-screen from the original film negative stock, this masterpiece of filmmaking has never looked and sounded better. As if that is not enough, there is a bonus disc of documentaries and interviews, along with the three films. This is essential for all DVD-owners.



Best Documentary

Lewis & Clark

(Warner Bros. Home Video)

Ken Burns bounces back from his overrated jazz with this heartfelt masterpiece. Informative, thrilling and beautifully shot, *Lewis & Clark* should be required viewing for all high school American History classes.

Runner-Up

American Roots Music

(Palm Pictures)

American Roots Music is a gripping, essential piece of Americana. Featuring amazing black and white archival footage, much of it previously unseen, this four-hour, four-part series, narrated by Kris Kristofferson, traces the history and roots of American music. Though it shares the same faults as the Ken Burns Jazz series, (serious omissions include the 70s outlaw country and 90s alternative-country movements,) the raw footage of Howlin' Wolf and Muddy Waters are worth the price of admission alone.

Best Concert Video

Elevation 2001/U2-Live from Boston

(Interscope)

Featuring mind-blowing 5.1 surround as well as 2.0 stereo sound, this DVD is an essential purchase for anyone familiar with the Irish band. There is a second disc of bonus features, as well as a documentary about the making of the DVD. You can also watch the concert from different angles, which is very cool.

Doing The Crawl: Some News Tickers Inform, While Others Dumb Us Down

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Just Tuesday morning, CNN kept me abreast of an earth-shattering item, crucial to shaping my day's events: Thousands of Soup Cans Recalled; Mislabeled As Garbanzo Beans." I wish I were joking, but this was apparently so rip-roarin' scary that I needed to know immediately. God help me if I thought I was having Campbell's Cream of Asparagus and was instead subjected to a can of beans. What would become of me?

The "webification," or resemblance of a web page to our daily news coverage, has its place on the mother networks as long as the crawl contains pertinent information. Most of those headlines given by the folks at CNN could have waited until the 11 o'clock news. They are what we call "fillers" in the journalism biz. They aren't lead stories that will rock our worlds or keep us on high alert.

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Doing The Crawl: Some News Tickers Inform, While Others Dumb Us Down

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

Somewhere in the CNN newsroom, where all of the news tickers are composed to crawl across the bottom of our television screens, is a woman typing what are supposed to be late-breaking headlines, but end up being as informative as "Don't forget to stop at ShopRite for milk, shampoo and diapers." Meanwhile, the employees with the same task at MSNBC and CNBC are running the scroll that reads, "Secretary of



State Powell says assets frozen by Taliban Will Be Unfrozen."

Fortunate for you, the reader, my life warrants me enough time to spend an hour in front of the tube to monitor the effectiveness of the newest television technology that has swept major networks since 9-11. My research, which eventually extended into the morning, turned up some disturbing results.

CNN: During "War Room" with Wolf Blitzer and "Crossfire," the following late-breaking news bits crawled across the screen: "The Fate of a Philadelphia Man with Artificial Heart": "British Auction Sells Book Written by Jamestown Founder, Captain John Smith for \$48,800": "Results of A Poll Conducted by AP on Men's College Basketball": "Martin Luther King Ceremonies Held."

MSNBC: While Chris Matthews was debating the finer points of a possible attack on Iraq during "Hardball," some chunks of informative, relevant items trickled across the screen: "The Fate of Detainees at Guantanamo Bay": "Rebuilding Afghanistan Conference Held in Tokyo": "American Taliban John Walker Facing Criminal Charges."

Before September 11, the news ticker or "the crawl," as it is called, was used solely for emergency purposes. But, with late-breaking headlines about the attacks popping up every two seconds, Americans needed to be informed continuously. What was going on above the crawl – namely the full news coverage – was merely supplemented by the crawl and relevant to what was being reported above it. Suddenly, networks like CNN have taken it upon themselves to make a tossed salad out of the crawl, throwing in a little of this and a dash of whatever does not pertain to the vital issues at hand.

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DePalmer's 'Aunt Tilly' Calls Attention to Genetic Disorder

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Does the fork go on the left or right? Is the salad eaten before or after the main course? For the proper "nuts and bolts" of table manners consult "Aunt Tilly Comes to Dinner," a recently released book by Westfield resident, Averyll DePalmer.

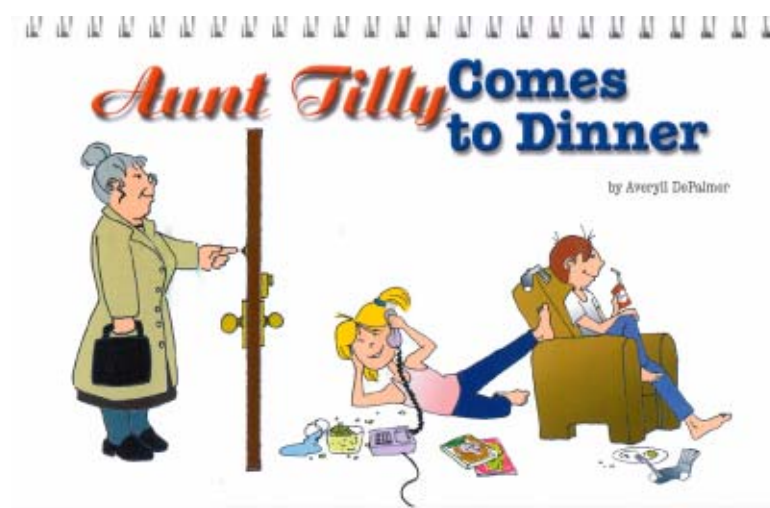
Not only is "Aunt Tilly Comes to Dinner" teaching 8-12 year olds proper table etiquette, the book is also raising money to fund research to find a cure serious medical condition called Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP).

Persons afflicted with FOP have bones develop where they should not be. Healthy muscle and connective tissue turn into bone, forming a second skeleton. The disease is accelerated by trauma and eventually causes immobility.

Only one in two million people suffer from this genetic disorder. Westfield resident Whitney Weldon is one of them.

Last April, the 10-year-old student at Pingry School in Short Hills was diagnosed with FOP after complaining of a stiff neck. Although her parents, Bill and Hillary Weldon are trying to give their daughter as normal a life as possible, Whitney is no longer able to raise her arms over her head.

Money to study FOP has been slow in coming. It has been over 10 years since Doctor Frederick Kaplan diagnosed the first case. Due to the rarity of the disease, mostly family and friends of children fund research done at the Uni-



versity of Pennsylvania Medical Center with FOP. FOP research will also benefit other bone diseases such as osteoporosis.

Mrs. DePalmer is donating a portion of the proceeds from "Aunt Tilly Comes to Dinner" to FOP related needs. Several local female volunteers have assisted in publicizing the book and raising awareness of the disease.

Terry Pavlak, Susan Hess and Nancy Zorian either placed the books in schools and holiday boutiques or offered coffees in their homes where the book could be purchased.

"The money they helped raise will go to the special needs of the FOP children all over the world," said Mrs. DePalmer. "They are in need of hospital beds, wheelchairs, breathing equipment and computers. This money goes directly to the children."

To date, "Aunt Tilly Comes to Dinner" has raised \$4,500. The con-

cept of an Aunt Tilly was so that children would have a kinder and gentler way to learn their manners, Mrs. DePalmer said. The book's namesake lives in England and is the grandmother of a friend, Mrs. DePalmer added.

"Children deserve to be primed with the basic rules of etiquette," said Mrs. DePalmer. "Equipping your children with the fundamentals of table etiquette will not raise their SAT scores, but it will engender in them a positive self-image and a confident demeanor."

The author is currently working on a book that will assist children in learning proper grammar.

"Aunt Tilly Comes to Dinner" is \$10 plus \$2.95 shipping and handling. To order copies, contact Mrs. DePalmer at 416 Colonial Avenue, Westfield, or email her at auntillyatdinner@yahoo.com.



THE MUSIC CORNER

WITH DAVID PALLADINO

Substitute Maestro Opens NJSO's Strauss Festival

By DAVID PALLADINO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

NEWARK — The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO) kicked off its Richard Strauss Festival at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on Saturday, January 12.

In the span of one performance the orchestra took misfortune and turned it into triumph. The festival was opened with the formidable Rosenkavalier Suite, the Burlesque in D minor with guest pianist extraordinaire Vladimir Feltsman and the symphonic poem powerhouse Ein Heldenleben.

A last minute change in the program threw not only the audience, but the musicians as well. An announcement was made before the concert that Maestro Zdenek Macal had the flu and would be replaced by Associate Conductor Mark Laycock, who was to step in unrehearsed.

Through no fault of the conductor or the musicians, the cohesiveness of the music was simply not present. The audience must remember that special markings, specified instructions as to how to bow or interpret certain parts, are written during rehearsal with the conductor. Thus, Laycock could merely "run" through the piece.

Attacks and releases were ragged, wrong notes were played and a general tension, rather than confidence,

ran though every work.

The Sunday, January 13 concert, however, showed the orchestra in heroic form. The suite from Rosenkavalier was not only melodeon Sunday, but also smooth. Transitions were worked out overnight.

The Burlesque highlighted guest pianist Vladimir Feltsman, one of the world's most exciting and gracious performers.

Feltsman lit the stage with drama and passion. Technically flawless and interpretively sensitive, he dazzled the audience with intricate cadenzas and strong dynamic control.

Feltsman, a frequent guest pianist with the NJSO, recently appeared with the Kirov Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the New York Philharmonic.

The orchestral powerhouse of Sunday was the rich symphonic tone poem, Ein Heldenleben. Orchestra and conductor did total justice the magnificence of this piece. The work vaguely describes the life of its author, Richard Strauss, and his fight against critics and the world in general. Ein Heldenleben highlights several major segments including "The Hero's Adversaries," "The Hero's Deeds of War," and "The Hero's Works of Peace."

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Mark Laycock

OUR LOCAL CELEBRITIES

Scotch Plains Quilter Teaches Machine Piecing'

SCOTCH PLAINS — Scotch Plains quilter Jan Clare Viehman is currently teaching "Introduction to Machine Piecing" at The Sewing Institute in Bridgewater.

In five classes, students select their own fabric and make a 12-block sampler of four different blocks. Students learn good machine quilt piecing skills and the safe use of quilter's rotary cutting tools.

A second session of classes will be offered, beginning on Sunday, April 7.

In November of last year, Ms. Viehman taught "Machine Quilting" at the institute. This class was an introduction to both machine piecing and machine quilting. She is the proprietor of Jan's Quilts, which produces quilts for home and business decoration.

Westfield Science Fiction Author Tourtelotte to Speak on Feb. 2

WESTFIELD — Science fiction author and John W. Campbell Award nominee Shane Tourtelotte will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Prydonians of Pryncton science fiction fan club on Saturday, February 2, at the Mercer County Library Headquarters Branch in Lawrenceville.

The meeting will be held from noon to 4:30 p.m. Mr. Tourtelotte's talk will commence at 2 p.m. The public is welcome to attend this free event.

A native of Westfield, the author was nominated in 2000 for the Campbell Award, the prize for Best New Writer in the field of science fiction. It is presented along with the Hugo Awards at the annual World Science Fiction Convention.

Mr. Tourtelotte has had 16 stories published since his first, "Mortal Instruments" in the February 1998 issue of *Analog* magazine. Most of his stories have been published in *Analog*, where many of his pieces have been recommended short fiction for 2001.

He will have two stories published in *Analog* this year, "First Impressions" and "Spoilers" (tentative title).

For more information, please call Tom Beck at (609) 448-9062, fax (609) 448-9756 or e-mail Prydonians@aol.com. For directions, please visit www.prydonians.org/schedule2002.html.



Artist of the Week



Howard Stern (1954-)

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Howard Stern is one of those people who engenders extreme feelings-you either love him or hate him.

His 20-plus years at or near the top of the radio ratings have brought him national fame and a base of almost obsessed fans, while serving as the launching pad for other successful media ventures.

Stern's propensity to say whatever he feels like on the airwaves has also resulted in a number of fines handed down by the federal government on grounds of indecency.

His daily radio show, based in New York, often sounds like a four- or five-hour conversation between pals at the lunch table in the high school cafeteria. Stern always brags that his program is based on honesty — from himself, his sidekicks and his guests.

Relationships are dissected, and laughed at; personal foibles are laughed at, sometimes unmercifully; past and present experiences are related, and then laughed at; the day's news and various celebrities are talked about, and laughed at; parents and family are analyzed, and laughed at; and those who drop by the show usually join in the fun and games.

Those brave enough to sit in front of Stern's microphone, and roll with the punches and join in the fun, run the gamut from Rudy Giuliani, Paul McCartney, Mike Piazza and Jim Carrey to an assortment of other characters on the fringes of life.

Stern was born on Long Island in January 1954. His parents have become an important part of the show over the years, arguing on the air with their son over their child-rearing methods of 40 years ago, filibustering when queried about their sex life and expressing their opinions on whatever their son may be talking about.

A graduate of Boston University, the site of his first radio broadcast, Stern then married his college girlfriend, Alison, with whom he would eventually have three daughters.

The unique and authentic relationship between Stern and his wife — he always maintained that he never cheated on her despite the nearly non-stop temptations of fame and various radio guests while she put up with his on-air antics that included talking about the most intimate details of their life — ended in late 1999 when the couple split.

Stern's first show after the separation was announced was yet another journey into the authenticity that makes his show the hit that it is: four hours of Stern, physically and emotionally wrung-out, talking about what had happened and holding very little back.

Stern is presently based at New York's WXRK, where he has been since the mid-1980s. Prior to that, he was on the old WNBC (now WFAN), from which he was fired after one too many run-ins with station management. He was also the top radio jock in Washington, D.C. in the early 1980s after earlier stints in Detroit and Hartford.

It's been during his time at WXRK, though, that Stern has seen his fame and popularity skyrocket. "The Howard Stern Show" began syndication to other markets in the late 1980s — first to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. before expanding to markets across the country.

In 1990, Stern began a two-year television run on Channel 9 in New York as host of a late Saturday night program that included skits and guests from his radio show.

In October 1993, Stern's autobiography, "Private Parts," was a bestseller. Two years later, it was followed by another best-selling memoir, "Miss America." His over-the-top New Year's Eve 1993 pay-per-view special was the highest-rated pay broadcast ever.

In 1994, Stern began airing excerpts from his radio show on the E! Entertainment Television network

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