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EMERGENCY RESPONSE...Multiple emergency rescue teams responded to Westfield High School on September 11 after a fallen tree limb injured numerous students, including one seriously. A State Police helicopter transported the injured student to an area hospital.



PARADE OF DEMONSTRATORS...Members of the Westfield Police Department wore posters calling for fairer contract wages and carried American flags throughout the downtown on in September. Pictured, above, the peaceful demonstrators cross from the Westfield Train Station to proceed down Elm Street.



JUMP FOR JOY...First Ward Republican Councilman-elect Sal Caruana, left, and his wife Darleen, right, raise their glasses and celebrate upon learning of his win for the council seat.

In Second Half of Year GOP Sweeps in FW and SP, Upset DEMs in WF; WF Hit With Tragedy on Anniversary of 9/11

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Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Editor's Note: The following is a summary of news events in Scotch Plains, as reported by The Westfield Leader and The Times, that occurred during the second half of 2002.

July

By a 3 to 2 council vote, Mark Peck, of the law firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis and Lehrer, P.C. in Warren, was named to replace Wilfred Coronato as Fanwood's new Borough Attorney. Mr. Coronato had resigned a month earlier to pursue a job opportunity.

Judge Edward Beglin barred the closing of South Chestnut Street in Westfield. The town had been closing the street from the Garwood line to Fourth Avenue on some evenings and weekends when the fields were being used at Gumbert Park. Garwood sued Westfield, citing that the town needed permission from the Department of Transportation (DOT) in order to close the street.

The Scotch Plains (SP) Township Council voted to place a non-binding referendum on the November ballot asking voters their opinion on whether the state should convene a constitutional convention to address property tax reform. The council's apparent indifference to a statewide ballot question on the issue.

Westfielder Mary Lynne Pomerantz died from Necrotizing Fasciitis, a bacterial infection commonly known as "flesh eating" disease. Ms. Pomerantz was active with the United Fund and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, as well as a mother of three; she was 44 years old.

The Westfield (WF) Council passed a resolution designating parking lots 3, 1 and 8 as areas in need of redevelopment. With this step completed, the process then went to the WF Planning Board for approval.

In Mountainside (MS) the Board of Education's project's architect, Noel Musial, expressed, "concern about the progress and tight time schedule," in reference to the opening of Beechwood School.

Residents on West Broad Street in WF opposed the moving of the fence at Memorial Pool to within one foot

of their property line. The town owned three 50-by 100-foot tracts of land and wanted to prepare the land for use. The land is under Green Acres jurisdiction as a part of the pool complex. The neighbors sued the town for a restraint, but a judge denied them and the fence was installed.

Upon his retirement from the Fanwood force July 1, former Police Chief Robert Carboy was saluted by the governing body and his colleagues for 38 years of service to the community. He was succeeded by Donald Domanoski.

The area paid for the mild winter as a nearly month-long heat wave, with temperatures on July 4 nearing 100 degrees, settled over the northeast.

Mark Esslaser was named as the Chief Executive Officer of the Westfield Y, succeeding Stan Kaslucky, who retired. Mr. Esslaser officially began his new position on July 22.

August

The Westfield Town Council got into a heated discussion during a conference session when it was revealed that Councilmen Lawrence Goldman and Kevin Walsh secretly met with police during contract negotiations. The contract had expired on January 1 of 2002, and was still in negotiation. Because the meeting was not recorded or recorded, Councilman Rafael Betancourt asked The Leader to transcribe their audiotape of the meeting. The tape was transcribed and Councilman Betancourt submitted it to be included in the minutes of the next public meeting.

Members of the Westfield Police Department marched on the downtown carrying signs in protest of their unresolved contract. The officers then marched back to Town Hall and into the public council meeting. Past PBA president Scott Rodger spoke on behalf of the officers at the council meeting, pointing out that police officers starting out in Westfield are making less than teachers and librarians in Westfield.

SP Republican Councilman Guy Celentano announced his resignation from the council after nearly 10 months of service. He was replaced by Nancy Malool while his spot on the November ballot was filled by Carolyn Sorge.

Prolific artist and author Wende Devlin passed away peacefully after struggling with a long illness. A mother of seven children, a grandmother to 20 and a great-grandmother to two, 84-year-old Mrs. Devlin maintained her role as motivational matriarch to her family, a welcoming friend to neighbors and strangers and a lover of the arts right up until her death.

Following a review of three design concepts for renovation of ballfields at Park Middle School, the Fanwood Borough Council endorsed a plan calling for elimination of the existing baseball field and the addition of three baseball/softball fields, two soccer fields and one football field.

The project was jointly funded by Scotch Plains, Fanwood and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, each of which provided \$100,000. Union County matched the towns' combined \$300,000 contribution, for a final figure of \$600,000.

The design concept backed by Fanwood officials was also favored by the Scotch Plains Township Council and Killam Associates, the firm heading the design of the "Field of Dreams" project.

The Board of Education initially supported an alternate concept whereby the existing baseball field would remain, while another baseball field, two soccer fields and a football field would be added.

However, the board later opted to support the first concept, following a presentation by a Killam Associates representative and recommendations from Scotch Plains Recreation Department Chairman Ed Zazzali.

WF Fire Chief John Castellano appeared before the Architectural Review Board with a proposal to install cell antennas as louvers atop the Northside Fire House. Sherry Cronin of the Downtown Westfield Corporation and Nancy Priest of the Historic Preservation Commission opposed the aesthetics of the louvers. The board decided that the need for communication outweighed the aesthetics and suggested some minor changes to the plans.

The MS BOE cancelled a meeting at the last minute, leaving parents angry outside Deerfield School.

The SP Council awarded a \$424,500 contract for construction

of a new park on Plainfield Avenue, with Mayor Marks expressing his hope that the facility, which will include soccer and baseball fields, will be ready for use in Spring 2003.

Lisa Alter resigned from the WF BOE to attend graduate school. Seven candidates offered to fill the remaining two years of her term.

The SP Township Planning Board approved the application of Commerce Bank to build a branch office at the corner of Park and Mountain Avenues.

Members of the governing body honored Rath Page upon her retirement after more than a decade as secretary to the Fanwood Planning Board. She had also served for seven-and-a-half years as secretary to the now defunct Fanwood Board of Adjustment.

More than 500 participants turned out for the Seventh Annual 5K Race and Invitational Wheelchair Event sponsored by CONTACT We Care on August 17 at Fanwood's LaGrande Park. The event, which also includes a KIDS Sprint, is the non-profit agency's major fundraiser each year.

September

As the nation and Westfield remembered those lost on September 11, 2001, a large branch from an oak tree in front of WHS fell on a group of students. Freshman Greta Schoenemann was killed and a dozen other students were injured. Students organized a candlelight vigil on the front lawn of the high school and hundreds of students walked from WHS to The Presbyterian Church for her funeral carrying banners in memory of Greta.

Along with the rest of the area, Scotch Plains paused to remember and reflect on the first anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Prayers were offered at the Council meeting, ceremonies were held in town, the local fire and rescue squads were recognized for their efforts and an evening prayer service on September 11 capped the program.

In the wake of the tragedy at WHS in which a student was killed by a fallen tree limb, the SP-F Board of Education said it would seek a professional to inspect trees on school property to ensure they were sound.

Elected officials joined with fellow Fanwood residents, and the country overall, in marking the first anni-

versary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

During the governing body's regular meeting, held on the eve of the one-year observance, Mayor Louis Jung read a resolution lauding the "unwavering commitment" of Americans to remember the victims and support the nation.

Additionally, a ceremony was held by the Fanwood Volunteer Fire Department on the anniversary date, while the borough's TV-35 featured a special program of music and images in remembrance of area residents who were lost in the terror attacks.

The MS BOE announced that Deerfield School, which was scheduled to be ready on August 25, would not open until at least September 16, delaying school by nearly two weeks. "None of us are happy," Board President Richard Kress stated. The opening of Beechwood School was delayed from September to November.

The existing portion of WHS opened on schedule after being under construction during the summer. The new science addition remained under construction during the school year.

On September 21, Westfield's September 11th memorial was dedicated. The ceremony drew a crowd of over 1,000 people as the glass spire at the corner of North Avenue and East Broad Street was lit for the first time. Westfield police, fire and emergency medical personnel stood as a silent honor guard for 36 hours leading up to the ceremony.

Residents of Cranford Avenue in WF were upset with the lack of maintenance in and around a retention basin behind their homes. The 2.79 acres owned by Westfield and leased to Cranford are filled with weeds and wildlife, including rats. Westfield had not been paid for the land lease since 1992, and Cranford responded that it had not paid because the Township had not received a bill.

It was revealed that the Borough of Fanwood had received four proposals for its planned revitalization of a 6.5-acre block of commercial property in the downtown.

The WF Council hired Wilbur Smith as the Traffic Calming Consultant for the ShopRite Grid.

Property owners near the South Avenue Circle met with representa-

tives from the DOT to review planned changes for the circle. The project is not supposed to start until the Spring of 2004.

Historic preservation expert Nancy Zerbe spoke to some 50 people at a special forum in Fanwood regarding a proposed historic district involving homes along North and Martine Avenues.

Addressing residents' questions and concerns, she told her audience that property values go up in historic areas; that homeowners are not directed on what to do with their properties and that such status has protected other historic areas against public encroachment.

Wrapping up the month was the community's seventh annual Fanny Wood Day celebration, featuring a festive array of exhibits, activities, food, contests and entertainment. Net proceeds from the event benefited the downtown.

October

Opponents and proponents of a proposed traffic light at Central Avenue and Clover Street attended a Public Safety Committee meeting held by Councilwoman Claire Lazarowitz. All of the residents agreed that pedestrian safety was a concern on Central Avenue, but were heated in their discussion of how to remedy the problem. A representative from Union County, whose project the light is, was also present at the meeting.

At the next public meeting of the WF council residents presented petitions for and against the proposed light. Councilwoman Lazarowitz came under fire for holding a committee meeting with no other committee members, as well as not informing the council of what happened at the meeting. Multiple other issues arose during the meeting as it was revealed that a letter was sent to the county requesting the light from then Town Administrator Thomas Shannon. The letter was sent unbeknownst to the council, and included petitions that could not be found.

Resident Vic Trzesniowski questioned the appropriateness of a letter regarding the Public Safety meeting being distributed with campaign literature and by a town employee. It was later revealed that an employee did distribute the letter, but no cam-

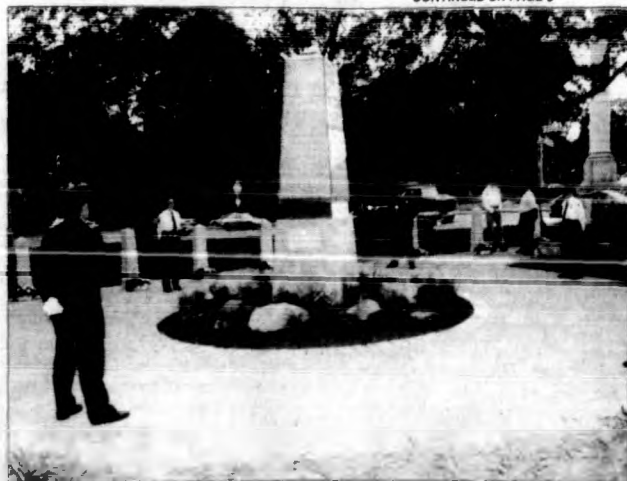
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NEW GYM AT BRUNNER...Children attending Brunner Elementary School on Westfield Road will be glad to see the construction of a new multi-purpose room, set to be completed at the end of this year.



DEDICATION...Former Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco was joined by his family during a recognition ceremony held in his honor at an October football game. He received a plaque noting the dedication of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School ballfields, to be called the DiFrancesco Varsity Field Complex.



STANDING WATCH...Members of the Westfield Fire and Police Departments and The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad stood motionless and silent as the honor guard for 33 hours at The September 11th Memorial Park.

Westfield High School Posts Names of First Marking Period Honor Roll Students; Hundreds of Pupils Capture Regular Honor Roll Distinction

WESTFIELD — Westfield High School (WHS) Principal Dr. Robert Petix has announced that the following students were named to the first marking period honor roll for the 2002-2003 school year:

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL GRADE 9 - 54 STUDENTS

David Ackerman
Kristin Aguero
Dana Barrasso
Miriam Becker-Cohen
Kevin Black
Brian Burdulia
Christopher Byrne
Rachel Charatan
Lisa Chen
Raymond Chen
Jesse Cohn
Samantha Coulson
Patrick Daurio
Sarah Degel
Christine Deserio
Monica Doss
Jane Eilbacher
Alisa Eisenberg
Lindsay Elbaum
Kristina Elkiewicz
Allison Fleder
Alan Fuhran
Diana Goodman
Andrea Gordon
Kaitlin Gorman
Erica Greene
Ben Haral

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 9 - 160 STUDENTS

Jason Anderson
Katharine Anderson
Kevin Anderson
James Arbes
Charles Barber
Joshua Barer
Rachel Barrett
Julie Bennett
Lauren Bentivegna
Norite Bercevicz
Caitlyn Berkowitz
Lee Bernstein
Nikki-Lee Birdsey
Maurice Blackburn
Thomas Bottini
John Boyle
George Braun
Alison Bridgman
Kristy Britt
Sarah Brois
Nicholas Brownstone
Andrew Brunhofer
Michael Burns
Krista Burslem
Bryan Callahan
Megan Camillo
Stephen Caprario
Dakota Carey
Gabriella Chahrier
Abby Chazanow
Jennine Clark
Emily Cleaves
Joseph Curen
Alexandra Cortese
Daniel De'Orral
Brian Debbie
Rebecca DeFazio
Sheerza Deonarine
Kevin Devaney
Sarah Dolson
Timothy Dohm
Monica Dreyer
Margaret Driscoll
David Dunn
Diana Dunman
Matthew Early
Rachel Fallig
Laura Fernandez
Christine Fitzpatrick
Marykate Flannery
Kyle Fleming
Harrison Fox

Courtney Fox-Sherman
Daniel Freire
Thomas Fringer
Lucy Frontling
John Gagliano
Moping Gan
Jesse Garfinkel
Pierce Gaynor
Sarah Gerber
Kyle Gillyard
Jeffrey Goldstein
Jessica Graham
Tyler Greenfield
Amanda Gross
Kunal Gupta
Ralph Harrison
Lauren Heffernan
Jessica Heo
Samantha Hirtler
James Hoban
Alexander Hodara
Christina Insinga
Erik Jacobsen
Katherine Jarmas
Kristopher Kagan
Matthew Kamel
Noelle Kandigian
Alexander Kao

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL GRADE 10 - 29 STUDENTS

Gene Chen
Allison Chancy
Christina Cordeiro
Carina Don
Mark Doss
Aldina Douts
Gilad Edelman
Michael Feniger
Scott Fishberg
Lauren Gelmetti
James Hamas
Sarah Klass
Michelle Kupersmith
Emily Rose MacNeil
Lisa Zhang

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 10 - 183 STUDENTS

Michael Agresta
Susanna Baranchuk
John-Paul Barilomeo
Jeffrey Bayne
Jeremy Berk
Amy Bernstein
Diego Betancourt
Evan Bilheimer
Gabrielle Blitz
Matthew Boyle
Jake Brandman
Samuel Brenner
Stephanie Bridgman
Wesley Brockway
Jacqueline Burns
Lauren Campo
Derek Candelore
Caroline Cariste
Rebecca Cass
Gina Castorano
Garrett Cuckey
Amanda Cohen
Katie Cole-Kelly
Lindsay Couture
Ashley Current
Cassandra DePalma
Umi Deddila
Lindsay Degiralma
Thomas DellDuca
Jacqueline Delafuente
Leah DiMatteo
Amanda Dickson
Jeffrey Dresely
Brian Dunstan
Meaghan Egan
Lauren Eisenberg
Jessie Elkoury
Jamie Elbaum
Shawn Ellwell
Francesca Estomo
Katherine Fahrentbold
Evan Falk
Michael Fantini

Jenna Federgreen
Allison Feldman
Meaghan Fitzpatrick
Drew Flast
Patrick Fleming
Megan Fowler
Courtney Franko
Alana Fraser
Benjamin Fulton
Laura Gabriel
Matthew Gallagher
Joseph Geissler
Jennifer Gerckens
Deanna Goldner
Paul Goldweitz
Justin Goncalves
Julia Gormley
Michael Gorski
Julie Gralla
Emily Rose Greenberg
Jeffrey Greenlaw
Mark Harbaugh
Monica Harris
Camille Hausheer
Marie-Calire Haussegu
Max Heitner
Christina Henry
Alexandra Hermann
Craig Hewitt
Christopher Hild
Katelyn Hoens
Jeffrey Hogan
Peter Hrinowski
Richard Hughes
James Hwang
Ralph Iannazzone
Kate Judd
Bryan Kahn
Charles Kalis
Mux Kaplan
Edward Kerins
John Kerr
Valerie Kerr
Philip Kim
Samuel Kim
Christy King
Henry Koehler
Rebecca Koren

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL GRADE 11 - 15 STUDENTS

Stephen Adamo
Jennifer Buccino
Suzanna Fowler
Claire Ganley
Katherine Genberg
Sarah Hoban
Sabrina Hurley
Laura Yee

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 11 - 162 STUDENTS

Jesse Abramowitz
Kimberly Adams
Katherine Albino
Stephen Anderson
Brooke Austin
Carolyn Avis
David Axelrod
Leigh Axenworth
Emily Barnes
Carl Baron
Christopher Barrasso
Ryan Bartholomew
Kevin Behr
Rebecca Bellovin
Sabrina Bengal
Ravi Bharadwaj
Rahul Bhushin
Brian Bigelow
Benjamin Bogen
Nicole Brunetto
Erica Bucciarelli
Hannah Burke
Ryan Burslem
Thomas Byrne, 3rd
Sean Callahan
Matthew Calvaruso
Bradford Cantor
Benjamin Cheah
Michael Checchio
Jason Chironna
Youri Choi
Dorothy Chou
Brian Ciacciarelli
Aaron Clement
Dante Coleman
Jessica Conner
Christine Connor
Stefanie Courtney
Mikaela Cruz
Christopher DeFreitas
Dianna DePalmer
Matthew DeSantis
Jonathan Dickstein
Everett Donelson
Savvy Edelman
Brendan Egan
Rebecca Fallon
Kathleen Ferio
Maxine Fertig-Cohen
Elizabeth Fetisoff
Amy Florino
Laura Freire
Steven Frontling
Jennifer Frost
Millan Fry
Ariel Garfinkel
Amanda Genova

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 161 STUDENTS

Sara Ackerman
Sean Adams
Francine Agnone
Anthony Agresta
Joseph Amato
Michael Bahetski
Sean Baran
Beniam Biftu
Keith Bodayla
Mary Bogatko
Catherine Bonard
Jenna Britt
John Joseph Burns
Ryan Cahill
Katharine Cass
Karen Castaldo
Marc Castells
Douglas Chananic
Jenni Chang
Darcy O'Brien
Angelina Chaplygina
James Charatan
Emily Chen

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 161 STUDENTS

Colin Weber
Matthew Wetlesen
Guenevere Zucker
Robert Bethen
Margaret Brownell
Jenny Burke
Aliza Burns
Patrice Candia
Tyler Ciacciarelli
Daniel Deegan
David Demair
Michael Dinizio
Elizabeth Elko
Marc Fabiano
Alexandra Fredus
Kerry Gander
Johanna Ghabour
Rachel Goor
Nora Isack
Rebecca Koransky
Katie Zaleski

HONOR ROLL 78 SOPHOMORES

Jonathan Altman
Daniel Aronds
Katharine Berka
Brianna Berry
Carlene Bronikowski
Jesse Bruch
Krystina Byron
Jennifer Calvo
Salvatore Cerchio
Joseph Chang
Jessica Cicalese
Dori D'Aleisio
Christopher D'Annunzio
Elizabeth De Cataldo
Jacqueline De Luca
Christine De Luca
Alexa Di Giorgio
Rachel Dolgin
Janee Easley
Christopher Finan
Corey Fineman
Kelsey Foy
Jeannette Franzone
Dakim Gaines
Jennifer Gawryluk
Maura Gillooly
Octavia Gomes
Karina Gottlieb
Nicole Hagerty
Laura Harrison
Laura Henderson
Casey Hayes-O'Connor
Christopher Huether

HONOR ROLL 73 JUNIORS

Meral Akycz
Jesse Allen
Kathryn Anuszewski
Kyle Baker
Nina Baker
Kathryn Bantz
Danielle Bartley
Sara Beckerman
Shaun Bendik
Travis Boff
Kristen Bover
Daniel Chase
Yiu Wah Cheung
Adam Corbin
Brian Coyle
Michael Denichilo
Dani Finkel
Pedro Florentin
Robert Fusco
Kristi Gayara
Allison Gebler
Dennis Herzel
Brittany Hessemer
Michael Hessemer
Theresa John
Ashley Jones
Timothy Karis
Kara Kashia
Jessica Kim
David Kooses
Brian Kopnicki
Robert Kuchinski
Ilya Laksin
Morgan Larkin
Joshua Liss

HONOR ROLL 71 SENIORS

Kendra Andrews
Leslie Argueta
Joseph Bartolotta
Lauren Bauman
Kathryn Benski
Jonathan Bezutczyk
Lauren Blanco
Schuyler Boyda
Pamela Cameron
Rhea Chakraborty
David Chang
Evan Chino
Phillip Cho
Breanne Crawford
Alicia Cristiani
Stephanie DeMarco
John Devall, Jr.
Steven Doremus
Shawn Doyle
Kaitlyn Durso
Gianna Ferrante
Sara Finkelstein
Samory Fritz
Samantha Grzywacz
Megan Halma
Jennifer Howell
Katherine Howell
Nicole Impellizzeri
Arthur King
Holly Kramer
Aimee Lamstra
Alicia Lazor
Monique Lemus
Matthew Loomis
Kelly Lusk
Michael Zatorski

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 161 STUDENTS

Wai-Ching Kong
Joseph Korfmacher
Kimberly Lam
Hrvoje Landeka
Kelli Layton
Ryan Leonard
James Leong
Kaitlin Lipe
Jourdian Loffredo
Caitlin Lojo
Kristina Lucarelli
Marykate Maher
Rachel Mandragona
Dana Marra
Alison McCabe
Matthew McCabe
Matthew McManus
Robert Mench
Jason Mesches
Jacob Mirsky
Richard Moran
Lyndsey Mroz
David Muroff
Katherine Nicol
Adam Novick
Polina Opelbaum
Stacy Osborn
David Palma
Ryan Palumbo
Jenna Patterson
Carolyn Pecoraro
Sean Perlman
Alison Petrow
Laura Pietruszki
Brian Piro
Gregory Pomas
Eadaoin Quinn
Erica Raiff
Alex Regentreich
Amanda Reider
Katharine Riddle
David Riggs
Catherine Rimondi
Aurora Rivendale
Stephen Rizetta
Matthew Rowe
Andrew Royston
Meredith Ruclinsky
Alice Ryan
Sabreena Sahreen
Nerill Sandeep
Angelika Schmidt
Tyler Seeger
Tarik Shah
Michael Shefflin
Laura Shelman
Irina Sheremetyeva

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 161 STUDENTS

Gil Arbitsman
Sarah Bhagat
Raj Bhandari
Megan Connors
Sean Devaney
Vivan Futran
Elizabeth Latulippe
Dominique LeBlanc

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 161 STUDENTS

Kristen Lohrutto
Michele Madorma
William Masket
Colleen Nika
Tyler Patla
Gina-Maria Pomann
Christina Urban
Matthew Velderman

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 161 STUDENTS

Sara Ackerman
Sean Adams
Francine Agnone
Anthony Agresta
Joseph Amato
Michael Bahetski
Sean Baran
Beniam Biftu
Keith Bodayla
Mary Bogatko
Catherine Bonard
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Karen Castaldo
Marc Castells
Douglas Chananic
Jenni Chang
Darcy O'Brien
Angelina Chaplygina
James Charatan
Emily Chen

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 161 STUDENTS

Andrew Watson
Carly Wells
Michael Whitney
Laura Yi
Kelly Zajac
Kristin Zyla

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 161 STUDENTS

Flora Alexander
Ryan Aspell
Andre Baruch
Jessica Cavanaugh
Valerie Dent
Caryn Feder
Hoi Yan Fung
Hannah Greenspan
Lauren Haertlein
David Haertlein
Cheryl Kaplan
Laura Manziano
Richard Zeblickas, Jr.

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 161 STUDENTS

Joseph Malchow
Dominic Mangonon
Laura Manzi
Peter Maricic
Jenna Marionni
Robert Maroney
Zachary McGuire
Andre Melendez
Daniel Metzger
Amanda Miller
Chelsea Mintz
Jared Montagna
Jessica Montlor
Jessica Neuringer
Tuan Nguyen
Meridiane Nitro
Kristin Oley
Hyojin Park
Joshua Parker
Matthew Powers
Guillermo Rozenblat
Barie Salmon
Juliana Sams
Kristin Scharden
Jessica Schink
Jeanne Schneider
Jonathan Sheffield
Dana Skwirut
Danielle Stanley
Courtney Stewart
Erin Sullivan
Stephen Tavares
Camille Tiango
Tamie Walker
Talia Walker

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 161 STUDENTS

John Chiesa
Gina Ciullo
Matthew Cleaves
Paul Cognetti
Holly Coleman
Caitlin Connolly
Zachary Coppa
Margaret Curran
Joseph DeCampo
Meredith DeMarco
Dominique Diaz
Robert Eckman, 3rd
Allison Edles
David Eisenberg
Gregory Engel
David Falk
Lauren Federgreen
Stephanie Finn
Christopher Ford
Mara Ganz
Maryanne Garry
Pryce Gaynor
Kelly Gibbons
Mollie Gibbons
Ali Goldstein
Megan Gonnella
Thomas Greene
Justin Harris
Richard Harris
Timothy Heine
Charles Hely
Andrew Heo
Samantha Hermann
Toby Herschkowitz
Ryan Hoens
Zontee Hou
Dean Jan
Christa Jensen
Emily Kahn
Matthew Kahn
Daniel Kane
Lawrence Kao
James Kennedy
Susan Kennedy
Ashley Kent
Angela Kim
David Koepfel
Daniel Kotch
Christina Kozlowski
Whitney Laird
Heather Lane
Marisa Lau
Joshua Lawrence
Katherine Lechner
Jessica Lee
Christine Leiz
Allison Lemberg
Joshua Lerner
Joshua Zucker

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 161 STUDENTS

Adam Gerckens
Nicholas Gismondi
Christopher Gonzalez
Alyson Goodman
Jessica Guerriero
Samuel Gurdus
Matilda Gwathney
Christina Hamway
Carolyn Harbaugh
Erika Hasenfus
David Hewitt, Jr.
Taylor Hogarth
Carrie Hubbard
Peter Itz
Michael Ivan
Steven Jacobsen
Anthony Johnson
Elizabeth Joyce
Jack Joyce
Elizabeth Keating
Thomas Killian
Chungha Kim
Do-Mi Kim
Gregory Kivetz

Dr. David Heisey, Principal of SP-F High School Reports First Marking Period Honor Roll Pupils

SCOTCH PLAINS — The First Marking Period High Honor Roll and Regular Honor Roll at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SP-FHS) has been reported by SP-FHS Principal Dr. David Heisey.

HIGH HONOR ROLL 35 SOPHOMORES

Allison Abbott
Caitlin Alshuber
James Alfano
Michael Boncum
Cleo Chou
Carolyn Di Prospero
Joseph Fallon
Kristen Henkens
Elizabeth Jacobs
Krista Kazmierkiewicz
Joshua Zluman

HONOR ROLL 82 FRESHMEN

Christine Albanese-Demair
Colleen Baines
Candance Barnes
Jennifer Bauer
Lauren Benavengo
Cheryl Beqaj
Faye Bl
Marisa Bianco
Sarah Boffa
Elizabeth Bourchein
Kara Bruch
Justine Brown
Daniel Bugg
Courtney Burke
Robert Burke, Jr.
Michele Calvo
Derrick Chen
Yvonne Chen
Jared Chmelnik
Soo Cho
Deirdre Clark
Erin Crawford
Jack Davis
Robert Dawson
Joshua Decker
Caitlin Delaney
Brian Dickey
Aaron Dollber
Megan Domenick
Michelle Dorney
Briana Falco
Gabrielle Falco
Craig Fischbein
Elizabeth Flood
Michael Fragna
Sheamane Fritz
Andrew Gibson
David Ginsberg

HONOR ROLL 73 JUNIORS

Jonathan Grama
Joshua Green
Jonathan Greenspan
Sarah Halpern
Gary Herzberg
Daniel Ingram
Justin Kaiser
Kelli Kaskis
Kristen Kersey
Richard Kickenwetz
Melissa Koerner
Maria Kolakowska
Katelyn Kosenick
Caroline Lazar
Robert Lewis
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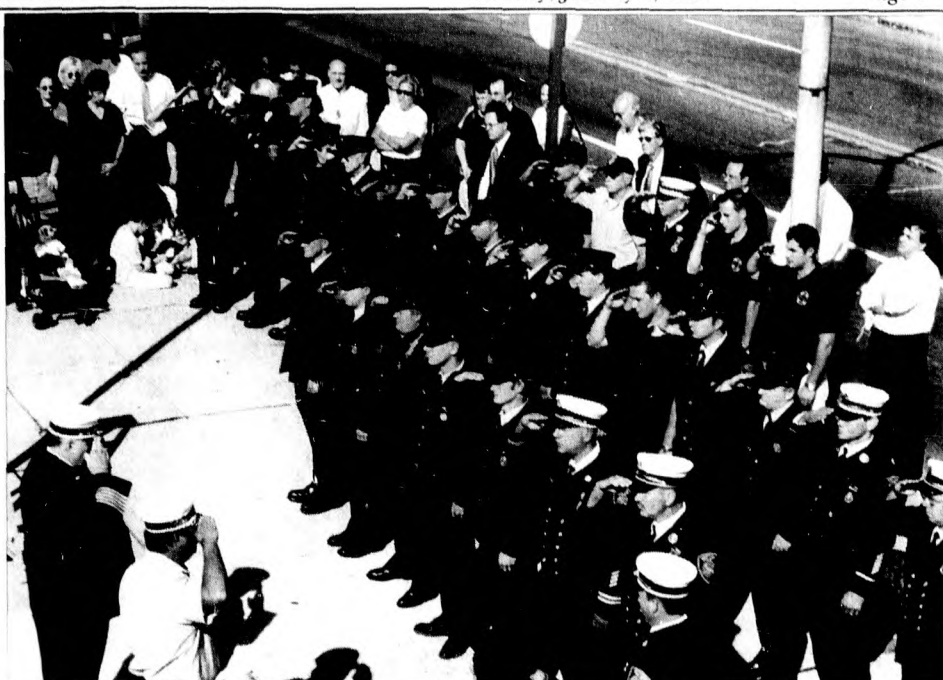
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SALUTE TO THE BRAVEST... Members of the Westfield Fire Department stand at attention and salute during the 9/11 memorial.

Westfield Recreation Events

Crafts For Kids: Join a fun class with a different craft each week on Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. from January 7 to March 4. The fee is \$45.

Yoga For Kids: Students can gain a sense of inner strength and peace. Classes are held for grades 1 through 5 from January 6 to February 24. Classes will be held on Mondays from 4 to 4:50 p.m. The fee is \$48.

Judo-Influenced Self Defense: This beginner class for adults will teach skills that will last a lifetime. Classes are held from January 6 to March 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room. (Excluding 1/20 & 2/17) The fee is \$30.

Golf Classes For Kids: Classes, held from January 7 through January 28, are limited to 8 participants. Classes are held in a gym on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. or from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$85 per class and is only open to children ages 8 to 13.

Manners Matter: Held on January 22, this two-hour course will introduce students to the do's and don'ts of everyday etiquette and dining etiquette. Open to ages 7 to 12. The cost

is \$25 per child and will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room. A Snack will be provided. (Register now—limited spots available!)

New Jersey Nets Game: Come show your love for the NJ Nets on Valentine's Day, February 14. A bus will depart at 6 p.m. The fee is \$50. Please reserve a spot by January 14.

Second Annual Family Bowling Night: Held at Linden Lanes at 4 p.m. on January 18. The event includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, laser lights, music, soda and pizza. The fee is \$10 per person. Register by January 11.

Dancercise: Early Spring Session: Held from January 7 through March 27 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Class is held in the Municipal Building Community Room. The fee is \$62 for 25 classes.

Book Discussion Group: The first meeting will be held on January 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Municipal Building. All prospective members please come with two book suggestions. Coffee will be served. Adults only. Call Recreation Office to sign up.

FCC Advises Residents About Accidental 911 Calls

AREA—Between 25% and 70% of all wireless calls to 911 are accidental and these calls clog up the phone lines at emergency call centers and even inhibit the dispatch of emergency services to those actually in need.

Accidental 911 calls can result from a consumer inadvertently pressing a key on his or her handset that is automatically programmed to reach 911 by way of speed dial. Many older wireless phones are equipped with this feature, and many came pre-programmed with the feature turned on.

Wireless phone users can prevent accidental 911 calls in several ways. Locking the keypad of a phone prevents accidental calls, as does turning off the automatic 911 feature. Your user's manual will explain how. Also, one of the benefits of buying a newer handset is that very few of the newer phones have this feature, and if they do, the user has to activate it, so accidental 911 calls are infrequent with the later model handsets.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is working with wireless handset manufacturers, wireless carriers, and public safety agencies such as the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), the As-

sociation of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. (APCO), and the National Association of State Nine One One Administrators (NASNA), to take steps to address the problem of accidental 911 calls.

For further information, consumers may visit the Commission's CGB web site at www.fcc.gov/egb.

Re-Organizational Meetings To Be Held In Area Towns

The Borough of Fanwood will hold its re-organization meeting on Wednesday, January 1 at Borough Hall at 12 p.m.

The Scotch Plains Township Council will hold its re-organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 1 at Town Hall at 4 p.m.

The Mountainside Borough Council will hold its re-organizational meeting on Thursday, January 2 at Borough Hall at 8 p.m.

The Westfield Town Council will hold its re-organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 7 at Town Hall at 7 p.m.

Scotch Plains Recreation Events

Teen Ski Getaway: February 21 to 23 in Killington, Vt. Package includes: transportation and accommodations, three meals with breakfasts, one day lift ticket, skiing and snowboarding available, and many more activities for those who don't ski! A deposit is required.

Scrapbooking: Scrapbooking programs are being introduced for children as well as adults. There will be introductory classes followed by longer sessions later in the season.

Manners Matter: We will be running a "Manners Matter" program for ages 7 to 12 which teaches, etiquette, telephone skills, conversational skills, speaking with confidence, party manners and much more. To be held on Saturday, March 1.

Babysitting Course: Will also be implemented once again due to the overwhelming response from the fall. To be held on Saturday, March 8.

"Girls on the Run" This program is for girls in third to fifth grades, which promotes good choices for a lifetime, self respect and healthy living as well as exercise. Program will run at the beginning of April for 10 weeks, meeting

twice a week at a Township park after school. Register at the Recreation Department after January 13.

Softball League: Registration for this program will begin in the end of January.

Disney On Ice: Scheduled for Saturday, January 25, at the Continental Airlines Arena. The show will begin at 11 a.m. The fee is \$35 per person, which includes ticket and transportation.

Ringling Bros. & Barnum Bailey Circus: Scheduled for Saturday, March 22 at Madison Square Garden for an 11 a.m. show.

Vanity Fair Shopping: Day trip to the Outlets in Reading, Pa. on Saturday April 12. Fee is \$18 per person includes round trip bus.

Adult Programs: Register for Senior Aerobics and Chris's Stayin Alive Exercise Dance Class after December 18 and Scrapbooking Workshops after January 3.

Most of the programs are scheduled to begin in the beginning to mid January. A few new programs are on the winter roster for 2003. For example, an additional theater class has been added for ages 7-9.

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Year in Review, 2nd Half of 2002 Letters to the Editor

July 25, 2002

Resident Says Traffic Calming Creates Danger On Rahway Ave.

I have watched in utter amazement over the last few weeks as crews have worked to make Rahway Avenue a dangerous street to bike, jog or drive on. As someone who grew up in Westfield, my children now traverse Rahway Avenue as I did when I was their age. It has never been a dangerous road, and except for the intersection with Shackamaxon Drive, serious accidents have fortunately been few and far between.

I have always taken pride in the intelligent minds that seem drawn to govern our town. Be they Democrats or Republicans, their ranks are often filled with professionals who have chosen to share their talents in law, budgeting, accounting etc. to help keep Westfield the fine town that it is. Even when I have disagreed with those elected to run our town, I could never call them stupid, until now.

It is hard to ponder what on earth our council members, mayor, and town engineer were thinking when they came up with this project. To make a smooth, clean, safe intersection like Clifton Street and Rahway into a dangerous, narrow, and constricted mess defies explanation. As a hiker I find it horrific that numerous "hump-outs" force me close to passing cars while traveling down Rahway Avenue. Indeed when my

newly licensed son came home from college for the summer I immediately warned him to avoid taking Clifton Street and Rahway Avenue to get to town. It's just not safe!

When I spoke to Kevin Walsh, one of my councilmen, about this disaster a few weeks ago, he mentioned that he had gotten numerous calls about the situation. He sought to reassure me that the fire chief had taken a fire truck down Rahway Avenue to see if it could make the turn onto Clifton Street. He also informed me that parts of the project near Willow Grove Road were scaled back due to the public outcry. How much money was paid to the RBA Group to design this disaster? Wasn't it their job to think of fire trucks and the like?

In a recent edition of *The Leader*, I read that more traffic calming is on the way. Fortunately for my neighbors and I they're attacking the North Side now. The RBA Group wants \$30,000 just to design the concept for Gallows Hill and South Chestnut Street. That's amazing. Suggestion to my elected officials: Make it a fourth or fifth grade project. A Town wide competition for the kids. One thing's for certain they will come up with something better than we got on Rahway Avenue!

Jim Block
Westfield

July 25, 2002

Reader Points Out High Costs Of Union County Officials' Trips

As one of your subscribers, I want to make sure that all your readers and taxpayers welcome back our county officials from their 5 day "all expenses paid" trip from festive New Orleans. Here is just a small list of the already incurred expenses that we taxpayers picked up the tab for.

Reservation fees were paid for eleven individuals to attend the National Association of County Officials Conference at the Sheraton New Orleans. The conference was held on July 12 through July 17.

Lodging was paid for Lewis Mingo Jr., Mary Ruotolo, Angel Estrada, Chester Holmes, Alex Mirabella, Rick Proctor, Deborah Scanlon, Nicholas Scutari, Daniel Sullivan, Elizabeth Gieniewicz and Michael Murray. The rooms cost \$154.20 per night per person for each of the five nights. This cost totals \$8,481.

These expenses are just those that I have uncovered so far while perusing through the county's vouchers and check registers. I review the expenses frequently. Normally, there are always other expenses on the trips and junkets that our county officials and their guests incur. Let me factor some of these expenses in right now - not including airfare.

There is a \$30 per day meal allowance per person. If they held to this amount, this

expense would total \$1,650. But this meal allowance is really a joke, as many of these "trippers" go well above the daily allowance at the expense of county taxpayers.

There will be other expenses such as taxis, phone calls and costs for other county employees who went on this trip. I have not uncovered these so far. Roughly, I estimate that this summer's vacation will cost taxpayers around \$12,000.

There will be more vacation/trips to come by county officials. Of course, you and I will pay for them. But this summer junket will be just a nibble compared to the upcoming one in November (after the elections) to the League of Municipalities Convention in Atlantic City.

From going through check registers and vouchers of dozens of county officials, employees and their guests that attended last year's League of Municipalities, it ended up costing Union County taxpayers \$27,302.13. Would you believe that these expenses are still trucking in? Sometimes it takes up to a year for someone at the county to submit expense vouchers for reimbursement.

I forecast another trip to China in the future for the county officials - just as they did a little while back.

Vincent Lehotsky
Elizabeth

July 18, 2002

FW Resident Vows Not To Shop in WF After Receiving Parking Ticket

Editor's Note: This letter was seen in the Westfield Court Clerk and copied to Mayor M. Bennett, The Downtown Westfield Corporation, Panera Bakers and The Westfield Leader.

Enclosed, please find my check in the amount of \$13.00 to pay the above fine. I hope that you enjoy cashing it. Enjoy it because it is the last money that the Town of Westfield, or any of its businesses, will see from me.

I am a resident of Fanwood who usually spends over five hundred dollars a year shopping in the stores in your Town. In this day and age of competition for my business, and with empty store-fronts on Broad

Street, I would think that the Town would not have ticket hawks out on a half empty street looking to assault business patrons with a ticket at 8:04 a.m. Obviously, I was wrong. It is equally obvious that Westfield does not want, or care about, my business.

To the owner of Panera Bakery, my apologies; although your coffee and breads are delicious in the morning, the Town has driven me from your door. It is unfortunate that this ticket will ultimately cost you, and your brother merchants, more than thirteen dollars through the loss of my business.

John M. Deitch
Fanwood

September 26, 2002

Subscriber Seeks an Explanation Regarding Tardy Mail Delivery

Several weeks ago, I called your office to discuss late delivery of my copy of *The Leader*. After a discussion of the issues, I sent the following letter to both the Westfield and Rahway Post Offices.

To Postmasters of Westfield and Rahway:

I subscribe to *The Westfield Leader*, which is mailed to me from Westfield every Thursday morning. I receive it on Monday if I'm lucky. The issue mailed last Thursday has not arrived yet despite being mailed six days ago.

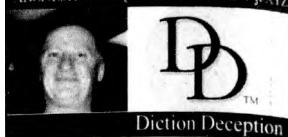
Yesterday, I called your 800-telephone number — an experience in itself. I was given a case number and was told that I

would be called today. The case number is KA 7883173. Your return telephone call has yet to be received.

I would like to get an explanation of why I never got called back. I would also like to know why it takes your organization a minimum of four days to move a piece of mail approximately two miles.

I thought you'd like to know that neither Postmaster has seen fit to reply to me. I think it's because my letters got lost in the mail. I continue, with one exception to get *The Leader* on Monday or Tuesday.

Charlotte Kornhauser
Clark



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 sarcane words.**
1. Piligerous — Covered with hair
 2. Loup-garou — A werewolf
 3. Notonecal — Having the back below in swimming, as certain insects
 4. Oeuvres — Literary works

BRACCATE

1. Having feathers which conceal the feet and legs
2. Concise; brief; to the point
3. Having the breadth of the cranium greater than the length, according to the cephalic index
4. In botany, furnished with branches in pairs

GRAMARVE

1. Elements or rudiments of any subject
2. Great thanks; formerly used to express thankfulness with surprise
3. Grief; misery
4. Magic; wizardry

REMEX

1. Oar-shaped
2. A large quill feather of a bird's wing
3. In fortification, the earth or materials used in filling up a trench
4. A delay; a hindrance; an obstacle

TERPSICHOREAN

1. A non web-spinning spider that catches its prey by use of its swiftness
2. A traitor; turncoat
3. A dancer
4. Animals having strong, thick entire shells, as oysters and clams

July 11, 2002

Pledge Of Allegiance Is About Patriotism, Not About Religion

I am ashamed — but hardly surprised — that every politician you polled denounced the court decision about the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our country got along fine without such a Pledge for more than a century. For about 75 years after that, we all recited a Pledge that did not refer to God.

Has the addition of those words, back in the 1950s, contributed in any way to patriotism? Or even to morality? No, the only thing the words "under God" accomplish is to assuage the religious while making the irreligious feel uncomfortable.

Remember Jesus' injunction to "render unto Caesar what is Caesar's." The fact is that patriotism and religion are completely separate. It is possible to be a fully patriotic atheist — and a church-going traitor.

Remember, too, that the perpetrators of 9/11 were intensely religious — just totally immoral.

Ivan Berger
Fanwood

July 4, 2002

Resident Thanks Westfield Police For Prompt Assistance

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the fine work done by members of Westfield's police department. I recently needed their assistance to report suspicious activity near my home. Within two minutes of the call, they had responded and were able to bring the situation under control.

In these uncertain times we should be appreciative of the work of our civil servants. I certainly believe they deserve every penny for putting their lives on the line each and every day for us.

Brian Appezatto
Westfield

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Once Again, a New Year Brings Farewells, Beginnings In Our Local Communities

Each January, many new municipal appointments are made. The mayors and councilpersons are having closed door sessions to complete their lineups.

This January, there will be a new municipal judge in Westfield. We don't know yet who will be chosen, but Judge William L. Brennan's time has come to completion. It's a natural transition in local government.

It's hard to believe that four years have passed already. On January 8, 1999, Westfield swore in Mr. Brennan as the new municipal judge. Union County Superior Court Judge Edward W. Beglin, Jr. presided as Judge Brennan's wife, Cathy, and his children, Kate and Natalie, looked on.

Promising to be "faithful and impartial," Mr. Brennan was officially sworn in that Friday afternoon as Westfield's newest municipal judge. He filled the slot left by the resignation some 18 months earlier of Judge Marion S. Mogielnicki, who served only eight months on the bench.

Judge Brennan has done a good job. He says it has been a rewarding experience to serve. We congratulate Judge Brennan and wish him and his wife Cathy the best for the new year.

Also four years ago, newly-elected Westfield Councilman Carl Salisbury was sworn in. He held up his worn shoes from walking the First Ward, symbolic of his election victory. This month, Mr. Salisbury leaves the Westfield council, as he chose not to seek a third term. We wish him well for a job well done.

Back then, too, Jim Gruba was sworn in as the only Westfield Republican elected that year. Times have changed this year, as the Republicans assume control in Westfield.

But, some things don't seem to change. At the Westfield swearing in ceremony four years ago, before an overflow crowd that packed into the Council Chambers, reelected Mayor Thomas Jardim told Westfielders that the implementation of a systematic solution to the persistent downtown parking problem would be the top challenge for the 1999 governing body.

There will be many new appointments and oaths of office occurring. It starts with town and county reorganization meetings, as newly-elected and reelected officials assume office.

In Westfield, elected officials will be sworn in on Tuesday, January 7, at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building. In Mountainside, the reorganization meeting will occur on Thursday, January 2, at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

Fanwood holds its reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 1, at noon at Borough Hall, while the Scotch Plains meeting is at 1 p.m. that day at the Municipal Building. Union County officials will also be sworn in on New Year's Day.

We urge the public to attend these meetings and support their elected officials. We thank all those leaving office and appointed positions for their service to the public in local government.

Reader Agrees With Previous Letter on WHS Parking Lot

I am in complete agreement with Victor Attanasio's letter as it appeared in the December 19th edition of *The Westfield Leader*. Why, in the infinite wisdom of the BOE, would they spend \$120,000 of our tax dollars for student parking when the State of New Jersey is considering a Graduated Driver's License for drivers under the age of 18? Has the president of the BOE, Arlene Gardner, heard of this pending change? Has she or any member of the city council taken a survey of how many students driving to the high school are under 18? Why is the BOE spending our tax dollars for this when they are cutting intramural programs, as well as eliminating sports programs? Where are their priorities? Are they centered on the children of Westfield, or are they on paying materials for a select few?

I have four children who graduated from Westfield High School, and they walked to school each and every day — rain, snow, bitter cold, or heat. And, do you know what? They grew up to be solid citizens.

They're successful, and they are not lazy. Yes, they could have been driven to school, but God gave them two legs, and they worked perfectly well. Additionally, they were very healthy kids, rarely missing a day of school due to illness. The exercise and fresh air did them good. Maybe that is why some kids today carry a few extra pounds. They spend too much time on their backsides playing video games and not enough time exercising. But, I digress.

If the kids want to drive, and their parents think it is important that their children drive to school, they should pay for the parking. We have to pay for parking at the train station, as well as for shopping downtown. The same should apply at school. Why should that be any different? The cost of the parking permits should go to the BOE for maintenance of the lot and paying off the \$120,000 the taxpayers would have had to lay out, if such a proposal were ever approved in Westfield.

Ralph J. Miller
Westfield

Resident Disagrees With Groups Paying For BOE Field Repair

Editor's Note: This letter was originally sent to Superintendent Dr. William Foley

I read the follow from the recent WPS-NEWS: "Received a report on the use of district athletic fields. Board Vice President Anne Riegel collected a vast amount of data concerning the use of our fields and prepared a detailed report. Based on records available in our Business Office, the principal users of our school fields are town leagues, making up 38 percent of registered applicants. The next greatest use (32 percent) is for physical education classes and recess for students in our public schools. Westfield High School athletic teams and band make up 14 percent; the town Recreation Department, 10 percent; and other users (teams, Y's Men's Club, and P.A.L.), 6 percent. Anne noted that the estimated hours of field usage totaled 15,208 hours in 2002. Total school district usage was 6,961 hours or 46 percent. Non-district use of our fields amounted to 8,247 hours or 54 percent. We will reference this information when we discuss with the leagues the role they need to play. We would like to look at forming the kind of agreements we have recently made with the Y's Men's Club (which is providing field repair in return for their use of Elm Street field). At this point in time, the leagues do not pay any fees or provide any field restoration.

Anne should be commended for all the work she did. The report will be shared

with the Recreation Commission through our liaison Kim Rhodes."

My concern is the implication is that fees or restoration are going to be asked of the various non-government school organizations that utilize the fields. We already pay. We pay property taxes. The Y's Men's Club was foolish to make such an agreement to provide field repair. Unless you can show intent to destroy the field, you should budget repairs like you have in the past.

Bill Hedley
Westfield

November 21, 2002

Thank You, Westfield For Caring So Much

We want to once again show our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the entire community of Westfield. You have honored our husbands with not only a beautiful memorial, but also with such a dignified dedication ceremony. We now have this wonderful park for remembrance and reflection. With Thanksgiving approaching, we feel truly thankful to be part of such a caring community. Thank you.

Kate Walsh
Diane Starita
Rebecca Shum
Maura Madden
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Heard On The Street

New Year's Resolutions

- Lose Weight, Eat Better
- Exercise More, Get In Shape
- Better Organize My Time
- Quit Smoking, Drink Less
- Follow Through With Projects
- Go To Church
- Worry Less
- Be Nicer, Smile More

October 17, 2002

Weldon Family Thanks Community For Support

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the outpouring of love and support from nearly 600 friends, old and new.

On Saturday, October 12th Westfield P.B.A. Local 90, with Gerry Cooney and F.I.S.T. presented "Celebrity Boxing for Weldon FOP Research" at Temple Emanuel to help support and spread awareness for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva on behalf of our daughter, Whitney.

Thank you brave boxers, Gerry Cooney, Congressman Donald M. Payne, Senator Raymond Lesniak, Barney Tracy, Irish Ed McGuire, Lisa Perrotta, Mirjana Banic, Jim McCullough, Bill Moffitt, Mike Small, Andy Izatt, Mike D'Innocenzio and Chester Holmes.

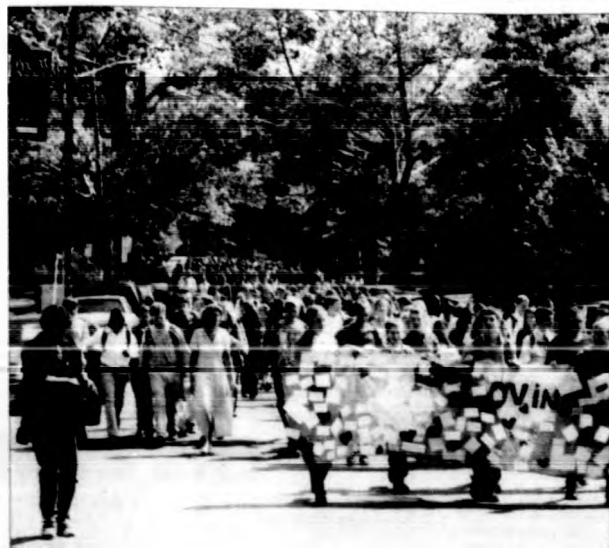
Cheers to Chief Tracey, Gary Whyte, Carmen Brocato, Sr., Mike Kenny, Lisa Perrotta and the entire boxing committee, Kathy & Sal for "Whitney's Prayer," Warriors of the Living God Gospel Group, funny judges, lovely ladies and gentlemen ring card holders, sensational emcee, presenters, magicians, reporters, supporters, all the servers and volunteers, Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts, moms & dads, senior citizens, all the local sponsors, we could keep going... This was an amazing evening!

Thank you for allowing us to share our tears, fears, smiles and laughter. Thank you for your hugs, encouragement, hope and prayers. You have all given us the strength to keep fighting for Whitney's future and all the sufferers of FOP. In our hearts, we know something wonderful has come out of this most heartfelt evening... and when it does, you will be the first to know.

P.S. William and Whitney had a blast! Bill, Hillary, Will & Whitney Weldon
Westfield



REMEMBERING MOM AND DAD... Members of the Devlin Family gathered at the Mountainside Public Library to remember the authorship and artistry of their parents and in-laws Harry and Wendie Devlin, which has been archived in a special wing of the library. Pictured, left to right, are: Nick and Libby Devlin, Marilyn and Harry "Herk" Devlin, Geoff and Wendie Devlin Gates, David and Marianne Devlin, Jeff Devlin, Brian Devlin, Library Trustee Ginger Chan, Mountainside Councilman and Liaison Glenn Mortimer, Trustee Rita Ragno, Library Director Miriam Bein, and Trustees Kathleen Crilly, Jacqueline Barry, Dona Osieja, and Nancy Caffrey.



IN MEMORIAM... Students and members of the community left flowers, stuffed animals and notes on the front lawn of the high school in remembrance of Greta Schoenemann. Thursday afternoon, crowds gathered at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield to pay their respects to Greta during an emotional service.





Chen Rogowsky for The Westfield Leader and The Times
The Business and Professional Association of Fanwood recently held its Holiday Dinner Meeting and Toy Drive at Il Sogno Restaurant and Pizzeria in Fanwood. Members of the Business and Professional Association and residents of Fanwood/Scotch Plains donated many toys to needy families in the area. Congressman Mike Ferguson attended and was presented with a plaque naming him Honorary Chairman of the Toy Drive.

United Fund Offers Residents Charity Tips

WESTFIELD — With over one million charities to select from throughout the country, sometimes the choices can be overwhelming. During the holiday season, it seems each one of them is asking for donations. The daily mail is filled with solicitations and the telephone rings with calls from fundraisers of all types.

The board believes it would be worthwhile for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains/Fanwood* readers to be apprised of what to look for in terms of organizations that solicit money, as outlined by the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs.

When you decide to contribute, beware of high-pressure phone calls urging you to give immediately. Beware of phone calls that tell you you've won a large amount of money or other valuable prizes from a "charity."

Some tips for charitable giving include:

- **Know your charity:** Never give to a charity you know nothing about. Ask for literature and read it. Ask questions, honest charities encourage you to do so.

- **Do not be fooled by a convincing name:** A dishonest charity will often have an impressive name, or one that closely resembles the name of a respected, legitimate concern.

- **Demand identification:** Always ask to see identification for both the solicitor and the charity. Be suspicious of anyone who can't respond satisfactorily.

- **Beware of telephone solicitations:** Refuse to commit yourself on the first call. If the charity sounds worthwhile, ask to be sent written information.

- **Do not fall for the tearjerker:** Don't give simply because of a pathetic "sob story." The hard luck tale is a favorite of fraudulent operators.



BIKES FOR KIDS...Scotch Plains PBA Local No. 87 provided two bicycles for children during the Scotch Plains Downtown Christmas Celebration. Jay's Cycle of Westfield helped in the purchase of the two bicycles. L.L. LeStrange and Det. Briell pulled the winning tickets prior to Santa's arrival for the tree lighting. Amanda Denman, daughter of Det. Denman helped run the raffle.

Fanwood to Receive Grant For Emergency Systems

FANWOOD — Senator Joseph Suliga and Assembly members Jerry Green and Linda Stender have announced that Fanwood will receive \$80,500 from the Department of Law and Public Safety as part of its State-wide Local Domestic Preparedness Equipment Grant for 2003.

These funds will be used to upgrade the emergency communication system currently used by police, fire, and emergency medical services in the Borough of Fanwood.

Specifically, the grant money will allow the police, fire, and rescue squad departments to use a radio system that operates on an ultra high band system, technology that is a tremendous improvement from the low band frequency that is currently used by the departments. Operating on this new frequency will enable vital transmissions to penetrate obstacles such as large buildings and travel over low-lying geographical areas of the town that wreak havoc with the current low band system.

Moving to a higher frequency will also allow for the police, fire, and rescue squad departments of Fanwood to cooperate with surrounding counties and municipalities in the event of an emergency.

"The attacks on the World Trade Center and the difficulty experienced by the police, fire, and emergency

departments are an all too real demonstration of the need for direct and uninterrupted communication between emergency workers of all departments," Assemblywoman Stender said.

Union County Sheriff Receives Anti-Terrorism Training at a Seminar

COUNTY — Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich and three other members of his department received special anti-terrorism training at a special four-day seminar at New Mexico Tech. The "Emergency Response to Terrorism" training, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, taught law enforcement officers strategy and tactics aimed at deterring, preventing, preparing for and responding to a domestic terrorist attack involving both conventional weapons and weapons of mass destruction.

Sheriff Froehlich, a member of the state's Office of Counter-Terrorism Law Enforcement Advisory Council, said such specialized training in finding evidence, investigating crimes and responding to such incidences is essential today.



FIGHTING THE BATTLE AGAINST MS...Westfield High School graduate, Thomas Jacobson, was honored by the Mid-Jersey chapter of National Multiple Sclerosis. Pictured, left to right, are: Presenter Scott Erickson, Thomas Jacobson, Marybeth Jacobson and their son Steven.

Mr. Jacobson Honored by Multiple Sclerosis Society

WESTFIELD — Westfield High School graduate Thomas Jacobson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jacobson, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mid-Jersey Chapter at their annual meeting for his dedication to ending the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis (MS). Tom and his family participate in the "Coast the Coast" Bike Tour held by the Mid-Jersey Chapter. The "Coast the Coast" Bike Tour is one of the major fundraising events for the Mid-Jersey Chapter. Participants riding in the tour collect pledges to raise funds necessary for MS research and empowering programs for people with MS.

In 1999, Tom formed Team Jacobson and to date his team has raised over \$16,000 in the fight against MS. Over the past three years, team captain Tom has recruited friends, family and co-workers to help him in his quest to end the devastating effects of this disease. In just three years, his team has grown from 11 members to 60 members. Tom's

efforts have gone above and beyond all expectations.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic and often disabling disease of the central nervous system. People with MS, which is usually diagnosed in the prime of life (between the ages of 20 and 50), face unpredictable symptoms that can range from numbness and blurred vision to paralysis and blindness. Because of its unpredictability, the age at which it manifests itself, and the fact over 70 percent of the people with MS are women, the disease often has a devastating impact on families. The National MS Society supports programs that help ensure people with MS will live their lives with as little disruption as possible. The Society advocates for the empowerment of people with MS.

For more information about multiple sclerosis call (732) 660-1005 or 24-hours a day 1-800-FIGHT-MS or e-mail to info@nmss.org.

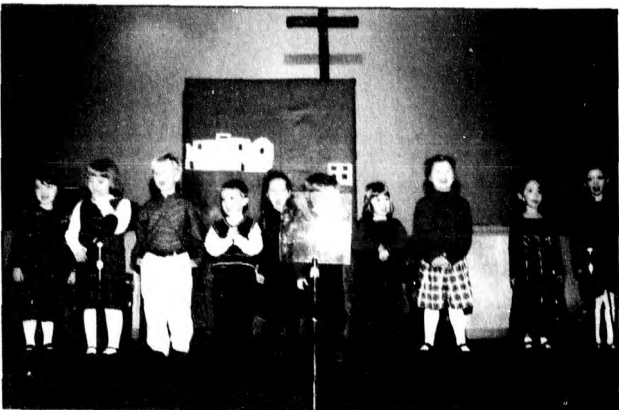
Christmas Tree Drive Will Aid WHS Musical Show

WESTFIELD — The cast and crew of this year's Westfield High School (WHS) musical production of *Pirates of Penzance* will conduct their second annual Christmas Tree Drive.

Because the town does not collect trees, the cast and crew will be collecting trees and properly disposing of them for a minimal fee of \$7. Checks can be made out to WHS. Pick up dates are Saturdays, January 7 and 14. All money will benefit the WHS

production. Money will be used for sets, costumes, lights and other such necessities for the school's professional shows.

Those interested in participating should e-mail Christine Piot at cpiat24@hotmail.com. Residents on the north side of Westfield should call Christine at (908) 232-9320, while residents on the south side of town should call David Eisenberg at (908) 654-1740.



SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER...Prior to closing for the Christmas break, the children from Willow Grove Pre-School held their annual Christmas program. Each class performed holiday poems and songs for the families. The performance was followed by a punch and cookie reception. Members of the four-year-old class are shown singing at the Christmas concert. Pictured, from left to right, are: Brianna Tucciarone, Caitlin O'Connell, Jack DeFazio, Jimmy Maguire, Gabriella DiIollo, Michael DiGiacomo, Becky McTorter, Tiffany Tran and Amelia Morel.

Art Assoc. to Host Meeting With Digital Camera Expert

WESTFIELD — On Sunday, January 12, Andrew Bobeck will appear at the first meeting of the new year of the Westfield Art Association (WAA) with a demonstration, slide presentation, question and answer session entitled, "Fine Art with Digital Camera or Scanner."

The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building at 425 East Broad Street from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mr. Bobeck was a dabbler in oil painting prior to his retirement from A/E/C Bell Labs in Murray Hill. Currently, he enjoys watercolor painting, photography and computer graphics.

His realization of the photography made possible with the use of a flatbed scanner leads him to believe that the technique will eventually develop into a dominant art form.

Mr. Bobeck's work has received the David Stout Award at the 1998 Chatham Community Art Show. He is a member of the Drew Art Association, Essex Watercolor Club, Millburn Short Hills Art Center and the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. He is curator of Gallery 54 in Chatham.

The demonstration and discussion will address questions such as, "Where do you take your film to be developed when there isn't any film?" "Just what is a pixel and why should you care?"

Participants should bring their digital cameras, as well as the accompanying manuals, for "hands-on" help.

The meeting is free and open to the public. The room is wheelchair accessible. For more information, please call Tobia Meyers, Program Chairwoman, at (908) 687-2945.

Bagger Bill Protects Towns From Builders Lawsuits

TRENTON — Legislation sponsored by Senator Richard H. Bagger that would offer municipalities in compliance with the state's "Fair Housing Act" an extension from builders' remedy lawsuits passed the Senate, 36-2, on December 16.

The legislation would enable towns to voluntarily adopt a resolution stating their intent to continue to comply with the "Fair Share Housing Act."

"This legislation will protect towns from the threat of lawsuits brought by builders by enabling them to voluntarily file with COAH," said Senator Bagger. "Thus, once they have passed a resolution to comply with the state's Fair Housing Act as per the Mount Laurel Decision, they could not be

sued."

"The clear intention of the Legislature to give municipalities a chance to work out affordable housing plans has been thwarted by overzealous litigation," Mr. Bagger continued. "The intent of my bill is to allow for an orderly process for towns to file these housing documents."

He said the legislation will give towns more time to adopt and file with COAH their amended housing element and fair share plan as per the housing act and the Mount Laurel court decision.

Senator Bagger has asked the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee to consider the legislation in the early part of 2003.

Recent Home Sales

Recent real estate transactions are provided by *The Westfield Leader* in cooperation with the office of the tax assessor.

The first set of names or name is the seller and the second set of names or name is the buyer.

The sales prices are those recorded by the Register of Deeds at the Union County Court House complex in Elizabeth.

The Week of November 25
Joseph and Eva Wagonsommer to John and Suzanne Toal, 57 Barchester Way, \$670,000.

Estate of Dominic Minto to Gines Builders, Inc., 214 Edgewood Avenue, M/A 124 Westfield Avenue, Clark, \$290,000.

Lucy Castiglia to Mary Beth Wilusz, 860 North Avenue, West, \$280,000.

Dante and Patricia Bonardi to Alice Jaffe, 20 Cowperthwaite Square, \$435,000.

D. Villane Construction, LLC to Martha C. Vendetti, 521 Sherwood Parkway, \$749,000.

Henry Dabrowski to Gail Kender, 401 Woodland Avenue, \$1,150,000.

Scott and Lisa Freidenreich to Christian and Shelle Sepe, 642 Norman Place, \$590,000.

Kenneth and Carolyn Kloss to Gregory Starzewski, 407 Edgar Road, \$385,000.

Betty Jane Shianella, Trustee to Maurice and Charlotte Walton, 585 Trinity Place, \$335,000.

Antonio and Linda Monaco, Jr. to Charles and Catherine Harris, 626 Hillcrest Avenue, \$530,000.

Gary and Maureen Ruckelshaus to Christopher and Elizabeth Loder, 622 Fourth Avenue, \$387,000.

Mindi Forgash to Maria Halkias, 46 Enam Terrace, \$469,500.

James and Patricia Jones, III to John Mastoranni, 515 Washington Street, \$361,000.

Camille Manfredonia to Brian and Jennifer M. Power, 667 Shackamaxon Drive, \$560,000.

John and Rochelle Immuccio to Aleksey and Diana Bakhtina, 438 Clifton Street, \$479,000.

Willow Grove Pre-School To Hold Open House

SCOTCH PLAINS — Willow Grove Pre-School, located at 1961 Raritan Road, will hold a parent pre-registration open house for the 2003-2004 school year on Tuesday, January 14. The snow date will be January 15.

The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the church's Wedgewood Room. Director Kathy Calello will present a slide show of the pre-school program along with a tour of the facility.

Willow Grove Pre-School is a Christian pre-school, sponsored by Willow Grove Presbyterian Church and licensed by the state of New Jersey. Class teachers are state-certified educators.

Registration for the 2003-2004 school year will begin February 3 for present enrollees and alumni. Open registration will begin on February 10.

For further information, please call Mrs. Calello at (908) 232-7117.

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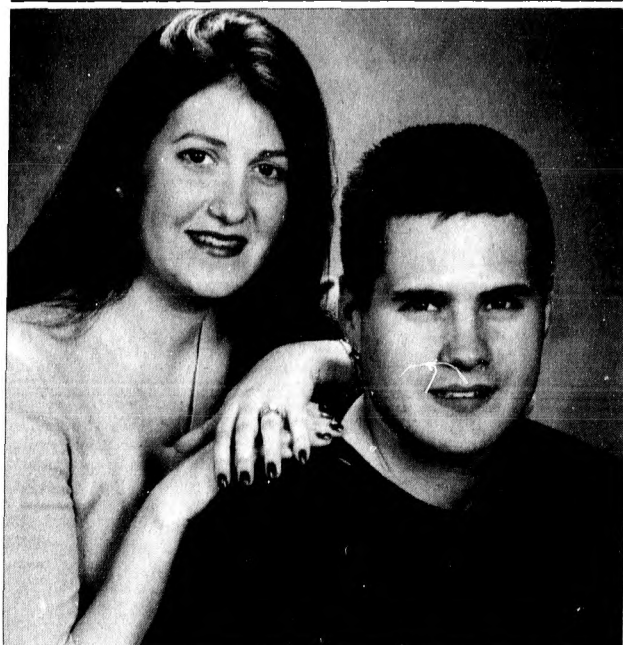
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Ms. Karen E. Polito and Corey M. Chipman

Ms. Karen E. Polito To Wed Corey M. Chipman

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Polito of Scotch Plains have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Karen Elizabeth Polito of New Britain, Conn., to Corey Matthew Chipman, also of New Britain. He is the son of Mrs. Dawn Westrom of Bemus Point, N.Y. and James Chipman of Falconer, N.Y.

The bride-elect, a 1995 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School,

holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Graphic Design from American University in Washington, D.C. She is employed as a production manager for *Legal Affairs* magazine in New Haven, Conn.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, Va. He served as a United States Army Ranger and is a member of the Connecticut Army National Guard. He works at the *Hartford Business Journal* in Hartford, Conn.

The couple plans to be married in May.

Hope Chest Thrift Shop Plans Half-Price Sale

WESTFIELD — The Hope Chest Thrift Shop, located at 26 Prospect Street in Westfield, will hold a half-price sale of all clothing and selected items starting Tuesday, January 7.

The shop features designer clothes for women, men and children, along with women's handbags, scarves and household items.

The Hope Chest is operated by volunteers from the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care Auxiliary. All proceeds help provide terminally ill patients with hospice care and their families with physical, emotional and spiritual support. For directions or further information, please call the shop at (908) 233-9973.

Alzheimer's Assoc. Announces Meeting Schedule for January

WESTFIELD — An Alzheimer's Association Caregiver support group will hold a meeting at Sunrise at Westfield, 240 Springfield Avenue on Monday, January 20 at 7 p.m.

Other meetings will be held in Summit at Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Avenue at Sylvan Road, on Thursday, January 9, at 7 p.m. and on Thursday, January 23, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Mr. Urso to Present History Of Westfield Rescue Squad

WESTFIELD — "The History of the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad" will be recounted by Joseph Urso, its most senior riding member, at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society.

The luncheon will take place at noon on January 8 at B.G. Fields Restaurant, located at 560 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

Mr. Urso will relate some of the early history of the 51-year-old squad and discuss how it has grown into an organization of volunteers that was chosen as the number one volunteer rescue squad in the state for 2002.

The squad handles 2,400 calls annually, with total volunteer hours running approximately 25,000 per year.

Mr. Urso will discuss the hours and training required for each volunteer to become proficient and how that training helped squad members respond to the catastrophic events of September 11, 2001.

He will also reveal how their participation at Ground Zero led to even greater volunteer training, as well as closer cooperation training with the Westfield Fire Department.

Mr. Urso joined the squad in 1970 and has been a continuous member for 33 years. For the last seven years, he has been employed by the Citicorp Institute in Edison as an academic instructor.

Additionally, he has been an Adjunct Professor for 13 years at Kean University, where he teaches finance, economic and management science courses.

Regular attendees of the luncheon will be contacted by a telephone committee of the Society to verify reservations. Space permitting, others may attend as well. Interested individuals are asked to call (908) 233-2930 by Monday, January 6.

St. Agnes School Sets Open House on Jan. 9

CLARK — St. Agnes School in Clark has invited all parents who are considering Catholic School education for their children to come to a Wine and Cheese Open House on Thursday, January 9, at 7 p.m.

There will be an opportunity to tour classrooms and to meet the school's certified teachers, school board members and its Principal, Sister Claire Oummet.

All classrooms are networked and have Internet access. St. Agnes School is Middle States Accredited and is located at 342 Madison Hill Road.

The school offers classes from Pre-kindergarten through Grade 8. School hours are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. After-school care is available daily until 5:30 p.m. For further information, please call (732) 381-0850.

Caregivers Meeting Set For January 6

WESTFIELD — A support group for individuals caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month.

Meetings are held at 8 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. The next meeting will take place on January 6.

These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1867.

Presbyterian Church Slates Sunday Labyrinth Walks

CRANFORD — The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford will sponsor a series of open Labyrinth Walks, to be held at Bates Hall in the First Presbyterian Church in Cranford.

The next walk will be held on Sunday, January 5. Participants may walk the Labyrinth any time between 1 and 4 p.m., but are asked to begin the walk no later than 3:30 p.m., so it may be completed by 4 p.m. Subsequent walks will be held on the first Sunday of every month.

Walking the Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice of prayer and meditation. The 11-ringed pattern, painted on canvas, is modeled on the 13th-century labyrinth of Chartres Cathedral.

At that time, walking the labyrinth symbolized the Christian pilgrimage to Jerusalem for people who could not personally make the journey.

The Presbyterian Church is located at 11 Springfield Avenue. For further information, please call the church office at (908) 276-8440.



William McMeekan, Jr. and Ms. Ryleigh Whalen

Ms. Ryleigh Whalen to Wed William McMeekan, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. William Whalen of Sewaren, formerly of Westfield, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Ryleigh Whalen, to William McMeekan, Jr. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William McMeekan of Westfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Westfield High School and the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan, where she earned a degree in display and exhibit design. She is employed as a visual manager with Henri Bendel New York.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Westfield High School and holds a degree in psychology and English Literature from Drew University in Madison. He teaches television production at Union High School.

A September 2003 wedding is planned.

JCC Continues Classes In T'ai Chi, Qigong

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains, will continue to offer courses in the ancient Chinese disciplines of T'ai Chi and Qigong in 2003.

T'ai Chi and Qigong classes are held every Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. Additionally, a new T'ai Chi class for people age 50 and over will be offered starting Wednesday, January 8, at 9:30 a.m. The course is designed to strengthen the heart, increase flexibility and enhance the immune system.

For further details and fee information regarding these programs, please call instructor Shu Chao at (908) 889-4310.

Torah Center Plans Ice Skating Activity

COUNTY — Parents and children are invited to attend a "Saturday Night Out" at the brand-new ice skating rink in Union, sponsored by the Union County Torah Center and the Chai Center for Living Judaism.

The event will be held on January 4, from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. Admission is \$10 per child and will include kosher pizza, drinks and skate rental. Participants will meet at the rink, located at 2441 Route 22, West, in Union, the former site of Fundation USA, next to Pathmark.

The Torah Center is located at 418 Central Avenue in Westfield. For more information or to reserve a place, please call the center at (908) 789-5252.

Concert at Temple To Help Valerie Fund

WESTFIELD — An SATB (Starting at the Beginning) Benefit Concert will be held on Saturday, January 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The concert will consist of readings and choral, band and other inspirational performances. Proceeds will benefit the Valerie Fund, a not-for-profit organization that treats children with cancer and blood disorders at eight area hospitals.

SATB was formed by a group of local students after they learned of a Westfield child with cancer who is a patient at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Through the concert, they hope to help this child and others receiving treatment at The Valerie Fund Children's Centers.

Tickets to the concert are available for a suggested donation of \$10. For more information, please call Travis Redd at (908) 317-9057 or send an email to SATBbenefit@aol.com.

AARP Meeting on Tap For January 6 in Clark

WESTFIELD — The first meeting for 2003 of Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons will take place on Monday, January 6, in the group's temporary location at American Legion Post No. 328 in Clark.

Following a social period at 1 p.m. and a brief business meeting at 1:30 p.m., guest speaker Jean White will discuss "Easy Exercises for Armchair TV Viewers." Ms. White, an expert in group fitness classes, is affiliated with the Westfield Y.

While seated, the audience will participate in simple movements of

the arms, legs and waistline areas to improve circulation and muscle tone.

Members are asked to donate canned and boxed grocery items. Additionally, a list of trips and tours for the new year will be announced. The first will be a bus trip on Thursday, February 13, to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for a luncheon and the premiere production of the musical comedy *Cowboy Cafe*.

Reservations at \$50 per person may be made at the January 6 meeting or by calling Trips and Tours Chairwoman Betty Montag at (908) 232-7153.

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INSPIRATIONAL IMAGE... Congregation Beth Israel of Scotch Plains celebrated its 20th anniversary with a Gala Celebration Weekend, from December 13 to 15. To mark the occasion, artist Paul Gordon, left, who is also a musician and Assistant Conductor of the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra, presented Rabbi George B. Nudell with an oil painting that pays tribute to the rabbi as the congregation's spiritual leader.

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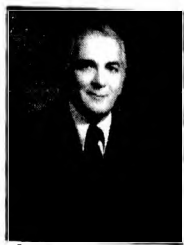
Edward Edwards Cole, Sr. of Houston, Tex. died on Saturday, October 26, in Houston.

Born on July 12, 1918 in Lexington, Ky., he was the son of Louis and Effie Cole and the youngest of five children. He grew up in Colorado Springs and had also lived in Westfield, Denver, Colo., and in Washington, D.C. before relocating to Houston in 1955.

Mr. Cole had been employed in sales management positions with Nestle, FFV, Nehi and Carling Breweries prior to retiring in 1985.

He was commissioned a Lieutenant in the United States Army cavalry during World War II.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Margaret Ann "Margot"



Edward E. Cole, Sr.

Prokopovitch, on April 7, 1983. The couple was married on September 8, 1945 in Washington, D.C.

Surviving are two sons, Edward Edwards Cole, Jr. of Brick and Philip Andrew Cole of Littleton, Colo.; a daughter, Constance Ann Kelly of Houston; a brother, Lloyd Cole of Colorado Springs; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Thursday, October 31, at the Swan Law Funeral Home in Colorado Springs.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation, in care of Lois Heffernan, 1501 N.W. 9th Avenue, Miami, Fla. 33136-1494.

January 2, 2003

Harold L. Bevelheimer, 88, Was Mason; Retired President, Co-Owner of Unilab

Harold L. Bevelheimer, 88, of Westfield died on Tuesday, December 17, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Mahanoy City, Pa., he lived in Westfield since 1955.

Mr. Bevelheimer was President and co-owner of Unilab of Hillside prior to retiring after 46 years.

He was a member of the Scottish Rite and a 32nd Degree Mason with the Celine Lodge in Ohio.

He additionally held memberships in both the Christ United Methodist Church in Kingston, R.I. and the First United Methodist Church of

Westfield.

He was predeceased by both of his wives, Tryphena Richards Bevelheimer, in 1987, and Helen Mack Bevelheimer, in 1999.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda B. Gross of Wakefield, R.I. and Carole B. Hetzell of Jamesburg; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 17, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

January 2, 2003

Lawrence P. Berry, 73, Executive; Had Served in Counter Intelligence

Lawrence Paul Berry, 73, of Brewster, Mass. died on Wednesday, December 25, at the Cranberry Point Skilled Care Center in Harwich, Mass.

Born on November 29, 1929 in the Bronx, N.Y., he was raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. He had lived in Westfield for 26 years before relocating to Brewster, in Cape Cod, seven years ago.

Mr. Berry was the controller of Dan River, Inc. in New York City prior to retiring to Brewster.

He was a graduate of Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn and St. John's University, also in Brooklyn, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

He served in the Counter Intelligence

Corps during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Berry was a member of The Captain's Course in Brewster and served as the Treasurer of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Harwich.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Evelyn Johanson Berry; three daughters, Virginia Del Prado of Danvers, Kathleen Miller of Hillsborough and Patricia Curley of Petaluma, Calif.; a son, John Berry of Rumson; a sister, Ann Juliano of Naples, Fla., and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 4, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Nickerson Funeral Home in Orleans, Mass.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Peter's Capital Fund, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 310 Route 137, Harwich, Mass. 02645, in support of St. Peter's building project.

January 2, 2003

Angelina Rasile, 88

Angelina Rasile, 88, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, December 15, at her home.

Born in Plainfield, she was a Scotch Plains resident for most of her life.

Surviving are her husband of 65 years, August C. Rasile; a daughter, Marie B. Callahan; a sister, Viola M. Morano; a brother, Albert Caruso; three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered on Wednesday, December 18, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were handled by the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

January 2, 2003

DEATH NOTICE

Jack Dunn, 91

Jack Dunn of West Windsor died on Wednesday, December 11, at The Medical Center in Princeton. He was 91.

Born in Scotland, Mr. Dunn came to the United States in 1913, settling in Manhattan. He resided in Westfield and Somerville before moving to West Windsor 15 years ago.

Prior to his retirement in 1976, he had been employed as a salesman for Max Factor Cosmetics in California for 30 years.

Mr. Dunn was a member of B'nai B'rith of Westfield, the American Association of Retired Persons and F.L.A.G. He was involved with civil rights marches in the 1960s and protested the Vietnam War.

Mr. Dunn was a Committeeman for the Democratic Party in Princeton Junction 12 years ago. He also was an avid tennis player until the age of 85.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Terry Ganis Dunn; a son, David Dunn of Bethel, Conn.; two daughters, Lisa Rubinstein of Sarasota, Fla. and Ellen Dunn of Dayton, four grandchildren, Laurie and Eric Rubinstein and Jessica and Dana Aga, and one great-grandson, Matthew Joseph Gardella.

Funeral services were held on Friday, December 13, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapels in East Brunswick. Interment followed at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge.

Memorial gifts may be made to a charity of one's choice.

January 2, 2003

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICE

Imelda E. McGraw, 84, Played Piano; Helped Found Catholic Golden Age

Imelda E. McGraw, 84, of Westfield died on Saturday, December 21, at her home.

Born in Philadelphia, she had lived in Scotch Plains for 30 years and in Lakehurst for 12 years before moving to Westfield a year and a half ago.

Mrs. McGraw had worked for

American Home Products in Cranford for 20 years prior to retiring.

She was a founding member of the Catholic Golden Age at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

A well-known piano player in the Philadelphia area, she had played with local swing bands on Philadelphia radio stations.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harold E. McGraw, in 1988.

Surviving are her son, Brian McGraw, and his wife, Joanne; a daughter, Teresa Hamill, and her husband, Russ; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Friday, December 27, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church.

Arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Fanwood Fire Company, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood 07023.

January 2, 2003

James E. Faw, Jr., 84

James E. Faw, Jr., 84, of Marathon, Fla. died on Tuesday, December 3,

Born on April 2, 1918 in Atlanta, Ga., he moved to Westfield with his family in 1925. He had also lived in Hackensack, Woodcliff Lake and Westwood before he and his wife retired to Florida.

A 1936 graduate of Westfield High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

He served in the United States Army during World War II in Iceland and later at West Point.

Mr. Faw spent his entire career with the National Biscuit Co., having joined the firm in an engineering capacity after the war.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Martha Cornelia Sims, in 1985. The couple was married on August 8, 1942 at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Mr. Faw was also preceded in death by his parents, J. Enoch and Lucile Kendrick Faw; a son, John M. Faw, and a sister, Mary Ann Barker.

Surviving are two sons, James S. Faw of Polson, Mont. and Gerald D. Faw of Makanda, Ill.; a daughter, Cornelia S. Faw of New York City; four granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dean & Sons Funeral Home in Big Pine Key, Fla.

January 2, 2003

DEATH NOTICE

Henrietta Cibulskis

Henrietta Cibulskis, 87, of Scotch Plains died on Monday, December 16, at her daughter's home in Sharon, Mass., with her husband of 61 years and all five of her children at her bedside.

Born in New York City in 1915, she resided in Scotch Plains for the past 45 years. She was a wonderful mother, a dedicated wife and an avid gardener, a world traveler, endlessly curious and an eternal optimist. Her warmth and enthusiasm touched everyone she met, and all who knew her miss her very much.

She is survived by her husband, Walter; sister Millie Salzillo; two daughters, Susan Speakman and Margaret Lannon; three sons, Robert and John Cibulskis and Stephen Strain; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in Scotch Plains in January.

January 2, 2003

Michael Bracuto, 79, Was Mechanic; Member of Parish and Seniors Group

Michael Patsy Bracuto, 79, of Downey, Calif. died on Friday, December 20, at the Sunbridge Care Center in Downey.

Born and raised in Westfield, he had lived in Pomona, Calif. and then in the Santa Monica/Culver City area before settling in the Pico Rivera area, where he spent over 30 years of his life.

Mr. Bracuto, who initially worked in animal husbandry, graduated from L.A. Trade Tech as a diesel mechanic. He worked his way up in his trade to journeyman mechanic, being employed by Greyhound Bus Lines, the County of Los Angeles and ONC Trucking. He spent his last 20 years of active employment with Di Salvo Trucking before retiring.

He was a member of St. Marianne's Parish and the Saint Vincent De Paul Society. In his later years, he was a member of the Shade Lane Seniors.

He was predeceased by his parents, Cesare and Maria Teresa Bracuto, and three brothers, Carmen Bracuto, Bartolomeo "Bart" Bracuto and Peter Bracuto.

Surviving are a daughter, Bernadette Bracuto-Hislop of Torrance, Calif.; a son, Cesare Thomas Bracuto of California; five sisters, Anne, Catherine, Olympia, Teresa and Margarita, all of New Jersey; a brother, Donato "Danny" Bracuto, also of New

Elizabeth Giambalvo

Elizabeth A. Szpala Giambalvo, 86, of Westfield died on Saturday, December 21, at her home.

Born in Richmond Hill, N.Y., she lived in Westfield since 1956.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Giambalvo had worked for Dr. Evalina LiSooy in Westfield and Mountainside for 30 years before retiring eight years ago.

She was a communicant of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Nathaniel Giambalvo, in 1965.

Surviving are a son, Nathaniel J. Giambalvo of Clark, and two sisters, Helen Kara of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and Stephanie Endres of Garden City, Long Island.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, December 23, at the Holy Trinity Church. Interment was at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

January 2, 2003

DEATH NOTICE

Anthony Cascella, Sr., 83, Started Firm; Had Been Featured in Life Magazine

Anthony "Tony" Cascella, Sr., 83, died on Tuesday, September 17, at North Broward Hospital in Pompano Beach, Fla.

Tony was born in Cranford on May 28, 1919 and married Mary "Peggy" Penn in 1944. They bought their first home in Carteret. They had lived in Clark, Morristown and Westfield until he retired in 1977 and moved to Pompano Beach, Fla.

Tony was the original owner of Ideal Plating and Polishing Company in Linden. He built up the company from a cellar in Newark to a multi-million dollar firm in Linden.



Anthony Cascella, Sr.

He gold plated Telesat, one of the first satellites in space, and was featured in Life magazine. His home in Morristown, referred to by most as the upside down house, was featured in Architectural Digest in 1966.

He was a devoted husband, married 58 years, who lost his wife on June 30, 2002.

Surviving are his children, Tony, Jr., John, Denise Brown, Liz Cascella and Peggy Pappas, and grandchild Christina Pappas.

To send condolences, please email Jenise33069@yahoo.com.

January 2, 2003

Theda Gilbert, 85, Had Been Teacher At McKinley and Franklin Schools

Theda McPerry Gilbert, 85, of Scotch Plains died on Monday, December 23, at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains.

Born in Orville, Ohio, she had lived in Westfield before relocating to Scotch Plains in 1994.

Mrs. Gilbert had been employed by the Westfield Board of Education as a second grade teacher at McKinley and Franklin elementary schools, for a total of 27 years, before retiring on July 1, 1984.

Earlier, she had worked at Cornell University in New York and at the Klockner School in Trenton for three years, and as a secretary for one year.

While teaching in the Westfield school system, she held the position of secretary of the salary committee. She earned a Bachelor of Arts De-

gree in English and Biological Science from the University of Kentucky. Mrs. Gilbert, who also studied at Trenton State Teachers College and Rutgers University, received her master's degree from Teachers College-Columbia University of New York on February 25, 1970.

Surviving are her former husband, Edwin O. Gilbert; a daughter, Nancy Dunlap Craker of Bedford, Tex.; a son, Stephen L. Gilbert of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Clifford McPerry of Akron, Ohio; five grandsons and three great-granddaughters.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

January 2, 2003

Eugene Arpino, 65, Furniture Salesman; Air Force Veteran and Rotary Member

Eugene J. Arpino, 65, of Westfield died on Monday, December 23, at his home.

Born in Coney Island, N.Y., he had lived in Chicago for 10 years before moving to Westfield in 1976.

Mr. Arpino was employed as a salesman for the last two years with Hartman Furniture in Whippany. Prior to that, he had worked for 10 years for Mannington Mills, Inc. in Manhattan.

He was a United States Air Force

veteran who served on active duty from 1954 to 1958 and then in the Air Force Reserve until 1962.

He was a member of Rotary International.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys Vaughn Arpino, and two daughters, Jean Marie Chisholm of Alexandria, Va. and Jennifer Mathews of Manhattan.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

January 2, 2003

Mary Pidoto, 93, Retired Seamstress; Member of Seniors Club and Church

Mary Fuman Pidoto, 93, of Westfield died on Monday, December 23, at the Rantan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy.

Born in Kaggi, Italy, she came to the United States in 1929 and settled in Westfield.

Mrs. Pidoto had been a seamstress for 35 years for Hilton Manufacturing in Linden before retiring in 1974.

She was a member of the Clark Senior Citizens Club and the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Rocco Pidoto, in 1970.

Surviving are two daughters, Josephine Evans and Tina Stagich; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, December 28, at the Holy Trinity

Church. Burial took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

January 2, 2003

Margaret Caprarola

Margaret Del Nero Caprarola, 92, a lifelong resident of Scotch Plains, died on Friday, December 20, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Surviving are a son, Joseph A. Caprarola; a sister, Irene Carlin; two brothers, Rudy Del Nero and Dan Del Nero, and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 24, at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

January 2, 2003

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WF Hit With Tragedy in Second Half of 2002

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paigned material. Councilwoman Lazarowitz did distribute the letter with her material, but said that the two items were not attached. Mayor Gregory McDermott told *The Leader* in an interview that the commingling of political literature and a letter from the town was "wrong" and a violation of the Common Cause ordinance.

The chairman of Common Cause, Harry Pozycyk, told *The Leader* that the councilwoman would be in violation of the ordinance if she were asking for political funds. Mayor McDermott stood by his earlier statement, adding that, "I do not believe that Claire's actions were consistent in keeping with the spirit and intent of our Common Cause ordinance."

The WF Council was unable to approve the minutes of its October 15 meeting, and spent much time arguing over the mayor's allegation.

Ciro Randazzo Builders was reported to be behind schedule at Beechwood School by the MS BOE. Board member John Perrin said that the steel had been put into place incorrectly.

WI residents Candice Singer and Damon Anthony Brown were arrested for possession of stolen property and manufacturing methamphetamine in an Orenda Circle home. Large amounts of stolen property were recovered from the home, as well as in storage units in Green Brook and Mountainside.

The six candidates for SP Township Council held a debate, which was sponsored by *The Times* and the local League of Women Voters, to discuss topics ranging from property taxes and downtown development to open space preservation and their own political experience. Later in the month, the six took part in a forum sponsored by the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association that focused on downtown issues.

In Fanwood elected officials passed a resolution regarding a shuttle bus agreement with NJ Transit. As part of a federal program, a bus will transport residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood to and from the Fanwood train station.

According to terms and conditions outlined in the agreement, NJ Transit will contribute 50 percent towards the operating costs, up to \$30,000 for the first year, \$20,000 for the second year and \$10,000 for the third year.

A resident of Mountainside was accused of hiring a private company to cut down over 20 trees on county property in the Watchung Reservation.

Request for Qualification (RFQ) forms were available for potential developers to pick up for the proposed parking decks at South Avenue and Prospect and Elm Streets in WF.

Four of the five teenagers prosecuted for the January 2 sexual assault of a 13-year-old student were sentenced to five to 10 years in prison.

WF Mayor McDermott proposed that the meter hours in the downtown be changed to 9 a.m.; though the council appeared to be in agreement, more research on meter usage needed to be completed.

At the Westfield Candidates forum, co-sponsored by *The Leader* and The League of Women Voters, candidates stated that traffic safety was the most important issue for WF.

Residents of Tamaques Way in WF attended council meetings to complain about "micro paving" performed on their street and Irving Avenue. Residents, including Councilwoman Susan Jacobson cited that, the paving had splashed onto the Belgian block curbing, and was not aesthetically pleasing. Later in the month, Peter King, of Dosch King, who performed the job met with the council, and told them that the road would look uniform after a few months time. Mr. King also admitted that his company is a newer firm and has a "lack of experience."

The SP Council approved an ordinance designating a three-acre tract of land on Westfield Avenue as the township's third conservation zone.

The SP Council approved an ordinance setting restrictions on when homeowners can place vegetative and solid waste at their curbs for pick-up.

The Fanwood Planning Board continued its hearing on an application

by Verizon for a variance to install cellular telephone antennas on top of a Public Service Electric and Gas tower located between Oak Court and Elm Street, to close gaps in coverage.

When the hearing began in June, the board had asked Verizon to consider whether one of three alternate locations could be utilized for the antennas instead of the proposed residential site.

Engineer Dominic C. Vilecco, an expert in radio frequency issues, testified on behalf of the applicant that installing the antennas on even more than one of those sites would not provide as much coverage as the proposed location.

However, Mr. Vilecco and attorney Richard Stanzione, representing Verizon, later acknowledged that building a new tower at the Fanwood Department of Public Works yard would solve the company's coverage problems. The hearing is expected to continue in January.

After much debate, the Westfield Planning Board OK'd the Master Plan. Town Planner Blaise Brancheau said that the Town Council would need to pass legislation adopting the plan.

Residents of Maple Court in Mountainside attended a council meeting to alert borough officials of a rat problem they were having.

Meg Kolaya was named Director of the Scotch Plains Public Library, replacing Norbert Bernstein, who retired.

November

Republicans regained control of the WF council as Mayor McDermott and Councilman Rafael Betancourt won re-election in the Second Ward. Newcomer Andrew Skibitsky won the Third Ward council seat over incumbent Democrat Claire Lazarowitz and newcomer Sal Caruana beat newcomer Mark Kuehn in the First Ward. Democrat Lawrence Goldman won re-election over Christopher Panagos in the Fourth Ward.

Republicans gained unanimous control of the SP Council as incumbents Frank Rossi and Nancy Malool and their running mate, Carolyn Sorge, scored victories over Democrat incumbent Geri Samuel and running mates George Gowen and Shelia Ellington.

SP Township voters overwhelmingly approved a nonbinding referendum on the holding of a state constitutional convention to reform property taxes.

For the third time since 1999, Fanwood Republicans swept races for Borough Council, as Councilman Stuart Kline was returned for a third term and Andrew Calamaras was elected to the governing body for the first time. They defeated Democrats Tom Plante and Jack Molenaar.

Mr. Calamaras will succeed Councilman Thomas Ryan, a fellow Republican, who opted not to run for a second term in the 2002 General Election.

In the third Fanwood race, voters chose Republican Councilman David Trumpp over Democrat challenger Donna Dolce to serve out the unexpired term of the late Councilwoman Carol Wood. Mr. Trumpp took his oath of office at the council's agenda meeting the following evening.

In other election news, Congressman Michael Ferguson was re-elected, defeating Democrat Tim Carden by a 58 percent to 41 percent margin. Democrat Frank Lautenberg defeated Douglas Forrester in the U.S. Senate race while the three Democrat incumbents were elected to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The MS BOE passed a resolution to terminate its contract with Ciro Randazzo Builders Inc. After the BOE passed the resolution, Randazzo reportedly sped up the work being done on the school while the board waited to see if the bonding company would take over the project.

Former WF resident Peter Gianquinto was arrested in New York on charges of passport fraud. Gianquinto was allegedly seen with Washington D.C. area sniper suspects John Lee Malvo and John Allen Muhammad on the island of Antigua.

It was revealed at the governing body's regular meeting that a special committee, comprised of elected officials, administrators and others, had

endorsed Landmark Properties, based in Keasbey and Princeton, as its choice to handle redevelopment of a block of downtown commercial property.

Landmark presented a proposal to borough officials outlining its vision for the area. It featured two site plans — identical in terms of the planned mix of retail and residential uses — but offering different types of housing. One plan called for townhouse units, while the other highlighted multi-family residential dwellings.

Officials revealed that the borough's Strategic Planning Committee had wrapped its three-year compilation of "Vision 2000 — Our Future," an overview of goals and objectives for the community. Copies are available to the public at Borough Hall and the Fanwood Memorial Library.

Mayor Marks urged SP residents on the south side of town to contact him and county officials if they have experienced problems with excessive deer. The county had stepped in to assist with a similar overpopulation on the north side of Scotch Plains several years ago, and the Mayor said deer were becoming a problem in the area of the Ashbrook Reservation.

A large office building was proposed for New Street that would span from the corner of South and Central Avenues, across New Street, causing South Elmer Street to become a cul-de-sac. The WF Council was negotiating with Mike Zemsky of New Point Realty to vacate the street.

The WF Council unanimously approved the minutes of the October 15 meeting, which some members of the council had previously voted down.

It was reported that three homes are proposed to be demolished to build 10 townhouses on Prospect Street. At the same time, another application will be heard in the new year for a two story addition to Trader Joe's.

The Fanwood council passed a resolution authorizing Borough Administrator Eleanor McGovern to receive bids for land that would be leased by the borough and for construction of a proposed cellular tower, plus an engineer to act as a technical consultant.

The SP Council passed an ordinance restricting the use of landscaping equipment to certain hours during the day and on weekends.

December

The WF Town Council approved Commerce National Insurance Services as the town's risk manager in a party line vote; the council's five Democrats voted yes, and the four Republicans voted no. Commerce National offered the town a 4.05 percent fee, versus the usual 6 percent. AGA, the town's current risk manager, had a representative at the meeting who said that the Request for Proposal (RFP) had not asked for competitive pricing, but said that the fee would be 6 percent.

Professional planner Richard Preiss explained during a special December 16 meeting of Fanwood's governing body how Landmark Properties was selected over three other candidates as the developer for a key parcel of downtown property.

Among the four proposals which had been received for the project, Landmark Properties was felt to be the developer that most closely met the borough's criteria, objectives and vision for the area.

The meeting concluded with the council unanimously voting to accept a resolution choosing Landmark Properties as the developer for the downtown project.

Third Ward Democrat Councilman Kevin Walsh announced that he will be resigning from the council in January. Councilman Walsh accepted a position with the U.S. Attorney's office, which prohibits him from being involved in political activities.

A water main break in SP at the intersection of Rantan and Rahway Roads led to some two weeks of traffic detours and lowered water pressure for southside residents.

Just before nine o'clock on a Tuesday morning a car, reportedly being driven by 19-year-old Sasko Hristov of Old Bridge, crashed after being involved in a police chase, which originated when the Garwood Police Department attempted to stop him for reckless driving. Hristov was re-

ported to have exceeded 100 miles an hour when he drove down to the dead end of Prospect Street, up a driveway and crashed into the ravine, which borders Route 22, East. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The WF BOE rejected a plan that would have created a 150-space parking lot behind the WF Armory. The lot would have cost \$120,000 to build, which the town council had agreed to split the cost of.

Residents of South Elmer Street in WF raised objections to the closure of New Street, citing their lack of egress onto Central Avenue. The town council approved an ordinance to vacate the street, and told the residents that they can object to the proposed building when it is heard before the Planning Board in the new year.

SP Council members and township residents paid tribute to Councilwoman Geri M. Samuel at the council's final meeting of the year. Mrs. Samuel was defeated for re-election in November and will be replaced by Republican Carolyn Sorge.

The Borough of Fanwood rang in the holidays with its annual Community Holiday Celebration, complete with decorated trees, arts and crafts for children, caroling and a visit from Santa.

Residents of Livingston Street addressed the WF Council regarding an illegally placed dumpster, and steps that were built without a permit from a strip mall on Central Avenue. The dumpster was removed the next day. It was also revealed that the same property owner, Phil DelNegro, had illegally placed a fence behind buildings on Elm and Prospect Streets, for which he was fined by the Fire Department and facing a court date.

During its monthly regular meeting, Mayor Jung presented a resolution and the Fanwood Borough Seal to Lou Wood, husband of the late Councilwoman Carol Wood, honoring her achievements and service to the borough.

Councilman Ryan, whose service on the governing body ends this month, also received a resolution and the Fanwood Seal, along with a plaque from Police Chief Domanoski. The plaque recognized Mr. Ryan for his role as Police Commissioner and his efforts on behalf of public safety.

Children's Specialized Offers Winter Safety Tips

MOUNTAINSIDE — Winter sports are lots of fun — just ask any kid who's just scored the winning goal during an ice-hockey game or finished sledding to the bottom of a giant hill. But when you're sitting on that sled, getting ready to ski, or doing a figure-eight on the pond in your skates, you have to know how to be safe. You'll enjoy your winter much more if you follow some easy safety rules.

The most common brain injury in sports is a concussion. According to a study released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are an estimated 300,000 sports-related concussions in the United States each year. Brain injuries cause more deaths than any other sports injury. In football, for instance, brain injury accounts for 65 percent to 85 percent of all fatalities.

Many winter activities can result in a concussion. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that in 1997, there were 84,200 skiing injuries (including 17,500 head injuries) treated in U.S. emergency rooms.

The CPSC also estimated that 7,700 of those head injuries, including 2,600 head injuries to children, could be prevented or reduced in severity each year by using helmets. About 11 skiing and snowboarding-related deaths would be prevented annually with helmets.

In the winter, hospitals see more children with brain injuries due to skiing and other winter related sports than any other activity. Other injuries include anoxic injuries due to smoke inhalation, house fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Wearing a helmet properly can and does save lives. When you're on the slopes, you'll need to wear goggles to protect your eyes from

WESTFIELD VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD BLOTTER

Statistics for Week Ending December 14, 2002

Nature of Call:	First Call:	Second Call:
Abd Injury Head/Neck Injury	2	3
Airway Obstruction	2	
Bleeding/Hemorrhage	1	1
Cardiac Related	3	2
Diabetic Related (Potential)	1	1
Gastro-Intestinal Distress	2	1
General Illness	5	4
Motor Vehicle Accident	1	1
Other Injury	3	
Poisoning (Accidental)	1	
Respiratory Distress	5	
Seizure Behavioral Disorder	3	
Stand By	1	
Substance Abuse (Potential)	1	
Suspected Fracture	3	1
Syncope	1	1
Unconscious	1	
Other		1
TOTALS	36	16
Paramedics	15 (first call); 2 (second call) = 17	
Fire Department - Assisted	= 0	
TOTALS	17	
In-Town Emergency Calls:	35 (first call); 14 (second call) = 49	
Out-of-Town Mutual Aid Calls:	1 (first call); 2 (second call) = 3	
Cancelled	1 (second call) = 1	
Non-Emergency Calls	1 (first call) 0 (second call) = 1	
TOTALS	52	

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- Ten incidents of criminal mischief were reported on various streets in town, which police believe are related. Two of the cases took place on Carleton Road, while others occurred on Shadowlawn Drive, Standish Avenue, Pinegrove Road, Connecticut Street and Montauk Drive.
- In each case, a bottle was thrown through the front door or window of a residence, or through the window of a motor vehicle parked in a driveway. There are no suspects in the case.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- A large rock was thrown through the front window of a home on Mountain View Circle.
- Police received a report of someone attempting to gain access to a motor vehicle parked in a driveway on Doris

Parkway, but the suspect was gone upon their arrival.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

- An incident of criminal mischief was reported at a business in the 200 block of East Broad Street, in which an unknown individual stenciled "God Bless America" on the building's facade.
- A Colonial Avenue resident reported that someone flattened all four tires on her motor vehicle by puncturing them with an unknown object. The incident occurred while the vehicle was parked in the 400 block of her street.

- A purse was reported stolen from a store in the 300 block of South Avenue, East. The total value of the purse and its contents was listed at \$750.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

- A Boynton Avenue resident reported a burglary and theft at her home, in which an undetermined amount of money and jewelry was taken. The individual or persons responsible gained access to the residence by kicking in the front door.

- Tysean Tamar Clarke, 21, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with third degree theft. He is suspected of having stolen approximately \$13,200 in merchandise from his East Broad Street place of employment. Clarke was released on his own recognizance.

He was also arrested on a contempt of court warrant out of Plainfield, for which he was held on \$150 bail.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

- A Fairmont Avenue resident reported that someone entered her garage and stole \$75 worth of Christmas presents.
- A Stirling Place resident reported that he was twice assaulted by a Cacciola Place resident on Stirling Place. In the first assault, the victim claimed the suspect struck him in the thigh with a baseball bat. No charges had been filed at press time and the victim did not request medical attention, according to police.

WF Library to Sponsor Reptile Program

WESTFIELD — Bill Boesenberg, herpetologist, will present a reptile program entitled Kingdom of Cold Bloods at the Westfield Memorial Library on Saturday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m. This environmental education program emphasizes learning through enjoyment as it explores the domain of reptiles and amphibians using live animals.

This presentation, sponsored by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library, is intended for an audience of children ages five and above. Tickets are required for admission and will be available free for Westfield Library Card holders at the Children's desk beginning January 11.

The library is located on 550 East Broad Street. For more information, please contact the children's department at (908) 789-4090.

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

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FERRARA PUSHES RAIDERS IN FRONT FOR GOOD

Raider Matmen Win Opener, Knock Over Kardinals, 47-21

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

Minus two varsity starters, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team punished visiting Kearny, 47-21, on December 20. The Raiders won 10 of the 14 bouts – four by fall, four by decision, one by majority decision and one by forfeit

– and junior Ronnie Ferrara put the Raiders in the lead for good with an 11-1, majority decision at 112-lbs.

After winning his inaugural match, first year Raider Head Coach, John Scholz commented, "Our experienced guys came through in big situations. Of course, we had some new guys who never had varsity experi-

ence, like Yoav Nudell (152-lbs.), step in and do what he needed to do. He turned us around a little bit."

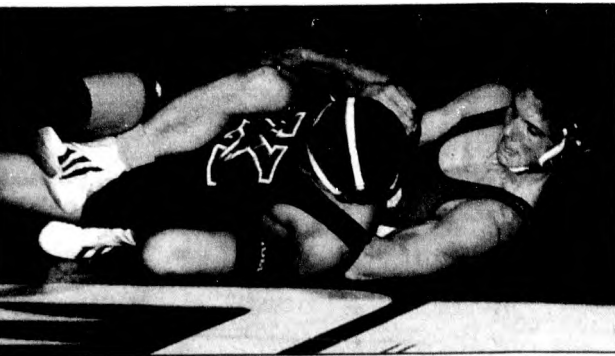
Ferrara, who had competed above his natural weight at 119 and 125 last year, seemed comfortable at 112. In the first period, he reacted quickly to gain a spin-around takedown on Nate Rosselle. Twice in the second period, he harvested four back points with two Turk ride tils. In the third period, Rosselle fended off the Turk but Ferrara, after adding a takedown, switched to an arm bar, head smother maneuver to add three more points.

According to Ferrara, he felt, "stronger, faster, better!" He did add, "I was a little tired weighing in. The first match is always the hardest. After I weighed in and got some fluids in me, I felt ready to go."

As to the Turk ride, he said, "I'm comfortable with it. It's my main move on top."

"Ronnie's done an amazing job," said Scholz. "He's cut to 112. He's keeping it there. He's been on a conditioning program besides wres-

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

COLLECTING BACK POINTS...Raider Steve Mineo, right, collects some back points on Kardinal Chris Toledo before pinning him in 1:11 in the 119-lb. bout.

Raider Cagers Rally But Fall Short, 63-61, to S. Brunswick

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

What a difference missed free throws and foul trouble make. After being trashed, 51-35, in the third quarter, the Scotch Plains Fanwood boys' basketball team outplayed the South Brunswick Vikings, but fell short, 63-61, in Scotch Plains on December 24.

Raider Kamal Brown used his size and aggressiveness for a team-high 23 points. Freshman Lance Thomas pumped in 15 points and junior guard Sean Fuller sank 13. Viking Chris Brown led all scoring with 27 points and Cliff Breeze scored 17.

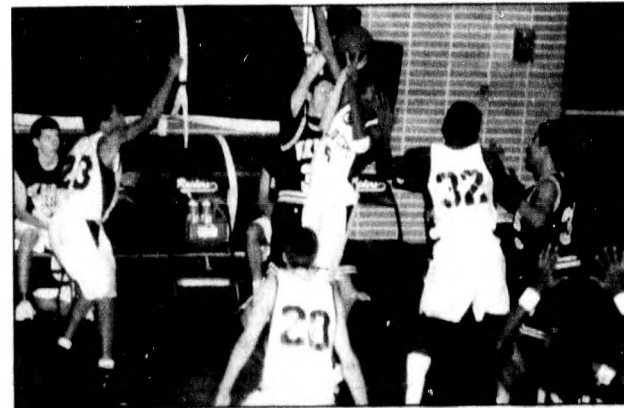
"It's not really an x's and o's thing, a let's do this and that," said Raider Head Coach Dan Dougherty. "In the first half we were a little out of control, looking to force things a little too much. I told them to just let the game come to us and we just really calmed down. We started a half court trap, which we will be doing a lot more of this year. We

haven't had the time to put it in yet, so that was even thrown up real quick, but it worked pretty well."

The Vikings' spread offensive,

speed, intensity and physical play startled the Raiders into a 31-22 half time deficit. Viking Brown netted 23

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Fred K. Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times

BATTLING A VIKING...Aggressive defensive efforts and clutch shooting by Raider Kamal Brown, No. 32, Sean Fuller, No. 23, Dave Clemens, No. 5, and Scott Moynihan, No. 20, resulted in a near come from behind victory.

COCOZZIELLO BUCKETS 21 POINTS, GRABS 6 BOARDS

Bulldog Boy Hoopsters Bully Blue Devils, 55-48, in Opener

By STEVE KRAKAUER
Specials Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School boys basketball team looks significantly different than last year's squad. Graduating eight players and being marred by injury and academic ineligibility,

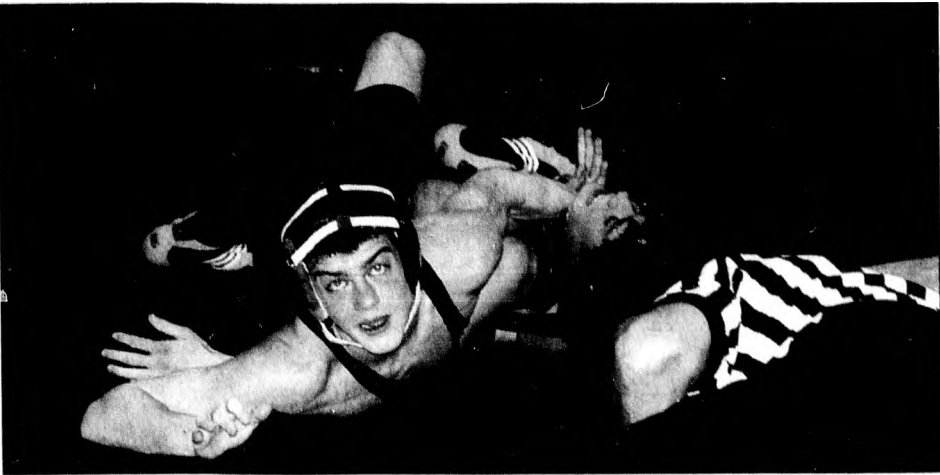
the Blue Devils got off to a difficult start to their season by dropping their first game to equally inexperienced Malcolm X Shabazz, 55-48.

Led by strong rebounding, especially around their own basket, Shabazz muscled their way to a vic-

tory. Both Sahneer Hoggard and Greg Willis reached double digits in rebounding for the Bulldogs.

Junior Jan Cocozziello, who starred as the Blue Devils' quarterback this fall, led his team with 21 points, 13 in

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

MAKING IT LOOK A VERY EASY...Blue Devil Rob Mench has Chris Trapani of Howell in deep trouble and eventually pins him in 3:18 to claim the 103-lb. title at the Blue Devil Classic.

MENCH TAKES 1ST, POWELL, 2ND, DEL DUCA, 3RD

West Milford Wrestlers Win Blue Devil Classic Tourney

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

A surprising finish by a very strong West Milford Highlanders' squad earned them top honors at the Blue Devil Classic Wrestling Tournament in Westfield on December 27. The Highlanders crowned six champions – five in the final six weight classes – and totaled 148.5 to outdo a tough Howell team that totaled 140.

The hosting Blue Devils, who had several wrestlers out due to illness and an unusual accident, did not have a chance to compete for the title and entered only seven mat men but did manage to claim one champion (Rob Mench at 103) one second place (Ethan Powell at 140) and one third (Tom Del Duca at 145). Previously they won the Kearny Invitational on

December 21 and claimed one champion (Mench), three seconds (Joe DeCampio, Jake Kramer and Powell) and two thirds (Dan MacDonald and Sam Kramer).

Mench, seeded first, received a first round bye then pinned Nate Profitkay of West Milford in 40 seconds using a single leg takedown to a nearside cradle in the semifinals.

"I got him circling toward me. I shot and picked up the leg and kept the right arm. He fell to his side. His knee was up so I cradled him up," explained Mench.

Mench also wasted little time in the finals when he settled Chris Trapani of Howell in 3:18.

Exhilarated, Mench commented, "I was really looking forward to the finals. I'm really psyched for the sea-

son. I want to do really well."

Powell, seeded first, looked smooth in his quarterfinal bout with Matt Coen of West Milford and emerged victorious by clamping Coen in 1:43 with a tight cradle. Powell gathered two single leg takedowns and a two point tilt before ending the bout.

"It felt good to be first seed but I was first seed at Kearny (Tournament) and got second. I was disappointed so I'm trying to make up for it here," Powell said.

Powell reached the finals by shreeding Matt Skoczylas of Piscataway, 10-3, but fell to an early five point move in the finals to loose to Bob Dent of Roselle Park, 6-3.

Del Duca, who defeated Mike Flynn of Morristown, 11-2, garnered six of

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HIGHLANDER VANDERVEER TAKES 1ST, 4 PLACE 2ND

Rahway Indians Grab Crown At Rahway Mat Tournament

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

The Rahway High School Indians amassed 195 points and crowned six champions to win the Rahway Invitational Wrestling Classic on December 27 in Rahway. J.P. Stevens placed second with 149 points followed by Columbia with 148, Sayreville with 117 and Colonia with 104.

Having entered only six wrestlers, the Governor Livingston Highlanders placed sixth with 94 points. Xavier (NY), 30, and Msgr. Farrell (NY), 19, rounded out the rest of the teams.

Both outstanding wrestling awards went to I.P. Stevens High School with 112 lb. Jeff Zannetti taking the light weight division and 215 lb. Tim Karmazsin, the heavy weight.

GL Highlander senior Tim Vanderveer had a great tournament and captured the 135 lb. crown over Marlon Zuniga of Rahway. Down 1-1 in the second period, Vanderveer, who upped his record to 4-0, rallied utilizing a hip bar to turn his opponent to his back for a pin at 3:55.

"It was a very physical match," said

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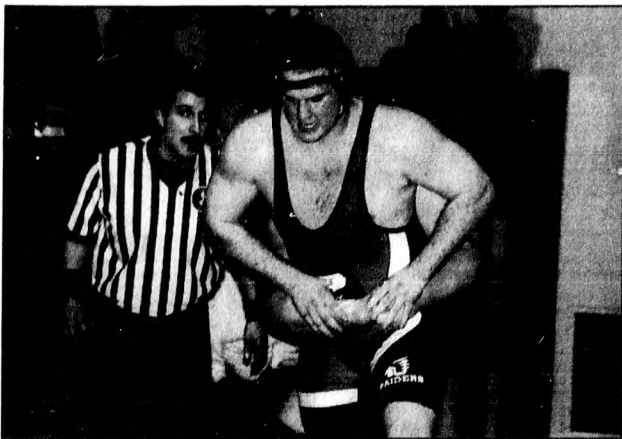


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WORKING FOR THE GREAT ESCAPE...Raider Heavyweight Matt Loomis works to escape from Cardinal Dan Manley. Loomis succeeded and won, 3-2.

Raider Matmen Win Opener, Knock Over Kardinals, 47-21

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ting and a good nutritional program. You saw it too! He really picked it up. He was doing one move after another."

The Kardinals flew to a 12-0 lead by recording falls at 140 and 145 but Nudell impeded their flight with an 11-9 overtime decision over Austin Wright at 152. Charlie Bachi (160) narrowed the score to 12-9 with a quick, 55-second pin (half nelson, body press) of Kardinal Joe Topshiv. Andrew Silber put the Raiders temporarily ahead by receiving a forfeit at 171.

Sophomore Marc Fabiano, at 189, spotted Steve Plummer a 4-0, first period lead and was trailing 8-2 after the second but he nearly plugged Plummer with a five-point lateral drop in the third to come up short, 8-7. Powerhouse Vinny Abbott put the Kardinals ahead, 21-15, with a fall over 215-lb. Mark Giannaci in 2:48. Raider heavyweight Matt Loomis scored an escape and a takedown to hold off Dan Manley, 3-2 then freshman Matt Fleissner knotted the team score, 21-21, with a 6-2 decision over Chris Osborne. Fleissner hit a double-leg takedown in the first period and a reversal in both the second and third periods.

After Ferrara put the Raiders ahead, 119-lb. Steve Mineo—a member of the squirrel posse—used a throw-by and a high single-leg takedown to

take a 4-0 lead on Chris Toledo before putting him to sleep in 1:11 with a front arm bar corkscrew.

"I'm pretty comfortable (at the weight). I think I have adapted well to the bigger guys," said Mineo.

As to his takedown proficiency, Mineo said, "I like to drill that a lot. I like to wrestle exactly how I drill in my matches."

Junior 125-lb. Derek Francavilla went after Brian McDonnell like a ravenous squirrel after his favorite acorn. He put on a takedown clinic, dropping McDonnell to the mat eight times and added an escape to earn a 17-9 decision. McDonnell did have some success with a two-point tilt in the third period.

"We talked afterwards," said Scholz. "I told him, 'we need to spend some more time on bottom'. He's good on bottom. He just needs a little more fine tuning."

Raider Anthony Ferrante flattened Strathis Theodopoulos with an arm bar, chancery maneuver in 3:44. Ferrante amassed a takedown, three two-point tilts and a three-point near fall before recording the fall. Raider Eric Connolly ended the match abruptly with a 25-second fall over Diego Aroya at 135.

"Eric was just a big dominance out there. He's wrestling 135 now and maybe 130 next week," stated Scholz. "He's a strong boy. He is going to be somebody to reckon with."

Scholz concluded, "We have come along pretty good so far but we need to step it up a little bit. I have a big range of kids. I have some kids who can take care of themselves and I got some first-timers."

"The two replacements we had, although they lost, still wrestled tough. I think we are going to come together well towards the end of the season," added Mineo.

WEIGHT SCHEDULE:

140: — Carlos Santiago (K) p. Rashon Strong, 1:04 (Half nelson, body press)
145: — DaWayne Amos (K) p. Tom Cho, 3:44 (Body press)
152: — Nudell (SPF) d. Wright, 11-9
160: — Bachi (SPF) p. Topshiv, :55
171: — Silber (SPF) won forfeit
189: — Plummer (K) d. Fabiano, 8-7
215: — Vinny Abbott (K) p. Marc Giannaci, 2:48 (Half nelson, body press)
Hwt: — Loomis (SPF) d. Manley, 3-2
103: — Fleissner (SPF) d. Osborne, 6-2
112: — Ferrara md. Rossella, 11-1
119: — Mineo (SPF) p. Toledo, 1:11
125: — Francavilla (SPF) d. McDonnell, 17-9
130: — Ferrante (SPF) p. Theodopoulos, 3:44
135: — Connolly (SPF) p. Aroya, :25

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on Monday, January 13, 2003 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:

Prospect Gardens, L.L.C., 247-259 Prospect Street Block 2504, Lot 3, 4, and 5 seeking permission to construct 10 Townhouse units and detached garage and related site improvements and site plan approval of same. Applicant proposes to use 3 residential lots in the RM-6 Zone. This requires a variance. Seeking the following variances from List of New C 40 55D-70 c. and d. Variances Requested:

Section 11 12 E 1 b of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum gross area proposed is 35,692 square feet. Ordinance requires 4,000 square feet each (x10)=40,000 square feet

Section 11 12 E 2 b of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum area within first 134 feet of depth proposed is +26,800 square feet. Ordinance requires 4,000 square feet each (x10)=40,000 square feet

Section 11 12 E 2 b of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum width proposed is 200 feet. Ordinance requires 30 feet per unit (x10)=300 feet

Section 11 12 E 2 b of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum building coverage (without deck) proposed is 33.8%/12,072 square feet. Ordinance allows 20%/(x10)=40,000 square feet

Section 12 04 E 2 of the Land Use Ordinance. Maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) or total habitable floor area proposed is 39.2%/13,985 square feet. Ordinance allows 25%/(x10)=40,000 square feet

Section 12 04 G of the Land Use Ordinance. Maximum allowable improvements coverage proposed is 76.8%/27,330 square feet. Ordinance allows 30%/(x10)=40,000 square feet

Section 13 01 G 1 c of the Land Use Ordinance. Accessory structure side yard setback proposed is 5 feet. Ordinance requires 10 feet

NJUCC requires one handicap space be van accessible or 18 feet by 16 feet. Applicant proposes 20 feet by 13 feet

Section 17 03 B 1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Parking area proposed is in front yard. Ordinance prohibits parking in front yard

Section 17 03 C 6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Parking area driveway setback proposed is zero. Ordinance requires 5 feet

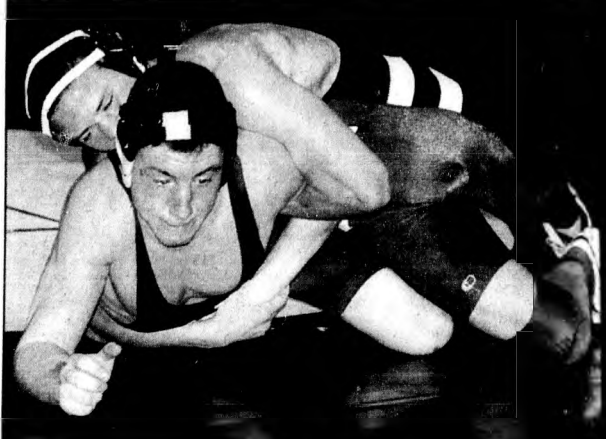
Section 17 11 of the Land Use Ordinance. Screening for parking area proposed is none. Ordinance requires screening of parking area

Section 17 10 E of the Land Use Ordinance. Height of lighting fixture proposed is 16 feet. Ordinance allows a 15 feet maximum

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.

Variances, waivers or exceptions from certain site plan details or relief from requirements may be sought as appropriate. Colleen Mayer, Secretary Board of Adjustment
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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
ATTEMPTING TO RALLY...Blue Devil Ethan Powell, top, attempts to tilt Roselle Park's Bob Dent in the 140-lb. title bout. Dent built an early 5-0 lead and held on to win, 6-3.

West Milford Wrestlers Win Blue Devil Classic Tourney

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his points, via single-to-double-leg takedowns. Although he took a little time to reverse Flynn, he also added a three-point nearfall.

Seeking to improve, DeDuca said, "I needed to ride a little tighter on top. I was pretty happy with how I did on bottom. I just need to work more on my technique."

After being edged, 5-4, by Pete Mazzocchi of Madison in the semis, DeDuca pinned Mike Torciello of Hanover Park in 2:59 using a high single-leg takedown to a cradle.

Senior Gil Arbitsman hung his head a little too much in his first bout at 171 and was pinned by Roselle Park's Jason McCrady in 3:25. He then lost to Hanover Park's Joe Tracy via cradle in 49 seconds for fifth place.

Senior Chris Johnson at 189 settled Matt Flynn of Morristown in 3:01 using an under hook, tight waist in the quarterfinals. Johnson had quite a height advantage over Flynn and became the victim of a takedown in the first period.

"On my feet, I am a little shaky in the beginning. But after the first period, I get more in to it. Once I get on top, that's one of my better positions," confessed Johnson.

Johnson lost to top-seeded Dave

Nichols of Hanover Park in the semis and was pinned by Evan Conley of Madison in the battle for third.

Sophomore Craig Hewitt lost his first bout at 119 to Joe Troise of Hanover Park then was stopped by Frank Davis of Madison in the battle for fifth. Seeded third at 112, Sam Kramer received a bye then lost, 4-0, to second-seeded John Reilly of Howell. In the bout for third, Kramer was decisively, 10-4, by Dave Marcelli of Hanover Park.

TEAM SCORES:

1. West Milford (WM) 148.5, 2. Hanover Park (HP) 127.5, 3. Roselle Park (RP) 127.5, 4. Hanover Park (HP) 126.5, 5. Madison (Ma) 88, 6. Westfield (W) 64.5, 7. Piscataway (P) 57.5, 8. Morristown (Mo) 12.5

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

103: — Mench (W) p. Trapani (H), 3:11
112: — John Reilly (H) d. Joe Blackford (RP), 3-2
119: — Dan Mongelli (WM) d. Jay Ucci (H), 18-11
125: — Zack Cunliffe (H) p. Ryan Pincus (Ma), 1-28
130: — Nick Zangari (RP) d. Jionni LaValle (HP), 9-3
135: — Kyle Poulsen (P) p. Joe Seneca (H), 2-46
140: — Dent (RP) d. Powell (W), 6-3
145: — Dan Sabba (H) p. Mazzocchi (Ma), :43
152: — Ken Perry (WM) p. Jim Garrison (RP), 2-37
160: — Ryan Brandt (WM) p. Ben Bink (RP), 3:56
171: — Sean Hayes (WM) p. A. J. Roone (Ma), 4:24
189: — Gus Vandenberg (WM) d. Nichols (HP), 3-2
215: — Chris Gillian (WM) d. Joe Montacello (HP), 6-3
Hwt: — Chris Bouthouts (RP) d. Mike Savoye (H), 3:12

THIRD PLACE:

103: — Profitkey (WM) d. Chris Cresibone (HP), 7-2
112: — Marcelli (HP) d. Kramer (W), 1-4
119: — Joe Troise (HP) d. Ian Foresti (P), 6-3
125: — John Gura (RP) d. Tom Hammersley (P), 12-3
130: — Chris Aquino (H) d. John Ceratore (P), 10-2
135: — Kyle Gillis (WM) d. Carl Caputo (RP), 4-0
140: — McPaul Ogbanna (HP) d. Skoczylas (P), 3-40
145: — Del Duca (W) p. Torciello (HP), 2:59
152: — Savino Figliulo (HP) d. Collin McAuliff (Ma), 5-3
160: — Nick Amaro (Ma) p. Steven Torres (Mo), 3-28
171: — Jim Fortunato (H) d. McGrady (RP), 5-2
189: — Conley (Ma) p. Johnson (W), 4:42
215: — Pete Hoehaus (H) p. Chris Bybel (P), 4:38
Hwt: — Nico Somers (Ma) p. Dan Wrightman (Mo), 2:29

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-18851-99

AMERICAN MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. JORGE E. RAMIREZ, ZULMA N. RIOS-RAMIREZ, HIS WIFE, DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JUNE 23, 2000 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES

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Nearest Cross Street: Irvington Avenue Prior Lien(s): The total amount due for unpaid water/sewer charges is in the aggregate sum of \$261.94

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There is due approximately the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE & 60/100 (\$163,395.60) together with lawful interest and costs

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
STERN, LAVINTHAL, FRANKENBERG, NORGARD & KAPNICK, LL
Suite 300
293 Eisenhower Parkway
Livingston, New Jersey 07039-1711
CH-757049 - (WL)
4 T - 12/26/02, 1/2/03, 1/9/03 & 1/16/03 Fee \$214.20

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. JANE TUDOR, ROBERT TUDOR, SOVREIGN 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 Elizabeth Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY A.D. 2003 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)

Located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey

Property Address: 21 DEWITT ROAD, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07208

Tax Lot No. 271 A W11, Block No. 11

Dimensions: 85.53 feet by 20.15 feet by 67.49 feet by 55.00 feet by 151.50 feet by 85.00 feet

Nearest Cross Street: NORTH BROAD STREET

There is due approximately the sum of ONE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN & 18/100 (\$198,547.18) 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 FROELICH SHERIFF
SPEAR AND HOFFMAN, P.A.
LAW OFFICES
Suite 210
1020 North Kings Highway
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034
CH-756330 - (WL)
4 T - 12/26/02, 1/2/03, 1/9/03 & 1/16/03 Fee \$187.68

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-6884-02

FIDUCIARY CORPORATION OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF vs. CHARLES BROOKS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FLORINE INGRAM, TENANT, ET AL, DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 16, 2002 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 Elizabeth Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY A.D. 2003 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales

The judgment amount is SIXTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE & 25/100 (\$66,883.25)

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 307 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY. It is known and designated as Block 3, Lot 765.

The dimensions are approximately 25 feet wide by 100.00 feet long (irregular)

Nearest cross street: Situated on the easterly line of Magnolia Avenue (formerly Wall Street) 75.00 feet from the northerly line of Third Street

Prior Lien(s): SUBJECT TO UNPAID TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS. THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AS OF 10/23/02 FOR UNPAID TAXES/WATER/SEWER IS IN THE AGGREGATE SUM OF \$6,382.59

There is due approximately the sum of SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FOURTEEN & 17/100 (\$71,314.17) together with lawful interest and costs

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
STERN, LAVINTHAL, FRANKENBERG, NORGARD & KAPNICK, LL
Suite 300
293 Eisenhower Parkway
Livingston, New Jersey 07039-1711
CH-757049 - (WL)
4 T - 12/26/02, 1/2/03, 1/9/03 & 1/16/03 Fee \$214.20

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F 21567-01

ROBERT J. DE GROOT, ESQUIRE, AS TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF vs. MARIA JOANNIDES, N/K/A MARIA GRAMMENOS & GUS T. JOANNIDES, ET ALS, DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 10, 2002 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 Elizabeth Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY A.D. 2003 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 TWELVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN & 71/100 (\$212,918.71)

Located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey

Property Address: 21 DEWITT ROAD, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07208

Tax Lot No. 271 A W11, Block No. 11

Dimensions: 85.53 feet by 20.15 feet by 67.49 feet by 55.00 feet by 151.50 feet by 85.00 feet

Nearest Cross Street: NORTH BROAD STREET

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
STERN, LAVINTHAL, FRANKENBERG, NORGARD & KAPNICK, LL
Suite 300
293 Eisenhower Parkway
Livingston, New Jersey 07039-1711
CH-757049 - (WL)
4 T - 12/26/02, 1/2/03, 1/9/03 & 1/16/03 Fee \$214.20

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F 21567-01

ROBERT J. DE GROOT, ESQUIRE, AS TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF vs. MARIA JOANNIDES, N/K/A MARIA GRAMMENOS & GUS T. JOANNIDES, ET ALS, DEFENDANT

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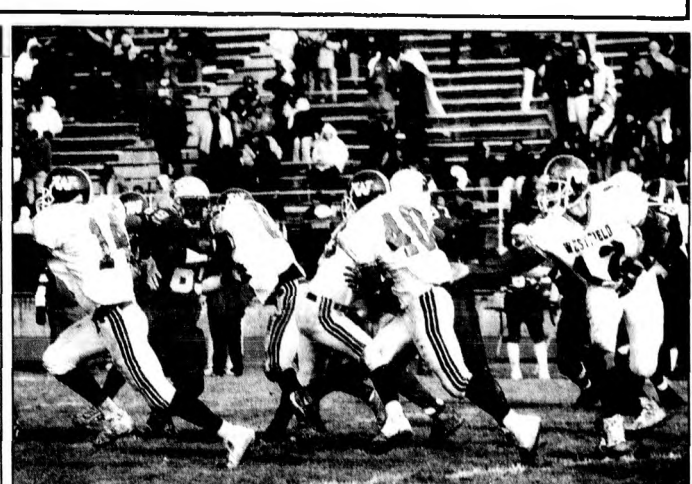
The Westfield Leader and The Times ‘2002 Sports Year in Review’ – Part 2 of 2



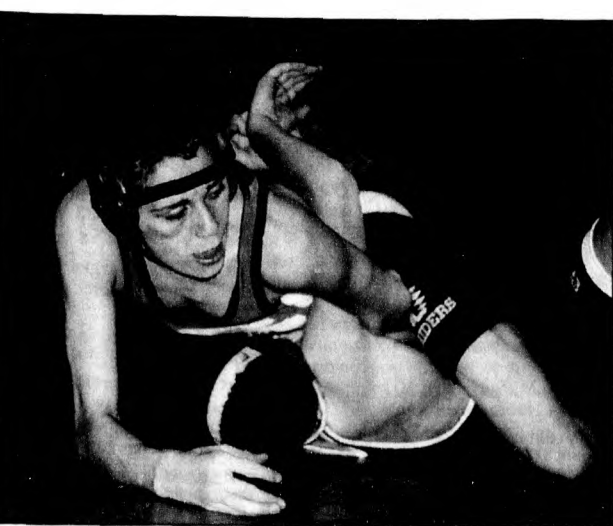
The Blue Devil boy lacrosse defense, in white, were very stubborn against the top-ranked Delbarton Green Wave on April 27, 2002.



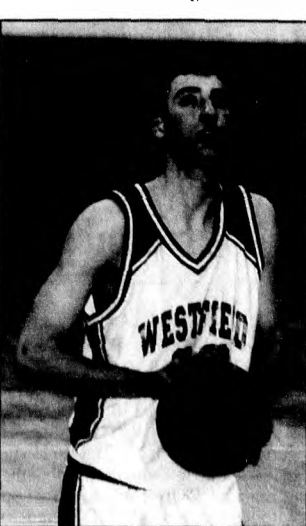
Blue Devil Ali Weinstein, No. 4, chases down the ball in the Group 4 semifinals against Vernon.



Blue Devil quarterback Jan Coccoziello hands off to running back Pat Daly on Turkey Day 2002 against Plainfield.



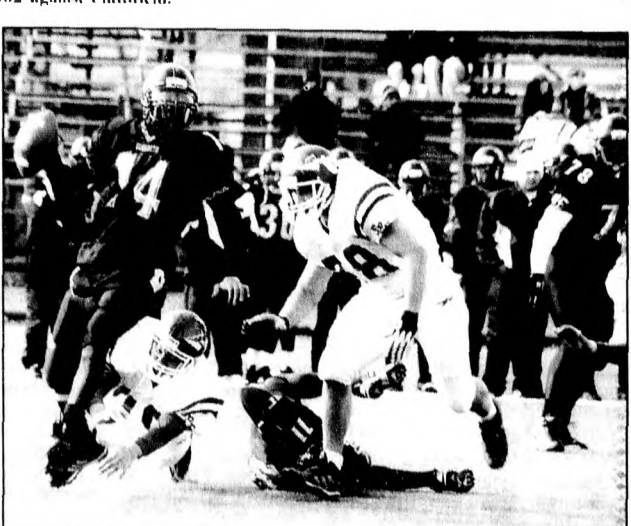
Raider Derek Francavilla has Union's Tom Duffy in trouble at the Region 3 Quarterfinals in Union.



Dan DeSerio led the Blue Devil boy cagers in scoring in 2002.



Blue Devil Adam Wendel soars like an eagle in the long jump.



The Raider "Wild Dog" defense stop the Elizabeth Minutemen in their tracks on Thanksgiving Day and win, 33-6.

Blue Devil Boys Top J. P. Stevens in OT

The Westfield High School boys basketball team, with the help of Eric Hayes who sank a three pointer with 21 seconds remaining in overtime, topped J. P. Stevens, 48-47, in the opening round of the Tri-County Tournament in Rahway on December 27. Hayes finished the game with 18 points.

Senior Bobby Wilt and junior Jan Coccoziello netted 10 and nine points, respectively, for the 1-1 Blue Devils. J. P. Stevens slipped to 0-2.

J. P. Stevens	7	12	15	11	2	47
Westfield	13	14	9	9	3	48

Tri-County Hoops Tourney: The Westfield boys' results of the Tri-County Basketball Tournament will appear in the January 9 edition.

Viking Cagers Fall To Somerville Boys

The Union Catholic High School boys basketball team dropped its opening round game, 61-32, to Somerville in the Union Catholic Tournament held in Scotch Plains on December 27. Freshman Lance Thomas led the Raiders with 24 points.

Somerville	18	19	15	11	61
Union Catholic	2	12	13	5	32

Viking Hoopsters Stop Midwood Girls, 40-32

The Union Catholic High School girls basketball team used strong defense for three quarters to subdue Midwood, New York, 40-32, in the first round of the Elizabeth Tournament at Dunn Arena in Elizabeth on December 27. Senior Stephanie Green sank seven of her 11 points to lead the 3-0 Vikings to a 20-14, halftime lead. Lauren Huber scored 10 points.

Midwood	8	6	6	12	32
Union Catholic	11	9	10	10	40

GL Cager Boys Level Glen Ridge, 56-29

The Governor Livingston High School boys basketball team improved its record to 2-0 with a 56-29 leveling of 0-2 Glen Ridge at the Panther Pride Tournament in Roselle Park on December 27. Senior Doug Caruso led the Highlanders with 12 points.

Mike Amalfie, who swiped four steals, bucketed five of his nine points to lead the Highlanders to a 19-7 second quarter. The Highlanders also outscored Glen Ridge, 19-7, in the third quarter with the help of Caruso who fired in nine points.

Gov. Livingston	4	19	19	14	56
Glen Ridge	5	7	7	10	29

Indian Hoopsters Tag Lady Highlanders

The Rahway High School girls basketball team came to life in the second and third quarters to tag the Governor Livingston High School girls, 42-32, in the first round of the Governor Livingston Tournament in New Providence on December 27. Indian Chantae Small led everyone with 16 points and 14 rebounds.

After the Indians out-pointed the Highlanders, 12-4, in the second quarter to take a 16-12 lead at the half. Small netted seven points to propel 2-1 Rahway to a 15-7 run in the third quarter to spread the margin to 31-19. Kathleen Dreitlein scored nine points for the 1-1 Highlanders and Margaret Goodspeed added seven points.

Rahway	4	12	15	12	43
Gov. Livingston	8	4	7	13	32

Raider Girls Thrash Vernon Cagers, 70-24

The 3-0 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team thrashed Vernon, 70-24, in the opening round of the North Warren Tournament in Blairstown on December 27. Sophomore center Hillary Klimowicz led all scoring with 22 points and sank 10 in the first quarter when the Raiders surged to a 20-5 lead.

Sophomore Maura Gillooly bucketed 12 points and seniors Lindsay Pennella and Jen Russell scored 12 and seven points, respectively. Point guard Jen Burke netted five points.

Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	20	21	15	14	70
Vernon	5	8	6	5	24

Raider Cagers Down Millburn Boys, 60-56

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys basketball team earned its first win of the season with a 60-56 victory over Millburn in the opening round of the Union Catholic Tournament in Scotch Plains on December 27. Freshman Lance Thomas led the Raiders with 24 points.

Led by Thomas who netted seven points, the Raiders rallied with a 25-14 fourth-quarter surge to seize the victory. Sean Fuller also scored 14 points for the 1-2 Raiders.

Millburn	11	13	18	14	56
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	18	4	13	25	60

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-10608-01

WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE INC. PLAINTIFF vs. LEONARDO RODRIGUEZ, ET AL. DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 22, 2002 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 29TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2003 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 SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHT & 97/100 (\$186,208.97).

Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey

Premises commonly known as 452 First Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206

BEING KNOWN AS LOT 499, BLOCK 5, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth

Dimensions: 106.58 feet by 25.00 feet by 112.87 feet by 253.78 feet

Nearest Cross Street: South 5th Street

The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.

Subject to unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

There is due approximately the sum of TWO HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO & 54/100 (\$212,291.27) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF

FEDERMAN AND PHELAN, P.C.

Suite 210

51 Haddonfield Road

Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002

CH-756823 - (WL)

4 T - 1/2, 1/9, 1/16

4 T-1/23/03

Fee \$226.44

Bulldog Boy Hoopsters Bully Blue Devils, 55-48, in Opener

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the fourth quarter, and stole four passes while grabbing six boards.

Westfield's starting line-up featured two sophomore guards, Eric Hayes at No. 1 and Billy Hearn at No. 2. Hearn began the game with one of his three assists, this one to lone senior Bobby Wilt. Wilt finished the game with eight points and five rebounds.

Even though the score showed a close margin, 9-8, at the end of the first quarter, Shabazz out-rebounded the Blue Devils, 11-5, in the first eight minutes.

Coccoziello began the second quarter, taking over and playing aggressively. He stole a pass and converted it to take the lead, then rebounded on the other end of the court and called a timeout while falling out of bounds. With the help of flawless free throw shooting, Westfield led, 18-17, at halftime. They still, however, were getting beat on the boards, 18-13.

After halftime, Westfield began to get into an offensive rhythm, which was halted midway through the third quarter by Bulldog Charles Wells. Wells scored four straight points and led Shabazz to their first lead of the game since the first quarter. Wells finished the game with 12 points, all in the second half, and four rebounds.

The lead flip-flopped six times in the third quarter. Sophomore Matt Gallagher gave Westfield a lead by finishing an acrobatic lay-up under

two defenders. Still, high impact scoring by Carl Martin took Shabazz to a six-point third quarter lead. Martin finished the game with a team-high 14 points and six rebounds.

The Bulldogs continued to coast to a huge lead, 46-32, and began the fourth quarter, 12-4. After a much-needed Westfield timeout, the momentum shifted and Coccoziello and Hayes hit a three-pointer each. A 13-4 Westfield run cut the Shabazz lead to five.

With 30 seconds left, Shabazz made only two of their next eight free throw attempts, keeping Westfield in the game. The lead turned out insurmountable, however, and Westfield fell to 0-1 on the year.

Junior Joe Kornmacher played well for Westfield, scoring eight points and leading the team in rebounds with six. He also dished off two assists. Hayes scored nine points and tallied four rebounds and four assists.

Westfield coach Kevin Evely is eagerly awaiting the return of junior forward Tyshon Blackmon, who is sidelined until early next week. "Tyshon will give another fresh body. He gives a rebounding presence that we need," said Evely.

Shabazz	9	8	17	21	55
Westfield	8	10	10	20	48

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-23843-01

EQUICREDIT CORPORATION OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF vs. DOUGLAS MCDONALD, SYRETTA LESLIE, HAW BRIDGETENATIELLO, TENANT ET AL, DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 22, 2002 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 22ND DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2003 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 NINETY SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY FOUR & 88/100 (\$196,644.88)

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 509 EAST JERSEY STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

It is known and designated as Block 3, lot 251

The dimensions are approximately 25 feet wide by 100 feet long (irregular)

Nearest cross street: Situate on the easterly side of East Jersey Street, 100 feet from the northwesterly side of Fifth Street

Prior lien(s) SUBJECT TO UNPAID TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS. THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AS OF 10/17/02 FOR PROPERTY TAXES, UNPAID WATER/SEWER CHARGES, AND LIEN PAYOFF IS IN THE AGGREGATE SUM OF \$9,766.77

There is due approximately the sum of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE & 57/100 (\$212,159.57) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF

STERN, LAVINTHAL, FRANKENBERG, NORGAAARD & KAPNICK, LL

Suite 300

293 Eisenhower Parkway

Livingston, New Jersey 07039-1711

CH-757045 - (WL)

4 T - 12/28/02, 1/2/03, 1/9/03

4 T-1/16/03

Fee \$222.36

Raider Matmen Top Plainfield, East Side

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team demolished Plainfield and Newark East Side in Plainfield on December 21.

SP-F 57, Plainfield 24
103: — Nelson Orellana (P) p. Matt Fleissner, 1:52
112: — Joe Conchucos (P) p. Karon Adams, 3:27
119: — Ron Ferrara (SPF) p. Javier Castaneda, 5:0
125: — Steve Mineo (SPF) p. Vincent Spencer, 4:2
130: — Derek Francavilla (SPF) md. Omar Carter, 13:4
135: — Anthony Ferrante (SPF) won forfeit
140: — Eric Connolly (SPF) p. Barry Robinson, 1:01
145: — Rashon Strong (SPF) p. Roscoe Eure, 2:46
152: — Ben Gonzalez (P) p. Tom Cho, 5:52
160: — Tom Goiran (SPF) p. Rouland Seay, :39
171: — Charlie Bachi (SPF) p. Maxie Davis, 4:4
189: — Andrew Silber (SPF) p. Jason Shaw, 5:09
215: — Jihad Carter (P) p. Giannaci, 1:35
Hwt: — Matt Loomis (SPF) won default over Darnell Knight

SP-F 61, East Side 18
103: — Fleissner (SPF) won forfeit
112: — Diego Freire (ES) p. Adams, 1:44
119: — Ferrara (SPF) won forfeit
125: — Mineo (SPF) won forfeit
130: — Francavilla (SPF) won forfeit
135: — Ferrante (SPF) p. Tiago Carli, 3:16
140: — Connolly (SPF) won forfeit
145: — Saddam Jan (ES) p. Strong, :19
152: — Mark Cortes (ES) p. Cho, 1:26
160: — Goiran (SPF) p. Danell Wolton, 1:06
171: — Bachi (SPF) p. Mike Antunes, 3:27
189: — Silber (SPF) p. Frank Peretina, 1:52
215: — Marc Fabiano (SPF) d. Lucas Campas, 2:0
Hwt: — Loomis (SPF) md. Joe Olivera, 19:4

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-20579-01

HOMESIDE LENDING, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. LISA GONZALEZ, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 20, 2002 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 15TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2003 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 FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN & 38/100 (\$184,757.38)

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

LOT 646 BLOCK 7

COMMONLY KNOWN AS 189 JACQUES STREET ELIZABETH NEW JERSEY 07208

Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 150 feet wide by 25 feet long

Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the SOUTHEASTLY side of JACQUES STREET, 216.50 feet from the NORTH EASTERLY side of LAFAYETTE 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 SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE & 57/100 (\$207,889.57) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF

SHAPIRO & DIAZ, LLP

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Suite 300

408 Lippincott Drive

Marlton, New Jersey 08053

CH-756832 - (WL)

4 T - 12/19, 12/26/02, 1/2/03

4 T-1/9/03

Fee \$214.20

Area High School Wrestling Results:

DECEMBER 20:
Westfield 72, East Side 9
KEY BOUTS:
112: — Sam Kramer (W) p. Diego Ferrer, 3:50
New Providence 71, Spotswood 11
KEY BOUTS:
112: — Ross Baldwin (NP) p. Matt Lowelle, :34
119: — Jon Reedy (NP) p. Artie Latzko, 2:21
152: — Dan Fellingner (NP) d. Cory Winant, 15:14
189: — Shane Mallory (NP) p. Ryan Saccone, :48
Middlesex 40, New Providence 35
KEY BOUTS:
112: — Baldwin (NP) d. Mike Hall, 15:0, 5:37
119: — Reedy (NP) p. Niko Kostopoulos, :37
145: — Matt Campanella (MX) d. Fellingner, 9:5
189: — Mallory (NP) p. Jason Woerner, 4:58
DECEMBER 21:
Morris Knolls Tournament:
(Governor Livingston placed seventh with 71 total)
CHAMPIONSHIPS (GL only):
135: — Tim Vanderveer (GL) d. Chris Astrella (Montville), 5:3, OT
140: — Charlie Pinto (Walkkill Valley) p. Mike Fullowan (GL), 3:12
215: — Shawn Coughlin (GL) p. Carlos Alvarez (Morris Knolls), 3:29

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

This is to certify that the within Resolution is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted on December 17, 2002 by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield.

Bernard A. Heerley
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION

Laws and Rules Committee

December 17, 2002

RESOLVED, that the Organization meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Westfield for the year 2003 will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2003 at 7:00 pm

1 1 1/2/03, The Leader Fee \$14.79

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-5932-98

CROSSLAND MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF UTAH, PLAINTIFF vs. MYRENDIA CARTER, DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 24, 2000 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2003 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 SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND SIXTY FOUR & 01/100 (\$71,064.91)

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 1009 Bond Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey

It is known and designated as Block 8, Lot 353

The dimensions are 37.50 feet wide 115.00 feet long

Nearest cross street: Situate on the north-easterly line of Bond Street, 100.00 feet from the northwesterly line of Spring Street

Prior lien(s): None

There is due approximately the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE & 99/100 (\$106,175.99) together with lawful interest and costs

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF

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Suite 300

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SECOND PLACE IN SOCCER...The Westfield U-12 Boys soccer team, the Falcons, finished second out of 25 teams in the Inter-County Youth Soccer League's fall season, outscoring their opponents by 22 goals with four shutouts. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Kelly Braun, Brian Gingrich, Malcolm Lee, Dan Fussman, Michael Avram and Kevin Murphy; middle row, Justin Lo, Nick Breza, Chris Lattimer, Matt Scharpf, Eric Hagstrom and goalie Scott Howard; back row, coaches Andrew H. Lee and Frank Schaefer. Not pictured are Nick Defrietas, Josh Einbinder, Alex Schaefer, Doug Velasco, and Tim Woods.

Wendel, MacNeil, DiDario Get Firsts at Drew U. Track Meet

Westfield High School senior Adam Wendel and sophomore Emily MacNeil along with Governor Livingston senior Megs DiDario placed first in their respective events at the 22nd Dick DeSchrive Track and Field Invitational at Drew University in Madison on December 23. The Blue Devils finished with three firsts, a third, two fourths, a fifth and a sixth place. The Highlanders finished with one first, two seconds, one fourth, a fifth and a sixth place.

Wendel cleared 6'4" to win the high jump event over Chris Haley of Union who cleared the same height but had more misses. MacNeil out-logged Rachel Rome of Morristown to win the 1,000-meter run with a time of 3:12.92. Rome crossed at 3:13.76. Blue Devils Alexis Gonzalez, Dan Lynes, Lawrence Kao and Greg Whitney combined to win the 1,500-meter relay with a time of 3:39.22, edging the Whippany Park foursome who

crossed at 3:39.71.

Highlander DiDario was strong in two events. She breezed to victory in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:20.07 followed by Caroline Mannaerts of Summit who finished in 5:24.89. DiDario also placed second in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:42.03. Blue Devil Anne Onishi took fourth in the event at 1:47.36.

Highlander Mike Carmody had a big day by finishing second in the 600-meters at 1:25.89 and third in the 1,000-meters at 2:45.49. Blue Devil Gonzalez finished fifth in the 600-meters with a time of 1:28.03. The Blue Devil girls took third in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4:27.38 and Janet Tiller crossed fourth in the 300-meters at 45.45. Blue Devil Mike Gorski placed sixth in the pole vault with a height of 11'0". Highlander Christine McCurdy placed fifth in the 55-hurdles at 9.52 and sixth in the 55-meter dash at 7.92.



THIRD PLACE IN SQUASH...Westfield resident Jim Johnson, left, placed third in the 60+ division of the EyeCare 20/20 Chatham Open Squash Tournament held on December 8. Johnson defeated George Hvidsten, right, of Chatham in the consolation round.

Union County High School Girls Basketball Results:

DECEMBER 20:									
Scotch Plains-Fanwood	63								
Cranford	39								
Sophomore Hillary Klimowicz laid in 17 points for the Raiders. Jen Burke hit 11 points. Jen Russell netted 10, Maura Gillooly and Elizabeth DeCataldo each had seven, and Lindsay Pennella put in six. Chanelle Freeman pulled 10 rebounds and scored five points.									
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	17	18	12	16	63				
Cranford	3	5	7	24	39				
Union Catholic 45, Mount St. Mary 13									
The Vikings defensive philosophy worked out well while sophomore Katelyn Murray netted 10 points and Lauren Huber scored eight.									
Union Catholic	8	14	7	16	45				
Mount St. Mary	2	0	7	4	13				
Shabazz 65, Westfield 21									
Cari Rock scored eight points and Jessica O'Neill put in six.									
Westfield	4	4	4	9	21				
Shabazz	10	21	22	12	65				
Governor Livingston 53, Roselle Catholic 46									
Meghan Butler fired in 16 points and Margy Goodspeed hustled with 14 for the Highlanders.									
Roselle Cath.	15	5	6	13	46				
Gov. Liv.	9	10	11	10	13	53			
Plainfield 61, Kearny 18									
Freshman Carolina Garcia bucketed 17 points for the Cardinals.									
Kearny	5	6	1	6	18				
Plainfield	16	14	14	17	61				
Union 63, Newark East Side 26									
Senior Monique Blake scored 24 points for the Farmers.									
East Side	6	6	11	3	26				
Union	16	22	20	5	63				
Oak Knoll 49, Roselle 45									
Katie Cummings scored 23 points for the Royals who rattled last year's Union County champs.									
Roselle	10	8	9	18	45				
Oak Knoll	14	11	12	12	49				
DECEMBER 21:									
Harrison 59, Westfield 25									
Westfield	2	7	6	10	25				
Harrison	24	11	13	11	59				
DECEMBER 23:									
Ridge 45, Westfield 21									
Blue Devil Cari Rock sank 13 points and Jessica O'Neill put in six.									
Westfield	2	11	0	8	21				
Ridge	14	5	20	6	45				
Union 49, North Bergen 47									
Latissa Watson scored 21 points for the 2-0 Farmers.									
North Bergen	13	10	9	15	47				
Union	17	10	12	10	49				
Union Catholic 52, Port Richmond 21									
Junior Lauren Huber pushed in 12 points and Captain Stephanie Green scored nine for the 2-0 Vikings.									
Port Richmond	3	6	4	8	21				
Union Catholic	17	13	13	9	52				

St. Helen's Boys Add Three Hoops Wins

St. Helen's 6th grade boys basketball team continued their red-hot start, upping its season record to 8-1, with a 3-0 week, including two romps to open their Union County CYO League play and an impressive win in their opener in the IHM Christmas Tournament in Scotch Plains.

In their CYO opener, a 36-15 trouncing of St. John's of Rahway, Spencer Cassidy led all scorers with eight points and Bret DeFazio and Kyle Marsh chipped in with six each. St. Helen's also routed St. Joseph's of Roselle, 35-11, and used its tremendous defense to hold them to just five points through three quarters. Tony Diforio led with eight points while Greg Baker and Matt Isabella pumped in six each.

In their IHM Tourney opener, St. Helen's dominated St. Paul's from the start winning, 43-32. Chris Sheehan netted 10 points while Isabella and Cassidy pitched in six each and Diforio had a stellar defensive game.

St. Helen's Cagers Defeat St. Stan's, IHM 7 Girls

The St. Helen's 7/8-grade girls basketball team improved to 9-1 by winning its sixth-straight game. St. Helen's downed St. Stan's of Sayreville, 48-28, in a battle for first place in the Metuchen CYO league and followed with a, 41-23, victory over IHM 7.

Against St. Stan's, Kathryn Ruhno led with nine points and Erin Miller had eight points and five steals. Casey el Koury had eight points and nine rebounds. Claire Bennett had seven points and pulled 16 rebounds. Breanne Defalco had points and six rebounds while Gabrielle O'Leary had four points and three steals. Danielle Infantino had three points and five rebounds. Allision Oberlander netted two points while Krissy Wendel and Elizabeth Harbaugh had five rebounds each.

Against IHM 7, Miller fired in 19 points, hitting three 3-pointers and sinking seven of eight free throws to go along with seven rebounds, four steals and three assists. Slodyczka, Defalco (10 rebounds), Ruhno and Bennett (7 rebounds) sank four points apiece and el Koury (6 rebounds), Danielle Infantino, Krissy Wendell scored two each.

Harbaugh had eight rebounds. Point guards O'Leary and Rose Driscoll had three steals and two assists each. Alli Macdonald and Oberlander had three rebounds each as St. Helen's mixed in 13 different players into the game.

Rahway Indians Grab Crown At Rahway Mat Tournament

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Vanderveer. "In the first period, we were on our feet most of the time. I was just trying to work some set-ups and he took a nice shot and got me down. I just never panicked and remained calm throughout it and waited for him to make a mistake. He did, and I capitalized on it."

In the semifinals, Vanderveer cruised past Eric Seidman with a 15-3, majority decision.

Highlander Craig DiStefano at 130 was on the short side of an 11-1 score to Martin Lester of J.P. Stevens in the semis, then later rallied and rolled Lester to his back in 3:46. In the finals, DiStefano was shown the lights by top-seeded Mike Cilento at 0:30.

Highlander top-seeded Mike Fullowan at 140-lb. defeated Anthony Maffucci of J. P. Stevens in a fall in 4:14 in the semis, then lost, 13-5, to second-seeded Randall Kenrick of Colonia in the championship.

G. L.'s Eric Serrano at 152-lb. advanced to the finals by out-pointing Mike Galella of J. P. Stevens, 7-3. Serrano then fell victim to Rahway's Sean Horton via fall in 0:35.

After dropping Rex Canning of Farrell in a fall 1:19, 215-lb. Highlander Shawn Coughlin found the going a bit tougher when he met up with Tim Karmazsin of J. P. Stevens in the finals and lost, 8-2.

Rahway Head Coach Fred Stueber looking at the current state of the sport of wrestling commented, "The recreation and state programs are up and just jammed and I do believe the quality of wrestling in the state of N.J. is at an all time high. Almost every Division 1 college wrestling team has a N.J. wrestler on it. Also a change in title nine will allow some schools to pick up their programs again. When that happens, more scholarships will become available. So wrestling is in good shape."

Union County High School Boys Basketball Results:

DECEMBER 20:									
Cranford 74, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 60									
Freshman Lance Thomas led the Raiders with 15 points and eight rebounds.									
Cranford	13	20	22	19	74				
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	4	24	15	17	60				
Shabazz 55, Westfield 48									
Jan Cocozziello led the Blue Devils with 21 points.									
Shabazz	9	8	17	21	55				
Westfield	8	10	10	20	48				
Governor Livingston 53, North Plainfield 48									
John Hollowell netted 10 of his 12 points in the fourth quarter for the Highlanders. Doug Caruso also fired in 12 points.									
Gov. Livingston	8	11	11	23	53				
N. Plainfield	13	14	10	11	48				
Plainfield 59, Kearny 45									
Jaffrey Clark scored 17 points for the Cardinals and Hugh MacDonald pumped in 22 for the Cardinals.									
Plainfield	9	18	17	17	59				
Kearny	13	12	13	7	45				
PUBLIC NOTICE									
SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-11105-99 SOURCE ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. JAMES RONALD CURRY AND MRS. JAMES RONALD CURRY, HIS WIFE, DEFENDANT CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 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 vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 29TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D. 2003 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 TWENTY THOUSAND FOUR-HUNDRED TWENTY NINE & 78/100 (\$220,429.78) The property to be sold is located in the TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090, County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 409-411 WEST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090. Tax Lot No. 29 in Block No. 2901 Dimensions of Lot: approximately 80 feet wide by 150 feet long Nearest Cross Street: Rahway Avenue Situates at a point on the southeasterly side of West Broad Street distance approximately 141 feet southeasterly from the intersection with the southeasterly side of Rahway Avenue There is due approximately the sum of TWO-HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND SIXTY FIVE & 34/100 (\$285,065.34) 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 FROELICH SHERIFF									
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, P.C. Suite 201 7 Century Drive Parappany, New Jersey 07054 CH-755837 - (WL) 4 T - 12/19, 12/26/02, 1/2/03 Fee: \$197.88									

PUBLIC NOTICE									
SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-13076-01 DELTA FUNDING CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. JAIRO E. HERNANDEZ, ET AL., DEFENDANT CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 12, 2002 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 29TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D. 2003 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 TWENTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY & 97/100 (\$120,890.97) The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey. Commonly known as: 833 Cleveland Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208. Tax Lot No. 358 in Block 10 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 40 feet wide by 100 feet long Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the north-easterly side of Cleveland Avenue 180.00 feet from the southeasterly side of Verona Avenue There is due approximately the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN & 68/100 (\$129,967.68) together with lawful interest and costs. There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale. RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF									
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ATTORNEYS 1139 Spruce Drive P.O. Box 1024 Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024 1-908-233-8500 File No.: XFZ L 41496 CH-756621 - (WL) 4 T - 1/2, 1/9, 1/16 Fee: \$197.88									

PUBLIC NOTICE									
SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-20503-01 OCWEN FEDERAL BANK, FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. GRAZIANO FAYRO, ET AL., DEFENDANT CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 8, 2002 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 8TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D. 2003 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 THREE-HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR-HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT & 88/100 (\$321,478.88) The property to be sold is located in the Town of Westfield in the County of Union, New Jersey. Commonly known as: 730 Harding Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 Tax Lot No. 23 in Block 3410 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 60 feet wide by 170 feet long Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the intersection of southerly side of Harding Street There is due approximately the sum of THREE-HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN & 62/100 (\$334,947.62) together with lawful interest and costs. There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale. RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF									
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ATTORNEYS 1139 Spruce Drive P.O. Box 1024 Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024 1-908-233-8500 File No.: XCZ 46606 CH-756621 - (WL) 4 T - 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/02 Fee: \$197.88									

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-2636-02
EQUITY ONE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. ELEANOR M. ALSTON, BENEDICIA NEW JERSEY, INC., DBA BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO. DEFENDANT
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2002 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 22ND DAY OF JANUARY A.D. 2003 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 SEVENTY THOUSAND FIFTY TWO & 75/100 (\$70,052.75)
STREET NO.: 23 High Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey
TAX LOT AND BLOCK NOS.: Lot 68



BRUNNER BAKERY...During December, PreK Title 1 students at Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains baked gingerbread cookies and donated them to the Interfaith Council for the Homeless. Making the goodies from scratch taught the children many sensory and learning experiences. Pictured, left to right, are: students Kyle Joseph, Brianna Young and Jake Brown with their tray of their homemade cookies.

Deerfield School Reveals High, Regular Honor Rolls

MOUNTAINSIDE — Deerfield School Principal, M. Priscilla Church, recently reported the names of students placed on the High Honor Roll and Regular Honor Roll for the First Marking Period of the 2002-2003 academic term.

The middle school enrollment at Deerfield includes 71 sixth graders, 63 seventh graders and 76 eighth graders.

Qualification for the High Honor Roll includes all "A"s in major and minor subjects. To be placed on the Regular Honor Roll, students must achieve at least a "B" in all major and minor subjects. A B-minus will not be considered.

HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 6-12 STUDENTS	
Danielle Addonizio	Ian Hassan
Colleen Caffrey	Elizabeth Hennings
John Cataldo	Erica Hochman
Chelsea Cirasa	Ellen Kaplan
Matthew DiLandro	Mary Jo Keller
Scott Greene	Amanda Quaglia
REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 6-12 STUDENTS	
Marcello Arpino	Tessa Mudi
Nicholas Barbera	Kristen Morgan
Alexander Bregman	Brenton Rehm
Gregory Caponegro	Daniel Rodriguez
Justin Cho	Kristina Scutari
Mark DeGaetano	Sara Taeschler
Aiyana Gallardo	Christina Vari
Taylor Hoy	Amy Vitale
Russell Kinney	Robert Werchas
	Kristen Whitenour
HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 7-7 STUDENTS	



SPIRIT OF THE SEASON...Fifth grade teacher Wendy Hahn and students at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield created a "Giving Tree," which enabled families to give gifts to students at Berkeley Terrace School in Irvington. Paper heart ornaments were hung on the tree with gift ideas written on them. Parents and children chose an ornament and replaced it with one that represented their family and traditions. They purchased and wrapped the gifts that were requested on the heart, and placed them under the tree.

Local Students Earn Honors At Saint Peter's Prep School

JERSEY CITY — During a recent honors assembly, the names of pupils from Westfield and Scotch Plains, achieving honors for the first marking period, were announced.

Matthew Kiebus of Westfield, a member of the Class of 2005, received First Honors.

Brian Serzan of Westfield, a member of the Class of 2005, earned Second Honors.

Michael Serzan of Westfield, a member of the Class of 2006, achieved Second Honors.

Andrew Bonner of Scotch Plains, a member of the Class of 2006, was awarded Honorable Mention.

Timothy LiVolsi of Scotch Plains, a member of the Class of 2006, earned Second Honors.



HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE...Students at Redeemer Lutheran School in Westfield performed their rendition of "Prime Time Christmas" on December 15. Pictured, above, is fourth grader Marcus Sancho as one of the carolers. Behind him is Celestial News Network's co-anchor Rush Rather, played by fifth grader R.J. Schielke, who is promoting his line of weather watches to help keep people synchronized for the busy Christmas season.



LET US ENTERTAIN YOU...The Fifth Grade Chorus from Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield visited Genesis Elder Care in Westfield on December 9. Led by their music teacher, Karen Nola, and accompanied on the piano by Jefferson parent Chris Marasso, the pupils sang a selection of uplifting holiday songs to the residents.

Actors Invited to WCP Auditions In January for Dr. Cook's Garden

WESTFIELD — Director John Correll of the Westfield Community Players (WCP) will host open auditions for Ira Levin's *Dr. Cook's Garden* on Monday, January 6, and Wednesday, January 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the WCP Theater at 1000 North Avenue, West in Westfield.

Cast requirements include: Dr. Cook (a man in his 60s), a younger man (aged 20 to 30), a middle-aged man in his 50s, a middle-aged woman (aged 40 to 60) and an elderly woman (aged 80 to 90).

The show will open on Saturday, March 8, and continue Friday and Saturday evenings, March 14, 15, 21, and 22. All tickets are \$12 each.

Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Hands On Science Program Planned January to March

WESTFIELD — Hands On Science, an after-school enrichment activity in its 12th year, is scheduled to run in Westfield from Monday, January 27 to Tuesday, March 25.

Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Westfield, the program is also held in cooperation with Westfield Public Schools and the Westfield Parent-Teacher Council.

The goals of the program are to encourage young children's interest in science with fun, hands-on "real" science activities in chemistry, math, physics, biology and environmental sciences. The activities are aimed at the elementary school level.

Each class meets once per week for eight weeks, with approximately 10 to 14 children enrolled per class. Classes, which are taught by qualified teachers from Westfield and other school systems, will meet at Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools, and Jefferson, McKinley and Tamaques Elementary Schools.

The program has grown steadily in popularity and, last year, attracted nearly 400 children.

Courses offered will include "Amazing Flying Machines," "Bizarre Body Works," "Discovering Weather," "Electrifying Science with a Twist of Chemistry," "Kitchen Chemistry," "Rocket Cars," "Super Science Activities I and II," and "Science Through Literature."

Second and third graders are offered "Deep Sea Adventures," while students in fourth and fifth grade may select "Rainforest Adventures."

Jim Fleming, who coordinates the program for the Optimist Club of Westfield, said registration forms will be distributed through the elementary schools during the first week in January. Early enrollment is recommended.

"Last year, a number of classes were filled on the day the application forms were distributed," said Mr.

David Roth

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wife, Trish.

"The fact that Coffee with Conscience helps raise money for good causes, made it an easy decision to say 'yes' to their invitation to perform," Roth commented.

Roth's corporate workshops consist of such topics as "If You Can't Fly, You Can Run" and "Not Living on the Edge? You're Taking Up Too Much Room."

"My goal is to make people laugh, think, and feel, and be entertaining while doing it. If I can achieve that, I'll be satisfied, and there might be a little more hope in the world for having done so," he continued.

"New York City doesn't need to hold the monopoly on culture and fun," commented Ahrie Maros, the organizer of the Coffee With Conscience concert series. "I bring incredibly talented singer-songwriters to town, present them in concert and raise money for important charities. The bottom line is people gather, enjoy good music, support independent artists and raise money for charity. Everyone wins."

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series is a 10-show series from September through June, with venues alternating between the Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Springfield, and the First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

The series is made possible in part by a HEART Grant (Heritage, Education, Art — Reaching Thousands) from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Proceeds from the first concert will go to The Free Johnson House in Morristown, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless in Plainfield and the Names Project (more commonly known as the AIDS Quilt).

The next Coffee With Conscience performance featuring the duo act, Common Bond is scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2003 at the Springfield Church.

For more information on Coffee With Conscience, please log on to <http://coffeewithconscience.com>.

Franklin Elementary Pupils Hold Fundraiser

WESTFIELD — The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) of Franklin Elementary School in Westfield sponsored its annual "holiday boutique fundraiser" on November 21.

Gifts, which were priced from 50 cents to \$10, came pre-wrapped and many of the items were homemade. The selection included wine bags, fabric sachets, holiday stockings, children's novelties, teacher trinkets and photo ornaments with the child's picture immediately placed inside.

Shoppers guessed the number of candies in a "Holiday Estimation Bowl" and hourly raffles were held, including a mountain hike as the grand prize.

A&E in 2003

POPCORN

Gangs of New York: Attacks the Senses

By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
Popcorn

If director Martin Scorsese's *Gangs of New York*, set in the mid-19th century, is actually a parabolic statement about our current state of civilization, then we're in trouble.

An unremittingly violent portrait of civil strife among the various ethnic groups claiming dominance in Manhattan's Five Points (roughly, today's Lower East Side), what's most frightening is that these abominable events supposedly took place only 150 years ago. Such barbarism and lawlessness are usually equated with the Middle Ages. We like to think that it was much further back that we rose above such depravity and wickedness.

This is tough stuff. At moments during Scorsese's sordid and seamy look at the Big Apple's violent past, we plead for comedy relief the way a desert traveler might beg for water. But then, there is no comedy relief in Hell, except maybe you get a little laugh of satisfaction when they hand down a former boss you hated. And oddly enough, it's precisely this sort of meaningless, narcissistic retribution that rules the day in *Gangs of New York*.

The plot, scripted by Jay Cocks and Steven Zaillian, is about as primeval as the ethos of the desperate characters portrayed. Trying to carve out a niche of the New World for the Irish immigrants he so devotedly represents, Liam Neeson's Priest Vallon falls whilst leading his Dead Rabbits in battle against Bill "The Butcher" Cutting's "Natives" on that fateful day in 1846.

Priest's son, then only about seven, witnesses his dad's veritable crucifixion at the hand of The Butcher. The child, escaping the scene, winds up at Hell's Gate Reformatory.

Flash forward 16 years. Amsterdam Vallon is a young man returned to the scene of the family's dishonor. Having put on a few pounds and rendered a little less pretty through the magic of makeup, Leonardo DiCaprio makes for a substantial prodigal son out to avenge his dad.

Now, of course no one knows Amsterdam's true identity. So in a display of melodramatic manipulation that doubtless will deplete Hollywood of its irony reserves for months to come, guess who takes Leonardo's young tough under his wing? Yep, the Butcher.

Actually, he's a butcher in more ways than one. Tending to a raw carcass of meat during one of his self-aggrandizing tutorial lessons, William Cutting tells Amsterdam that you can learn a lot about killing men by butchering lesser beasts. The young man looks and listens intently during such sessions.

At first blush we assume Amsterdam is sidling up to locate a chunk in his sworn enemy's armor. Then we also wonder: Is he finding himself allured by this egocentric thug? After all, while it may be self-serving, it's the Butcher, claiming Priest Vallon was the only worthy enemy he ever killed, who set aside an annual day memorializing his Irish adversary's death. Be appraised, however, that no matter how indulgent Bill becomes toward his gangland prodigy, he still takes every opportunity to matter-of-factly iterate that the Irish, as well as all other immigrants, are notably inferior to the natives.

Thickening the stew with yet even more hackneyed plot goo is Cameron Diaz as Jenny Everdeane, the love interest. She's a pick-pocket, among other illustrious career bends and criminal proclivities. But here's the real clincher: Who do you think fished the attractive gal out of the gutter when she was but a waif and set her on her successfully crooked path? You got it. Welcome to Fable Borrowing 101.

Needless to note, Amsterdam is disgusted when he learns of the unholy connection. His absurd expectation of finding purity among

Messiah Sing

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This was the first year that NJSO offered a Messiah Sing, according to Laycock. The NJSO granted the same program from December 20 through 22 to venues in Ocean Grove, Princeton, Jersey City and Montclair.

For more information on the NJSO and the ensemble's upcoming programs, please visit www.njsymphony.org or call (800)-ALLEGRO.

the immorality and squalor of the Five Points is simply just another part of the film's overall look at rampant, deep-seated prejudice. It's a prejudice untimpered by education, let alone a liberal education, and never challenged by a reform movement.

Meanwhile, uptown, where things aren't quite as bleak, and at Tammany Hall, where opportunism is at an all-time high, there is a profit to be made from such social catastrophe.

Boss Tweed, ably etched by Jim Broadbent, is just the fellow to capitalize on the steady supply of misery and dissension being churned out in a New York City bursting at the seams with immigration.

Depicted as only slightly less barbaric than Daniel Day-Lewis' Butcher, the brutal mayor uses the city's virulent bigotry to ensure his domain. In the parlor of the Brahmin Skinnerhomes, with editor Horace Greeley ("Go west, young man") coincidentally in attendance, one well-to-do town father reminds another: "We've always been able to pay one-half the poor to fight the other half."

The haunting question addressed to one of America's greatest living directors is, why so glum, Scorsese? We can understand the non-stop bloodshed. There are people who will see this film, remain blissfully oblivious to the socio-historical points, and simply surmise they've just seen a great action film. Okay. The blood's for them. How about the rest of us? A last scene of New York's changing physical landscape hammers home all the film's main points in a hopeless lament that is tough to shake, even a few days later.

We must also take umbrage with the director's methods. It would be one thing if Scorsese's abysmal view of New York in the 1840s were strictly based on historical fact. But it is not. To achieve the desired artistic effect, he has tweaked history here and there.

Thus the bulk of the gang wars in question, which actually take place a decade earlier, are shown to coincide with the Civil War and culminate with the New York draft riots.

Granted, the liberties taken make for big theater and allow added opportunities to draw dramatic parallels. Combined with the fantastic, albeit depressing art direction that casts a pall of poverty over practically everything, and Day-Lewis's Academy Award-worthy performance as the lunatical Butcher, this makes for a complete inundation of the moviegoing senses. And usually, that might not be such a bad thing.

But the curious severity of Scorsese's pronouncements gives us pause. If one chooses to perpetrate such doom, it should be either in the service of history or the cause of out and out fiction. When the emotional stakes are this high, fudging the truth is unsettling, if not downright irresponsible.

Thus *Gangs of New York* leaves us feeling a bit beat up.

Gangs of New York, rated R, is a Miramax Pictures release directed by Martin Scorsese and stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis and Cameron Diaz. Running time: 168 minutes.

Mini-Madness

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"Law & Order," "Charmed"), and have been purchased by the rich and famous (Kevin Spacey and Madonna, according to one Mini Forum).

Mini Madness has arrived. There are two models available. I test drove both and fell in love — with both I remember that happening when I bought my last car. If it's that compelling, I thought, it's meant to be.

And the passion for driving this car doesn't seem to go away. I ordered my car, was told it would arrive in about three months, and I was able to track the progress from manufacturing to shipping to arrival, online. My 2003 model arrived one month ahead of schedule. I am once again enamored with my primitive pleasure of driving.

I just didn't count on all the attention. Guys, if you want a chick magnet this is the car for you. Ladies, it's more expensive than a personal ad but the results are instant and endless.

And for anyone who needs to parallel park in Westfield, it's a cinch. Somehow those decade birthdays seem a lot less painful when you are fortunate enough to celebrate with a Mini Cooper. Let's motor!

Angels' Voices Chime In With NJSO at First 'Sing'

By MICHELLE H. Le POIDEVIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD—Visiting relatives joined their families for reservations at downtown eateries, kids in Santa hats amassed at the Rialto, but angels could be heard on high last Saturday night at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

While the turnout was mediocre, it was the vocal quality, not the quantity of audience members, which made the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's (NJSO) first Messiah Sing a superb way to spend the pre-Christmas weekend evening.

Though NJSO Associate Music Conductor Mark Laycock requested that women sit to the right of the church to sing soprano and alto parts, and men sit to the left for the tenor and bass parts, audience members chose to mix things up instead.

High school students with exceptional vocal skills and older attendees boasting past performances at Lincoln Center impressed Laycock, who started off the evening with a brief rehearsal. After practicing with the *Hallelujah! Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah*, Laycock asked an especially talented group of five sopranos to move up to the front of the church. Yet, throughout the evening, a sprinkling of equally remarkable sopranos could be found on both sides.

The visiting tenors and a family of altos also made an impressive contribution to the program. Surely, Handel himself would have been proud.

Proving their vocal chops, audience members (who sang from rented portfolios of sheet music) joined Laycock and NJSO soloists as chorus members in *And the glory of the Lord. And He shall purify, O thou that tallest good tidings to Zion. For unto us a Child is born, Glory to God, and His yoke is easy.*

Tenor Russell Lamar Thomas, who is currently a member of the Seattle Opera's Young Artist Studio, lent his textured and richly expressive voice to moving pieces such as *Comfort Ye and Ev'ry valley shall be exalted.*

The vocal tenacity of baritone Todd Thomas was rivaled only by his noteworthy ability to articulate Handel's music through emotionally moving conveyances in pieces such as *The people that walked in darkness and But who may abide the day of His coming.*

Perfect and polished annunciation was offered by both mezzo-soprano Jessica Flint, formerly of Princeton, and soprano Sarah Pelletier. Saturday's performance was Pelletier's second with the NJSO.

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Westfield Audience Finds Inspiration During Roth's Roof-Raising Performance

By MARYLOU MORANO
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WESTFIELD — David Roth, highly acclaimed folk singer, and motivational speaker recently appeared at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield as part of its Coffee with Conscience Series.

A gifted guitarist, singer and writer, Roth opened the Texas Kerrville Folk Festival in 1987, and in 1996 was the landslide top vote getter at New York's Falcon Ridge Folk Festival's "Most Wanted" Showcase.

Two of his compositions — "Manuel Garcia" and "Nine Gold Medals" have been included in the popular "Chicken Soup for the Soul" Books. Roth has also been published in the McGraw Hill "Care Package" series of books.

Known for his unique style of entertaining, Roth riveted the Westfield audience with a selection of original songs from his six CDs, among them the inspirational and motivational "If You Can't Fly" from his newest CD by the same name.

As an encore, Roth ended his Coffee with Conscience concert by sing-

ing "Earth" the original composition he performed at the 40th Anniversary of the United Nations in New York.

"Earth" expresses the wishes I have for a kinder world," the singer explained.

Another of Roth's songs, "Rising



David Roth

in Love" was performed by Andrea Marcovici at the 100th Anniversary of Carnegie Hall in 1991.

The Chicago native, whose mother was a big band singer and his father the Maitre D' at the legendary Chez Paree Cabaret, grew up surrounded by show business celebrities. In addition to performing, Roth also divides his time between corporate motivational speaking and involvement in community organizations.

He is a presenter at the New Haven, Conn.-based HELP Institute (Healing, Education, Laughter, and Play), providing workshops for special education teachers.

Roth is also involved with Silent Spring, an organization that promotes awareness of the environment and the connection between it and the high incidence of breast cancer on Cape Cod, where he resides with his

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Photo Courtesy of Carol F. Davis
GREAT THINGS & PEOPLE COME IN SMALL CARS. Carol F. Davis, Calendar Editor and Reporter for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*, has never been the same since her Mini purchase, a trend sweeping the country.

Mini-Madness

By CAROL F. DAVIS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

There are subtle changes going on in my life, and not the ones that come with the passing of time. Perfect strangers have suddenly become eager to chat with me.

I've been summoned by drivers in the lane next to me, received nods of approval from middle-aged men in SUVs, been honked at by numerous drivers, and have been engaged in conversation while making a quick stop for a cup of coffee or during a fill-up at the gas station.

Young teenagers seem to notice me these days. I've even been flagged down on the street by pedestrians. Why, just the other day I was beckoned by a very nice gentleman from Sierra Leone, whom I otherwise would probably never have had the opportunity to meet.

No, I didn't just make my film debut or display my creations at a chic gallery in Soho. I should be so lucky. I simply celebrated a decade birthday, which happened to coincide with my need to consider replacing my 12-year-old (and only one owner) vehicle.

During a moment of extreme weakness — or could this be love? — my husband offered to buy me a Mini Cooper for my birthday, and I took no more than five seconds to decide to allow him to do this for me. I figured I earned it, but that's another story.

Besides, I have always wanted a British sports car. The problem was that it needed to come with a live-in



mechanic. That was the tough part. This, however, seemed like a safe bet — if BMW believed in the Mini Cooper enough to acquire them, who was I to doubt its mechanical reliability and precision engineering?

Now that I am in my new car, I find that there is a definite cult quality to being a Mini owner. There are chat rooms, forums, clubs, rallies, websites galore, and a complete line of merchandise. They've cropped up in catalogues (Victoria's Secret), on television shows ("NYPD Blue,"

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Get Outta The House

By CAROL F. DAVIS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The next show of the *Westfield Community Players* will be *The World Goes Round*, by Kander and Ebb. This collaborative team has created classics such as *Kiss of the Spider Woman* and *Cabaret*. The show opens on Saturday, January 4, and continues Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. through the 25. Tickets are \$15, and can be reserved by calling (908) 232-1221. There will be a special benefit performance on Friday, January 10, at 8 p.m. to benefit the Soroptimists International service projects which advance human rights and the status of women. This special evening will begin with a wine and cheese prelude and will also include a dessert-treat during intermission. Tickets for the benefit evening are \$23 and may be obtained by calling Letty Hudak at (908) 233-6233.

Home shows are more popular than ever, and do-it-yourself is becoming the norm. You can pick up some great ideas at the *13th Annual Jersey Shore Home Show*, January 10 to 12, at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft. Learn how to redecorate, improve, or renovate with 125 of the area's manufacturers and sellers. There will also be specialists in a variety of fields, including landscape design, healthy cooking, and architecture, to help you find your way. Admission is \$5 to \$7. You can get \$1 off an adult admission and directions by visiting www.macevents.com.

Recommended for ages 8 and up. *Los Pleneros de la 21* will perform at *NJPAC* on Saturday, January 4, at 2 p.m. It's \$10 for kids and \$19 for adults. Get more information by calling (888) 466-5722 or log onto www.njpac.org. Based in El Barrio (in East Harlem, N.Y.), this musical ensemble spanning three generations will entertain you in the traditional Bomba and the Plena of Puerto Rico.

Here's a special treat for you college kids home on break. Check out the scene at the *Hamilton St. Cafe & Stage* in downtown Bound Brook. You'll find a huge variety of bands, an art gallery, and a selection of vegan and non-vegan foods available at great prices. Parking is free, but the admission (around \$6 to \$10) varies with each show. Check them out at www.hamiltonst.com. Be careful driving, remember to bring a sweater, and be home early.

Coming Next Week:

- Both WYACT and the Westfield Symphony ring in the New Year with a little help from Irving Berlin's music. Michelle Le Poidevin and David Palladino have separate reviews.
- Westfield native Florence Wetzel has penned her next book. Marylou Morano has the review.

Arboretum Holiday Home Tour Draws Westfielders And Aids WF Scout Troop

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SUMMIT — What does a 1930s French Normandy Style Brick home in Short Hills have in common with an expanded Cape Cod in Summit? Or a 1940s Colonial with a 1740s historic site? These four homes and three others were opened to the public on December 12, as part of the 14th Annual Holiday House Tour for the benefit of the Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

Several hundred people came out for the self-guided event, according to Katherine Hadrow, Director of Public Relations for Reeves-Reed Arboretum. The tour included a stop at the arboretum and its 12.5 acres of woodland, gardens and flowerbeds.

The Holiday House Tour gave attendees an opportunity to view the homes' architectural designs and layouts, as well as furnishings and décor. One of the homes greeted guests with a dramatic two story front hall



Photos Courtesy of Katharine Hadrow

TOYLAND...Westfield resident Marie Duggan, an employee at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, arranges toys under the tree at the Wisner House.

tum by sharing my house with all those who passed through," said Mary O'Connor, whose colorful expanded Cape in Summit, which she calls "comfortable and eclectic" was one stop on the Holiday House Tour.

"I hope my home gives people ideas and helps them realize they can decorate with color without fear," said O'Connor.

The Holiday House Tour was an antique-lovers delight. One home was furnished throughout with English antiques while another contained Early American furnishings. The kitchens, wall coverings, window treatments, moldings and trims of all the homes on the Holiday House Tour were carefully scrutinized and commented upon by the "tourists."

"The House Tour was fabulous! We really enjoyed it!" exclaimed Westfielder Kathy Storcks, who attended with her sister Maureen, who is from Long Island.

"Each home was more beautiful than the next," she added.

The Reeves-Reed Arboretum itself is listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. The Arboretum is dedicated to enjoyment of nature, the environment and horticultural education for children and adults.

The money raised by the Holiday House Tour will help support environmental education and field trip programs that enable young people, including Westfield Scout troops learn about the environment.

For more information about the Reeves-Reed Arboretum, log on to www.reeves-reed.org or call (908) 273-8787.



TOURISTS...Lisa Tolan of Westfield joined John Garrity of Far Hills in Reeves-Reed Arboretum's Holiday House Tour 2002.

complete with a sweeping staircase. While, another home boasted an interior floor plan based upon a 200-year-old house in Old Deerfield, Mass. A few of the homes showed off recent additions.

"I was happy to help the Arbore-



ANTIQUE PIECE...This treasured antique camel was found at the Short Hills house, one of many cherished pieces eyed at the Holiday House Tour.

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The concert is Sunday, March 30 at 3 P.M.

Call Trent Johnson at (908) 233-4211 for more information or just come to a rehearsal. We welcome you!