

Hearing Begins on Temple Parking; Engineer to Testify at May Meeting

By LAUREN S. PASS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Last Thursday night, the Westfield Zoning Board of Adjustment held the first special hearing for a proposed parking lot for Temple Emanu-El.

The temple is located in an RS12 residential zone with a conditional use. They are requesting variances to construct a parking lot on a 1.1-acre piece of property next to the temple on East Broad Street that they are negotiating to purchase.

Among the variances applied for, one is for 70 percent lot coverage, where improvements are not to exceed 50 percent; another is for 170 spaces where 330 spaces are required, and another is a lighting variance.

Some area residents opposed to the parking lot have formed the group UNITE (United Neighbors Investigating Temple Expansion) and are being represented by James Flynn, Esq. Temple Emanu-El is being represented by attorney John Schmidt of Lindabury, McCormick and Estabrook.

After Mr. Flynn was assured that no members of the board are members of the temple, Mr. Schmidt began with his opening remarks.

Mr. Schmidt stated that the temple is attempting to increase



PACKED HOUSE...Residents came out in mass last Thursday night for the first Board of Adjustment hearing for a proposed parking lot next to Temple Emanu-el.

the number of parking spots needed for the congregation because parking is currently a "major safety issue."

He said that Linden and Jefferson Avenues have no sidewalks, and that pedestrians are forced to cross East Broad Street at all hours. Further citing that a woman was killed while crossing East Broad Street in front of the temple in 1999.

Mr. Flynn stated that he intends to show that approval of the lot will cause harm to the community. He said that the temple has operated for

50 years without the parking, adding that they have caused their own hardships with their previous applications for additions.

He said that homes where the temple is located are required to have no more than 20 percent lot coverage and that the temple has 70 percent lot coverage on the piece of property their synagogue is on.

Mr. Flynn suggested that there are other ways to improve safety such as lighting and signage. He said that the lot they are proposing will not be large enough to accommodate the

members on the High Holy Days, and that the neighbors are willing to deal with the cars on the street.

He stated that the temple "has not been a good neighbor" on other issues in the past. He said that the temple has received nine variances in the past, and the temple should purchase the lot next door and dedicate it to greenery so that their lot would be more conforming to zoning requirements.

The temple's Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Douglas Segal was the first to testify. Rabbi Segal stated that the temple wanted to put the lot in as a matter of public safety.

He added that the temple is not looking to expand its membership.

According to Rabbi Segal, Temple Emanu-El has 1,100 member families, approximately 700 of which are Westfield residents. He said that only two other temples in the state, one in Cherry Hill and another in Teaneck, have as many members as Westfield.

Rabbi Segal testified that on the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur over 1,000 people attend each service, the regular Friday and Saturday services draw between 200 and 400 people.

The rabbi further testified that residents' concerns about noise from the kitchen, dumpster and

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Voter Turnout Low in Area; Budgets Pass

By BETSEY BURGDOFF,
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Voter turnout was low in the area for Tuesday's Board of Education elections and budget decisions, which passed in Mountainside, Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Westfield.

In Westfield 2,727 of 18,694 registered voters came out to vote. Voters passed the \$68.8 million budget, 1,737 votes to 990 votes.

In Westfield incumbents Anne Riegel (1,638) Beth Cassie (1,648), and Kim Rhodes (1,451) won elec-

tion to three-year terms over Ken Sumner (979) and Bruce Regenstein (939).

Julia Burnett Walker won a seat on the board for a one-year term (892) over Gerald Fahrenhold (522) and Bruce Johnson (864).

"I'm very pleased that the budget passed. I'm grateful that the community supports the budget despite the high property taxes. In our community it's a real commitment when people vote for the budget," stated Westfield Schools Superintendent Dr.

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INCUMBENTS RULE THE NIGHT...Westfield Board of Education incumbents are reelected to serve another term on the Board of Education. Pictured, left to right, are: Anne Riegel, Beth Cassie and Kimberley Rhodes.



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CONGRATULATIONS...Beth Cassie enjoys the night with well wishers. Joining her are Westfield Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley and former President of the Board Danielle Walsh.

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Council to Change Parking Hours, Fees; Residents to Hear Traffic Calming Plan

By LAUREN S. PASS
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On Tuesday night, the Westfield Town Council passed a resolution authorizing the town's Chief Financial Officer, Liy Tsai, to collect the Special District Taxes for the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC).

According to Town Administrator James Gildea the DWC will receive the tax levy in three payments.

The DWC has a proposed budget of \$370,600, which is approved on first reading. The tax rate is \$4.06 per \$100 of assessed property value. The net valuation of taxable property in the Special Improvement District (SID) is \$91,512,900, meaning that the town will collect \$371,542.37.

After the passing of the resolution the council went into closed session for two hours to discuss the New Street development, litigation surrounding the Westfield/Cranford Detention basin, Teamsters contract negotiations and real estate acquisition regarding 422 East Broad Street.

After coming out of closed session the council discussed resolutions to demolish houses on Cedar Street, Barchester Way and Oak Avenue, as

well as a resolution to demolish a detached garage on Mountain Avenue.

Town Engineer Kenneth Marsh told the council that none of the properties can be subdivided, and that the garage is not located in a historic district.

In other business, the council discussed revisions to the parking ordinance with the head of Parking Services Captain John Morgan.

Town Attorney Robert Cockren explained that though much of the ordinance has been changed, there are still several sections that need to be incorporated. He stated that since the council has decided that the entire town code will be redone in the coming year and a half, the council may not want to complete the entire ordinance right now.

The ordinance changes reflect the new four-hour pay stations that will become activated as of Monday in the parking lot behind the Rialto Theater.

The biggest debate centered around whether or not the council should change all of the eight- and 12-hour meters from 25 cents an hour to 50 cents an hour or not.

First Ward Republican Councilman Sal Caruana stated that the coun-

cil should discuss the revenue aspect of parking in regards to funding the decks. He stated that he is opposed to doubling the fee.

Mr. Gildea stated that it is currently cheaper to park at an eight- or 12-hour meter than it is to buy a permit.

Mr. Cockren stated that the town has been told by professionals that the parking rates are below the market value.

It was ultimately decided that the rate will be raised to 50 cents an hour, with Councilman Caruana, Second Ward Republican Matthew Albano, and Third Ward Democrat Councilman David Haas being the only no votes.

Councilman Peter Echausse was absent from the meeting.

In addition to the rate increase the meter hours will be changed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The changes will be instituted by the end of May according to Mr. Gildea.

Councilman Haas, the chairman of the Building and Town Property Committee reported that Wolfgang Puck's restaurant wants to move into the bank at the corner of Elm Street and North Avenue. They have requested that the meter in front be removed in order to have space for valet parking. He said that a discussion must be had regarding the town being reimbursed for the lost revenue.

Third Ward Republican Councilman and Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, Andrew Skibitsky, reported that the committee met with the BRAKES (Bikers, Riders and Kids are Entitled to Safety) Group. He said that BRAKES presented their list of all of the problem intersections in town.

Councilman Skibitsky explained that BRAKES cited the most problems in the area of McKinley Elementary School, but that he feels their recommendations for changes are premature. He believes the town should wait until a consultant is brought in to study the area, and then McKinley can be used as the model for all of the schools.

Mayor Gregory McDermott ques-

tioned if McKinley is actually the worst of the schools, and requested that the police department be consulted.

Second Ward Republican Councilman and Chairman of the Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee, Rafael Betancourt, announced that Wilbur Smith, the consultants hired for the purposes of traffic calming, will present their plan for the ShopRite grid at next week's public meeting of the council. Residents will be able to ask questions following the presentation.

Councilman Betancourt stated that he expects the calming project to be completed by the early fall. He added that the thickness of South Chestnut Street must be analyzed prior to the implementation of any traffic calm-

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Board of Adjustment to Allow Bethel Baptist Church Addition

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL
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Before an almost at capacity crowd of 124 people, the Westfield Board of Adjustment ruled to allow the Bethel Baptist Church, on Trinity Place, to build an addition.

The board ruled that the Reverend Kevin Clark and his 400 parishioners could erect a two-story addition that would provide additional seating within the church as well as a conference room and updated bathrooms.

In total, 11 variances were granted. Members of the Board of Adjustment passed the request for the addition with four amendments including: that there be a natural rear screen no less than five feet high along the rear of the property, that the door in the back of the church only be used as an exit, that the rear walkway be shortened by 12 feet and that there be no patio furniture on the back deck of the building.

These amendments were made in consideration of

the neighbors living in close proximity to the church.

Neighbor, David Beke, who lives directly behind the church, testified that he would like to see some type of screening separating the church from his property. He suggested some landscaping or a fence.

Acting Board Chairmen, William Heinbokel, suggested that the screening be natural.

Board member Richard Rosenberg also stated that he wanted to see a more natural type of screening, stating that a fence "would be an eye sore."

Neighbor David Cray, who lives across from the front of Bethel Baptist Church on Trinity Place stated that he thinks that parking is a problem at the church, where members of the church park up and down the street on Sundays and on week nights when there are church meetings.

Reverend Clark noted that the High School does allow parishioners to use their parking lot during church

services on Sundays to help alleviate parking along Trinity Place.

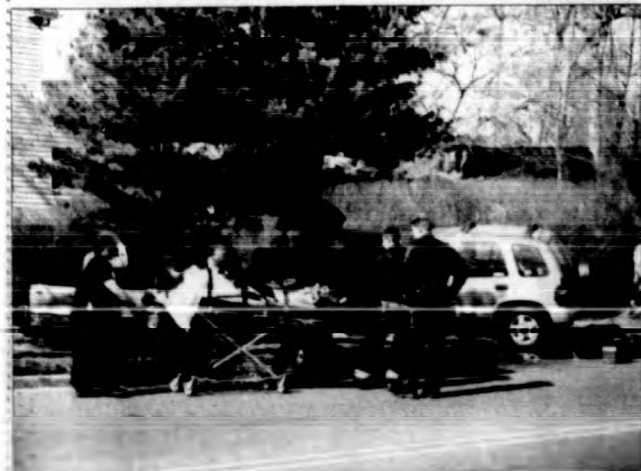
In other business, a land use ordinance was granted for office space at 435 East Broad Street to allow the basement to be used as a library and conference area for the law practice occupying that building.

In other business, Coach Inc. was granted a variance for signage on the front and the back of their new store location at 249 to 251 East Broad Street. These stores were formerly Westfield Vacuum and National Shoe Builders.

However, a request for signage on the awnings on either side of the doors was denied.

More than a dozen cases that were scheduled to be heard at Monday evening's Board of Adjustment meeting were postponed to the May meeting because of an overloaded agenda. Twenty-nine cases were scheduled to be heard at the monthly meeting and 18 had to be rescheduled due to the late hour.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 12 at 7:30pm.



SMASH UP...A three-car accident occurred at the intersection of North Avenue and Tuttle Parkway on Tuesday afternoon. The accident knocked over signs and damaged a fire hydrant.



Have A Joyous Easter and A Blessed Passover!



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GENUINELY FRIENDLY... Owners Peter and Helen Rentoulis of Vicki's Diner in Westfield always have a smile for the patrons - and for each other. They are pictured above in a photograph taken last month.

On Vicki's Diner Menu: Soup, Salad, Diner Politics

By BILL SHEPPARD
 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

It was a typical Wednesday morning at one of Westfield's most popular eateries, Vicki's Diner over on East Broad Street.

Owners Peter and Helen Rentoulis (Vicki is a name of the previous owner) and their staff were swiftly serving breakfast at the counter. Waitresses were hustling plates of bacon and eggs to customers at the booths and tables. The telephone seemed to be constantly ringing with calls for take out orders. The smell of fresh coffee and hot toast filled the air. Over in the corner booth, a TV film crew is setting up to tape another episode of Laura Jones popular cable show *Diner Politics* this morning featuring Westfield's own Jon Brannick, a State Assemblyman. The customers take little notice of the TV crew, episodes of *Diner Politics*, the crew of *ED* and others have been here before.

"Good morning John," Helen greets another local regular. She seems to know most by name and almost everyone by face. "More coffee Peter," she asks. One cannot help but notice the wall behind the counter near the register is covered with photos, notes, thank you messages, plaques etc. of family, friends, patrons and locals.

This meticulous stainless steel and red boothed diner is most definitely one of the community's favorite gathering spots. Police, Fire, construction workers mix with the suit and tie crowd for breakfast, lunch and dinner. This morning is no different.

Husband and wife proprietors, Peter and Helen took over the establishment in September of 1999 and have never looked back since. The couple met back in 1981 when they both worked at the infamous Lido Diner on Route 22. "This may sound corny, but it was love at first sight," Helen told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains*.

Fanwood.

Peter, who emigrated from Leonidion, Greece when he was 13 later verified his wife's comments. "We fell in love immediately, it's true," he said. Peter Rentoulis and Helen Chapla were married in 1985, they recently moved into Mountainside with their two sons, John 13 and Christopher 8.

Considering the long hours they put in, like most small business people or working couples, they "treasure the time they have with their children."

"I still haven't moved into my house or unpacked all of the boxes yet. Our time with the kids is best spent doing things together, the boxes will have to wait," Helen said.

The couple's choice to operate a business in Westfield wasn't by chance. "Actually, we used to shop and walk the streets of Westfield, whenever we could, with our first born in a baby carriage. We said to each other, it would be a dream come true to locate a business here. They place is so picturesque and the people are genuinely friendly. Now that dream has come true. I'm not embarrassed to say Westfield is a community of wonderful people," Peter told *The Leader* and *The Times*. "We're living the American dream, I wish that for everyone. As a young child my father would tell me about America, the freedom and the opportunities that were available to all. This is the greatest country in the World."

If you're in the neighborhood in downtown Westfield, stop by Vicki's Diner, try the food, meet John and Helen, sample the optimism and patriotism, they're not printed on the menu but served there everyday.

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County to Continue UCC Scholarship Program

UNION COUNTY - The Union County Freeholders renewed funding of the Freeholder Scholars Program. The scholarship was developed in 1999 to cover the cost of tuition and fees at Union County College for entering and returning students. They must also be full time students who graduated with a minimum 3.0 high school average, have a family income of \$75,000 or less and live in Union County.

Freeholder Chairwoman Deborah Scanlon said that this is an important program for many students who otherwise could not afford to get a college degree. "We believe that by providing this program we are better preparing

our students to get a good job and help make our county a better place to live," said Chairwoman Scanlon.

Students applying for the Freeholder Scholars Program must file for federal and state financial aid. The program will cover the difference between UCC tuition and fees and financial aid received. Students in the program must maintain a 3.0 GPA at the college to continue receiving the scholarship for the two years they are enrolled.

For more information on the program, contact the secretary to the Director of Financial Aid at Union County College. Joanne Walski at (908) 709-7089.

Trailside Plans Activities Saluting Earth Awareness

MOUNTAINSIDE - In honor of Earth Day, the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside is offering special programming with the theme "You Can Make A Difference" during the week of April 21 to 25.

On Monday, April 21, at 10 a.m., "Backyard versus Nature's Yard" will be held for children ages six and older. The program will focus on how to transform a lawn into a backyard wildlife habitat. Children will learn which shrubs and trees attract birds and which flowers butterflies prefer. Then they will build a bird box. The fee is \$3 per person and \$5 for each bird box. Pre-registration is required.

Also on April 21, "Pond Search" will take place at 2 p.m. A drop-off program for first through fifth graders, it will allow children to explore the many life forms of Lake Surprise while using fishing nets and buckets.

Hazards affecting these aquatic inhabitants will be discussed and children will help in a litter pick-up. The fee is \$8 per child and pre-registration is required. Children should wear shoes that can get wet. Gloves will be provided for the litter clean up.

On Tuesday, April 22, Trailside will offer "EcoArt" for children ages four and older. Families may drop in between 10 a.m. and noon to participate in art projects using recycled materials. The fee is \$3 per child.

A "Stream Search" will be offered at 2 p.m. that day as a drop-off program for children from first through fifth grades. Children will "develop property" along

imaginary Riverside Drive to discover how waterways become polluted and how people, animals and plants are affected.

Participants will use special nets to catch a variety of stream critters, which will indicate the water quality. The fee is \$8 per child and pre-registration is required.

On Wednesday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m., "Night Life" for families ages six and up will explore the world of the resident nocturnal animals of Trailside through a hike.

Participants will learn about light pollution to understand its effects on these habitats and what they can do to help. The fee is \$3 per person and pre-registration is required.

Concluding Earth Awareness Week will be a free "Arbor Day Celebration" on Friday, April 25, at 1 p.m., for ages five and up. Participants will meet at Seeley's Pond for a hike to the boardwalk on the Sierra Trail.

They will use loppers and pruning shears to remove fast-spreading, non-native plants and replant the area with native deciduous trees and shrubs donated by the New Jersey Tree Foundation.

Children should bring shovels, shears and loppers if they have them. Gloves and refreshments will be provided. Call trailside for directions; no pre-registration is required.

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road. It is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation. For a complete Earth Awareness brochure or more information, please call (908) 789-3670.



Bill Sheppard for The Westfield Leader and The Times
HERE SHE IS... Former Mayor of Fanwood, and one time congressional candidate Maryanne Connelly recently stopped into the office of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* for an interview to find out what she is doing since she left politics.

What Ever Happened To? Former Mayor Connelly Says Politics Not Out of the Picture

By BILL SHEPPARD
 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Maryanne Connelly was born in Brooklyn, New York and has been a resident of Fanwood since 1979.

A graduate of the College of Saint Elizabeth with a degree in nutrition, and an Masters in Business Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University, she served on many boards, commissions and elected positions in local government. Some of those included the planning board, borough council, Police Commissioner and Mayor while working for 28 years as an executive in Human Resources with AT&T and Bell Labs.

Ms. Connelly campaigned for Congress on the democratic ticket for the seat vacated by Congressman Bob Franks.

Ms. Connelly, who still resides in Fanwood, told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*. "I feel blessed in my life that I continue to have opportunities to pursue various interests where I feel I can learn and make a meaningful contribution."

Former Mayor Connelly is currently an adjunct professor at Saint Peter's College and received her state certification in business education at the high school level.

"There is life after politics," she stated, "so many people don't understand that. After over 20 years in the public eye, I'm thoroughly enjoying my life, my family and my students."

The Connelly's have always been a patriotic family, her dad and uncles served in the military during WWII, her husband David (now deceased) was a Vietnam veteran serving in the United States Navy as a seal.

"I was brought up to respect the flag and when you're eligible, you vote. My parents instilled in us the fact that it is a privilege to be an American and with that privilege came a number of responsibilities."

Ms. Connelly is active as a mentor to young woman, particularly those interested in entering the political arena. "Fanwood Mayor Pat Kuran was my mentor and role model. Pat was an ethical woman whose only interest was doing what was right for

the people of Fanwood, never interested in personal gain. I was proud to spearhead the preservation of Fanwood's carriage house that now bears her name."

Ms. Connelly maintains her involvement in politics, serving as the Co-Chair of the Women's Leadership Forum for the State of New Jersey. Additionally, she is a member of Congressman Menendez's Finance Committee, served on Cory Booker's Strategic Advisory Council, among other positions.

As far as accomplishments, the former mayor told *The Leader* and *The Times*. "You never accomplish things all by yourself. I really considered it to have been an honor and a privilege to have run for the United States Congress. It was an invaluable experience, so many people touched my life in that process. As Police Commissioner we were leaders (2nd behind Edison) in drafting an ordinance that later would become Megan's law. It was independent of any state efforts. On the planning board we worked under Mayor Kuran, negotiating on what to do with LaGrande School which became Children Specialized Hospital. The Borough clock we installed has come to be a landmark as well as a meeting place in our community, while the first item made from the wood of the Fanwood Oak became three beautiful flag boxes for the high schools touching Vietnam Memorial."

Ms. Connelly is certified by the State of New Jersey's Department of Law and public safety for police training and was instrumental in implementing Fanwood's 911 system.

"I'm happy teaching at St Peter's and the high school, education is important to all of us life learners. Teaching is so very rewarding for me. I try to show the students that life is full of opportunities if you look for them. I firmly believe we can do whatever we desire to. I try to instill that in the students," she said.

When *The Leader* and *The Times* asked Ms. Connelly if running again for public office was in her future, she said, "politics is not out of the picture for me."

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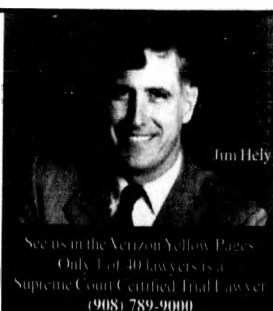
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Town Bank of WF Appoints New Board Chairman

WESTFIELD — Joseph O'Sullivan has been named Chairman of the Board of The Town Bank of Westfield. Mr. O'Sullivan is an original organizer and founding director of the Bank and has served as Chairman of the Bank's Loan Committee since its inception.

In making the announcement, the Bank's President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Robert Dowens, Sr., noted the resignation of former Chairman, Ronald Frigerio, citing his continuing increased business commitments.

"The Bank owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Dowens said, "for bringing The Town Bank of Westfield to the level of success it enjoys today."

A former Westfield Mayor and co-founder of Amalgamated General Agencies, Inc., of Westfield, Mr. Frigerio "had the vision to see the need for a local bank in Westfield, the determination to carry it through, and the leadership to make it successful," Mr. Dowens added. Under Mr. Frigerio's supervision, the Town Bank of Westfield opened in the fall of 1998 and became the first locally-

owned bank in Westfield in 70 years. Mr. Dowens also noted that the Bank reported 2002 year-end assets up 45 percent over the same period a year ago.

Since 1992, Mr. O'Sullivan has been President of CreditAmerica Funding Corporation, an equipment leasing and finance firm specializing in the petroleum industry, and headquartered in Hauppauge, New York. He also holds an executive position with Fleetwood Financial Corporation, an affiliate firm specializing in the medical industry, and headquartered in Edison.



Joseph O'Sullivan

New Jersey. The Bayonne native received a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Founded in 1998, The Town Bank of Westfield has its main office at 520 South Avenue, and an in-town branch office at 44 Elm Street. The bank provides a full range of commercial bank services to residents, professionals and small businesses. For additional information pertaining to the bank's products and services, please call (908) 301-0800.

Dr. Castello Named CSH's Interim President and CEO

MOUNTAINSIDE — John R. Blasi, Chairman of the Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) Board of Trustees, has announced the appointment of Dr. Frank Castello, CSH's Medical Director, as interim President and Chief Executive Officer. He will also continue to serve as Medical Director.

"The Board of Trustees consulted with the hospital's leadership, as well as key representatives of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, and the decision was unanimous," Mr. Blasi said.

"In addition to being one of New Jersey's most respected pediatric intensivists, Dr. Castello is a talented and compassionate healthcare administrator who is ideally qualified to direct Children's during this very challenging time," he continued.

Mr. Blasi added that an executive search firm had been retained to conduct a national search for CSH's new chief executive. The search process is expected to take six to nine months.

Dr. Castello's appointment follows the sudden death on March 17 of Rex Riley, who served as CSH President and Chief Executive Officer since May 2000.

"It is an honor to be asked to help continue the success Children's has enjoyed over the last three years under Rex's leadership," Dr. Castello said. "Rex always looked toward his senior leadership team for their expertise and guidance in managing Children's and I will continue to do the same."

"By working together, we will continue to make progress on our mutual goal of not only providing excellent care to the children we presently serve, but also bringing Children's services to communities in need throughout New Jersey," he stated.

Dr. Castello has practiced pediatric critical care medicine in New Jersey since 1987, first as Director of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital of New Jersey at United Hospital Medical Center and then as Director of Pediatric Critical Care at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

Dr. Castello received a bachelor's

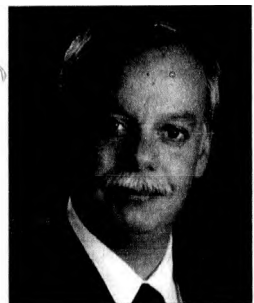
degree from Columbia University and a Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

He served an internship and residency in pediatrics at New York University/Bellevue Hospital Center and a Fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at New York Hospital/Cornell University Medical Center.

A Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, he resides in Princeton with his wife, Carol, son, Matthew, 13, and daughter, Jessica, 9.

As CSH's Medical Director, Dr. Castello has been responsible for patient care and program development for Children's statewide network of inpatient, outpatient, and long-term care services, including nine facilities and numerous outreach programs.

"As a key member of the Children's leadership team, Dr. Castello has been instrumental in shaping the hospital's plan to create a center of excellence for pediatric rehabilitative and habilitative services," Mr. Blasi said.



Dr. Frank Castello

Main Street Westfield Celebrates Ten Years in Downtown Business

WESTFIELD — On April 6, 1993, Westfield received its initial designation as a Main Street Community at a time when the downtown was in trouble. Westfield had a number of stores vacant, buildings were in need of rehabilitation, and residents were lured to spend their time and dollars in other shopping and dining districts in the region. Since that time, the downtown continues to undergo a successful revitalization through the foresight of town leaders and the efforts of many, including past and present members of the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC).

The DWC (formerly Main Street Westfield) is the management entity of the Special Improvement District (SID) that was enabled via an ordinance by the Town Council in 1996 to assess the property owners within the designated 18-block district. From 1992 to 1996 until such time when the funding source was secured via the SID, the Main Street organization thrived on grants and contributions from the residents who laid the foundation for a comprehensive and incremental program. This program, even ten years later, is based on four approaches to downtown management with community volunteers: design, promotions, economic development and organization.

The efforts of the Downtown Westfield Corporation have earned it recognition for excellence in the field of downtown revitalization by meeting high standards for performance set by Main Street New Jersey and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center. Downtown Westfield Corporation nationally joins 402 other Main Street revitalization programs designated as National Main Street Communities.

The national designation program annually evaluates downtown revitalization programs based on strict criteria such as: broad based public support, historic preservation ethic, active board of directors, adequate funding, a paid professional manager and reporting of economic progress by providing statistical information. The program's performance is consistently evaluated by

Main Street New Jersey, which is the statewide coordinating organization for Main Street programs in New Jersey.

"A successful, well-run Main Street program creates a vibrant downtown of many uses, where people come not only to shop but to meet or even live. By increasing economic vitality and focusing on reusing historic buildings, it creates a place that defines the community," says Kennedy Smith, director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Center.

The Main Street program has been successful due in part to a partnership between Main Street New Jersey and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Center. The Downtown Westfield Corporation is one of 18 New Jersey Main Street organizations in the state. Since the program began in 1989, every two years Main Street New Jersey accepts applications and designates selected communities to join the Main Street program. "It is an honor for Westfield to receive the National Main Street Community designation. The fact that Westfield has received this honor each year since the inception of the national program reflects the long-term commitment Westfield has made to its downtown," stated Alan DeRose, Chairman.

The Downtown Westfield Corporation is located at 105 Elm Street. It is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who include: Alan DeRose, Chairman, Resident; Dave Martone, Vice-Chairman, Business Operator; Dave Capodanno, Treasurer, Resident; Joseph Spector, Secretary, Property Owner; Beverly Caldora, Business Operator; Robert DeStefanis, Property Owner; Jim Gilda, Town Administrator; Larry Goldman, Town Council Liaison; and Chris Panagos, Mayor's Representative. Volunteer opportunities are available to serve on the design, promotions, economic development and organization committees. Staff members include Sherry Cronin, Executive Director, Courtney Nemece, Executive Assistant, and Beth Brenner, website manager.

The DWC can be reached at (908) 789-9444.



A CAPITOL PRESENT...On Monday Congressman Mike Ferguson presented a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol to The Leader/Times to commemorate the new newspaper office. Pictured from left are Assistant Publisher David Corbin, Congressman Ferguson and Publisher Horace Corbin.

Bramnick Sponsors Bill To Preserve Great Swamp

WESTFIELD — Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-21) has sponsored legislation which would exempt the Great Swamp and watershed from the state's residential uniform site improvement standards.

Mr. Bramnick recently toured the Great Swamp and watershed with Julia Somers of the Great Swamp Watershed Association. The tour followed a resolution of the assemblyman sponsored with his District 21 colleagues, Senator Thomas Kean, Jr. and Assemblyman Eric Munoz, M.D., recognizing the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge on the 100th anniversary of the United States National Refuge System.

"As a strong supporter of the environment, I recognize the Great Swamp and watershed as a national treasure. We are extremely fortunate to have this great resource in Morris County," said Assemblyman Bramnick.

The legislation, A-404, would also require each Great Swamp municipality to establish standards for residential development within the Great Swamp and watershed within 180 days of the bill

becoming law. The legislation has been approved by the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee and now awaits a full vote in the Assembly.

"The watershed is a unique natural resource that we must preserve for future generations. This bill will ensure that future development will not have an adverse impact on the Great Swamp and watershed," said Mr. Bramnick.

The Great Swamp was designated in 1968 by Congress as the first wilderness area within the National Wildlife Refuge System. It is the largest breeding ground for wood ducks and bluebirds in the nation. The Great Swamp spans parts of 10 towns, including Chatham Township, Harding, Long Hill and Madison.

Assemblyman Bramnick said he will participate in the annual "Do the Swamp Thing," a month-long celebration of local environmental and historical riches of the Great Swamp. The event will be held on Saturday, April 26, at the Somerset County Park Commission's Environmental Education Center in Basking Ridge.

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Letters to the Editor

Owner Thinks DWC Should Support Existing WF Town Businesses

I would like to address a problem concerning many small business owners in downtown Westfield. As everyone can see, Westfield is becoming an outdoor mall filled with chain stores. I am not opposed to these large corporation stores and franchises because they have helped to make Westfield a shopping town. However, I am concerned about the lack of zoning. Large corporations are opening too close to existing businesses that sell the same type of products, merchandise and cuisine.

I do believe in free enterprise, but I think that there should be some space between stores, especially in a unique town like Westfield. I hope that Westfield residents would agree that the town would lack character and diversity if the smaller shops were pushed out, and only franchises were left.

Small business owners, like myself, put their heart and soul into making a business work. In my personal experience, creativity is a motivator. My shop has been a labor of love, as many other

small businesses have been to their owners in Westfield.

Is it fair to allow large corporation stores to open so close to our neighborhood stores? Some type of ordinance should be put into effect.

Recently, the Downtown Westfield Corporation informed me that a large franchise of the same trade is moving directly across the street. They suggested to me that if I felt threatened by the franchise, that I should sell my very valuable space to one of the many corporations that are always seeking space in Westfield. I will only respond by saying that I will not sell out. I will fight competition to keep my location.

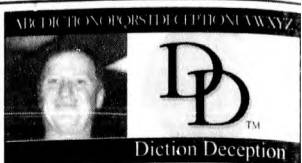
However, shouldn't the Downtown Westfield Corporation support existing business owners? Or are they working as realtors now?

Please support your local small business.

Lucille Imperial

The Green Room

Elm St., Westfield



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

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

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

Answers to last week's arcane words,
1. Roynce — To bite of gnaw
2. Daddock — The rotten heart or bod of a tree
3. Dadalain — Ingenious or intricate
4. Roriferous — Producing dew

LAGOSTOMA

1. Sluggishness; lethargy
2. In music, denoting passages to be rendered in a mournful manner
3. Speech impediment; slurring
4. Harelip

VAGISSATE

1. In botany, having veins in no definite order
2. To romp or frisk
3. To spread, as a disease
4. A state of uncertainty; vagueness

USTULATE

1. Discolored or blackened as if by burning
2. Having a beard, as with the bearded seal
3. Of little or no value; worthless
4. Versatile; competent

DIABOLIST

1. A sword swallower
2. A nutritionist
3. A devil worshiper
4. An editor

France, Germany Are Allies Despite Differences

I found your recent story regarding boycotting French and German products to be lacking in thought and typical of the current brand of nationalism that is permeating our country.

Rather than calling for a boycott on French and German products, who despite our differences are still our allies, wouldn't it be better to call on Americans to stop their addiction to oil, the source of the money that finances people like Saddam Hussein?

Who do you think benefits most by an American boycott of European products? My guess is that the answer is people like Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden who want nothing more than to create divisiveness between Western allies.

Furthermore, who figures to lose more in a trade boycott, France and Germany if we don't buy their products, or the U.S. if France and Germany don't buy our products? I'm guessing that if the columnists at *Le Monde*, *Le Figaro*, *Bild* and *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* called for a boycott on The Gap and McDonalds, and those countries decided to stop buying the foreign rights to our movies and TV we'd feel it pretty badly here in the U.S.

This is a complicated issue and it calls for thoughtful debate and discussion, not knee-jerk, simplistic calls for boycotts our allies.

Rick Lieblich

Westfield

WF School Superintendent Discusses Data The Leader 'Found Confusing'

The editorial in the April 10 *Westfield Leader* questions what it considers to be discrepancies in the Westfield Public Schools budget funding and enrollment reports.

The first graph printed in *The Westfield Leader* correctly notes a difference in the approved budget and the actual amount spent. For example, in the 2000-2001 budget year, the budget approved by voters in April 2000 was \$54,693,656. The actual amount spent a year later after audit on June 30, 2001 was \$56,082,900. *The Westfield Leader* asserts that the difference between these numbers represents additional spending not approved by the voters. In fact, the spending was approved by voters. The \$1,389,244 represents materials that were ordered in 1999-2000, but not yet received in that year. In compliance with generally accepted accounting principles, we carry those orders and the funds to pay for them into the next budget year. All of the expenditures were approved and they are simply paid in the year in which the order is received. In fact we've always spent less than the voters approved. Westfield receives outstanding audit reports from the state every year.

The second chart that was printed in *The Westfield Leader* is an enrollment history, which at first glance looks like a drop in enrollment beginning in the year 2000. In fact, the state began a new method of reporting enrollment in that year. Prior to 2000, students served in all of our special education resource center classrooms were reported both as regular and as special education students. In 2000 the state changed its reporting format, requiring that resource center students could only be reported as special education students. This meant that approximately 500 students no longer appeared in the regular education column.

William J. Foley

Superintendent,

WF Public Schools

Former WF-BOE Member Questions Clarity of Data Published by Leader

In September of 2002, you (*The Leader*) asked the Board of Education to support eighth grade sports, girls lacrosse, and ice hockey in their next budget. In a letter to the editor, I applauded your editorial bringing attention to these fine programs and suggested that an editorial in April at budget time would get programs like these funded.

Well, the Board of Education responded to you and the community, and supported these three initiatives in the school budget.

What happened? Where was your editorial to support these fine programs?

In your editorial last week, you changed district enrollment numbers by eliminating special education and other students and then implied that enrollment increases are not big enough to justify the budget increases. You did this "for clarity's sake."

For clarity's sake, the Board of Education does not just educate for "regular students" because the numbers are easier to deal with, as you did in your editorial. They provide an education for all students.

Over the years, in the face of rising enrollments and increased special education, your Board of Education brought the per pupil cost of education down, not up as you tried to portray with your numbers.

You allude to residents who have no children as if you bear a cost for services that you don't use. You do and will use this service. You are paying to educate the doctors who keep you healthy and treat your illnesses. You are paying to educate the corporate leaders who will provide you with goods and services for healthy economy one day. You are pay-

ing to educate the researchers who might provide the cure for an illness that you or a family member might have one day. You are paying for an informed citizenry who will advance and protect our democracy and freedom.

And though you don't have children in the school system, you are the beneficiary of the increased real estate values that our fine school system has earned us.

When I moved into town, a neighbor of mine in her nineties (now deceased) who had owned her home for 60 years said that she had gotten every penny that she ever had paid in school taxes back in increased property value. So have you.

I'm disappointed in my hometown paper. We depend on our hometown newspaper's editorials to help us understand some of the issues facing us. The correct information was published in your paper, but you let us down with incorrect information when you manipulated the numbers.

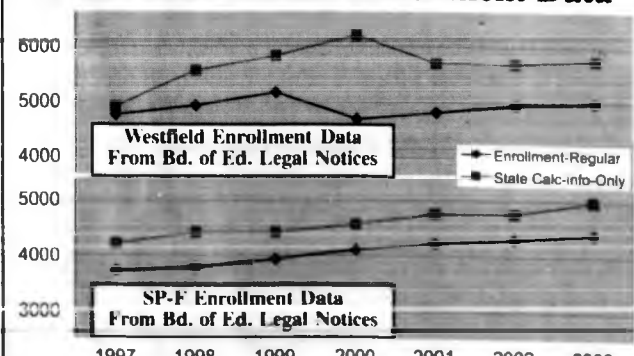
By now the budget vote is over and I trust that as in the past, the fine people of this community, both with and without children, who are willing to pay for the services they receive and the economic rewards that they reap in real estate values have again overwhelmingly supported education in Westfield as they always have because it is the right and fair thing to do.

Annamarie Puleio

Westfield

Editor's Note: Mrs. Puleio served on the Westfield Board of Education for six years from 1996-2002.

Area Public School Enrollment Data



Last week, *The Leader/Times* published expenditure and enrollment data from the legal notices of 1997 to the present of the Westfield and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools. We graphed the data and commented.

Mr. William Foley, Superintendent of the Westfield Public Schools, comments on several points of our editorial in a *Letter to the Editor*. Mrs. Puleio, six years on the Westfield Board of Education during the period, also provides a letter (see letters this page). Both question our presentation of the data from their legal notices, indicating that it did

not reflect the actual situation. Mr. Foley points out that New Jersey changed the enrollment reporting basis for state aid calculation purposes in the year 2000.

The graphs above include the state aid enrollment calculations from the legal notices of both school systems. We do note the discontinuity in the Westfield data for the year 2000.

Mr. Foley's letter was distributed last Friday and Saturday by e-mail via: "Welcome to WHS-News, an electronic update of activities and events at Westfield High School delivered automatically to you via e-mail."

The Westfield Board of Adjustment Is Fostering Democracy In Action

At Thursday night's Board of Adjustment meeting in Westfield, held to review the proposed parking expansion at Temple Emanuel-El, the council chambers overflowed with residents. It was standing-room only, with all of the walls lined, the doors jammed, and people standing in the hallways.

This meeting was real democracy in action. Although the issue was not concluded and will be continued next month, it fostered public involvement. Wherever it eventually leads, we commend those involved for their comportment. We especially commend the members of the board, who are volunteers. They helped make, and now to keep, Westfield the great community that it is.

In formal proceedings such as this, the Westfield Zoning Board of Adjustment chose to work much like a trial. Attorneys from both sides of the argument gave their opening statements, and then called witnesses. Once the witnesses were questioned and cross-examined by both attorneys, the board members asked their questions of the witnesses. Following that, members of the community at-large, whether they were neighbors or not, were given time to question witnesses regarding their testimony. After all of the testimony was finished, members of the community were given time to present their opinions.

Some residents who spoke did not immediately understand the process. When they attempted to express their opinions during the witness question period,

Chairman Vince Wilt quickly stopped them. He explained the process, and the residents proceeded accordingly by questioning the witnesses without expressing opinions.

Although many meetings in area towns involving the Boards of Adjustment and the Planning Boards might be dull, this one in Westfield certainly was not. The continuing meetings promise to be very interesting.

We believe that meetings like the one last Thursday are excellent candidates to be taped and aired on community TV. This would inform residents who cannot attend. Also, the videotape would be an important historical document of how open the process is. Perhaps, the volunteers and staff at TV-36 will add this to their list of production possibilities.

We support and encourage all residents to speak out at meetings. No one should feel intimidated to speak. Remember, the people in the room and on the board are residents just like everybody else.

The proposed parking lot at Temple Emanuel-El has been a heated issue at times, and emotions were running a little high in the audience on Thursday night. But, we believe that the process will eventually result in what is best for Westfield.

The process here in Westfield continues to be an open one, and for that we are very grateful. However, it is only an open process because that is what the people of Westfield demand — local democracy in action.

Resident Asks Support Of Autism Research

April is Autism Awareness Month. As the parent of an autistic child, I know how devastating autism is to affected children and their families. Autism, a life-long neurological disorder, manifests itself in early childhood, and progressively robs children of the ability to speak, interact with their peers and lead independent and productive lives. Once thought to be a rare disorder, autism is now believed to affect as many as one in every 500, some studies indicate one in every 250, children nationwide. Historically, little has been done to fund autism research.

NAAR, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1994, is the first organization in the U.S. dedicated to funding biomedical research relating to the causes, treatments and cure for autism. To date, NAAR has committed more than \$10 million to fund 119 autism research projects worldwide. Last year, the various autism walks sponsored by NAAR raised \$4.2 million for autism related research.

I had the privilege of meeting with the legislative assistants to Senators Corzine and Lautenberg and to Congressman Chris Smith on April 1 in Washington, D.C. to ask for their funding support for autism research at the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control.

Government funding of autism research has always been disproportionate to the prevalence of this disability. In today's world more than ever, we must rely on the support of the private sector.

I am the chairperson of the inaugural North/Central New Jersey Autism Walkathon to be held in Nomahegan Park in Cranford on Sunday, October 12, 2003. The money we raise will be used by NAAR to fund autism related research. If you would like to participate in the Cranford Walk, by forming a family, school or business Walk Team, or by making an individual or corporate contribution, please contact me at (973) 597-2398 during working hours or e-mail me at lkuntz@lowenstein.com. If you would like more information about NAAR, please contact them at (888) 777-NAAR or www.naar.org.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of so many!

Laura Kuntz

Westfield

Fanwood Resident Responds To Mr. Berzanskis' Letter on Freedom

In response to Joseph Berzanskis' recent letter that asserted: "It is the soldier, not the reporter that has given us the freedom of the press" and "It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech," etc. — I would like to respectfully remind Mr. Berzanskis that it is the Constitution that grants us these rights, not the Army.

While it certainly took an army to win these rights, the Constitution's framers knew that marshal law can never be a true substitute for the rule of law. We all support the troops, and are proud of the job they've done in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. We all thank them for

putting themselves in harm's way and pray for their safe return. But let's not let our patriotism blind us to the military's actual role: it defends our freedom; it does not "give" it to us. To claim so is to fundamentally misunderstand both our military and our entire system of government.

Democracy doesn't spring from the barrel of a gun and can't be enforced with a bayonet. It comes from the participation of every citizen — soldier and civilian alike.

Tom Pryor

Fanwood

Reader Says 'If It's Broken, Fix It; We Need Bolder, Bigger Ideas'

Funding almost 90 percent of the \$68.8 million Westfield school budget from local property taxes and about seven percent (\$4 million) from state aid, while funding unknown millions of dollars in state aid to other school districts is too much! I recently was told that "Abbott" school districts have 21 percent of the state's students but receive 50 percent of the state aid.

Change the laws and either shift back more state aid to our non-Abbott district or decrease the state's extra funding that we are paying for others. Another alternative is to revise the entire state education funding process away from prop-

erty taxes. Alter allocations so taxpayers are not unfairly burdened. Work through territorial "nimby" distractions.

All Board of Education candidates and taxpayers want the best schools and try to balance what our wants cost versus what we hope we can afford.

The school costs are staggering. Occasional reductions of the budgets and second questions aren't solving problems. They temporarily alter district funding plans. Let's all support bolder alternatives, because the status quo isn't working or fair.

Vincent Cronen

Westfield

Increasing Taxes, School Budget And Economy Concern Fanwood Citizen

This letter will reach your newspaper too late to be published before the school budget election. I hope that you print it anyway so that the population can get started thinking about (tax) increases in this economy.

President Bush has been attempting to get us some small tax relief. As soon as the words left his mouth, I knew that the local cultures would be waiting in the wings. We start with the local school board budget. In Scotch Plains-Fanwood, they call for a 8.68 percent tax increase for Scotch Plains and a whopping 11.78 percent increase for Fanwood.

Board of Education member Thomas Russo states that, "we were not elected to slash." Well, how about a few prudent cuts? It is well known that you can cut payroll by 20 percent and come up with a leaner, meaner more efficient work force.

My social security went up 1.4 percent this year. Where does the difference come from?

Your paper (*The Leader/Times*) states that the Union County Freeholders are preparing their budget, with a "significant hike". Next, it will be the township's turn. When will we wake up?

I call for a moratorium on all new taxes for two years.

Give us a chance to review and probably hire some new people who know how to run the business of school boards, county and municipal government.

Raoul J. Larrinaga

Fanwood

SP Public Works Gives Stork a Helping Hand

During the Blizzard of 2003, I received a phone call from my daughter asking for my help. "Dad, I can't move from my house because of the snow and it's time for the baby to come," she said. Holy Mackerel, what can I do? I'm snowed in too. Being the planned designated driver, I'm also called for help. My first call was to the Scotch Plains Department of Public Works.

Answering the phone, Walter tried to understand my frantic request. He said, "Calm down, I'll take care of it. What's her address?" Within 10 minutes, I received another call from my daughter. "Dad, the Scotch Plains Public Works vehicles are plowing the street to make way for the Scotch Plains Police and Rescue Squad. I'm going to the hospital."

The DeVico-Price family would like to wish God's blessings to all the Scotch Plains Township personnel and volunteers involved for their quick action, obvious caring and extreme helpfulness. Because of them, baby Faith Marie (or as I call her, Snowflake) was born happy and healthy during the blizzard of 2003!

Louis and Connie DeVico; Ray, Tina and Faith Marie Price
Scotch Plains

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Remember When?

Westfield Leader Reprint From Feb. 2, 1978

County Tax Rate To Drop by Half Cent

A notable decrease in the Union County tax rate was one of the major accomplishments highlighted by County Manager George J. Albanese when he presented the 1978 executive budget and work program at the Jan. 19 meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The 240-page document is the second such budget proposal submitted since the implementation of the county manager form of government. It has been expanded in design and capacity to provide a more meaningful and comprehensive setting for consideration by both the board and the public at large.

Contained in the publication are statistics demonstrating new and continued cost-saving revenue gathering programs. Among these are: a sophisticated budgetary process; the centralization of several major expenditure accounts resulting in a \$100,000 savings; a Creative Retrenchment program in which personnel vacancies are not filled where no effect on provided services are anticipated, saving \$150,000 in tax dollars; the development of new revenue sources in the same manner as 1977 representing over 1.4 million in proposed revenues for 1978; development of an energy conservation program which saved \$90,000 at a time when utility rates were increased; and finally, the monitoring and control of overtime expenditures. These programs, as well as a projected increase in ratables will afford Union County a half-cent decrease in the county tax

rate for 1978. The decrease will mean a drop in the annual county tax rate from \$204.80 to \$202.80 on the average \$40,000 home, according to Comptroller Arthur Grisi. On a \$60,000 home Grisi said the average tax rate would drop from \$307.20 to \$304.20.

Included in the \$76,506,599. budget proposal is a narrative detailing the status of county department activities and various charts demonstrating the financial and economic characteristics of the county, as well as explaining the organizational structure of county government. Also incorporated is a service-area cross-work describing the various services each county unit offers in the areas of general government, safety and human and environmental development.

The largest section of the document is devoted to listing individual budget allocations and itemized descriptions of how dollars will be used in order to accomplish 1978 Work Objectives.

The 1978 executive budget will maintain the current essential service activities performed by the county and those activities which will be effected by the recent amendments to the Union County Administrative Code. This has been accomplished within the 5 per cent CAP limitation, thereby reflecting the efforts of all departments and agencies to maintain all operations at the lowest cost without sacrifice to the quality or quantity of services offered to the citizens of the county.



CADET MILITARY BALL...The Junior ROTC from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School held their annual Military Ball at Pantagis Renaissance in Scotch Plains on April 11. The cadets and guests had a great time. Pictured above are: First Row: Cadet Joshua Sanders, Cadet James Garman, Cadet Daniel Hept and Cadet Jason Villane; Second Row: John Michaels (VFW), Bob Rowe (VFW), Ralph Bonanno (VFW), Chief MSgt. (USAF, ret.) Marion Terry, Major (USAF, ret.) Eugene Pearson, SSG (USA, ret.) James Brow and (USN, ret.) Bill Sheppard. Also in attendance but not shown were Dr. Margaret Hayes (Assistant Superintendent of Schools) and Dr. David Heisey (SPFHS Principal).

Letters to the Editor

WF Recreation Department Thanks All Involved With Daddy-Daughter Dance

On March 28, between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. The Tavern in the Park in Roselle Park was the happening place to be for Westfield dads and their daughters, because this was the Westfield Recreation Department's third Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance — and it was a great success, with over 130 residents in attendance.

As the girls and their dads arrived in style, they were greeted by the recreation department staff and each girl was presented with a token gift of a silver necklace along with tickets for a door prize drawing which was held at the end of the evening. The room was festively decorated with balloons, a wonderful buffet dinner and dessert was provided, and the dance floor was never empty. Point DJ played the hottest tunes all evening, along with dance contests, games and giveaways.

At the conclusion of the evening, a drawing for two baskets of goodies — one for the dads and one for the daughters

was conducted by Traci Kastner, the Recreation Department's Program Coordinator. Upon leaving for the evening, (some needing to be carried out by their dads due to "dancing the evening away") Recreation Department Director Bruce Kaufmann and Assistant Director Dee Mackay presented each girl a flower to take home.

"You know this program was successful when you see the dads leaving the dance holding their daughter's hand with that special smile on their face and that special thank you for giving them needed quality time with their daughter," said Mr. Kaufmann.

Our gratitude to Tavern in the Park and Joe Mantles for hosting our event, Point DJ of Point Pleasant for their "super sounds", and Kelly Furlong and Jill Kaufmann for their added assistance during the festivities.

Traci Kastner,
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Amer. Legion Reestablishes Blue Star Banner Program

WESTFIELD — The American Legion Martin Wallberg Post No. 3, located at North Avenue and Crossway Place in Westfield, and serving the veteran communities of Westfield and Mountainside, is saluting the men and women serving in America's armed forces.

As part of the American Legion's efforts to recognize the many sacrifices of American servicemen and women, Post 3 has announced the reestablishment of the Blue Star Banner program. This national program dates back to World War II. Today, families who have a loved one serving in the armed forces, including the National Guard and Reserves of all military departments, display these banners.

The Blue Star Banner consists of a small flag with blue stars (one star for each serving family member) on a field of white. The banner is typically displayed in a family's front window, shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the military, and re-

minds others that preserving America's freedom demands much. American Legion Post No. 3 wishes to present Blue Star Banners to the families of those Westfield/Mountainside residents who are serving in the military during this time of war. Interested and eligible families should call Robert Jordan, Post Flag Chairman, at (908) 232-9689, or e-mail their request to: smul1763@hotmail.com

Arrangements will be made for the personal delivery of the banner to these families as a sign of the American Legion's appreciation and commitment to the troops. Last Monday, Mr. Jordan and Shawn Mullen of Post No. 3 told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* that the response to date from the community has exceeded their expectations. They are collecting names for the waiting list to determine the amount of additional banners to be ordered. Individuals are asked to put your name on the list and understand that there will be a small delay.



Ben Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
BLUE STAR BANNERS...Last Monday, Shawn Mullen and Robert Jordan of the Martin Wallberg American Legion Post No. 3 displayed the Blue Star Banners being given to families in Westfield and Mountainside with loved ones in military service. Pictured above from the left are Mr. Mullen and Mr. Jordan.

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Miss Ann Marie Bradley and Nicholas J. Williams

Miss Ann Marie Bradley To Wed Nicholas J. Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Bradley, Jr. of Scotch Plains have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ann Marie Bradley of Pulloxhill, Bedfordshire, England, to Nicholas John Williams, also of Pulloxhill. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. John Williams of Vale do Lobo, Algarve, Portugal, formerly of Kingswood, Surrey, England.

A 1985 graduate of Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains, the bride-elect received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia in

Charlottesville, Va. in 1989. Miss Bradley was awarded her Juris Doctor from the Rutgers University School of Law in Newark in 1998. She practices United States capital markets and derivatives law at the law firm of Allen & Overy in London.

Her fiancé received his Bachelor of Science (Hons) degree in Hospitality Management from the University of Surrey in England in 1991. He is the Business Development Director of Costa Limited, an international chain of coffee shops headquartered in Dunstable, Bedfordshire, England.

The wedding is planned for February of 2004.

Y to Present Second Session Of 'Food, Fitness and Fun'

WESTFIELD — The second session of "Media Smart Youth: Food, Fitness and Fun" will begin at the Westfield Y, located at 220 Clark Street, on Tuesday, April 22.

The Y has received a grant from the National Institute of Health to offer this program, which addresses nutrition, physical activity and media awareness among youth.

Through hands-on activities, participants will learn about media, nutrition and fitness. At the same time, they will plan and create a video message about healthy lifestyle choices.

During this phase, they will work with Westfield High School media teacher David Davis to put together the "Big Production," a public service announcement designed to motivate other young people to take a specific action for better nutrition or

physical fitness.

The 12-session program will be held at the Y on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. After the eleventh session, a schedule will be established to accommodate filming and editing the video.

There is no cost for the program and participants need not be Y members. Enrollment is limited to 10 individuals between the ages of 11 and 13. For more information or to determine if a youngster is eligible, please call Barbara Karp at the Y at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 263.

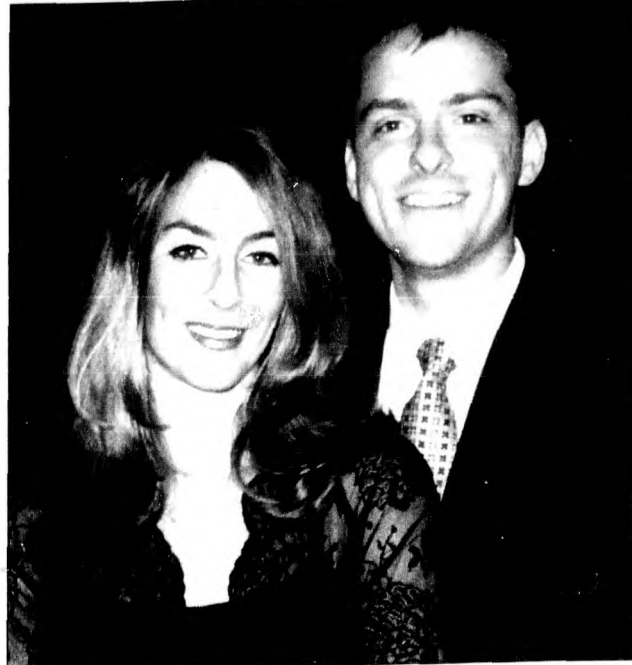
Historical Society Sets Vintage Fashion Event

SCOTCH PLAINS — Alice Dinizo will discuss the customs, double standard and women's work and clothing of the Victorian era during the Tuesday, April 22 meeting of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at the Fanwood train station, located at North and Martine Avenues. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program.

Mrs. Dinizo, a librarian, owns Ida Rose, a vintage clothing and accessories store. In addition to mannequins outfitted in vintage costumes, there will be a hands-on display table and a fashion show finale featuring Historical Society and audience members. The outfits will be daytime clothing for women (sizes 12 to 16).

Further information may be obtained from Historical Society President Richard Bousquet, P.O. Box 261, Scotch Plains 07076 or by calling (908) 232-1199.



Miss Meghan E. Bender and Michael P. Parsons

Miss Meghan E. Bender To Marry Michael P. Parsons

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce F. Bender of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Meghan Erin Bender, to Michael Paul Parsons of Charlottesville, Va. He is the son of Ms. Rebecca E. Parsons of Ripley, W. Va.

The bride-to-be graduated from Westfield High School in 1995 and from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. in 1999. She received her Masters of Education in Secondary School

Counseling from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville in 2001. She is a guidance counselor at Louisa County High School in Virginia.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Ripley High School and a 2000 graduate of Alderson Broaddus College in West Virginia. He is a mathematics teacher, Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach and Junior Varsity Soccer Coach at Louisa County High School. A wedding is planned for June of 2004 in Virginia.

First Baptist Church To Celebrate Easter

WESTFIELD — On Sunday, April 20, the First Baptist Church of Westfield will celebrate Easter at its 10:30 a.m. worship service. All are invited to attend.

Special music will be featured, including the children's, adult and bell choirs, plus trumpets and organ. The Reverend Darla Turlington, Senior Pastor, will preach on "Can Good News Be Scary?"

The church is located at 170 Elm Street. For further information, please call (908) 233-2278 or email to firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

Red Cross Chapter Offers Babysitter Training Course

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Westfield/MountainSide Chapter of the American Red Cross, headquartered at 321 Elm Street in Westfield, will host a "Babysitter's Training" course for youngsters ages 11 to 15.

The class will be held on two Saturdays, April 26 and again on May 10, from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. each time. An additional class will be offered on Saturday, May 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will be hosted by the Westfield Memorial Library.

Among the topics to be covered

will be age-appropriate activities, handling emergencies, keeping everyone safe inside and outside the home, making good decisions, basic child and infant care, breathing emergencies and basic first aid. The course will stress the importance of being professional.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. The fee for the course is \$50 per participant and includes a small first aid kit and babysitters handbook. Interested individuals may call the chapter at (908) 233-7090 or email to johnsonl@crossnet.org.

LEARN Program to Address Needs of Oncology Patients

SCOTCH PLAINS — LEARN (League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses) will present a program for registered nurses and guests entitled "Cancer Options of the Oncology Patient."

It will be held on Monday, April 28, at 7:45 p.m. at the Parish House of the All Saints' Episcopal Church, located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The speaker will be Gabriela Kaplan, a nurse practitioner and professor involved with Research, Gyn-Oncology at the New Jersey Medical School, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

Ms. Kaplan is responsible for protocol enrollment, patient follow-up, identification of research areas, grant applications and coordination of patient services. She has been active in oncology nursing for over 25 years.

LEARN, a not-for-profit professional organization for New Jersey registered nurses, provides eight programs per academic year on current nursing topics.

Each program provides Continuing Education Contact Hours through the New Jersey State Nurses Association. Approved for 2.4 contact hours, the New Jersey Department of Education, Professional Standards Board also has granted Professional Development Hours.

Annual LEARN membership for registered nurses is \$40. The guest fee is \$10

per program. For more information, please write to LEARN, P.O. Box 6, Scotch Plains 07076 or call (908) 754-9499 or (908) 272-7239.

Twin Sons Born To Scialabba

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scialabba of New York City have announced the birth of their twin sons, Maxwell Zander and Rory Thomas, on Thursday, March 6, at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

Maxwell, born at 3:02 p.m., weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce and measured 21 inches in length at birth. Rory, who arrived at 3:31 p.m., weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces and measured 21½ inches in length at birth.

The mother is the former Miss Kim Czander.

The twins' maternal grandparents are Chris and Walter Czander of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Westfield.

Their paternal grandmother is Maureen Scialabba of Monroe Township.

Luise Kneist of Toms River is the boys' maternal great-grandmother.

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What Did Jesus Carry to Golgotha? The Heavy Weight of All Our Sins

By PASTOR KEVIN BRENNAN

When we think of the crucifixion of Jesus, we often think only of His physical suffering. His physical suffering was enormous. Before the crucifixion even took place, Jesus had been scourged three different times. The open wounds on His back had been bleeding, unattended, for hours. He had no water or food for over 18 hours. Jesus was made fun of, taunted, mocked, belittled, spat upon and slapped in the face.

Roman soldiers had undressed him, and dressed Him again, on two separate occasions. They put a flimsy reed in His hands as a scepter, and a crown of thorns on His head as a mock crown. They adorned the King of all Kings as if He was the king of nothing more than a fantasy kingdom.

The crosses used in crucifixion were mainly made of two separate pieces. There was the upright post and the crossbeam. The upright post was most likely a permanent fixture at Golgotha, the place of execution. Rather than digging a four-foot-deep hole in the ground, and carrying this 10- to 12-foot post each time there was a crucifixion, the Romans decided to permanently anchor these posts into the ground, with several other posts around it. This way, it could be used over and over again.

The crossbeam was the part that Jesus carried. It was at least six feet in length, so that the completely outstretched arms of Jesus could have been nailed to it. Three-quarters of the way up the upright post, a mortise joint had been notched out. After Jesus was nailed to the crossbeam, the soldiers, who would be on ladders, would pull the crossbeam up into the mortise joint, and then nail the two pieces together from behind.

The journey from Pilate's Praetorium to Golgotha was entirely uphill, through the busiest marketplace in the city, and up some very narrow streets no wider than 10 feet. The entire journey was about 1,800 feet.

Jerusalem gets about 40 inches of rain per year, most of it in the spring. It is the springtime when Jesus is crucified, and the wood of the crossbeam He was carrying would have been heavy with moisture. It could have easily weighed 100 pounds. Jesus was already in a terribly

weakened state as He tried to negotiate the narrow streets of the city. It would have been impossible for Him to keep the beam perfectly horizontal and it no doubt carried Him from one side of the street to the other. His movements were slow and methodical. His concentration was divided between staying on His feet and moving forward.

It was not even at the half-way point of this journey that the Roman soldiers realized Jesus was not going to be able to complete it without some help. They quickly eyed the crowd and chose Simon, from Northern Africa, to take the crossbeam and carry it the rest of the way for Jesus.

Although Simon had lifted the load of the crossbeam from off of Jesus, it didn't seem to relieve His burden in the least. Jesus seemed terribly weighed down as He continued to stumble before Simon. At the end of Mark 15:20, it reads, "They led Him out," and then just two verses later it reads, "they brought Him."

Apparently at the beginning of the trip, they led Jesus out of the Praetorium, but toward the end they brought Him to Golgotha. What is the difference? In the original language, the word for "brought" in verse 22 means to bear or carry. Jesus was led out of Pilate's Praetorium under His own power, but at some point, before they reached Golgotha, He had to be carried.

Some people hear this and think, "You mean Jesus didn't carry His own cross the whole way? You mean He had to be carried?"

The importance of what happened on that day was not that Jesus carried a cross, but that Jesus carried our sin. Sin is heavy. The weight of my sin upon Jesus was so great that the addition of a 100-pound cross beam was too much to bear. The weight of my sin upon Jesus was so great that His own limbs were unable to bear it.

The One whose foot could step out of a boat and onto the water without sinking, could not even stand on solid ground under the weight of my sin. That's what Jesus carried, my sin... and yours as well. For this I will be forever grateful.

Reverend Brennan serves as Pastor of the Evangel Church, located at 1251 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains.



LET THEM DANCE...Five Washington Elementary School girls from Troop No. 778 in Westfield have been working towards their Bronze Award by collecting gently-used dancewear and dance shoes to send to orphanages in the United States and abroad. Collections will be accepted throughout the month of April at Washington School. Pictured, left to right, are: Emily Goodman, Diana Vasei, Julia Spiridigliozzi, Jill Kandigian and Denise Virzi.

St. John's Reveals Speakers For 'Women's Retreat 2003'

SCOTCH PLAINS — The St. John's Women's Ministry will present "Women's Retreat 2003" on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26, at St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The guest speaker on Friday at 7 p.m. will be Dr. Suzan D. Johnson Cook, who serves as Senior Pastor of the Bronx Christian Fellowship Church in New York.

Dr. Johnson Cook became the first female President in the 88-year history of the 10,000-member Hampton University Ministers' Conference, the largest gathering of African-American clergy in the world. A published author, she will be available for book signings at the event.

The retreat will continue on Sat-

urday, starting with a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. The theme for the retreat will be "Women Living, Working and Praying in the Spirit."

Workshops will be held from 8:30 a.m. until noon, addressing prayer, health and financial issues and sisterly fellowship, among other topics.

The retreat will conclude with a luncheon at Pantagis Renaissance in Scotch Plains, where the Reverend Tracey Brown from Ruth Fellowship Ministries in Plainfield will be the guest speaker. The public is invited to attend. For registration, please call (908) 754-5373.

FW Presbyterian Plans 'Zerubbabel'

FANWOOD — On Sunday, April 27, the Westminster Singers and Celebration Choir of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will present "The Troubbable of Zerubbabel."

This dramatic musical for young people, by William Anderson, tells the story of the rebuilding of the temple of Solomon in Jerusalem following the release of the Jewish people from their Babylonian captivity.

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Historian-Journalist to Speak At Spring Assembly April 23

WESTFIELD — The Spring Assembly of the Westfield History Societies will feature Robert A. Peterson, a historian and journalist, in an illustrated lecture entitled "Patriots, Pirates and Pineys."

The assembly will meet at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, located at 170 Elm Street. Introductory music will begin at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Peterson is the headmaster of The Pilgrim Academy in Egg Harbor City and authors a weekly column, "Our South Jersey Heritage," for several Gannett newspapers.

The Spring Assembly annually brings together the Genealogical Society of the West Fields, the Miller-

Cory House Museum Volunteers, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Westfield Historical Society. This year's host organization is the Genealogical Society.

The program this year will highlight the men and women who lived and died in the Pine Barrens. Free and open to the public, it will be followed by refreshments. A short musicale of folk tunes and ballads of the Colonial period will precede the program.

Parking is prohibited at the rear of the video store adjacent to the church, but is available in the municipal lot that is accessible from either Elm Street or Mountain Avenue.



Robert A. Peterson

Easter Services to be Offered At Calvary Lutheran Church

CRANFORD — The Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 108 Eastman Street in Cranford, has posted its schedule of worship services for Holy Week.

The Reverend Carol A. Lindsay will lead worship and preach at all services. Music will be presented under the direction of Jaye S. Newbold, Associate in Ministry. The public is invited to attend all services.

A Maundy Thursday service will be offered tonight, April 17, at 8 p.m.

MOPS Sets Meeting On April 22 at Chapel

MOUNTAINSIDE — MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 22, from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. at the Mountainside Chapel, located at 1180 Spruce Drive in Mountainside.

MOPS provides encouragement to mothers with children age five and under, as well as learning experiences for their youngsters, through teaching, discussion and creative activities. For further information, please call Liz at (908) 322-7588.

in the round, as worshippers gather in the chancel around the altar for absolution, the symbolic washing of feet and Holy Communion.

The youth performing ensemble, SPIRYT, will provide music, accompanied by Heather Patterson of Cranford on flute. This service also will include the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

Tomorrow, April 18, the solemnity of Good Friday will be observed through a service of prayer and meditation with Tenebrae at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by the Calvary Choir and the Calvary Quartet.

Easter will be celebrated on Sunday, April 20, with Festival Services of Holy Communion at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

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Rev. Willie Fowler, Former Pastor; Served at Scotch Plains Churches

The Reverend Willie Fowler of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, April 9, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Martha D. Brower, 84

Martha D. Brower, 84, of Mountainside died on Friday, April 11, at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Born in Newark, she had lived in Union for over 40 years prior to moving to Mountainside four years ago.

Mrs. Brower belonged to the Rainbow Senior Citizens Club of Maplewood and was also a member of the Sultanas, El Zagal No. 7, a women's service organization in Bloomfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edgar J. Brower, along with a sister, Lillian Parvin, and three brothers, John Regan, Robert Regan and Richard Regan.

Surviving are a son, Robert E. Brower, Sr.; a daughter, Martha Jean Dreker; a brother, William Regan; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral took place yesterday, Wednesday, April 16, from the McCracken Funeral Home in Union. A Mass followed at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Maplewood. Entombment was at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mountainside Rescue Squad, 1385 Route 22, East, Mountainside 07092.

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Raymond J. Herrgott, 82, Electrical Engineer; Was Councilman and VFW Post Commander

Raymond J. Herrgott, 82, of Wall Township died on Wednesday, March 26, at the Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune.

Born in Newark, he had been a resident of Mountainside for 41 years before relocating to Wall Township five years ago.

Mr. Herrgott had been an electrical engineer with Western Electric in Newark for 41 years prior to his retirement in 1984.

During the 1960s, he served as a Mountainside councilman.

A Master Sergeant in the United States Army in World War II, he was a member and former commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 10136 in Mountainside.

Mr. Herrgott had also been President of the Mountainside Lions Club and a member of the Holy Name Society at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside.

He graduated from the Newark College of Engineering.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Dorothy D. Herrgott; a son, Mark Herrgott; two daughters, Linda McKinley and Janis Iwanek, and four grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, March 31, at St. Martha's Roman Catholic Church in Point Pleasant, following the funeral service at the O'Brien Funeral Home

Born in Boykin, S.C., he lived in Scotch Plains for many years.

Reverend Fowler had been Pastor of the Queen City Baptist Church in Plainfield for 20 years, having earlier been Pastor at the St. Paul Mission Church in Scotch Plains.

Before that, he was associate minister of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, where he also was a member of the Usher Board and sang with the choir.

He additionally was assistant moderator and moderator for the Middlesex Baptist Association of Central New Jersey.

Surviving are five daughters, Lucetta Gonzalez of Plainfield, Susan Adams of Westfield, Camilla Fowler of Charleston, S.C., Pamela Fowler of Hanover Park, Ill., and Alethia Booth of Denver, Colo.; three sons, David Fowler and William Fowler, both of Scotch Plains, and Steven Fowler of North Plainfield; two brothers, Deacon Andrew Fowler of Plainfield and Tyree Provord of Columbia, S.C.; two sisters, Janice-Mae Stewart of Piscataway and Elizabeth Jasper of Plainfield; 23 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, April 14, at the Rose of Sharon Community Church in Plainfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Plinton-Curry Funeral Home in Westfield.

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in Wall Township. Burial took place at the New Jersey Veterans Cemetery in Ameytown.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wall Township Rescue Squad, Lakewood Road, Wall 08736.

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DEATH NOTICE

Louis V. Bremer, 73

Louis V. Bremer, 73, of Largo, Fla. died on Wednesday, April 9, at the Hospice House Woodside in Pinellas Park, Fla., under the care of Hospice of the Florida Sun Coast.

Born in Lorain, Ohio, he had lived in Westfield from 1967 to 1985, when he moved to Largo.

Mr. Bremer had worked for J.C. Penny from 1951 until retiring in 1989. He spent five years at the Lorain store before transferring to the Akron, Ohio store, where he was assistant manager.

He also worked at the main office in New York, where he was advertising manager for the entire company. In 1984, he transferred to the store at the Tyrone Mall in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he served as manager.

Mr. Bremer served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

He graduated from Miami University in Ohio. A member of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Largo, he was also a member of the H.C.S.C. Penny Retirees and the Bayou Club at Bardmoor, Fla. While living in Westfield, he belonged to the Echo Lake Country Club.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Bremer; two sons, Keith Bremer of Scotch Plains and Kurt Bremer of Skillman; a daughter, Lori Bremer of Jersey City; three sisters, Linda Shibley, Carolyn Stough and Marcia Faris, all of Ohio, and three grandchildren, Kyle and Tori Bremer of Skillman and Samantha Bremer of Scotch Plains.

A memorial mass was held on Tuesday, April 15, at St. Matthew Church.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Lewis W. Mohn Funeral Home in Seminole, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Florida Sun Coast.

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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICE

Patricia Applegate, 51, Teacher and Coach; Was Involved With Sailing Organizations

Patricia J. Applegate, 51, of Island Heights died on Saturday, April 12, at home.

Born in Westfield, she had lived in Mountainside and Pemberton Boro before moving to Island Heights 17 years ago. She grew up in Mountainside and was a graduate of Governor Livingston High School. She graduated from Mitchell College, Conn. and Ashland College, Ohio. She was a high school teacher at Pemberton High School and enjoyed her coaching experiences in tennis, basketball and softball. Her teaching career continued at the Bayhead Elementary School, where she taught physical education.

Patricia was the first woman commodore of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association. As a member of the Toms River Yacht Club, she served as the Treasurer and was also an active member of the Lavallette Yacht Club, where she was a sailing instructor, and enjoyed sailing whenever she could.

She coordinated the BBYRA Summer Youth Sailing Races and U.S. Sailing events. Her 14 years of service on the bay held some of her fondest memories. She was an Adam's Cup Champion in 1984 and won the Jeff Line's Memorial trophy sailing with her husband, John, in 2002.

Patricia was active in her community. She was a member of the Garden Club, the United Methodist Home Christmas Tour and the White Pine Twig. She loved spending her time in her garden, reading, quilting and socializing with friends and family.

She was predeceased by her father, Richard J. Jeske.

She is survived by her husband of 17 years, John J. Applegate; her mother, Beverly B. Eustace; a sister and brother-in-law, Jody and Stew Henderson; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Jenny Jeske, and several nieces and nephews. Also surviving are her stepsons, David J. Applegate and his wife, Kathy, and Daniel R. Applegate and his wife, Suzanne, and four grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by family, friends and associates.

A memorial service will be held at the United Methodist Church, located in Island Heights, on Saturday, April 26, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Fox Chase Cancer Center, 7701

Burholme Avenue, Room C-223, Philadelphia, Pa. 19111, in memory of Patricia J. Applegate.

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Dennis R. Morton, 43

Dennis Raymond Morton, 43, of Fanwood died on Sunday, April 13, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Flemington, he had lived in Ringoes before moving to Scotch Plains in 1983. He relocated to Fanwood nine years ago.

Mr. Morton was employed as a Traffic Manager with Community Distributors in Somerset for the past 15 years.

Surviving are his wife, Marilou Spach Morton; his parents, Wilbur and June Morton; his grandmother, Edna Morton; two sisters, Carol Armitage and Janet Cowart, and a brother, Richard Morton.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, April 18, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, April 17, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Fanwood Rescue Squad, 218 Forest Road, Fanwood 07023.

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John S. Collins, 73

John Stephen (Jack) Collins, 73, of Mooresville, N.C. died on Monday, April 7, at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville.

Born in Orange, he had lived in Westfield for 37 years before moving to Mooresville in 2001.

Mr. Collins graduated from Seton Hall University in South Orange.

He had been a member of the Knights of Columbus in Westfield.

He was predeceased by his wife, Louise Collins, in 2001.

Surviving are three daughters, Rita Marino of Westfield, Ellen Gieber of Peachtree City, Ga. and Mary Collins of Brookline, Mass.; a son, John S. Collins, Jr. of Davidson, N.C.; and five grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be offered at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands and Hearts, in care of St. Helen's Church, 1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield 07091.

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Girl Scouts Seek Donations For 'Operation Cookie Drop'

WESTFIELD - In an effort to support America's troops overseas, the Girl Scouts of the Washington Rock Council have received donations for over 100 cases of Girl Scout cookies for "Operation Cookie Drop."

Operation Cookie Drop will enable military personnel to receive Girl Scout cookies while they are deployed.

A \$36 donation equals a case of cookies and is entirely tax deductible. Companies or individuals wishing to participate may send checks made payable to Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council to 201 Grove Street, East, Westfield 07090. Donations will be accepted through the end of April.

The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock - which includes scouts in Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Westfield and Mountainside - hopes to send 500 cases of cookies to men and women in the armed services.

For further information, please call Mary Conrad at (908) 820-8671

or Stacey Surguy at (908) 232-3236, extension no. 1205.

Legal Professionals Post Dinner Date

COUNTY - UCLSA...the association of legal professionals, will meet on Tuesday, April 22, at Café Z, located at 2333 Morris Avenue in Union.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., following a half-hour social gathering. The cost of the dinner is \$23.

All legal professionals, secretaries and other staff employed in the legal field (private or corporate practice, federal, county, state or municipal government, police departments and other such agencies) are welcome to attend.

Prospective members and guests are also welcome. Attendees do not have to be UCLSA members. For more information regarding reservations, please call Reservations Chairwoman Mary Lou Einhorn at (908) 558-2369 or (908) 241-0611.

Dr. Eldred V. Welch, 90, Executive; Awarded Doctorate In Chemistry

Dr. Eldred V. Welch, 90, of Westfield died on Saturday, April 5, at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Born in White County, Ill., he lived in Westfield for 52 years.

Dr. Welch had been employed by BASF-Wyandotte before retiring in 1977. He earlier served as Vice President of dyes and pigments in the research and development department of the GAF Corporation in Linden. He worked there for 30 years and was awarded multiple patents.

A graduate of Southern Illinois Normal University in Carbondale, Ill., he received his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Illinois.

Dr. Welch was a member of the American Chemical Society and a member and Sunday School teacher

of the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Welch; a son, Dr. Lawrence V. Welch of Macomb, Ill.; two daughters, Bonnie Lynn Hess of Lancaster, Pa. and Pamela Welch-Reinoso of Roselle Park; a sister, Bonnie South of Norris City, Ill.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, April 13, at the Unitarian Church in Summit.

Arrangements were handled by the William R. Dangler Funeral Home in Summit.

Memorial donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or to the Parkinson's Foundation.

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Edward J. Siegel, 58, Active at Temple; Was Company Vice President and CFO

Edward Jules Siegel, 58, of Westfield died on Tuesday, April 1, at Haven Hospice Pavilion at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Newark, he had been a resident of Rahway before coming to Westfield in 1973.

Mr. Siegel had been the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Meadox Medicals in Oakland prior to his retirement six years ago.

He had previously served as the Vice President of Finance during the 1980s with On-Line Software International in Fort Lee.

A 1967 graduate of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, Mr. Siegel was awarded a master's degree in accounting from Rutgers University in Newark in 1969.

He was a member of the board at Temple Emanuel-El in Westfield, as well as a member of the Financial Executive Institute and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Surviving are his wife, Judith Greenberg Siegel; three daughters, Holly Simons of Millburn, Mandi Zucker of Westfield and Kimberly Levine of Manhattan; two brothers, Alan R. Siegel of Short Hills and Kenneth Siegel of Westfield, and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, April 3, from Temple Emanuel-El. Interment took place at the Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge.

Memorial donations may be made to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, the Haven Hospice Pavilion at JFK Medical Center in

Edison or to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements were handled by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

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DEATH NOTICE

Maxine D. Scott, 93

Maxine D. Scott, 93, of Sun City, Ariz. died on Tuesday, April 8, at Epoch Assisted Living in Sun City West, Ariz.

Born October 7, 1909 in Melrose, Mass., she was married to Arthur Scott, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Scott lived most of her married life in Westfield, N.J., from 1938 to 1988. She moved to Sun City, Ariz., following her husband's death, to be near her sister.

She was an active member of both the First Congregational Church of Westfield and the Congregational Church of Sun City.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth R. Scott of Boston, Mass. and Thomas F. Scott of Trenton, N.J.; a sister, Marian Hibbard of Sun City, Ariz.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted on Monday, April 14, at the Congregational Church of Sun City, 18401 North 99th Avenue, Sun City, Ariz.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Sunland Mortuary in Sun City.

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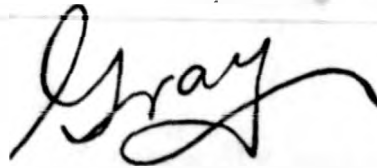
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BUNNY BUDDY...Katherine Ely and her children, Olivia and Jackson, are pictured with the Easter Bunny during the Lions Club of Westfield's annual Easter Egg Hunt at Mindowaskin Park. The hunt will be held again this Saturday, April 19, at 1 p.m. sharp.

Westfield Lions to Sponsor Egg Hunt This Saturday

WESTFIELD - The Lions Club of Westfield will hold its 68th annual Easter Egg Hunt in Mindowaskin Park this Saturday, April 19, at 1 p.m. for children up to age seven. There will also be an area set aside for toddlers to participate.

Participants and their parents are asked to assemble in the park by 12:45 p.m., as the hunt will start at precisely 1 p.m., weather permitting.

WNC Announces Trip To Atlantic City

WESTFIELD - The Senior Group of the Westfield Neighborhood Council (WNC) has planned a bus trip to Atlantic City on Saturdays, April 26.

The bus will leave from the WNC, located at 126 Cacciola Place, at 6 p.m. and return at 2:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25 each, with a return of \$10 in coins. All adults are invited to attend.

There will be food, music and a 50/50 drawing during the bus ride. All proceeds from the trip will help support the seniors' activities.

Tickets may be obtained from Dot Carter at (908) 233-6039, Natalie Lark at (908) 233-0898, Janet Turner at (908) 789-5781, Jean Jackson at (908) 232-3270 or Veneta Elterre at (908) 768-3758.

Under the direction of Hunt Chairman Mike Gordeuk, more than 1,200 plastic eggs will be hidden in the area around the gazebo. Immediately after the hunt, complimentary plastic bags containing gourmet jelly beans will be distributed to the children.

In addition, several of the Easter eggs will be specially-marked so those who find them may receive a small prize from one of the merchants in town. Individuals are asked to bring each "prize winning" egg to the designated redemption table after the hunt, in order to receive a coupon good for that prize.

Between noon and 12:45 p.m. and again after the hunt, the Easter Bunny will be available to take pictures with the children. In exchange for a \$3 donation to Lions charities, each recipient will receive a framed photograph.

There will be no rain date for the hunt. In the event of poor weather conditions, the Lions will instead hand out jelly beans and plastic eggs under the gazebo, as well as having the Easter Bunny there for photographs.

The Westfield Lions would additionally like to hear from anyone who has pictures or a memory from the early years of the hunt, which started in 1936. The club may be contacted at P.O. Box 572, Westfield 07091.

Second Marking Period Honor Roll Reported By SP-F High School Principal David Heisey

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Second Marking Period High Honor Roll and Regular Honor Roll for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) in Scotch Plains has been reported by SPFHS Principal Dr. David Heisey for the 2002-2003 academic term.

To achieve High Honor Roll distinction, students must obtain a straight "A" record while taking four or five subjects or at least five "A"s and a maximum of one "B."

No mark less than a "B" and at least three "A"s must be earned in order to qualify for Regular Honor Roll.

HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 9 - 24 STUDENTS

James Alfano
Colleen Baines
Michael Bonacum
Justine Brown
Courtney Burke
Cleo Chou
Caitlin Delaney
Carolyn Di Prospero
Michelle Durney
Brianna Falco
Joseph Fallon
Shannon Gomes

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 9 - 64 STUDENTS

Allison Abbott
Candace Barnes
Cheryl Bejaj
Faye Bi
Marisa Bianco
Elizabeth Bourcheim
Kara Brass
Gregory Bruno
Robert Burke, Jr.
Julianne Carman
Deirdre Clark
Erin Crawford
Neil Dalal
Jack Davis
Robert Dawson
Joshua Decker
Aaron Doliber
Kelly Dougher
Gabrielle Falco
Craig Fischbein
David Ginsberg
Brian Glassett
Andrew Goldberg
Joshua Green
Gary Herzberg
Julie Hyman
Daniel Ingram
Elizabeth Jacobs
Catherine Jahn

HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 10 - 44 STUDENTS

Margaret Brownell
Jenny Burke
Allza Burns
Matthew Capodice
Salvatore Cerchio
Dori D'Alolalo

HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 11 - 59 STUDENTS

Margaret Brownell
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Allza Burns
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Salvatore Cerchio
Dori D'Alolalo

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Andre Baruch
Erica Bloom
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HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 30 STUDENTS

Leslie Argueta
Jonathan Bezutzyk
Schuyler Boyda
Evan Chino
Colleen Coyle
Breanne Crawford
Alexa Di Giorgio
Anthony DiBattista
Amy Drewes
Janee Easley
Corey Fineman
Jeannette Franzone
Johanna Ghabour
Octavia Gomes
Rachel Goor
Nicole Hagerty
Eddie Han
Matthew Hassett
Laura Henderson
Kristin Zyla

HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 13 - 25 STUDENTS

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Andre Baruch
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Robert Fusco
Hannah Greenspan
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HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 14 - 25 STUDENTS

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Hoi Yan Fung
Robert Fusco
Hannah Greenspan
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HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 15 - 25 STUDENTS

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HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 16 - 25 STUDENTS

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HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 17 - 25 STUDENTS

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HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 18 - 25 STUDENTS

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Robert Fusco
Hannah Greenspan
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David Harris
Cheryl Kaplan
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David DeMair
Michael DiNizo
Rachel Dolgin
Elizabeth Elko
Marc Fabiano
Alexandra Fredas
Karina Gottlboym
Laura Harrison
Nora Isack
Stephanie King
Rebecca Koransky
Jason Krueger
Nora Lacko
Christopher Mattern
Kelly McManus

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 10 - 59 STUDENTS

Jonathan Altman
Katharine Berka
Brianna Berry
Robert Bethea
Matthew Bonasia
Jesse Bruch
Ashley Burrows
Krystina Byron
Amanda Cameron
Kaitlin Carman
Jocelyn Chang
Celina Chaves
Taylor Cianciotta
Abigail Cohen
Christopher D'Annunzio
Elizabeth De Cataldo
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REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 11 - 59 STUDENTS

Meral Akayuz
Jesse Allen
Kathryn Anaszowski
Ryan Apell
Kyle Baker
Nina Baker
Sara Beckerman
Shaun Bendik
Amanda Miller
Chelsea Miller
Jared Montagna
Jesse Montfort
Tuan Nguyen
Yoon Nudell
Rajalben Patel
Matthew Powers

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 30 STUDENTS

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REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 20 - 25 STUDENTS

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Hannah Greenspan
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REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 21 - 25 STUDENTS

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REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 22 - 25 STUDENTS

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REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 23 - 25 STUDENTS

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REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 24 - 25 STUDENTS

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REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 25 - 25 STUDENTS

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Travis Buff
Judith Brown
Jessica Cavanaugh
Yiu Wah Cheung
Ashley Cocuzza
Michael DeNichilo
Alyson Di Fiore
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Lauren Fox
Kristi Gayara
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Brittany Hessemmer
Michael Hessemmer
Stephanie Jacobus
Theresa Jahn
Ashley Jones
Kara Kaskiw
Jessica Kim
Brian Kopnicki
Daniel Kranz
Hya Laksin
Joshua Liss
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Katharine Berka
Brianna Berry
Robert Bethea
Matthew Bonasia
Jesse Bruch
Ashley Burrows
Krystina Byron
Amanda Cameron
Kaitlin Carman
Jocelyn Chang
Celina Chaves
Taylor Cianciotta
Abigail Cohen
Christopher D'Annunzio
Elizabeth De Cataldo
Alexa Di Giorgio
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Johanna Ghabour
Octavia Gomes
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Eddie Han
Matthew Hassett
Laura Henderson
Kristin Zyla

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 11 - 59 STUDENTS

Meral Akayuz
Jesse Allen
Kathryn Anaszowski
Ryan Apell
Kyle Baker
Nina Baker
Sara Beckerman
Shaun Bendik
Amanda Miller
Chelsea Miller
Jared Montagna
Jesse Montfort
Tuan Nguyen
Yoon Nudell
Rajalben Patel
Matthew Powers

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 30 STUDENTS

Leslie Argueta
Jonathan Bezutzyk
Schuyler Boyda
Evan Chino
Colleen Coyle
Breanne Crawford
Alexa Di Giorgio
Anthony DiBattista
Amy Drewes
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Jillian DeMair
Jessica DiFiore
Eve Donovan
Steven Doremus
Katie Downey
Sofia Fayngold
Jason Hipp
Elizabeth Pilkington
Amy Ryan
Joshua Sanders
Adam Siegal
Erica Speer
Nisha Tamthankar
Guangsi Yao

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 12 - 54 STUDENTS

Lauren Baines
Miriam Bamberger
Joseph Bartolotta
Jacquelin Bekiaris
Kathryn Benski
Rhea Chakraborty
David Chang
Phillip Cho
John Devall, Jr.
Shawn Doyle
Gianna Ferrante
Sara Finkelstein
Michael Gleason
Jamie Gold
Tonya Hardy
Stephanie Heath
Jennifer Howell
Nicole Impellizzeri
Jovonne Jones
Laura Klastava
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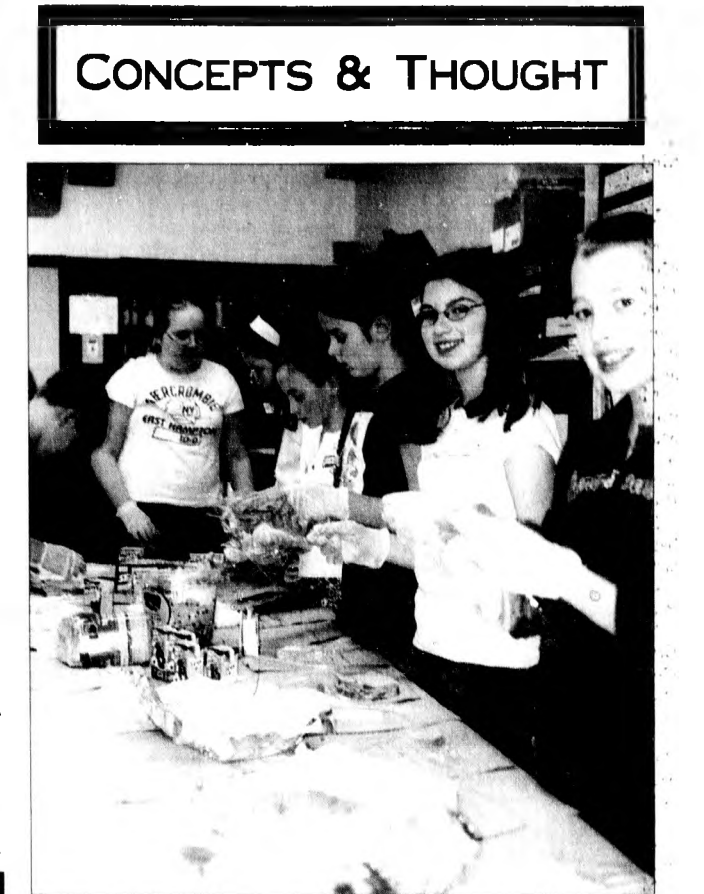
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BROWN BAG BENEFIT...On March 24 and 25, over 100 fourth and fifth graders from Tamaques Elementary School in Westfield volunteered to give up their recess periods to make lunches for those in need at the St. Joseph's Social Services Center in Elizabeth. The service is part of an ongoing community service program at the school. The brown bag lunches prepared by the students included a ham and cheese sandwich, juice and cookies, all donated by local vendors. The school's Community Service committee has acknowledged the generosity of the ShopRite in Garwood, Kings of Garwood, Trader Joe's and the Stop & Shop of Westfield.

Delbarton School Reveals Winter Headmaster's List

MORRISTOWN - Delbarton School in Morristown has announced the names of students placed on the Headmaster's List for the 2003 winter term.

Qualification for the Highest Honors distinction requires grades between 90 and 100, while High Honors recognition is awarded to pupils earning between 87 and 89. Honors distinction is achieved by students earning between 83 to 86.

HIGHEST HONORS:

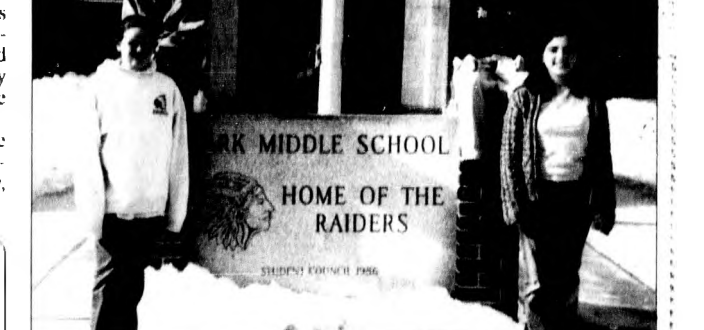
Matthew Delaney, grade 10, of Westfield
Michael Leighton, grade 10, of Scotch Plains
Bryan McDermott, grade 12, of Westfield
James Wade, grade 10, of Westfield

HIGH HONORS:

Wade Anthony, grade 12, of Westfield
Mark Gately, grade 11, of Westfield
Brendan Gorman, grade 11, of Westfield
David Weinstein, grade 9, of Westfield

HONORS:

Tyler Deleso, grade 11, of Westfield
Peter Gately, grade 12, of Westfield



THE OKAY CHORALE...Choral students from Park Middle School in Scotch Plains were recently chosen to perform with select musical groups based on competitive auditions. Sixth grader Mary Kate O'Connell, soprano I, front left, and eighth grader Stephanie Fredas, soprano II, front right, performed with the Central Region II Chorus in a February concert at Monroe Township High School, under the direction of Ruth Dwyer. Pictured, back row, are: Allison Killeen, left, sixth grade treble I, and Andrew Haggan, an eighth grade tenor, who were selected for the All-State Elementary and Junior High Honors Chorus. Allison and Andrew will perform with their respective groups at Cranford High School on Saturday, May 3.

Westfield HS Class of 1948 Seeks Missing Classmates

WESTFIELD - The Reunion Committee of Westfield High School (WHS) Class of 1948 is seeking the whereabouts of members to advise them of their 55th reunion which is going to be held on Saturday evening, October 11, at Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains.



SWEET VICTORY... Patricia Knodel and Mary Beth Schaumburg give the camera their widest grins after learning of their victorious election to the Mountainside Board of Education.



WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

• A digital camera valued at about \$500 was reported stolen from a business in the 400 block of South Avenue, West.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

• A resident of the 600 block of Kimball Avenue reported that someone made unauthorized purchases using his credit card.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

• Ralph A. Petherway, 41, of Plainfield was arrested on South Avenue and charged with possession of suspected cocaine. He was released on

his own recognizance with a summons.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

• James Jensen, 43, of Clark was arrested at Central Avenue and Marlboro Street and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was released to a responsible adult.

• A resident of Stoneleigh Park reported that a couple of sections of a stockade fence were knocked over in his backyard.

• A burglary and theft was reported at a residence in the 600 block of North Avenue, West, in which two Minolta light meters were removed from the premises.



LETTERS FROM HOME... Brownie Troop 763 from Washington School, led by Antoinette Ciardullo and Karen Masciale, took the time to make personnel cards and letters for deployed Westfield servicemen John Arlia and Paul Campanile. The letters were sent to the men who are currently overseas.



WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

• Cedar Street - Illegal burning.
• Mohawk Trail - Malfunctioning carbon monoxide alarm.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

• Summit Avenue - Malfunctioning carbon monoxide alarm.
• Sherwood Parkway - Assist rescue squad lifting patient.

• Lamberts Mill Road - Assist police.
• Lamberts Mill Road - Assist police.
• Scotch Plains Avenue - Cooking fire.
• North Chestnut Street - Support wire down.

• Lenox Avenue - Lockout.
• Lamberts Mill Road - Assist police.
• North Avenue, West - Malicious false alarm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

• South Avenue, West - Transformer fire.
• Railway Avenue - Telephone wire down.

• North Avenue, West - Auto accident with extrication.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

• Austin Street - Medical emergency.
• Fourth Avenue - Telephone wire down.

• Benson Place - Cable TV wires down.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

• South Avenue, West - Electrical fire.
• Topping Hill Road - Malfunctioning carbon monoxide alarm.
• North Avenue, West - Medical emergency.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

• Railway Avenue - Malfunctioning fire alarm.
• Summit Avenue - Auto accident with extrication.

• Coolidge Street - Water leak.
• Myrtle Avenue - Abandoned propane tank.

• Fairmont Avenue - Gas leak.

Freeholders Set Fees For County Services

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

COUNTY -- The Union County Freeholders passed ordinances setting the fees for several county services at their meeting last week, with the final passage of those laws punctuated by some confusion over typographical errors in the published legal notices.

One ordinance sets fees for the Union County Fire Academy from June 1 through May 2004; another sets fees for the county's pistol range from April 2003 through April 2004; and the third sets fees for the county's Department of Public Safety's Division of Corrections for the imposition of an inmate processing fee.

A resident pointed out to the board that the numbers of the ordinances being voted upon did not, in some cases, match the numbers that were published in newspaper legal notices advertising the public hearings and said the Clerk of the Board should

have paid more careful attention to the discrepancies.

The board also passed a bond ordinance appropriating \$3.4 million for the acquisition of open space in Union Township.

A resolution was passed urging the state government to support the restoration of funding for the State Council on the Arts, the state Historical Commission and the state Cultural Trust in the 2004 state budget.

In addition, Linda Hagan of Fanwood was appointed to the Union County Commission on the Status of Women through the end of 2005.

It's expected that the 2003 county budget will be introduced at the Freeholders' next meeting on April 24.

The spending plan, which will likely include a significant hike in local property taxes, will be based on the \$340.5 million spending proposal submitted in January by County Manager George Devanney.

SP Council Considers Establishing Special Improvement District

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

SCOTCH PLAINS -- Scotch Plains officials will give serious consideration to the establishment of a Special Improvement District (SID) as part of a renewed effort to revitalize the downtown business district.

The Township Council has received proposals from two consultants on establishing a SID and marketing the downtown area, which has been a focus of the township government for a number of years.

Councilwoman Nancy Malool told the council at its conference meeting on Tuesday night that the Towne Centre Task Force, an advisory group of local businesspeople and town officials, has signaled its receptiveness to establishing an SID, which is a legal designation of a particular area in which additional taxes are levied for business district improvements.

Saying "we need to move downtown," Mrs. Malool urged that both consultants, Cooperative Professional Services of Newark and Agora Coalition of Red Bank, be retained on a limited basis and, in effect, pool their efforts, thus cutting the expense by about half.

Cooperative Professional would focus more on setting up the SID while Agora would provide more of a broad outlook as far as marketing and other endeavors. The combined cost of the two proposals would be about \$34,000, but by combining their efforts, the price would be halved. Furthermore, the township would also apply for a \$10,000 state grant that, if received, would cut the final cost of the consultants to about \$7,000.

"We can't afford not to do this," Councilwoman Malool said.

Annual Jefferson Jubilee Includes Jefferson Students

WESTFIELD -- On March 22 and 23, students, teachers and parents from Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield participated in their "Annual Jefferson Jubilee" at Westfield High School.

After weeks of rehearsals, which started in January, and many hours of planning and creative efforts, the talents of those who participated were on display in this production.

The school's theme, "Character Counts," was incorporated into all the music and dance routines. As in past years, the theme was the inspiration for the scenery backdrop.

This year, the Scenery Committee

created a backdrop that was colorful and unique, including symbols that represented character traits like good teamwork, caring, sharing, love and patriotism.

Jefferson School's new Principal, Jeanette Munoz, displayed her talents in some routines, including one with Jefferson teachers, which was a favorite among the students.

Former Jefferson School Principal Dr. Jorden Schiff made a surprise guest appearance, which elated students. Present to enjoy the show, Dr. Schiff announced the Fifth Grade Finale for old times sake.

Mr. Atkins told the council on Tuesday night that the property's owner had met with township officials and it seems to be the owner's intent to demolish the building sometime in the next month.

Next week, the council, acting as local Alcohol Beverage Control board, will hold a hearing to consider the issue of who actually owns the liquor license designated for Club Malibu, the Terrill Road nightclub that has been closed since late 1998.

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Voter Turnout Low in Area; School District Budget Pass

William Foley.

In Mountainside, voter turnout was 32 percent, with 1,407 people casting their votes out of 4,590 registered voters.

The 2003-2004 school budget of \$11,042,160 passed easily, with a margin of almost 200 votes. The results showed 798 voting yes, and 608 voting no. Last year's budget was defeated by voters.

Pat Knodel and incumbent Mary Beth Schaumburg walked away the winners in the bid for the two open seats on the board. Ms. Schaumburg received 653 votes and Mrs. Knodel, 606. Incumbent Frank Geiger received 584 votes; Linda Esenplare received 535 votes, and Pauline Genakos received 418 votes.

In addition to the elections the Mountainside BOE held an emergency meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss the transfer of funds within the budget, and the construction at Beechwood School. Paul Otto Construction has been hired to complete the project. Superintendent Gerard Schaller stated that work should begin soon on the school, and he is optimistic that the completion of Beechwood will be sometime in August.

In Scotch Plains and Fanwood, 3,325 of the 18,576 registered voters turned out to vote for the \$59.8 million bud-

get, which was passed by 197 votes. Fanwood has 4,621 registered voters and Scotch Plains has 13,959 registered voters.

In addition, Scotch Plains residents elected three Board of Education candidates to represent their township. Incumbents Linda Nelson with votes and Thomas Russo, with votes of 1,410 and 1,351 respectively, were reelected for another three-year term. Mrs. Nelson will be serving her second term and Mr. Russo will be serving his fourth term.

"I'm really pleased because I take my responsibility seriously. I will work hard," stated Mrs. Nelson.

"It's very gratifying to have the support of the community and I'm happy to serve," said Mr. Russo.

Newcomer candidates Betty Ann Woerner and George Gowen received 1,319 votes and 866 votes, respectively, making Mrs. Woerner the third Board of Education member.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Chove expressed her happiness to The Westfield Leader by stating, "I'm so delighted that the community continued supporting every child in getting a wonderful education...now the work begins. I think the candidates for running and everyone for support. It is so important that this community continues to value education."



EASTER BASKET... The 3 and 4 year old children of the Wesley Hall Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church in Westfield decided to make up Easter baskets for the children at Children's Hospital in Mountainside. The children went shopping with their mom's and picked out gifts to donate and then put the baskets together during their Easter party. The class is the duck pond and their teachers are Mrs. Solan and Mrs. Crosta. The children are, from the left: 1st row: Rachel Horn, Sean Stouffer, Matthew Furino, Michael Urbinato; 2nd row: Pamela Burke, Alex Cestero, Brittany Kropp, Mary Norwine, Lucy Hale, Matthew Phillips and Evan Latowsky.

WESTFIELD VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD BLOTTER

Statistics for the 1st Quarter 2003

Nature of Call:	First Call:	Second Call:	Third Call:
Abd Injury Head/Neck Injury	60	16	2
Airway Obstruction	9	2	
Allergic Reaction	2	1	
Amputation	2	1	
Behavioral Disorder	21	2	1
Bleeding/Hemorrhage	30	9	
Burns	2	1	
Cardiac Arrest	4	1	
Cardiac Related	38	17	
Chest Injury	5	2	1
Diabetic Related (Potential)	11	6	
D.O.A.	1	2	
Fire Call	3		
Gastro-Intestinal Distress	40	17	4
General Illness	26	1	1
Lift Assist	19	3	
OB/GYN	4	1	
Other	29	5	
Other Injury	25	4	2
Poisoning (Accidental)	3	1	
Respiratory Distress	80	15	
Seizure	8	4	
Shock/Trauma	1		
Spinal Injury	21	5	
Stroke/CVA	13	1	
Substance Abuse (Potential)	3	2	
Suspected Fracture	37	14	1
Syncope	13	8	1
Unconscious	16	4	
TOTALS	528	144	13

Paramedics
Driver Assisted
Fire Dept. Assisted
Police Dept. Assisted
Mutual Aid to Westfield
Genesis ElderCare
Senior Citizens Complex
Sunrise Assisted Living
Out of Town Mutual Aid
Non Emergency Calls
Total Calls: 685

198 (first call); 56 (second call); 2 (third call) = 256
1 (first call); 6 (second call); 0 (third call) = 7
2 (first call); 1 (second call); 0 (third call) = 3
0 (first call); 1 (second call); 0 (third call) = 1
0 (first call); 0 (second call); 1 (third call) = 1
49 (first call); 19 (second call); 1 (third call) = 69
43 (first call); 7 (second call); 0 (third call) = 50
19 (first call); 2 (second call); 1 (third call) = 22
28 (first call); 2 (second call); 0 (third call) = 30
6 (first call); 1 (second call); 0 (third call) = 7

Temple Parking Hearing Begins With Packed Mtg.

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people congregating out back to smoke had been addressed by the temple. He stated that lighting complaints would have been addressed but that the temple was advised by town public safety officials to leave lights on because of the national "code orange" alert.

Mr. Flynn questioned Rabbi Segal as to whether the idea of a jitney from the library parking lot had been discussed. Rabbi Segal responded that a jitney would not best serve the needs of the members.

Mr. Flynn also asked Rabbi Segal if the temple would agree to put a restriction on the deed agreeing to have no further construction. Board Chairman Vince Wilt stated that the Rabbi does not have the authority to agree to that.

Mr. Wilt questioned if the number of spaces could be reduced to 140. Rabbi Segal responded that the temple did not want to reduce the number of spaces they are requesting because they need to accommodate their members for regular services.

Caroline Shane, Temple Emanuel Executive Director, testified that along with the daily preschool, the temple holds afternoon and evening Hebrew School sessions and Sunday school sessions.

The temple's activity summary from July of 2002 through June of 2003 was submitted into evidence. According to Ms. Shane, 98 Bar mitzvahs and Bat mitzvahs were held during the year with most of them being on Saturdays and Sundays. She stated that as many as three Bar mitzvahs are held in a day.

She also testified that the temple hosted 17 community events during the year. She testified that the number of events decreased in the current year due to the temple limiting the number of evenings it can be used and is charging more.

Ms. Shane later testified that the fee includes the cost of set up, clean up and lighting, and that there is not much of a profit.

Mr. Flynn questioned if Ms. Shane had met with any of the neighbors she responded that she had previously spoken with Second Ward Re-

publican Councilman Matthew Albano and Town Engineer Kenneth Marsh regarding a neighbor who wanted a tree planted as a buffer in 2001.

Resident Michael Snizek questioned if there was an increase in events at the temple since the school was built. Ms. Shane responded that the school addition was completed so that classes did not have to be held in the chapel and other rooms.

Testimony from the project engineer was held until the next meeting given the late hour.

Testimony was heard from Scott Lazar who lives behind the temple on Fairacres Avenue and is a congregant of the temple. Mr. Lazar stated that he has no complaints about lighting or noise. He stated that when there is a large attendance at services cars are parked on the street making it difficult to access his driveway.

The last to testify was temple member 81-year-old Stephanie Popper. Mrs. Popper stated that she has difficulty walking in the street because of unevenness and debris so she arrives at the temple 30 to 45 minutes before service in order to get better parking.

She stated that she did not know if she would use a jitney because it is sometimes hard to get on and off.

The Union County Planning Board approved the temple's plans on April 11. The next hearing will be held on Thursday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Westfield Town Council

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He also brought up a proposal by Lord & Taylor to install an advanced warning system and pedestrian activated signals at the cross walk on North Avenue. They are asking the town to share in the cost of the project, which is estimated to be between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Councilman Betancourt stated that the town did not budget for it this year, but it can be discussed for next year.

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4X800 RELAY BOYS MAY QUALIFY FOR PENN RELAYS

Blue Devil Boys, Girls Struggle At Summit Track Relays

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

Needing a time just under 8:15 to be considered for entry into the Penn Relays, the Westfield High School boys 4x800-meter relay team of seniors Alexis Gonzalez and Dan Lynes, and juniors Brendan Egan and Greg Whitney were confident that they achieved that goal. The foursome accomplished the feat by finishing in 8:13, good enough for fourth place in Division 2 at the Summit Relays at



BRINGING IT HOME...Blue Devil senior Alexis Gonzalez, left, ran the first leg of the 4x800 relay followed by Dan Lynes, Brendan Egan and Greg Whitney. The foursome finished with a time of 8:13 at the Summit Relays on April 12.

PIETRUCHA FIRES 4-HITTER. HENSAL RIPS WINNER

Raiders Boost Record to 3-0, Nip Cougar Baseballers, 3-2

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

Senior pitcher Steve Pietrucha allowed just two runs on four hits in a complete-game performance and senior second baseman Jeff Hensal whizzed a game-winning RBI single in the top of the seventh to give the 3-0 Scotch Plains High School baseball team, a 3-2 victory over rival



Raider senior pitcher Steve Pietrucha

Cranford on April 14 in Cranford. Junior Kyle Baker put the Raiders in striking range with a game-tying two-run double in the fifth.

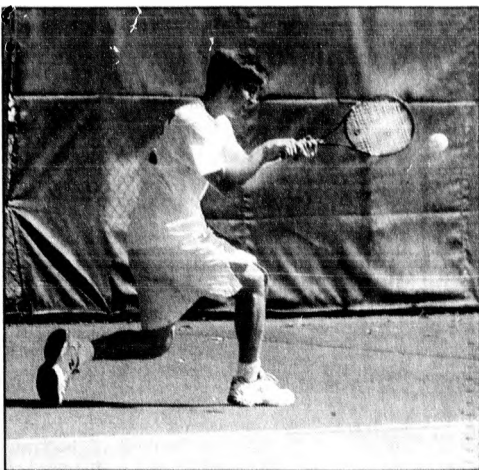
"Pietrucha was the key today. He kept us in the game and that is what we needed from him. He pitched an outstanding game," said Raider Head Coach Brian Homm. "Kyle Baker had a big hit when we needed it.

disappointment," said boys Blue Devil Head Coach Jack Martin. "On the track, we came here to run a fast 4x800 and we did run 8:13, which hopefully gets us into the Penn Relays. The freshmen in the 4x800 came in second, so I was pleased with that also. We have 115 boys on the team, so our challenge also is to get enough opportunities for guys to compete. Hopefully we have some good weather for our early week dual meet and our annual Blue Devil meet on April 19, where we hope to get some good performances by our kids and get ready for the championship season coming up."

The pole vault, shot put, javelin and discus competitions were not contested due to poor weather conditions.

Describing the action in the 4x800, Egan, who ran the third leg, said, "We had Gonzalez leading off and we knew that he was capable of staying up with whoever was leading. We told him to get out as fast as he could and he really did a good job, because it got us into second. Then Lynes gave it all he had, 100 percent. He moved us into first place for a moment, but didn't have a lot left to stay up there and we dropped to fourth. When the baton came in my hands, I felt that the people were going out pretty slow, so I got on all of them and made it a good race. I moved into first for a couple of sec-

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LEADING THE WAY TO VICTORY...Second-singles player Dave Eisenberg, left, and first-singles player Rich Moran helped lead the Blue Devils to impressive victories in the Westfield Invitational.

BLUE DEVILS KNOCK OFF 14TH-RANKED CHATHAM

Blue Devil Net Men Capture Westfield Tournament Title

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

Favorable weather permitted the Westfield High School Tennis Tournament to be played at Tamaques Park in Westfield on April 13 and the hosting Blue Devils shone the brightest by winning both of their games in

the four-team showdown which also included 14th-ranked Chatham, Governor Livingston and A. L. Johnson (A.L.J.). Having experienced only one regular-season game due to uncooperative weather, the 19th-ranked Blue Devils still easily handled A.L.J., 4-1, in the first game then wobbled

Chatham in the finals, 5-0.

"Usually we play this tournament on clay at the outdoor clubs on Chestnut (Street in Westfield) early in the season so that playing on clay doesn't affect the players in hard court season when the county tournament and state tournament are going on in May," said Blue Devil Head Coach George Kapner. "Unfortunately, with the interesting winter we had this year, the clay courts aren't ready so the town of Westfield was nice enough to allow us to use Tamaques."

Previously, Westfield's only game this season was a 5-0 loss to state powerhouse, No. 2 Millburn. However, three of the matches were tightly

Mainland Golfers Win Blue Devil Invitational

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

Despite a seemingly less than great overall team performance, the 11th-ranked Westfield High School golf team placed third with a six-player total of 346 in the Blue Devil Invitational, using 12 of the 18 holes at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield on April 14. Mainland took top honors with a total of 328 and Bergen Catholic finished second at 332.

The tournament featured eight of New Jersey's most competitive teams, which included, Christian Brothers Academy, Seton Hall Prep, Delbarton (ranked No. 15), Bergen Catholic (No. 3), Wall (No. 2), Mainland, Glen Rock (No. 4) and Westfield (No. 11). Mainland's Matt Uretsky won the individual crown after defeating Dave Rahal of Bergen Catholic in the first hole of sudden death. Both players had finished in regulation with 49.

Before the shotgun start, Blue Devil Head Coach John Turnbull gathered the competitors in the center of the putting green and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Seton Hall Prep's No. 2 golfer Donald Yaw who passed away of a seizure a few months ago.

All six Blue Devils finished with nearly identical scores. Adam Karnish and Garrett Cochran each finished at 57 and Ryan Shalleross, Tom DeDuca, Jim Arbes and Matt Hodges each came in at 58.

"They all shot consistently bad but to finish third against that competition wasn't bad," said Turnbull. "Our

bad was better than (most of) the other teams' bad."

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EYING THE FAIRWAY...Blue Devil Adam Karnish, front, checks out the 10th fairway. Pictured, left to right, behind Karnish are: Alex Marquard and Dan Tyburski of Glen Rock and Blue Devil Ryan Shalleross.

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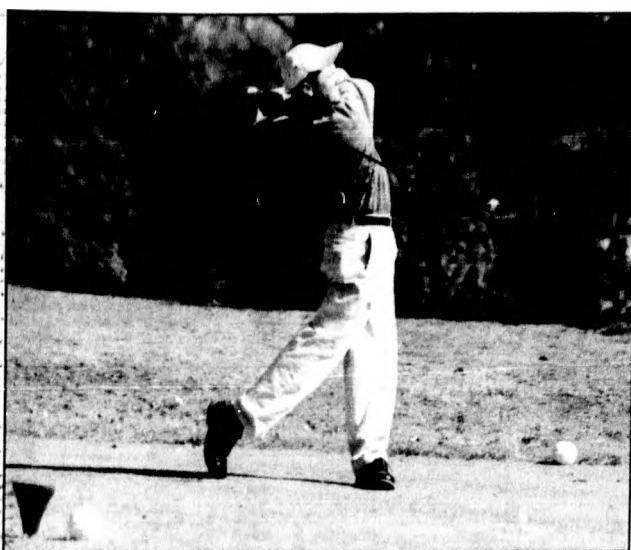
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Blue Devil Ryan Shallcross tees off on No. 10

Mainland Golfers Capture Blue Devil Invitational

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Shallcross had to be one of the golfers to watch when, as a freshman, he startled everyone by shooting a 3-under-par 69 to win the Union County Tournament (UCT) last year. A few weeks prior to that UCT, he shot the lowest 9-hole round at Echo Lake with a 4-under-par 32 against South Plainfield. Kamish figured to be a threat also. Last year, he finished sixth in the UCT. Shallcross and Kamish were paired with Glen Rock's Alex Marquard and Dan

Tyburski, who finished third with a round of 50, and began their play on the 386-yard, slight dogleg to the right, par 4 10th hole.

TEAM SCORES:
1. Mainland 328 (M), 2. Bergen Catholic (BC) 332, 3. Westfield 346, 4. Wall 350, 5. Glen Rock (GR) 350, 6. Christian Brothers Academy 353, 7. Delbarton, 8. Seton Hall Prep 355

TOP 5 INDIVIDUALS:
1. Uretsky (M) 49, 2. Rahal (BC) 49, 3. Dan Tyburski (GR) 50, 4. Bill Lacey (BC) 51, 5. Mike Salad (M) 52

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PUBLIC NOTICE

2003 TOWN OF WESTFIELD DOWNTOWN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

RESOLUTION 2003-84

Finance Committee **April 8, 2003**
Downtown Westfield Corporation Budget of the Town of Westfield Special Improvement District, County of Union, for the Year 2003:
BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Downtown Westfield Corporation Budget for the Year 2003, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in THE WESTFIELD LEADER in the issue of April 17, 2003.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Town of Westfield does hereby approve the following as the Downtown Westfield Corporation Budget for the year 2003:
Recorded Vote: Ayes: Echausse, Albano, Skibitsky, Goldman, Caruana, Betancourt, Haas, Jacobson, Mayor McDermott
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Notice is hereby given that the Downtown Westfield Corporation Budget was approved by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, on April 8, 2003.
A hearing on said Budget will be held at the Westfield Municipal Building on May 6, 2003 at 8:00pm at which time and place objections to said Budget for the Year 2003 may be presented by Downtown Special Improvement District taxpayers or other interested persons

DOWNTOWN WESTFIELD CORPORATION SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2003 BUDGET

REVENUES		ANTICIPATED REVENUE
GENERAL REVENUE		
Amount to be raised by		
Special Improvement District Assessment		\$370,800.00
Total General Revenue		\$370,800.00
APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS 2003
GENERAL APPROPRIATION		
Operating		\$112,500.00
Salaries & Wages		\$258,100.00
Other Expenses		\$370,600.00
Total General Appropriations		\$370,600.00

1 T - 4/17/03, The Leader Fee \$81.60

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-12416-02 FILE NO. 6815-02

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

**BERNARD ERNST: MRS. BERNARD ERNST, WIFE OF BERNARD ERNST;
ANTHONY ACCORDINO; RENAISSANCE MANAGEMENT INC.;**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon CAISALE & PELLEGRINO, LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is GATEHALL 1, PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY 07054, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK C.T./M.D. SASS-II (2) F/K/A FIRST FIDELITY BANK, N.A. A/K/A FUND C.T./M.D. SASS-II (2) is the plaintiff and BERNARD ERNST, ET ALs, are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County and bearing Docket No. F-12416-02 within thirty-five (35) days after April 17, 2003 exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4:4-6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint, and Amendment to Complaint, if any. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

You are further advised that if you are unable to obtain an attorney you may communicate with Lawyer Referral Service of the County of Union and that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Union. The telephone number of such agencies are as follows: Lawyer Referral Service 908-353-4715 - Legal Services Office 908-354-4340

THE ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the following tax sale certificate(s):

1. A certain tax certificate 4551, recorded on 8/26/1996, made by ROBERT A. MACK, Collector of Taxes of CITY OF ELIZABETH, and State of New Jersey to VICKY AND/OR MARTIN MEDVIN and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK C.T./M.D. SASS-II (2) F/K/A FIRST FIDELITY BANK, N.A. A/K/A FUND C.T./M.D. SASS-II (2). This covers real estate located in CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey, known as LOT 1230, BLOCK 11 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of CITY OF ELIZABETH, and concerns premises commonly known as 625 PENNA AVENUE, CITY OF ELIZABETH, New Jersey

2. A certain tax certificate 006456, recorded on 5/12/2000, made by ROBERT A. MACK, Collector of Taxes of CITY OF ELIZABETH, and State of New Jersey to FUND C.T./M.D. SASS-II (2) and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK C.T./M.D. SASS-II (2) F/K/A FIRST FIDELITY BANK, N.A. A/K/A FUND C.T./M.D. SASS-II (2). This covers real estate located in CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey, known as LOT 1230, BLOCK 11 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of CITY OF ELIZABETH, and concerns premises commonly known as 625 PENNA AVENUE, CITY OF ELIZABETH, New Jersey

YOU, BERNARD ERNST, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because you are the owner of a property which is the subject of the above entitled action.

YOU, MRS. BERNARD ERNST, WIFE OF BERNARD ERNST, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because plaintiff has been unable to determine whether defendant BERNARD ERNST is married, and if married, the name of BERNARD ERNST'S spouse. BERNARD ERNST is married, the plaintiff joins MRS. BERNARD ERNST, WIFE OF BERNARD ERNST as a defendant for any possessory or marital rights you may have.

YOU, ANTHONY ACCORDINO, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on September 14, 1992, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Morris County by Anthony Accordinio against Bernard Ernest decaying debt in the amount of \$21,800.00. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-105707-1992. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, RENAISSANCE MANAGEMENT INC., are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on February 8, 1993, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Morris County, by Renaissance Management Inc. against Bernard Ernest decaying debt in the amount of \$45,079.81, plus costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-014860-1993. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

DONALD F. PHELAN
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CAISALE & PELLEGRINO, LLC
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1 T - 4/17/03, The Leader Fee \$124.44

Blue Devil Boys, Girls Struggle At Summit Track Relays

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onds, but the kid from Jackson came up and had an amazing kick at the end and it put them into first. Whitney went up against three of the best 800 runners in the state and he stayed with them. He kept us in the race to the end."

The same foursome finished second in the 4x400 with a time of 3:30.9, this time with Egan running the anchor leg. Jeff Whitney, Josh Dennerlein, Jake Brandman and Scott Steinberg finished sixth in the sprint medley relay with a time of 4:00.2.

In the 4x200, the "B" team of Albert Lin, Jared Allman, Everett Donaldson and John Aleksandravicius finished third in their heat.

"I have some of the greatest teammates anyone can compete with, but I think there is a lot of room for improvement," said Donaldson who also competes in the discus and shot put. "I think we should have stepped it up. In addition, people need to show up for our practices and I believe many are not working hard enough. We're just not showing the heart that we should right now. We need to step it up and work as a team."

Expressing another viewpoint, Allman said, "This was a very competitive race. We all had to maintain the same movement and we were trying to do a good job. I feel my teammates did that and I think we will be better in the future."

Running in the distance medley, sophomore Josh McMann commented, "This race came rather late in the day when none of us expected it. I ran pretty well but not as well as I could. My goal is to reach 3:29. As far as the season goes, our practices

have been pretty hard. We weren't really doing what Mr. Martin wanted us to do. Now we are sort of getting back into the swing of things and getting closer to his goals. We're doing better and we will improve."

In Division I, the Highlander team of Allison Gionta, Jen Hauser, Kathleen Anders and Chrissie Sidie placed third in the 4x800 relay with a time of 10:46.5.

"I realized coming around that I needed to pick it up a little," said Gionta. "Then in the last 200, I opened it up and was able to take down the runners ahead of me and take my place for third."

Highlanders Catherine Dewling, Teresa Cavallaro, Veena Venkatachalam and Laura Ronner placed second in the 4x100 High Hurdles with a time of 1:13.5.

"We have been working hard and helping each other improve and I believe we have the potential to do excellent," said Cavallaro. "We didn't have our top hurdler in Chrissie McCurdy with us today, so pulled it together and did the best we could."

In the girls Division 2, the Lady Blue Devils' best performance came in the sprint medley where Mikaela Cruz, Jessica Lee, Jennell Carter and Meg Driscoll placed fourth in 4:40.4.

Devil Laxers Top St. Joe Boys, 5-4

The Westfield High School boys lacrosse team got a goal from Taylor Hogarth on a feed from Billy Schultz with eight second remaining to top St. Joseph's of Metuchen, 5-4, in Westfield on April 14. Westfield upped its record to 3-0 while St. Joe's slipped to 5-1.

Hogarth finished with two goals and an assist. Gil Arbittman, Schultz and Chris MacDonald had one goal apiece for the Blue Devils and goalie Dan Kotch made 12 saves. Dan Kane had two assists and Arbittman had one.

St. Joseph's Westfield

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building of said Township on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" SUB-SECTION 7-3.6

Purpose: To set a time limit on parking on Martine Avenue, east side, from the southeast corner of its intersection with Shalom Way to a point 70 feet south of Shalom Way.

A public hearing for same will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, or any time and place to which a meeting for the further consideration of such ordinance shall from time to time be adjourned, and all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of same may be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of same without cost.

BARBARA RIEPE
Township Clerk
1 T - 4/17/03, The Times Fee \$32.64

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of DOROTHY M. BIDWELL, ALSO KNOWN AS DOROTHY MEYRE STOPINSKI BIDWELL, Deceased
Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 11TH day of APRIL, A.D. 2003, upon the application of the undersigned, as EXECUTOR of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order.

DIANED. JOHNSTON
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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 03-10-R AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on April 8, 2003. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The purpose of this ordinance is to AMEND ARTICLE 17 OF CHAPTER 93, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD RELATING TO SIGNS.
A public hearing on this ordinance will be held on May 13, 2003 at 8:00 PM.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 4/17/03, The Times Fee \$20.40

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2003 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TOWN OF WESTFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

SUMMARY OF REVENUES - CURRENT FUND

	2003	2002
1. Surplus	\$3,800,000.00	\$2,600,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	8,952,686.97	9,181,877.77
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	800,000.00	725,000.00
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	14,439,617.03	13,688,366.47
Total General Revenues	\$27,992,304.00	\$26,195,244.24

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS - CURRENT FUND

	2003 BUDGET	2002 BUDGET
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$14,138,464.00	\$13,472,704.25
Other Expenses	10,101,510.00	9,154,213.99
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	731,700.00	1,168,700.00
3. Capital Improvements	145,000.00	145,000.00
4. Debt Service	1,035,630.00	504,626.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,840,000.00	1,750,000.00
Total General Appropriations	\$27,992,304.00	\$26,195,244.24
Total Number of Employees	343	350

2003 DEDICATED SWIM POOL UTILITY BUDGET

	2003	2002
1. Surplus	\$136,214.00	
2. Swim Pool Memberships and Miscellaneous Revenues	696,925.00	560,000.00
Total Revenues	\$833,139.00	\$560,000.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

	2003 BUDGET	2002 BUDGET
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$302,373.00	\$275,114.00
Other Expenses	289,000.00	230,300.00
2. Capital Improvements	1,116.00	4,586.00
3. Debt Service	219,650.00	29,000.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	21,000.00	21,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$833,139.00	\$560,000.00
Total Number of Employees	36	37

BALANCE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT

	GENERAL	SWIM POOL UTILITY
Interest	\$1,886,956.25	\$503,755.00
Principal	\$5,937,000.00	\$1,619,000.00
Outstanding Balance	\$7,923,956.25	\$2,122,755.00

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, County of Union on April 8th, 2003.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 6, 2003 at 8:00 o'clock (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2003 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of Bernard A. Heaney, Town Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, 07090, (908) 788-4033, during the hours of 8:30 (A.M.) to 4:30 (P.M.).

1 T - 4/17/03, The Leader Fee: \$169.83



Fred K. Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times
STRENGTH IN DISTANCE...Tri-captain Melissa Richey receives handoff from senior Kathleen Salmon in the distance event at the Summit Relays.

Westfield Residents Train For Boston Marathon

By STEVEN DUBE

Specialize Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Jennifer Parisi hopes to someday run marathons in all 50 states. Later this month, she will be one step closer to that goal. Parisi is one of several runners from Westfield planning to participate in the Boston Marathon on April 21.

Parisi, age 34, who works for the Stony Brooke-Millstone Watershed Association, a nonprofit organization that educates people on water issues, has already run in seven marathons in seven states as well as in Helsinki, Finland.

Parisi said in a recent interview that she has always been passionate about athletics especially the triathlon but only recently became interested in long-distance running. She said she started running after working for an organization that sponsored the New York Marathon in 1996.

"I'm not your typical runner," she said. "I'm a back of the packer. (I enjoy) just getting out - a little peace and quiet."

Parisi said she trains with and vol-

unteers for the New Jersey Road Runners Club, which sponsored her application. She said she also trains with a close friend, who she will be running with.

Also running is Alberto Roig who said that despite his busy schedule he manages to run 50 to 55 miles a week. Roig, age 52, is an assistant district attorney in Manhattan. He said he gets a lot of support from his family.

"My wife helps me on my training runs," he said. "Every two miles she has water for me."

Roig said he was offered a scholarship to run after high school but decided to attend law school instead. But 12 years ago, he said the need for exercise and a sense of nostalgia brought him back to running.

"It's something I did as a kid, and it's kind of neat to do for fun what you did as a young man."

Other area runners expected to participate are Debby Hall, age 37, and Sheila Cotter, age 33.

Local High School Baseball Results:

APRIL 14:

Union Catholic 8, Brearley 5

Kevin Gates ripped a two-run double in the seven-run sixth inning for the 2-2 Vikings and Brandon Garcia had two doubles, a single, two RBI and a run scored. Stormy Vanderzee drilled a two-run double to give Brearley a 5-1 lead in the fourth inning.

Union Catholic 000 107 0 8
Brearley 201 200 0 5

Scotch Plains-Fanwood 3, Cranford 2

See story on page 11.

Union 6, Plainfield 1

Joe Pinto fanned 10 Cardinals for the No. 6 Farmers. Cardinal Dante Harvey was credited with three hits. Kearny 3, Elizabeth 2

Jairo Mendez struck out 13 Minutemen and allowed only three hits for the 18th-ranked Cardinals.

Local High School Softball Results:

APRIL 14:

Cranford 10, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 2

Kiera Zimmerman had five hits, including a triple and a double, and three RBI for 2-0 Cranford. Caitlin McNelis poked three singles and had an RBI for the 2-1 Raiders and Laura Manzi thumped a triple.

Cranford 320 003 2 10
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood 000 020 0 2

Union Catholic 6, Roselle Catholic 0

Sophomore Danielle Chapla tossed a one-hitter and sat down six Lady Lions for the 3-0 Vikings. Liz D'Antonio tapped a two-run single and Stephanie Massaro added a two-run triple in the third inning for Union Catholic. Katie Potochney drilled a double in the sixth for Roselle Catholic.

Union Catholic 006 000 0 6
Roselle Catholic 000 000 0 0

Roselle Park 1, New Providence 0

Becky Riccitelli threw a perfect game for the 2-0-1 Panthers. She doubled and scored on a bases-loaded walk in the fourth inning.

New Providence 000 000 0 0
Roselle Park 000 100 x 1

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Westfield Boosters to Evaluate Scholarship Applications

Each year, The Westfield Boosters sponsor a special Awards Dinner to recognize both the girls and boys senior class championship teams and announce its scholarship winners. The dinner will be held at the Westwood in Garwood on May 21.

The \$1,500 individual scholarships are for Westfield High School (WHS) senior athletes who have excelled in academics, showed leadership qualities and made a substantial contribution to the athletic program. There are specific requirements for receiving these scholarships. Applications have been mailed out to all WHS seniors and they are also available at the Athletic Office.

At the latest meeting the boosters

received an update from Glen Kurz (WHS Wrestling Head Coach) and Mike Tyrone (WHS Bowling Head Coach). Each coach explained their respective successes of the most recent season and congratulated several of their young men for their competitiveness and dedication.

Coach Kurz was encouraged by the most recent Board of Education decision to support eighth-grade sports, which is being funded next year. His hope is that wrestling will have more of a feeder group for future wrestling teams.

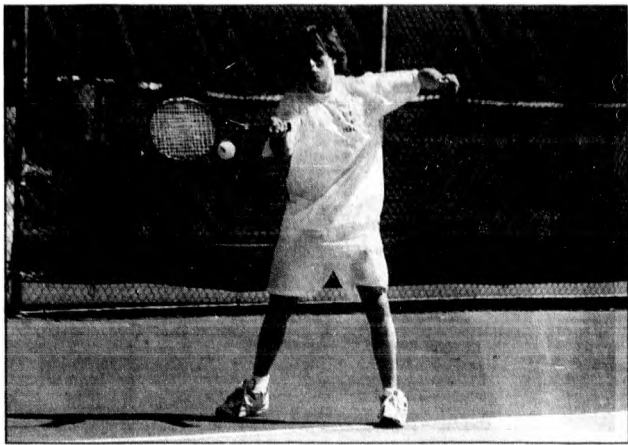
The boosters thank all of the parents who supported the Spring Dance featuring the "Sensational Soul Cruisers." Over 300 people enjoyed the evening.



THANKING FOR A FINE SEASON...Westfield Boosters First Vice President Leo Kane, left, congratulates Westfield High School wrestling Head Coach Glen Kurz for a season well done at a recent Boosters meeting.



THANKING FOR A FINE SEASON...Westfield Boosters First Vice President Leo Kane, left, congratulates Westfield High School bowling Head Coach Mike Tyrone for a season well done at a recent Boosters meeting.



IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE...Governor Livingston's Diego Quintana returns a serve in his first singles match with Scott Gannon of Chatham.

Blue Devil Net Men Capture Westfield Tournament Title

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contested and went to three sets. The remainder of the days confined the Blue Devils to indoor training.

Blue Devil senior Dave Eisenberg, fresh off his 6-3, 7-5 victory at second singles over Mike Monagle of Al J commented on the affects of the fickle weather. "What we did during the week that the snow was covering the courts we trained indoors. We were running the stairs and did sprints inside the hallways. We did that for three days. We came out Thursday and the courts were actually clear. What we (also) tried to do to play tennis was to go indoors at night but that was tough because of the scarcity of courts."

As to the focus of the season, Eisenberg added, "What we really tried to do was focus on this tournament and kickoff a long winning streak. Hopefully run it all the way to the county tournament. We started off against Millburn, one of the best teams in the state, and I thought we made a really great showing. I don't think there are many teams in the state that will have three, three set matches against Millburn."

The Blue Devils only loss in the Westfield Tournament came at first singles when junior Rich Moran fell to Crusader Mike Klimchak — the defending Union County champion at second singles. Moran recovered brilliantly to down Cougar Scott Gannon, 6-3, 7-6 (9-7). Eisenberg went on to defeat a stubborn Glen Gannon, 6-3, 6-7, 6-2.

At third singles, Alec Jaslow topped Crusader Joe Tkac, 6-1, 6-1, and Cougar Alex Yu, 6-3, 6-0. At first doubles, Doug Shineman and Adam

Gerckens stopped Crusaders Chinton Patel and Devin Felder, 6-4, 6-3, and Cougars Ali Raiz and Kevin Haengel, 6-2, 6-4. At second doubles, Alec Wasserman and Lee Bernstein beat Crusaders John Zalesky and William Westlosky, 6-0, 6-3. Wasserman teamed with Brian Kender to down Cougars Matt Roffina and Jason Haverly, 6-2, 6-0.

"We hope that we get some wins under our belt and that it will have a snowball effect so that we can take that momentum and win back the county title," said Eisenberg.

Westfield 4, A. L. Johnson 1

First singles: Klimchak (J) d. Moran, 6-3, 6-1.

Second singles: Eisenberg (W) d. Monagle, 6-3, 7-5.

Third singles: Jaslow (W) d. Tkac, 6-1, 6-1.

First doubles: Shineman and Gerckens (W) d. Patel and Felder, 6-4, 6-3.

Second doubles: Wasserman and Bernstein (W) d. Zalesky and Westlosky, 6-0, 6-3.

Chatham 4, Governor Livingston 1

First singles: Scott Gannon (C) d. Diego Quintana, 6-1, 6-4.

Second singles: Glen Gannon (C) d. Kevin Guidicopietro, 6-1, 6-2.

Third singles: Yu (C) d. Adam Geiger, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

First doubles: Greg Moran and Conrad Zagarazu (GL) d. Raiz and Haengel, 6-4, 6-3.

Second doubles: Roffina and Haverly (C) d. Charles Bong and Dan Stern, 6-4, 6-4.

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Westfield 5, Chatham 0

First singles: Moran d. S. Gannon, 6-3, 7-6 (9-7).

Second singles: Eisenberg d. G. Gannon, 6-3, 6-7, 6-2.

Third singles: Jaslow d. Yu, 6-3, 6-0.

First doubles: Shineman and Gerckens d. Raiz and Haengel, 6-2, 6-4.

Second doubles: Wasserman and Kender d. Roffina and Haverly, 6-2, 6-0.

Raiders Boost Record to 3-0, Nip Cougar Baseballers, 3-2

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to come up with a hit. With one strike on me, I was still looking for my pitch. I was looking fastball inside half the plate. I got the pitch and I went with it."

In the seventh, D'Annunzio led off with a double to left. Baker laid down a sacrifice bunt advancing D'Annunzio to third. Hensal trampled to the plate and crushed his RBI single over the third baseman's head.

"There is no feeling like standing in the box and you know that the game is on the line," said Hensal. "Coach is saying, maybe a suicide squeeze, but you really don't want that, you just want desperately to have that hit. I knew stepping up into the box exactly the pitch I was getting, a fastball on the first pitch. He gave it to me and I took it."

Hensal added, "There really are no standouts on this team. We just did it together. This is a big win for us. We have a big two weeks coming up and this is the first step towards winning them, but we have to take them one by one and that's the way we are looking at it."

Pietrucha silenced all three Cougar batters in the bottom of the seventh to seal the victory.

"Cranford is Cranford, they always hit well and you have to mix things up," said Pietrucha. "Early on, my location wasn't there and I was a little stale from being inside. Against these guys, they'll hit it and they did

the first couple of innings, but I found it and mixed it up, trying to give them a different look each time through the order and it turned out all right. Towards the end, I felt stronger and my curveball was actually working better. I wanted to finish what I started and I wanted it to be on me, no one else, so it worked out good."

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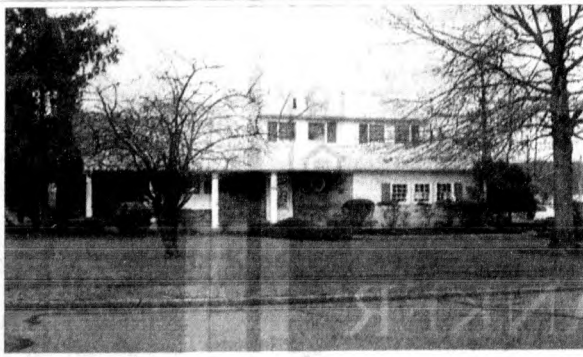
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Local Ball Teams Suffer Case of Cabin Fever

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

During pre-season, the local high school baseball and softball teams weathered the elements of a fickle month of March. When outside, the bone-chilling cold, sometimes snow, and muddy conditions make it very difficult to concentrate on the fundamentals. Many times, the athletes are confined to the high school gym and must practice their batting, pitching, strategies and defensive skills in that less than adequate environment.

However, the athletes endure with anticipation, waiting for the regular season to begin, so they can put their skills to the test. Unfortunately, Mother Nature has not been very cooperative in the first weeks of April, and back to the gym they go.

On Saturday, April 12, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School junior varsity (JV) baseball team tried to make the best of its time by working in the batting cages, especially on the slash bunts and hit-and-run plays.

"It is frustrating. You have to be very creative indoors to do different things," explained Raider JV baseball coach Bob Stevens. "Some hitters said today that they were almost getting tired of hitting in the cage and they want to play the games. They want to be playing outside, so everyday in practice, we try to do something different."

Baseball is a game of timing and rhythm and the hardwood floors do not offer a true test of how ground balls will bounce on a regular field.

There are "no bad hops inside," commented Stevens. "The fields we are playing on this year are all 'skin' (all dirt) infields so they hold the water less and are very muddy so we can't even get our infielders on it. So we have to take them into the outfield and they have to experience worse bad hops."

Inside, the pitchers are also harassed somewhat.

"That is difficult, especially with the pitching staff," expressed Stevens. "You kind of gear yourself up with the pitchers, to have them throw a certain amount of pitches every other day then you increase that until they are outside. Inside they are in unnatural conditions, the ball is not going to move as much. Then when you are finally outside, they are not ready to go seven innings, throwing 70-100 pitches."

Also the confines of the gym make it impossible for the outfielders to work on their judgment of long fly balls.

"The outfield is probably affected the most. They are not seeing balls in the air. When we do get outside, I sometimes spend a day or two on nothing but defense because we do enough offense inside. So, we do a lot of shagging, a lot of fly balls and defensive scrimmages," said Stevens.

With the weather seemingly looking good from Saturday afternoon and early in the week, the local athletes may finally get to shed their cabin fever.

Soccer Assn. Accepting Referee Applications

Applications are being accepted for candidates wishing to become high school soccer referees in the School and College Officials Association (SCO). Candidates must be physically fit and a minimum of 18 years of age. Successful candidates will be eligible to take the NJSIAA exam, which will then qualify them to referee high school varsity soccer matches.

Interested candidates may obtain information by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: David Klein, 37 Bryant Avenue, Bloomfield, 07003-5401.



ENDURING CABIN FEVER...The Raider JVs practice hitting into the net in Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School gym.

Three Police Teams Added To County Basketball League

The second season of the Countywide Basketball League will kick off its first game of the season at 7 p.m. on April 28. Please contact Detective Sandra Chambers of the Westfield Police Community Policing Unit at (908) 789-6084 for game times and locations.

In 2002, Detective Chambers organized a Union County Police and Youth Basketball League, which had an extremely successful initial season. With financial sponsorship from the Union County Prosecutor's Office, six teams from seven police departments, namely, Westfield, Cranford, Linden, Rahway, Elizabeth, Scotch Plains and Fanwood participated. This year, the Plainfield, Hillside and Kenilworth Police Departments were added to the league, bringing the total to 10.

The program is intended to enhance the relationships of the youth and police throughout Union County. The framework of the teams is designed so that the youth and police play together for their respective

communities. The youth must be between the ages of 15 and 18 and not be a part of the basketball program at their high school. Students at alternative high schools are also participating. Following the games, all players will gather for refreshments and informal socialization.

Experience demonstrates that the best way to prevent crime is to develop a positive relationship with our youth. The positive rewards of this program are evident after only one season as a cross section of our youth blended nicely, with some at-risk youth looking toward the officers as mentors.

SP-F Blue Thunder Tie Hillside in Soccer, 2-2

The Blue Thunder of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association 1-12 division came away with a 2-2 tie against the Hillside team on April 13. The game was very physical and many players hit the ground.

Hillside scored first and took a 1-0 lead into the half. Chris McManus got the Thunder even with a goal early in the second half. With time winding down, Hillside took a 2-1 lead. The Thunder, however, unleashed a wild flurry in front of the Hillside goal. McManus nailed a header that just hit the crossbar. Danny Gore, spotting the loose ball came charging in and booted it past the goalie for the tie.

Andrew Smith went the distance in goal and played a solid game. He did not face many shots thanks to the tough defense of Marc Fusillo, Mark Koransky, Mike Roth, Billy Johnston, Danny Rodriguez, and Colin Grimm. Offensively, Greg Benicivengo, Andrew Mannis, Matt Bonner, McManus and Gore did an excellent job of controlling the ball and keeping constant pressure on the Hillside goalie.

Local Gymnast Brown Named ECAC Rookie of the Year

Ted Brown, a freshman at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass., was presented with the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Rookie of the Year Award in gymnastics.

Brown captured first place in the pommel horse with a score of 9.1 at the 2003 New England Men's Gymnastics Championship hosted by Springfield College on March 9. He went on to place second on the pommel horse with a 9.25 behind Jaime Northrup of William and Mary at the ECAC championship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass.

A 2002 graduate of Westfield High School, Brown was a member of Sargent's Elite gymnastics team and qualified for the Junior National Championships his freshman year.

His high school gymnastics career was cut short when he was diagnosed with a skull-based tumor during his sophomore year.

He underwent many surgeries but struggled to keep alive his dream of competing as an NCAA gymnast. Although he can no longer compete in all events, Brown has been dedicated to his specialty, the pommel horse. He has qualified to compete in the NCAA Division I Championship at Temple University in Pa. on April 11.



Ted Brown

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Varsity Sports Schedule

Varsity Boys Tennis

Head Coach: Mike Klimko

4/21	Union	H	11:00
4/23	Kearny	A	11:00
4/28	Plainfield	H	4:00
4/30	Elizabeth	A	4:00
5/1-2	Union County Tour.	A	TBA
5/5	Irvington	H	4:00
5/12	Cranford	A	4:00
5/14	Westfield	H	4:00
5/16	Linden	H	4:00
5/19	Shabazz	H	4:00
5/21	Union Catholic	H	4:00

Varsity Golf

Head Coach: Steve Ciccotelli

4/17	Bridgewater-Raritan	H	4:00
4/28	Watchung Conference	H	9:00
4/29	Westfield	A	4:00
4/30	Union Catholic	H	4:00
5/1	Summit	H	4:00
5/6	East Side	H	4:00
5/7	Immaculata	H	4:00
5/8	UC Tournament	A	TBA
5/12	State Tourney	A	TBA
5/13	Cranford	H	4:00
5/14	Shabazz	H	4:00
5/19	State Finals	A	TBA
5/20	Westfield	H	4:00
5/21	Union	A	4:00
5/22	Bishop Ahr	H	4:00

Union Catholic to Host

Summer Basketball Camp

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Watchung Mountain Girls basketball camp will be held at Union Catholic (UC) High School on July 7 to 11 (grades 4-9) and July 14 to 18 (grades 7-11). The boys camp will be held at UC on July 21 to 25 (grades 6-8).

For more information and a registration form, please call Kathy Matthews for the girls camp and James Reagan, Jr. for the boys camp at (908) 889-1600.

Varsity Baseball

Head Coach: Brian Homm

4/17	Summit	H	4:00
4/22	Morris Knolls	A	12:00
4/23	Union	H	11:00
4/28	Kearny	H	4:00
4/30	Westfield	H	4:00
5/2	North Plainfield	A	7:00
5/5	Plainfield	A	4:00
5/7	Cranford	H	4:00
5/12	Union Catholic	H	4:00
5/14	Linden	A	4:00
5/16	Irvington	H	4:00
5/19	Shabazz	H	4:00
5/21	Elizabeth	A	4:00
5/22	East Side	A	4:00

Varsity Softball

Head Coach: Frank Butz

4/21	Ridge	A	11:00
4/23	Union	A	11:00
4/25	Governor Livingston	H	11:00
4/28	Kearny	A	4:00
4/30	Westfield	A	4:00
5/2	North Plainfield	H	4:00
5/5	Plainfield	H	4:00
5/7	Cranford	A	4:00
5/8	Piscataway	H	4:00
5/13	JP Stevens	H	4:00
5/14	Linden	H	4:00
5/16	Irvington	A	4:00
5/19	Shabazz	A	4:00
5/21	Elizabeth	H	4:00
5/22	East Side	H	4:00

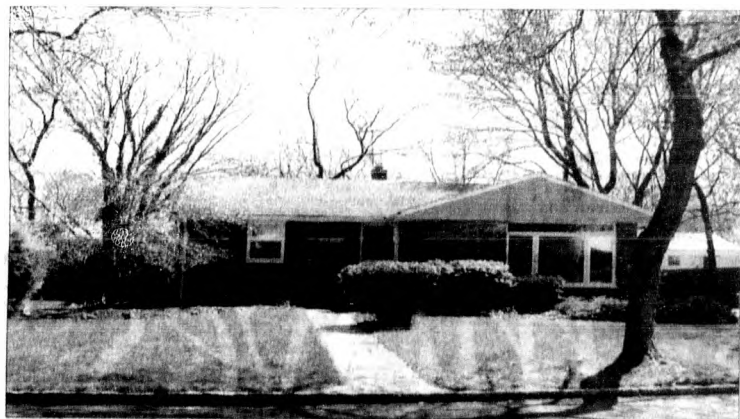
Varsity Track

Head Coach: Rich McGriff

(Boys), Jeff Koegel (Girls)			
4/22	Cranford (Boys)	A	4:00
4/22	Cranford (Girls)	H	4:00
4/29	Westfield (Boys)	A	4:00
4/29	Westfield (Girls)	H	4:00
5/1	UC Relays	A	TBA
5/14	Girls Counties	A	TBA
5/16	Boys Counties	A	TBA
5/23	Sections	A	TBA
5/24	Sections	A	TBA
5/30	Group Championship	A	TBA
5/31	Group Championship	A	TBA
6/4	Meet of Champions	A	TBA

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Westfield High School Varsity Sports Schedule:

[Reschedules not included]

Varsity Boys Lacrosse			
Head Coach: Gerry Benaquista			
4/23	Mountain Lakes	H	4:00
4/26	Delbarton	A	1:00
4/30	Hunterdon Central	H	4:00
5/3	Ridgewood	A	1:30
5/5	WW North	H	4:00
5/10	Fairlawn	A	11:00
5/14	Pingry	A	4:00
5/16	Bridgewater-Raritan	H	4:00

Varsity Girls Lacrosse			
Head Coach: Erin O'Connor			
4/19	Ridge	A	11:00
4/21	Millburn	H	4:00
4/24	Morristown Beard	A	4:00
4/28	Kent Place	H	4:00
4/30	Lawrenceville	H	4:00
5/2	Paramus Catholic	H	4:00
5/5	Old Bridge	A	4:00
5/7	Princeton	H	4:00
5/12	New Providence	H	4:00
5/14	Chatham	A	4:00

Varsity Boys Tennis			
Head Coach: George Kapner			
4/21	Ivington	H	4:00
4/24	Livingston	H	4:00
4/28	Union	H	4:00
4/29	Bridgewater	H	4:00
4/30	Kearny	A	4:00
5/1	Edison	H	4:00
5/2	Union County Tournament	TBA	
5/5	Plainfield	H	4:00
5/6	East Side	A	4:00
5/8	Mt. Kimberly	H	4:00
5/12	MX Shabazz	A	4:00
5/14	Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	A	4:00
5/19	Linden	A	4:00
5/21	Cranford	A	4:00

Varsity Softball			
Head Coach: Tara Pignoli			
4/21	Immaculata	H	4:00
4/23	Elizabeth	H	4:00
4/24	Columbia	H	4:00
4/25	Kearny	A	4:00
4/28	East Side	H	4:00
4/30	Sc. Plains-Fanwood	H	4:00
5/3	Union County Tournament	TBA	
5/5	Ivington	A	4:00
5/7	Ridge	A	4:00
5/9	Roselle Park	A	4:00
5/10	Union County Tournament	TBA	
5/12	Linden	H	4:00
5/14	MX Shabazz	A	4:00
5/16	Union County Tournament	TBA	
5/16	Delaware Valley	A	4:30
5/17	Union County Tournament	TBA	
5/19	Cranford	H	4:00
5/21	Union	A	4:00
5/26	Plainfield	H	4:00

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD

In compliance with the
OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT,
PL1975, CHAPTER 231

NOTICE IS hereby given by the Local
Assistance Board of the Town of Westfield
of the following regular meeting:

DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2003
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Municipal Building, 425 East
Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey. Human
Services Conference Room, Second
Floor.

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Boys/Girls Track			
Head Coach: John Martin Nancy Carpenter			
4/19	Blue Devil Inv'tl	H	TBA
4/22	Linden	H	4:00
4/26	Penn Relays	A	TBA
4/29	Sc. Plains-Fanwood	H	4:00
5/1	Union County Relays	A	TBA
5/3	Minuteman Games	(Eliz)	TBA
5/7	Watchung Conference	TBA	TBA
5/14	Union County Girls	(Eliz)	TBA
5/16	Union County Boys	(Eliz)	TBA

Varsity Golf			
Head Coach: John Turnbull			
4/21	Immaculata	H	3:45
4/22	South Plainfield	H	3:45
4/23	MX Shabazz	A	3:45
4/24	Wardlaw	H	3:45
4/29	Sc. Plains-Fanwood	H	3:45
4/30	Bishop Ahr	A	3:45
5/6	Hunterdon Central	H	3:45
5/8	Union County Tourn	Echo	TBA
5/12	NJSIAA	A	3:45
5/13	Pingry	H	3:45
5/14	Elizabeth	A	3:45
5/15	Morristown	A	3:45
5/19	Union Catholic	A	3:45
5/20	Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	A	3:45
5/21	St. Joseph's	A	3:45
5/22	Cranford	A	3:45

Varsity Baseball			
Head Coach: Bob Brewster			
4/19	N. Plainfield Tourny	A	TBA
4/21	Bridgewater	A	4:00
4/23	Elizabeth	A	4:00
4/25	Kearny	H	4:00
4/26	UCT (First Round)	TBA	TBA
4/28	East Side	A	4:00
4/29	Piscataway	A	4:00
4/30	Sc. Plains-Fanwood	A	4:00
5/3	Union County Tourny	TBA	TBA
5/5	Ivington	H	4:00
5/7	Plainfield	H	4:00
5/9	Immaculata	H	4:00
5/10	Union County Tourny	TBA	TBA
5/12	Linden	A	4:00
5/14	MX Shabazz	H	4:00
5/15	East Brunswick	H	4:00
5/17	Union County Tourny	TBA	TBA
5/19	Cranford	H	4:00
5/21	Union	H	4:00
5/23	Hunterdon Central	H	4:00

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 03-09-S AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor
and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on
April 8, 2003. Copies of this ordinance can
be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Of-
fice, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North
Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey be-
tween the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Monday through Friday.

The purpose of this ordinance is to
AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER
31, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION,
AND CHAPTER 25, POLICE DEPART-
MENT, OF THE CODE OF THE BOR-
OUGH OF FANWOOD TO REVISE SAL-
ARIES OF THOSE EMPLOYEES.

A public hearing on this ordinance will be
held on May 13, 2003 at 8:00 PM.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk

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PRESENTING THE DEED...Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks, center, accepts \$1.00 for the deed to Booth Field from Scotch Plains Fanwood Youth Baseball Association President Joe Sebolao, left, and board member Jim Watson.

SPFY Baseball Assn. Accepts Deed to Booth Field on April 5

The Scotch Plains Fanwood Youth Baseball Association (SPFYBA) started their 48th season on Saturday, April 5, with ceremonies held at Booth Field, home of the 11-12-year old Major Division, in Scotch Plains. Attending guests were Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks, Fanwood Mayor Louis Jung, and Varsity Baseball Head Coach Brian Homm. Deacon Jack Lynch gave the blessing and David Murray sang the National Anthem.

Awards presented included the Thomas Paterson Distinguished Service Award to members Gene Torpey and Jim Watson. The James P. O'Brien Memorial Award was presented to past Senior Division Players Sam Jones and Jared Turner. The David M. Ferro Memorial Sportsmanship Award was presented to past Major Division Player James Dimzio. Mrs. Joan Martinkovic presented the inaugural James R. Sochan Senior Division MVP award to James Scallato, in memory of her brother Jim.

Mayor Marks presented the deed for Booth Field to President Joe Sebolao, completing the Association's pursuit to obtain ownership of the field. The SPFYBA provides the youth baseball program

Gymnast O'Brien Gets Second All-Around

Thomas O'Brien of Westfield, who trains at Sargent's Elite, was a member of the Junior Cup Gymnastics Team at the 2003 Brian Babcock Invitational in Allentown, Pa. in February and placed second in the All-Around in his class.

O'Brien, a Class 2 gymnast, also took top honors in the vault, second on the still rings and pommel horse and third on the parallel bars.

Third Annual Jim & Susan Airey ALS Fund Softball Tourney Set

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Third Annual Jim Airey and Susan Airey ALS Fund Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 17. This event is more than just a day of family fun. It is also a day to help save lives.

Long time Scotch Plains resident, Jim Airey, served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy but now he faces a bigger challenge than any he had to deal with while on an aircraft carrier. Diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Disease (ALS) in 1997, Airey, an amateur softball star, hunter, fisherman and sports fan confronted the unimaginable.

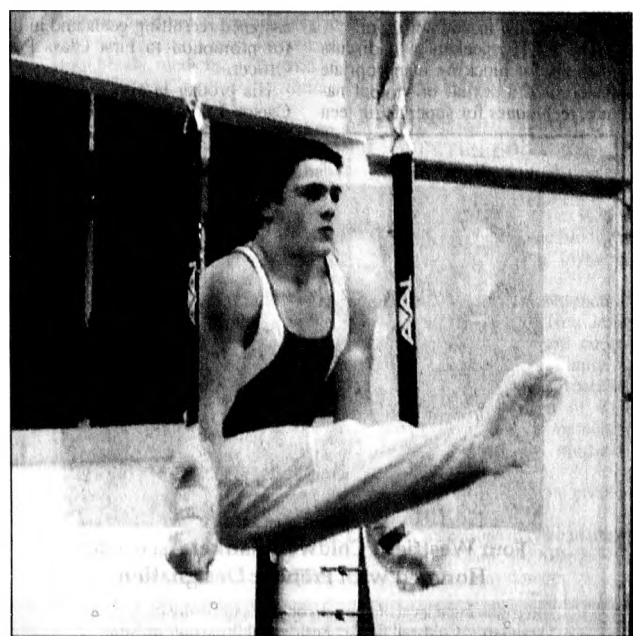
ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, not only has a poor prognosis, it involves the gradual loss of neuro-motor function and robs the person of the ability to do every day things. Like Lou Gehrig, the athlete he so admired, Jim has faced this monumental challenge heroically. He works diligently through the Jim & Susan ALS Fund to raise money for the ALS Therapy Development Foundation (ATDF), a non-profit biotechnology company dedicated to finding treatments and

a cure for ALS.

The May 17 Tournament will be a single elimination format beginning at 9 a.m. with games played simultaneously at Brookside Park and Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains. The championship game will take place at approximately 2 p.m. at Brookside Park with trophies awarded for the first and second place teams.

There will be refreshments available, a raffle, and balloons and face painting for the kids. This year's tournament is made possible through the generosity of local merchants and professional baseball teams, and will feature great prizes, including \$500 cash, a TV satellite dish and receiver, New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies tickets and more. Admission is free.

Donations to the ALS FDF will help Jim and many others with ALS and their families. For additional information, please call Jim and Susan Airey at (908) 889-4145 or log on to the ALS FDF website listed above and meet Jim and Susan through the Family and Friends Community Link to their website.



Gymnast Thomas O'Brien on the still rings

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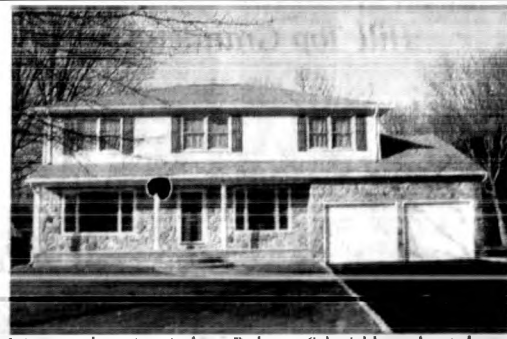
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More Education News

Internet Safety Presentation Slated for UCVTS Families

SCOTCH PLAINS The Union County High Tech Task Force (HTTF) will be teaching strategies for safe Internet use to the Union County Vocational-Technical High School (UCVTS) students and their families on Wednesday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m.

The forum will be held in the Magnet High School auditorium, Mancuso Hall, located at the UCVTS campus, 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

School parents are encouraged to attend with their freshman students, as well as other family members. The presentation will last approximately one hour, with a question and answer period to follow.

The UCVTS Parent School Organization (PSO) will offer this presentation as a special feature of their general meeting.

Christine Campbell, PSO President, stated, "To protect our families from the potential dangers of Internet use, both students and parents must fully understand the risks involved and learn how to counter them."

The HTTF speakers will discuss methods for blocking inappropriate material of a sexual or violent nature, techniques for supervising teen

Web use and ways to avoid becoming a victim of Internet crime.

For more information, please call Ms. Campbell at (908) 758-0839.

Barton Serves At Navy Recruiting Station

WESTFIELD William Barton of Westfield is currently assigned at the Navy Recruiting Station in Marlton. He graduated from Carson Long Military School in June of 1996 at the age of 18.

Mr. Barton joined the Navy in the fall of 1996 and graduated Navy boot camp in Great Lakes, Mich. in the winter of 1997. He was stationed in Mississippi and trained as a ships serviceman.

After four years in the fleet on an Ihd-4, Mr. Barton was given the opportunity to become a Navy recruiter. He has recruited over 30 individuals, which is nearly three times the national average.

Mr. Barton received the Navy achievement medal for exceeding assigned recruiting goals and in line for promotion to First Class Petty Officer.

His brother is also a graduate of Carson Long Military School.

University News



SCOTCH PLAINS GRADUATE... Christopher Sheil of Scotch Plains graduated and fulfilled the requirements for the Building Owners and Management Institute (BOMI) Systems Maintenance Technician and Systems Maintenance Administration (SMA) designations. He received his SMA certification at the graduation ceremony on March 27 at the Richfield Regency. Pictured, left to right, are: Curriculum Coordinator of the Local 68 Training Program Dominick Aricchi, Contract Sales Coordinator for the BOMI Institute Stephanie Russell, Mr. Sheil, and President of Local 68 IUOE Thomas Giblin.

Coleman Award Bestowed To Ogunyemi, Tammam

SCOTCH PLAINS Esther Ogunyemi of Scotch Plains and Jason Tammam of Westfield have been named the recipient of a Distinguished Joseph E. Coleman Award for the 2003-2004 academic year.

A graduate of Union County Magnet High School in Scotch Plains and a student at Albright College in Reading, Pa., Esther is the daughter of Alex Ogunyemi of Scotch Plains.

Jason, a graduate of Westfield High School and a student at Albright College, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tammam of Westfield.

This award is made in amounts ranging from \$8,000 to \$12,000 (\$2,000 to \$3,000 per year for four years) and is given to qualified students of color. Students must show academic excellence as well as community and/or extracurricular involvement.

Univ. of New Hampshire To Honor Kristen Pastir

SCOTCH PLAINS The University of New Hampshire has announced that Kristen Pastir of Scotch Plains will be honored at the University's Honors Convocation on May 3 in Durham, N.H.

A pre-vet major and Presidential Scholar, Kristen will be cited for academic achievement and undergraduate research.

She will present her project, "Ultrasound Assessment of Uterine Involution in the Dairy Cow" at the University's Undergraduate Research Conference later this month.

Kristen has also been invited to speak to incoming College of Life Science and Agriculture students about research opportunities at the University.

In the fall, Kristen will attend Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Wake Forest Reports Fall Dean's List Pupils

WESTFIELD Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. has reported that Westfielders Julie Catherine Iannazzone and Nicole Anne Panza have been placed on its Dean's List for the fall 2002 semester. Both Julie and Nicole are juniors.

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4'H'ers Excel During Annual Public Presentation Night

WESTFIELD Thirty-three students, ranging from first to 11th grade, participated in the Annual Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County 4-H Public Presentation Night, which was held on March 28 at the Union County Magnet High School.

Local participants included Westfielders Sarah Beese, Michael Corcoran, James Kazakis, Madison Mone and Melissa Virzi. Scotch Plains resident Shannon Barry and Berkeley Heights resident Kelsey O'Donnell.

The children overcame the fear of speaking in public by giving five- to eight-minute talks on a favorite 4-H project such as pet care, archery, citizenship and horticulture. Family members and volunteer judges attended.

Using the Danish point value sys-

tem, the judges rated each speech as "Excellent," "Very Good" or "Good." Twenty-six of the children received "Excellent" ratings, two pupils earned "Very Good" distinction, while four were not judged because they were in the younger division.

Westfielder Sarah Beese is one of seven youngsters who scored over 98 and qualified for the first annual Champions Round, which will be held on Friday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at the Union County Administrative Services Building in Westfield. The public is welcome to attend.

Volunteer judges for the night included Westfielders Joan Blagg, Joan Crout, Elizabeth Dwyer, George Hiltz and Michael Lindemann. Scotch Plains resident Pam Gordon, Fanwood resident Christine Walker and Mountainside resident Doris Darsie.



FEED THE HUNGRY... The School One Elementary Parent-Teacher Association Service Committee (S.O.S.) recently helped feed homeless families who are serviced by St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. Fourth graders made muffins, while the younger children at School One filled over 175 bags of homemade trail mix. Third graders made patriotic bookmarks. Pictured, left to right, are: Kathleen Colonna, Chelsea Mills, John Roberts, Sonali Kamath and Kevin Canas.

Scholarships Awarded By County's 200 Club

COUNTY Each year, the Two Hundred Club of Union County, which is based in Scotch Plains, selects high school students to receive a scholarship for academic excellence. The grants are for a four-year duration.

Each of the selected students has a parent actively serving in a police department or firefighting in Union County.

This year's winners include Drew University student Nicholas Sisk, Villanova University pupil Denis Connell, Jessica Escibano of Rutgers

American Univ. Places Cichon on Dean's List

FANWOOD Joanna Cichon, a freshman at American University in Washington, D.C., was named to the fall 2002 Dean's List. A Fanwood resident, Joanna is majoring in communication, with a concentration in visual media.

He is the son of Joseph Swingle and Kathryn McElroy.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town of Westfield in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 AM prevailing time on Monday, May 5, 2003 for the "2003 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY"

The work under this Proposal includes the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the work as described in the Contract Specifications and Proposals shall be in accordance with such Specifications and the terms proposed in the Contract

The major items under this contract include the following in estimated quantities: 100 lineal feet of granite block curb

17,300 square feet of concrete sidewalk (4 inches thick)

2,600 square feet of concrete sidewalk (6 inches thick)

Reset 1,150 lineal feet of bluestone sidewalk

1,800 square feet of new bluestone sidewalk - minimum 2 inches thick

The successful bidder shall start construction ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract is given, and shall complete all work within ninety (90) calendar days after notice to proceed

Proposals shall be in writing on the forms furnished and must be delivered at the place and before the hour above mentioned, and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Town of Westfield in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the base amount of the bid, but not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$20,000.00. Each bid must also be accompanied by a Surety Company Certificate stating that said Surety company will provide the bidder with the required Performance bond in the full amount of the Contract, by a Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor's Qualification Statement, Statement of Ownership, on the forms included in the proposal and in the Contract documents.

Bidders must be in compliance with all provisions of Chapter 127 P.L. 1975 supplement to the law against discrimination (Affirmative Action) and must pay workman the prevailing wage rates promulgated by the New Jersey State Department of Labor and Industry for this project, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Town Engineer.

Plans and specifications may be seen or procured (\$25.00) at the office of the Town Engineer, Public Works Center, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any bid, and to waive any informality in any bid, if in the interest of the Town, it is deemed advisable to do so.

Kenneth B. Marsh, Town Engineer

17-41703, The Leader Fax 904 77



Four Westfield Coldwell Banker Associates Honored with Premier Designation

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The combined efforts of Kim, Hye-Young, Mary and Frank resulted in sales volume of over \$90,000,000. In addition, they were applauded for outstanding customer care and contributions to their professions.

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SUPERSTARS FOR KIDS... Preparations are underway for the "Superstar Sunday" benefit to support services of Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH), hosted by the hospital's Auxiliary and twig groups. It will take place on Sunday, April 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains. Pictured, left to right, are: Karen Temple, President of the Mountaintop Twig of the CSH Auxiliary, and Laura Patterson, who are in charge of the auction for the event, and Scotch Plains Councilwoman Paulette Coronato, President of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Twig, who is coordinating the raffle. The "watering cans" are actually purses in a variety of spring shades to be offered at the event.

CSH Auxiliary to Present Annual Spring Benefit

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Auxiliary and Twig Groups of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside will hold their annual party to benefit the hospital's services to the children of New Jersey on Sunday, April 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains.

"The theme of the party is 'Superstar Sunday,' recognizing the efforts of the children and the hospital staff working to assist every child to attain his or her personal best," said Eileen Cherlin, President of the Auxiliary. According to Fundraising Chair-

woman Nancy Jackson, the evening will kick off with a reception hour, including hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner. Entertainment will be provided by a jazz duo featuring pianist Jan Stevens.

"Superstar Sunday has all the right elements," Mrs. Jackson observed. "Not only does it directly benefit children, but it will be a congenial, casual evening in a great location. The collaboration of auxiliary members and twig groups together has been amazing."

A 50/50 cash raffle will be held in conjunction with the fundraiser, as well as a silent auction featuring 15 thematic baskets filled with specialty and luxury items valued between \$250 and \$1,500, compiled by the twig groups of Westfield, Mountainside, Fanwood-Scotch Plains and Summit-Short Hills.

For information or to purchase reservations, please call Teddy Taranto at (908) 233-9527.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TOWN OF WESTFIELD
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the Temple Emanu-El has made application to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Westfield seeking preliminary and final site plan approval and related variances for the demolition of an existing dwelling and the construction of a parking lot and related improvements for the existing temple. The properties involved in this application are located at 750, 752 and 756 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey and are identified as Block 3501, Lot 9, 10 and 11 on the official plat maps of the Town of Westfield. The property is located in the RS-12 zone district.

The application includes a request for relief from several requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance, as follows:

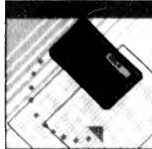
- Maximum coverage by improvements.** Section 18.08D requires that the coverage by improvements not exceed 50% of the lot area. The proposed coverage by all improvements is approximately 70% of the lot area.
- Minimum number of parking spaces.** Section 17.02C.3a requires that houses of worship provide off-street parking at the rate of one space for each 3 fixed seats, or for each 90 square feet of floor area, that could reasonably be in use at one time in the foreseeable future, as determined by the Board. Although information has not been provided concerning the number of fixed seats in use at one time, the zoning schedule on the plans indicates that based upon floor area requirements, 330 spaces are required. Only 170 spaces are proposed.
- Access to parking spaces.** Section 17.05 requires that access aisles be provided adjacent to parking spaces and that such aisles be unobstructed at all times. Seven parking spaces, to be used by employees, are proposed in a "stacked" arrangement in the southwest corner of the property, whereby other parked cars will block access to such spaces.
- Maximum illumination level at property line.** Section 17.10C prohibits illumination from parking areas that exceeds 0.3 footcandle, measured at the abutting residential property line. The proposed parking area lighting results in an illumination level of approximately 0.8 footcandle at the rear lot line of adjacent Lot 8.
- Minimum height of screen plantings.** Section 17.11B and Section 10.20D.3 require that screen plantings be at least 5 feet high at the time of installation. Most of the proposed screen plants are only 2 to 2 1/2 feet high.
- Pedestrian access.** Section 17.12 requires that paved pedestrian walkways be provided as necessary to insure safe pedestrian circulation throughout parking areas and into buildings entrances. No pedestrian walks are proposed to serve the new parking area.
- Locking manhole covers and inlet grates.** Section 10.09E requires that manholes and inlet grates be equipped with locking devices. No locking devices are proposed.
- Yard location of shed.** Section 13.02B.1 requires that sheds be located only in the rear yard. The existing shed is proposed to be relocated to the side yard of the property.

The applicant also seeks approval of any and all other relief not indicated above that may be determined necessary during the course of the public hearings. Public hearings have been ordered for May 8, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Town Hall, located at 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time you may appear and participate in the hearing in accordance with the rules of the Board.

Information, maps, plans and the application are available for your inspection in the Public Works Building, 950 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey, and may be reviewed Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Colleen Meyer, Secretary
Board of Adjustment

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Talking Business

Westfield Resident Promoted To Dir. of Sales/Marketing

WESTFIELD — The Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) announced the promotion of Kerry Tucker to the position of Director of Sales and Marketing. Mrs. Tucker brings eight years of advertising industry experience to her new position, replacing George Bartman as the head of ABC's sales and marketing activities in New York, effective April 14.

Mrs. Tucker joined ABC in June 2000 as manager, advertising/agency marketing. Since then, she has developed relationships with key advertising buyer and seller constituencies, broadening awareness of ABC's growing line of products and services. In 2001, Mrs. Tucker spearheaded ABC's training initiative for ad sales and media buyer constituencies, effectively educating over 1,000

members on groundbreaking changes to the definition and reporting of paid circulation for consumer magazines.

Prior to joining ABC, Mrs. Tucker gained industry experience as the marketing and promotions director for *The Golfer Magazine* and *The Sporting Life Magazine*, also headquartered in New York. She is experienced in creating value-added marketing packages; and coordinating promotional and sponsorship events and programs including sweepstakes, advertising co-ops, themed events and incentive offers.

Mrs. Tucker is a graduate of Syracuse University where she received her bachelor's degree in English and Textual Studies. She currently resides in Westfield with her husband and son.

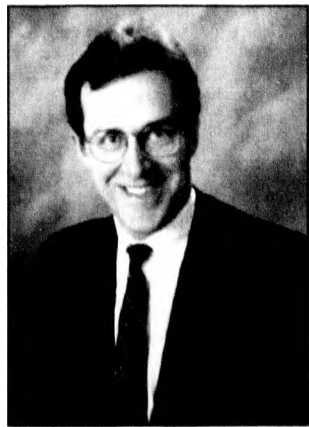
SBA and Kean University to Hold Business Workshop

UNION — A business counseling and loan workshop for area small business owners and start-up companies will be held on Friday, April 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Elizabethtown Gas Company located at 1085 Morris Avenue in Union. The workshop is free.

The sponsors of the program are the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Kean University Small Business Development Center, Union County Economic Development Corp., Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) and the Union Township Chamber of Commerce.

SBA representatives will explain their loan and business counseling programs. SBA lenders will also be available to discuss and review loan applications with small business owners and start-up companies.

To register, call the Kean University Small Business Development Center at (908) 737-5950.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR... Lee Braem was awarded "Volunteer of the Year" by Visiting Health Services of Union County for his pro bono legal assistance provided to the charity. Mr. Braem was presented the award at the charity's annual meeting on April 16. Mr. Braem is Quest Diagnostics' Corporate Counsel.

PRSA Names David Sirotty To Board of Directors

WESTFIELD — The New Jersey Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) named Westfield resident David Sirotty to its Board of Directors. Mr. Sirotty is currently director of Public Affairs at Saint Peter's College in Jersey City.

Before joining Saint Peter's College, Mr. Sirotty was Media Relations Manager for the DVC Group in Morristown. Prior to that, Mr. Sirotty was director of Public Relations/Promotions for CNR, the Comcast Network.

Diamond Books published Mr. Sirotty's, "The Hit Men and the Kid Who Batted Ninth," in July 2002.

Mr. Sirotty graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor's

degree in newspaper journalism and political science.

For more information about PRSA-NJ, please call (973) 252-6464 or visit www.prsanj.org.

BCANJ Presents Safety Awards To Members

AREA — The Building Contractors Association of New Jersey (BCANJ) presented their highest safety awards to 17 member firms at their 2003 Membership meeting on March 25 at the Sheraton hotel in Edison. Members were awarded for completing an entire year without losing a single workday due to an accident. In addition, nine other firms were given awards for finishing last year with "lost workday incident rates" that were below the national average.

Local business recipients for the BCANJ safety awards for 2002 include: J.R. Prisco, Inc. in Summit and Torcon, Inc. in Westfield, both awarded for zero lost time incidents.

In addition, Wm. Blanchard Co., in Springfield, Damon G. Douglas in Cranford and Edward Leske Co., in Union, were all awarded for incident rate below the national average.

The Greater Union County Association To Sponsor Blood Drive

WESTFIELD — The Greater Union County Association of Realtors is sponsoring a blood drive on Monday, April 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The mobile blood van will be parked at Lord & Taylor parking lot in Westfield.

The drive is in conjunction with the Blood Center of New Jersey and is a semi-annual event coordinated by the Realtor Community Service Committee of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors. Blood is available to members of the community should medical need arise.

All donors will be given a free cholesterol check.

Reservations may be made by calling Anne Sank at (908) 233-0065 or just walk in to donate.

Fanwood Egg Hunt On Tap Saturday

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Recreation Commission will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. at the Fanwood Fire House, located behind Borough Hall.

An Egg Draw will follow the hunt. These events are open to all Fanwood residents ages 2 to 10. The Borough Hall complex is located at 75 North Martine Avenue in Fanwood.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 03-06-S

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, CHAPTER 25, POLICE SALARIES OF THOSE EMPLOYEES

was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on April 8, 2003.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-9021-02**

NOTICE TO REDEEM

IRONWOOD ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, Plaintiff vs. VIRGINIA BRYANT, HER HEIRS DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSOR IN RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST; et alia, Defendant(s)

TO: VIRGINIA BRYANT, HER HEIRS DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSOR IN RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST; LINDA S. BRYANT-GREEN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA BRYANT; LINDA S. BRYANT-GREEN, INDIVIDUALLY; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF LINDA S. BRYANT-GREEN, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; KATIE L. JONES; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF KATIE L. JONES, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; TERRY W. JONES, MRS. TERRY W. JONES, WIFE OF TERRY W. JONES; GAIL HOWELL; NATHANIEL SMITH; WILLIAM HOWELL; MARY A. HANDWERK;

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an order made on March 27, 2003, the Superior Court Fixed May 15, 2003, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, prevailing time, at the office of the Tax Collector for the CITY OF PLAINFIELD, located at 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07061, as the time and place when and where you may pay to the plaintiff the amount so found due for principal and interest on its certificate of tax sale as follows:

LOT 13, BLOCK 428 on the tax duplicate of the City of Plainfield. Total amount required to redeem is \$38,336.94, together with interest from February 26, 2003 and costs.

And that unless, at the same time and place, you or one of your representatives, by paying the amount so found due to the plaintiff, then you, and each of you shall be deemed and foreclosed of and from all right and equity of redemption of, in and to the lands and premises above set out and described in the complaint and every part thereof, and that the plaintiff be vested with an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple in said lands and premises.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, redemption shall be permitted up until the entry of final judgment including the whole of the last date upon which judgment is entered.

MICHAEL G. PELLEGRINO, ESQ.
Attorney for Plaintiff

CASALE & PELLEGRINO, L.L.C.
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Muñoz, Bramnick Sign Pledge To Protect Senior Prescriptions

WESTFIELD — Assemblyman Eric Muñoz, M.D. and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, Republicans representing the 21st Legislative District, have signed a pledge to fight for full funding of the state's Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled Prescription and the Senior Gold Prescription programs in this year's state budget.

The pledge, put forth by the American Association for Retired Persons, asks legislators to protect low income seniors and the disabled from reduced benefits or increased costs in obtaining necessary prescription drugs through these programs.

Assemblymen Muñoz and Bramnick have pledged to vote against the Fiscal Year 2004 state budget if it reduces PAAD and Senior Gold eligibility, cuts senior benefits or increases participant expenses.

"There are better ways to deal with a budget deficit than changing the eligibility for the PAAD program. Our seniors need to continue to have access to affordable prescription drugs," said Assemblyman Muñoz, a trauma surgeon at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Under Governor James McGreevey's budget proposal,

single seniors with total assets above \$75,000 and married couples over \$100,000 would be switched from PAAD to the less generous Senior Gold program. Homes are excluded from the list of assets. Up to now, the program has been based on total income, not assets.

Seniors pay a \$5 copayment for PAAD prescriptions. Under Senior Gold, seniors pay a \$15 copayment per prescription, in addition to 50 percent of the first \$2,000 of their out-of-pocket expenses per year.

Assemblyman Bramnick said seniors currently eligible for PAAD depend on the program to pay for their prescription drugs.

"The budget ax should not fall on the back of our most vulnerable citizens — the elderly and disabled. These citizens already have diminished levels of health coverage in our state," Mr. Bramnick said.

In addition to changing eligibility standards for PAAD, the Governor plans to limit the number of drugs covered under PAAD in order for the state to negotiate better bulk prices from manufacturers.

See it all on the Web!
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Asw. Stender Addresses Heating Assistance Program

SCOTCH PLAINS — Assemblywoman Linda Stender announced that the deadline to apply for the Low Income Heating Home Assistance Program has been extended to June 30.

"An unusually cold winter and soaring home heating costs have placed a sizeable burden on New

Jersey residents," said Assemblywoman Stender. "This assistance program can make a real difference for seniors on a fixed income, low income individuals and families who are struggling to pay their heating bills."

The Low Income Heating Home Assistance Program (L.I.H.E.A.P.) is a federally funded program that helps individuals with their energy expenses. The level of assistance varies per individual or household. Assistance is calculated by examining a number of factors including family income, the number of dependents, geographical location, and the type of fuel used.

Specifically, benefits may be provided to residents with a gross monthly income that does not exceed 175 percent of the poverty line. This includes an individual with an annual income of \$15,504 or less, a family of two with an annual income of \$20,892 or less or a family of three with an annual income of \$26,280 or less.

"These benefits are available for heating assistance and energy crisis intervention. I strongly urge qualified residents to apply for this program as soon as possible," said Assemblywoman Stender.

Fundraiser to Benefit People With Autism

WESTFIELD — The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will hold its first annual Champagne Brunch/Silent Auction fundraiser on Sunday, April 27, at 11 a.m. at the James Ward Mansion, 169 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The committee will sponsor the event in partnership with the New Jersey Center for Outreach and Service for the Autism Community and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's autism center. Proceeds will benefit research, treatment, education and services to those with autism.

Tickets may be purchased for \$100 by calling any of event's co-chairmen, Edward Fitzgerald at (908) 668-1448, James Dougherty at (732) 774-3704 or Patrick Fay at (908) 276-4639.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-11985-02
FILE NO. 38.0962

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT
(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

OLIVIA TERRY G/A/L FOR SAMUEL TERRY

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 4 Brighton Road, Clifton, New Jersey, 07012, an answer to the complaint (and amendment(s) to complaint, if any) filed in a civil action in which NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO. is plaintiff and CARLOS A. SANTOS and MARIA SANTOS, HIS WIFE, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-11985-02 within thirty-five (35) days after April 17, 2003 exclusive of said date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the complaint (and amendment(s) to complaint, if any). You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market Street, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated January 25, 1999, made by CARLOS A. SANTOS and MARIA SANTOS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Mortgagee(s), to NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO. DBA COMMONWEALTH UNITED MORTGAGE COMPANY, recorded on February 8, 1999, in Block 7068 of Mortgages for UNION County, Page 0043, and subsequently assigned to the plaintiff, and to recover possession of the lands and premises commonly known as: 247 CRANN STREET, HILLSIDE, NEW JERSEY 07205.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling (732) 249-5000. You may also contact the lawyer referral service of UNION County of Venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue by calling 908-354-4340.

You, OLIVIA TERRY G/A/L FOR SAMUEL TERRY, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a mortgage/lien/judgment that may affect the mortgaged premises and the mortgage being foreclosed herein. You are entitled to Notice of this action for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, to or against said mortgage premises.

DONALD F. PHELAN
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF NEW JERSEY

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

The Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre, Inc. admits young people of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to you if people in the company. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic and national origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other company-administered programs.

1 T - 4/17/03, The Leader Fee \$13.26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting held April 8, 2003 and that the said Council will further consider the same for final passage on the 6th day of May 2003, at 8:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time and place any person who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Bernard A. Heeney
Town Clerk

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2069

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

"CAP" ORDINANCE TO EXCEED
INDEX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2003
(n.l.s.40a:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A-4.5, et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 5% or the index rate, whichever is less, over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and WHEREAS, P.L. 1986, C.203 amended the Local Government Cap Law, to provide that a municipality may, in any year in which the index rate is less than 5%, increase its final appropriations by a percentage rate greater than the index rate but not to exceed the 5% rate as defined in the amendatory law, when authorized by ordinance; and WHEREAS, the index rate for 2003 has been certified by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs as 1.0%; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Westfield in the County of Union finds it advisable and necessary to increase its budget by more than 1.0% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$198,130.95 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the 2003 budget year, the final appropriations of the Town of Westfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and P.L. 1986, C.203, and be increased by 2%, amounting to \$396,261.90 and that the 2003 municipal budget for the Town of Westfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced by filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

1 T - 4/17/03, The Leader Fee \$69.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

2003 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. Surplus \$800,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues \$1,739,429.22
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes \$172,000.00
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes \$3,821,430.78
Total General Revenues \$6,532,860.00

ANTICIPATED

2003 \$800,000.00
2002 \$775,000.00
\$1,646,644.01
\$150,000.00
\$3,595,820.92
\$6,167,464.98

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages \$2,844,872.00
Other Expenses \$2,606,504.61
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations \$131,681.03
3. Capital Improvements \$54,252.00
4. Debt Service \$545,550.18
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes \$350,000.00
Total General Appropriations \$6,532,880.00
Total Number of Employees 82

2002 BUDGET

\$2,719,594.00
\$2,354,591.23
\$125,099.62
\$39,467.50
\$558,712.56
\$370,000.00
\$5,187,554.99

BALANCE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT

GENERAL
Interest \$406,084.00
Principal \$2,134,000.00
Outstanding Balance \$2,540,084.00

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fanwood, County of Union on April 8, 2003.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 13, 2003 at 8:00 o'clock (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2003 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of Eleanor McGovern, Borough Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023, (908) 322-8236, during the hours of 8:00 (A.M.) to 4:00 (P.M.).

1 T - 4/17/03, The Times

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BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDINANCE 03-08-S AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Bond Ordinance published herewith Ordinance No. 03-08-S was introduced and passed upon first reading at the meeting of Council of the Borough of Fanwood in the County of Union, New Jersey, held on April 8, 2003. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Council on May 13, 2003 at Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey at 8:00 P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 03-08-S

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,339,040 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,034,788 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF ALL MEMBERS THEREOF AFFIRMATIVELY CONCURRING) AS FOLLOWS

SECTION 1.
The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Fanwood, New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the said improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$1,339,040, such sum includes the sum of \$250,000 expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in connection with the improvement described in Section 3(a)(1) and (b) \$54,252 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provisions in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2.
In order to finance the costs of the improvements, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,034,788 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$1,034,788 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3.
(a) The Improvements authorized and the purpose for which obligations are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

Improvements	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
1. Various road improvements including Woodland Avenue, Westfield Avenue between North and Portland Avenues, and Pleasant Avenue; resurfacing Public Works Complex, milling and resurfacing of Shady Lane, Trenton Avenue and Municipal Complex; slurry seal various streets; curb replacement and sidewalk replacement at various locations; drainage reconstruction at Poplar Place and Clement Place; bikeway path network inspection, including all work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto	\$815,000	\$536,863	15-15
2. Sanitary sewer improvements at various locations, drainage pipe reconstruction of Byron Lane, and reconstruction of Byron Lane drainage, including all work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto	118,000	112,123	40
3. Various recreation improvements including Forest Road Park Building renovations and LaGrande Park Field reconstruction, including all work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.	160,000	152,032	15
4. Acquisition of equipment including dump truck with plow, salt spreader, four wheel drive vehicle, audio system, mobile computers and radar units, file cabinets and computer upgrade	177,900	169,040	5
5. Various improvements to municipal property, including installation of monitoring wells, salt and gravel bins, construction of lot for fire department, roof for municipal building, elevator study and lighting for library, interior door for police department and tax map modifications.	68,140	64,730	15
TOTAL	\$1,339,040	\$1,034,788	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$1,034,788.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$1,339,040 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough

SECTION 4.
All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5.
The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6.
The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Borough may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, and according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15-15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,034,788 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$125,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7.
Any funds received from time to time by the Borough as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said improvements shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Ordinance.

SECTION 8.
The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9.
This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that the Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$1,034,788.

SECTION 10.
This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Louise C. Jung, Mayor

Eleanor McGovern, Borough Clerk

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POPCORN™

Phone Booth: Has Your Number

One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent



By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
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Some movies are really just a big trick...no more than a bit of filmic prestidigitiation. For example, while you're watching *Phone Booth*, you think, "This is really something...boy is this different."

You can't help but be mesmerized by director Joel Schumacher's short and acerbic ditty about Stu Shepard (Colin Farrell), a vainglorious young publicist imprisoned in a New York City phone booth by a self-righteous sniper.

"Stay put and do what I say or I'll kill you," warns the anonymous voice at the other end of the line. Whew!

Granted, it's as nifty an idea as it is ugly. The filmmaker's apt handling of Larry Cohen's tightly knit script is undeniable. Colin Farrell's commendable performance is right out of Scene Study 101. And a devilish turn by Kiefer Sutherland as the taunting terror in the sky gives us just what we need...yet another homicidal maniac we can't locate for the love of us.

It's 81 minutes of hair-raising tension. But later, perhaps over the morning Corn Flakes, you might think better of your original take. You may feel a bit manipulated, and even a tad sullied by the experience. In short, what you thought was the real thing was just a cheap thrill. Oh, the shame of it all.

If you feel guilty, it's nothing compared to the troubled conscience Farrell's two-bit flack is toting around. Of course we don't detect this at first. Neither does he.

Look out for the forced catharsis up ahead.

Stylishly reminiscent of Tony Curtis' public relations hustler in *The Sweet Smell of Success* (1957), Farrell's inveterate conniver strides down Broadway with the pompous authority of a self-knighted royal.

A Napoleonic interloper seeking to claim his place among the beautiful people, he convinces himself of his importance by boastfully shouting tricks of the trade to his impressionable intern (Keith Nobbs). He's also thinking of cheating on his wife. All of which makes him a perfect target for our high-tech peeping Tom.

Thus on this fateful day, at the regularly appointed hour when the Bronx native enters the "last phone booth in New York City" on 53rd Street and Eight Avenue, ceremoniously removes his wedding ring and dials the object of his dalliance, the fiend strikes. Before he has a chance to make his call, the phone rings. Stu answers it. As the caller later ominously observes, "A ringing phone has to be answered...doesn't it?" And that's too bad for Stu, because the news isn't good.

After some initial wrangling, wherein the Voice ultimately proves his authority by killing Leon (John Enos), a pimp who's been hounding the press agent for hogging the phone booth, the rules of this new relationship are established. They're not very fair.

The Voice will do and say as he wishes, pontificate at length with no readily definable purpose, moralize ad infinitum without having to prove his credentials, and generally have a bit of sport with the victim of his terror.

Stu's role, on the other hand, is to snivel, beseech, genuflect, cry, agonize and do whatever else it takes to keep the unseen inquisitor from doing him the way he did the pimp.

By this time, it's quite a scene. Non-New Yorkers will probably enjoy the stereotype. There's the dead body in the street, a lot of broken glass and a gathering crowd. The police have arrived. Because the protagonist can't tell the police any differently, though he will certainly try, it only figures that they think he's the one who offed Leon.

Unaware of the terror that stalks from any one of the thousands of windows peering down at 53rd and Eighth, the rather animated prostitutes vociferously vouch to Stu's guilt. Of course no amount of beseeching from Police Captain Ramey, nicely exacted by Forest Whitaker, can budge the press agent from his station. Poor Stu wonders what he's done to reap this tragic dilemma. The Voice is happy to let him know.

The sinister tormentor smugly supplies his captive with a short list of other victims of note who have recently suffered his scorn, like the stockbroker who got a little greedy or the starlet who didn't care who she traipsed over to achieve fame. Thus the implication is that Stu, like these others who have mysteriously turned up dead in the Big Apple, falls into the same category of ethical deficiency.

But "Whoa, hold your horses," sez we, or at least the cowboys and cowgirls among us do. Because it's at this point that the audience can no longer issue Messrs. Schumacher and Cohen a free pass.

We begin to question the purpose and symbolism, if any, of this rifle-wielding judge and jury. We wonder, just how much of this rather strident stuff is actually good drama, and just how much is simply sheer sensationalism, spewed forth under the disingenuous guise of moral speculation? We suspect that if we should ever catch up with the writer and director, odds are they won't be discussing Plato. More likely they'll be in the back room counting the take.

Granted, some fire and brimstone types might like the idea of an insane vigilante making arbitrary moral judgments from behind a telescopic sight. They'll probably even go home and tell their children that they've just seen a great movie. That's assuming that they didn't bring the little tikes along with them in the first place. Yes, it's an R-rated film, but bear in mind that babysitters are hard to come by among this demography, especially sober ones.

However, with that said, for the vast majority of us who still believes in the civil liberties and protections afforded by the Bill of Rights, the specious shortcut that *Phone Booth* takes tends to stick in your craw. Those who belong to this more enlightened group, but who don't have craws, will find it goes against their grain. Almost everyone has grain.

No bones about it, Stu Shepard is a scalawag. However, because his chosen profession is too often synonymous with deceit and double-dealing, less vengeful viewers may tend to be emotionally lenient with the cad. But then if we weren't, where would it end? Who would we go after next? Car salesmen and lawyers?

Now, insofar as that potential infidelity: Yes, there is little doubt that Stu has had unchaste thoughts that, if actually realized, would abrogate his marriage vows in most states and U.S. territories. Still, while some may bemoan the fact, as of yet there are no thought police in our society. And anyway, wouldn't an appearance before Judge Judy on both counts be remedial punishment enough?

With no character study of the maniac to dramatically justify the rather odd treatment, as it stands this is *Death Wish* (1974) meets *Minority Report* (2002) with a stop off at any serial killer flick. While it makes for plenty of excitement and seat-edged tension along the way, the heavy-handed and obviously off-the-hook *Phone Booth* just doesn't ring true.

Phone Booth, rated R, is a 20th Century Fox Pictures release directed by Joel Schumacher and stars Colin Farrell, Kiefer Sutherland and Forest Whitaker. Running time: 81 minutes.

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Junior League Selling Literary Luncheon Tickets

SUMMIT—Tickets to "A Literary Luncheon," hosted by the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield, are now on sale. The fourth annual event will be held on Friday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit.

Along with the luncheon, there will be a tricky tray auction and a silent auction. The silent auction will feature, among other items, original art from one of the guest authors, Robert Quackenbush.

This year, the committee will welcome the following authors:

Jacquelyn Michard—the author of "The Deep End of the Ocean," an Oprah Book Club selection that was made into a movie starring Michele Pfeiffer. Michard has a new book coming out this spring.

Adriana Trigiani—the author of three books in the "Big Stone Gap" series, "Big Stone Gap," "Milk Glass Moon," and "Big Cherry Holler." She is currently working on a screenplay of "Big Stone Gap."

Meg Wolitzer—the author of the critically-acclaimed "Surrender,"

Wolitzer has a provocative new book coming out this spring.

Robert Quackenbush—author of over 100 children's books, including the "Miss Mallard" series and the "Bat Boy" series.

Linda Fairstein—returning as Mistress of Ceremonies. She also has a new book coming out this spring.

General seating tickets are \$75 per person. Benefactor tickets are \$125.

The benefactor tickets are new this year and they entitle the benefactors to a private benefactor book signing from 10 to 11 a.m., premiere seating, an honorary mention in the program, and a special benefactor gift.

Tickets are tax-deductible.

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield, celebrating its 80th year, is an organization of over 300 women drawn from throughout Union County, is committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

For more information, ticket reservations, or to become a member of the League, please call (908) 709-1177.

Y's 'Young Child Week' Marked With Unique Art Exhibition

WESTFIELD—During the first two weeks of April, Trader Joe's on Elm Street displayed pieces of children's artwork to celebrate the "Week of the Young Child." The pieces were created by participants in the Westfield Y's Half-Day Preschool Program.

The week, which was established in 1971, is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for

needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

The Y offers half-day and full-day childcare programs for children between the ages of 12 months and five years. All classes are led by experienced and loving staff members.

The curriculum encourages creativity, nurtures growth and helps build self-confidence. As in all Y programs, the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility are always emphasized.

For more information on Westfield Y programs for young children, please call (908) 233-2700.

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the audience as well. As if that were not mesmerizing enough, the spectacular staging of her number rivals any on Broadway.

TINY QUILTERS...The Westfield Y Half-Day Preschool's Time for Two's Class created a spring quilt using spring colors and patterns, under the direction of teacher Denise Berkowitz.

the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with over 100,000 members and a network of nearly 450 local, state and regional affiliates. The Y's preschool program is NAEYC accredited.

The purpose of the week is to focus public attention on the rights and

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surely blessed to have a happy ending to Lynch's story, and those of so many other POWs. Where are their Sunday night movies of the week?

I can see it all now. Gwen Paltrow will play Jessica—but producers will want to twist the plot—like, Jessica is having a sordid affair with an Army lieutenant played by George Clooney. But, when Jessica is taken hostage by an Iraqi official, played cleverly by Antonio Banderas, she is torn between her desperation for survival and her longing to be reunited with Clooney again. The harsh reality of Lynch's story probably wouldn't be gripping enough to hold the interest of movie audiences. Look at the lengths we've gone to in forced-reality television. How many bugs can you force down your throat? Would you marry a total stranger on television?

If for no other reason, Lynch's heroic story has been well told and retold through television news magazines. She has already been splashed across the cover of *Newsweek*. We're thrilled she's home. She's one of the lucky ones. We are indebted to her selfless sacrifice. But, above all, we must revere Lynch enough to view her as the heroine she has become, not the ratings booster NBC wants her to be.

Poetry Month Will Be Marked With Reading At FW Carriage House

FANWOOD—The Fanwood Cultural Arts Committee's "Carriage House Poetry Reading Series" will celebrate National Poetry Month with a free reading by five of Union County's most distinguished poets: Tom Plante, John McDermott, Deborah LaVeglia, Joe Weil and Adele Kenny.

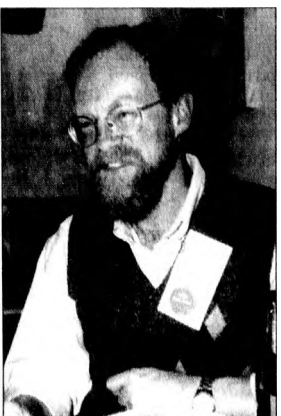
The event will be held on Wednesday, April 30, at 8 p.m. in the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center on Watson Road near Martine Avenue, adjacent to Fanwood Borough Hall.

Plante, a Fanwood resident, is the author of several collections of poems, including "My Back Yard-stick." A popular reader in local poetry series, he is the publisher/editor of *Exit 13* magazine, a nationally acclaimed poetry journal.

McDermott, a Cranford resident, is a Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Poet, a teacher at Union County College, and a well-known poetry workshop leader. He received honorable mention in the Allen Ginsberg Awards. He is the author of a poetry chapbook entitled, "Bits and Pieces."

Another Cranford resident, LaVeglia is the author of a poetry collection entitled, "Vigil." She conducts poetry workshops and is co-director of the Poets Wednesday Poetry Series at the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge. Her award-winning poems have been published in journals throughout the country.

Born and raised in Elizabeth, Weil is a Cranford resident. He is a Dodge Poet and an instructor at Middlesex County Arts High School. Weil publishes *Black Swan Review* and is co-director of Poets Wednesday. He has appeared



PLANTE THE POET...Tom Plante of Fanwood is one of the poets who will offer a reading to mark April as National Poetry Month at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center.

on "Fooling With Words" with Bill Moyers and is the author of several collections of poems, including "In Praise We Enter."

Kenny, a Fanwood resident has received two poetry fellowships from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, an Allen Ginsberg Award, the Roseliep Award, a Writer's Digest Award, and a Women of Excellence Award from the Union County Commission on the Status of Women. She is the author of several books, most recently, "Chosen Ghosts."

The reading will include, among other works, poems from the poets' collections that honor the people and places of Union County. An open reading will follow the featured readers.

Admission is free and all are invited to attend. For more information, please call (908) 889-7223.

Potters' Guild of New Jersey Plans Annual Spring Showcase

MOUNTAINSIDE—The Potters' Guild of New Jersey will host its 10th Annual Spring Sale of functional and sculptural ceramics and ceramic jewelry at the Trailside Visitor's Center in the Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, at New Providence Road and Coles Avenue, on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Judy Muscant will display her richly colored functional work that has been shown in a number of galleries in the state. Carla Horowitz, a well-known area pottery teacher will display her stoneware pieces that are carried by many galleries and decorators.

Deborah Goletz will exhibit her tile work, which was recently featured in *Ceramics Monthly*. Judith Lerner Taylor, former soloist with the American Ballet Theatre, will show her stoneware collection, "Earth Dances."

A wide selection of vases, wall pieces, pitchers, teapots, platters, casseroles and raku vessels, ceramic jewelry, one-of-a-kind sculptures and decorative objects of art will be exhibited.

For directions to the show, please call the Trailside Visitor's Center in the Watchung reservation at (908) 789-3670.

The Guild is open to potters of all skill levels living in New Jersey. For more information about the Guild, or to join, please see visit www.Pottersguildnj.com.

Local Celebrities Local High School Students Win Rutgers Poetry Contest

NEWARK—Scotch Plains resident Michael Allen and Fanwood resident Jessica Schink have been awarded for their winning entries in the 15th Annual Rutgers-Newark New Jersey High School Poetry Contest.

A reception was held on April 15 at the Paul Robeson Student Center on the Rutgers-Newark campus.

Michael, a senior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS), and Jessica, a junior at SPFHS, were chosen by judges from over 500 entries. They are among 20 winners to receive a \$100 prize.

Their poetry will be published in the Rutgers-Newark chapbook, *News*

Choral Society

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dedication and passion for the group is evident. It is obvious why the CAS has been able to survive after all of the years when the devotion of its members is so apparent.

The CAS hopes that the 40th anniversary concert in May will be a huge success. Tickets are on sale now. For further information, please call (908) 654-5737.

Area Youth Symphony Members To Perform in South Orange Concert

AREA—The Junior Strings, Orchestral String Training Ensemble (OSTE) and Flute Choir, all of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, will collaborate their talents in a special concert on Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m. at South Orange Middle School in South Orange. Many local residents will perform.

Westfield residents include OSTE members Chloe Baron, Rachel Baron, Annie Hu, and Justin Snyder, and Junior Strings member Trevor Yee.

Mountainside resident Hannah Wagner, a member of the Junior Strings, as well as Karen Bao, a Scotch Plains resident and OSTE member, will also perform.

Donations will be accepted at the door and tickets are free for children. For additional information, please call the Symphony at (908) 771-5544 or visit www.njys.org.

Coming Next Week:

- Long-time Westfield artist Phil Kase sits down with Michelle Le Poidevin to talk about his career.
- Are Westfield restaurant owners intimidated by a famous name coming to town?
- Painter Gary Godbee exhibits at Art Guild in Rahway

Arts & Entertainment

Four Decades, 68 Members: Choral Art Society Has Reason to Celebrate

By KERRIANNE SPEILMAN CORT
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — For 40 years, the Choral Art Society (CAS) has brought the beauty of classical music to Union County. Since 1983, the group has made its home at the First Presbyterian Church of Westfield, performing two concerts annually.

The company originated in 1963, when founding member and Westfield resident, Evelyn Blecke, became the group's director.

Initially called the Suburban Symphony Chorus, the name was changed to the Choral Art Society, the group was incorporated, and musical magic began.

To celebrate 40 years of excellence, the CAS will perform Handel's *Judas Maccabaeus* in concert on Saturday.

Messiah Sing at the Baptist Church on Elm Street and local residents are invited and encouraged to join in.

Bleeke served as musical director for 32 years. At the helm of current musical director, Jim Little, and accompanied by Mary Beth McFall, the CAS focuses on preeminent choral singing. A difficult task, as performing the works of Verdi, Beethoven and Stravinsky is no easy feat. Still, the dedication and talent of the group's members keeps the quality of the work above par.

After the organization experienced

Little, we have gotten a sense of stability and we are a lot more cohesive as a group. We've never sounded better."

While the company does receive a grant each year, they also rely on the donations of business patrons and personal contributions.

In addition, the CAS teams with the Cranford Dramatic Club each fall to host a benefit fundraiser.

First Gentleman of CAS and Publicity Committee, Ralph Jones, also speaks with great joy and admiration for the company. His

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CHORAL CROWD... This year, members of the Choral Art Society of New Jersey, which is based in Westfield, are feting their 40th Anniversary.

May 10, at their home in Westfield. A pre-concert lecture hosted by Dr. John Sichel will kick off the event. Patrons will also be welcome at a post-concert reception.

A volunteer organization, the group consists of 68 members who donate their time and talent to the works of Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Haydn, Williams and others. Every December, the company also hosts a

retirement of Bleeke in 1995, two interim directors had led the ensemble until Little stepped in and transformed the singers. His tutelage has lasted for the last 10 years.

CAS President, Suzanne M. Beeny-Jones, admitted that a lot of hard work goes into maintaining the longevity of a troupe such as this. She told *The Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that, "Under Jim

Photo Courtesy of the Choral Arts Society of New Jersey
MAKE A WISH FOR 40 MORE... Choral Art Society of New Jersey President Suzanne M. Beeny-Jones prepares to cut the cake marking the organization's 40th anniversary. The gala celebration was held at The Westwood in Garwood on March 29.

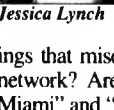


Pen & Ink:

Why Have NBC's Vultures Descended On Jessica's Story?

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

Now is not the time. In fact, it is the worst time of all for the management at NBC network to bombard the family of rescued Prisoner of War Jessica Lynch for the movie-making rights to her traumatic experience. Could there be a more deliberate display of tawdry sensationalism for the sake of cashing in on someone else's misery? Are ratings that miserable at the peacock network? Aren't "Good Morning Miami" and "Watching Ellie" pulling in their share? Even Lynch's father knows this is true. For, he told the Associated Press, "We're not going to jump into their moneymaking schemes. That's all it is."



NBC retorts that the only reason it is pursuing the project is to relate a heroic tale to uplift a nation during a time when Americans are hearing little but news which depresses them.

Still, it seems that networks are confronted with the inevitable quandary of preserving a healthy amount of respectable programming — a little laughter in a stale sitcom, some tears from a sappy Sunday evening drama — without losing audiences which are faced with the bloody loss of our soldiers. It's a juggling act few network executives can win.

And yet, chasing down a family for movie rights while their daughter is still recovering from God only knows the innumerable atrocities of war is cruel. But, it is certainly not a surprise. Does anyone recall how many different actresses portrayed the "Long Island Lolita" when America was consumed by the Joey Buttafucio/Amy Fischer saga? Nobody scoops up a scandal with greater appetite than network mini-movie filmmakers. I'm just grateful that they have kept their considerate distance from the 9/11 tragedy before turning America's nastiest nightmare into a mini-series.

Lynch's story is not scandalous or salacious like the O.J. Simpson trials, the Lewinsky/Clinton tryst, the Jon Benet Ramsey case, or the Tonya Harding/Nancy Kerrigan fall-out. Born from such a dramatic backdrop as is war, our nation is

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Turning Grief Into Tribute: Students Build Greta's Corner

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — The memory of Greta Schoenemann, the Westfield High School student who was killed by a falling tree

limb on September 11 of 2002, will be honored with the things she enjoyed the most — books.

The students of Roosevelt Intermediate School are in the process of designating a section of their media center "Greta's Corner," in memory of their school's former student.

Roosevelt's Leo Club, a service club for sixth, seventh and eighth graders who also work with the Blind Foundation, the Lions Club and the National Burn Foundation, spearheaded the project as a way for the students to come to terms with Schoenemann's death.

Because she loved the library and reading books, the students felt a reading corner dedicated to her memory would be a fitting commemoration.

"The students wanted to create something concrete, something lasting," said Barbara Mellen, a Roosevelt teacher and moderator of the Leo Club.

"They were looking for a way to say to Greta's family: 'this is what Greta liked, and we know it,'" said Mellen.

A list of approximately 100 books pertaining to Schoenemann's interests was put together by the school's Media Center. The books range in subject from art to music to poetry to soccer.

A sampling of the books to fill "Greta's Corner" include an anthology entitled "Poetry Out Loud" and "The Art of Papermaking" by Bernard Toale.

Schoenemann was an avid reader of "Chicken Soup for the Soul"-type books, and they will be included in the collection as well.

A donation by the Westfield Lion's Club allowed the Media Center to purchase a couch for "Greta's Corner," and other

monetary donations have been used to purchase books.

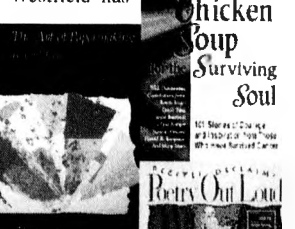
Westfield Lumber donated wood to construct special shelving to hold the books for "Greta's Corner." Money for other expenses was raised by the students who held bake sales and other fundraisers.

Currently there are 25 books in "Greta's Corner." The books are allowed to circulate.

"I am very proud and happy to be associated with 'Greta's Corner,'" commented Moira Abraham, Director of the Media Center for

Roosevelt School. "We are receiving strong community support: many people open to helping out."

The Town Bookstore in Westfield has



set aside books that have been approved for inclusion in "Greta's Corner," and is offering a 10 percent discount on these books, according to Grace Roth, co-owner.

A book purchased at Town Book Store and donated to "Greta's Corner" will include a bookplate with the donor's information and a message. Monetary donations to be used for the purchase of books are also being accepted.

A dedication of "Greta's Corner" is tentatively scheduled for the end of May, according to Mellen. Anyone interested in donating a book to "Greta's Corner" can contact Roosevelt Intermediate School at (908) 789-4560 or the Town Book Store at (908) 233-3535.

Get Outta The House

By CAROL F. DAVIS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Twice each year, in the spring and in the fall, Cranford holds its *Antique Fair*. The next one is coming to the South Avenue train station parking lot on Sunday, April 27, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be over 50 antique dealers, and on-site appraisals will be available. Admission is free, and the rain date is May 4.

Also on the 27th, *Arbor Chamber Music* will continue their 12th season with a concert at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Avenue at the corner of East Broad Street in Westfield at 4 p.m. Call (908) 232-1116, or visit www.westfieldnj.com/arbormusic for more information. General admission is \$20 for a program that will include Mozart, Brahms, and Shostakovich, complete with the clarinet, cello, piano, and viola. Voila!

If you remember singer/songwriter *Eric Anderson*, there's a good chance you have your reading glasses on. This pioneer of the 60s folk scene is still performing, and you can see him at the Watching Arts Center on Friday, April 26, at 8 p.m. Nashville singer Cindy Kalmenson opens the show. They don't take reservations, but you can buy your \$15 ticket in advance using PayPal, or purchase them at the door. Call (908) 753-0190 for details. C'mon, you surely remember "Thirsty Boots" or "Close the Door Lightly?"

Sorry, but here is some equal time to the other music lovers. Barry Manilow wrote the song *Copacabana* in 1978, followed by the eponymous musical, a tribute to movie musicals of the 40s. It's making the rounds again, and will be at Kean University's Wilkins Theatre on Thursday, April 24, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for the general public. Call the box office at (908) 737-SHOW (7469).

To make this really fair, the remaining readers may be interested in a short train ride to Madison Square Garden on Thursday, April 17, to see *Yanni* perform live. From his humble roots as a Greek boy with a love for music, to his acclaimed status as a master of the new-age sound, the kid who couldn't read music has come a long way (even though his hair and moustache haven't). Although tickets are more — they begin at \$65 — there are still seats available. Check TicketMaster or call the box office at (212) 465-MSG1.



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE... Park Middle School instrumental music students were chosen to perform with the New Jersey Central Region II Band and Orchestra based on successful auditions. The select regional group is comprised of musicians from Monmouth, Middlesex, Union, Mercer, Somerset and Hunterdon counties. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood students who performed in the March concert included Amanda Bobyack, first chair French horn, Region Orchestra second year in a row, Martine Baruch, second chair baritone horn, Region Orchestra second year in a row, and Karina DeMair, first chair trombone overall, Region Band and Orchestra for three years in a row. Park Middle School placed eighth out of the 77 schools that participated in the audition process.

Two Ways to Help Arts Organizations:

Spring Plant Sale To Reap Benefits For Band Assoc.

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Marching Band Parents' Association will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale fundraiser on Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Three sale locations will be open: the Westfield Board of Education Administration Building at 302 Elm Street, Roosevelt Intermediate School and Edison Intermediate School.

All three sites will offer a variety of geraniums, impatiens, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, azaleas, stargazers, chrysanthemums and Easter lilies. Hanging baskets of Reiger Begonias and New Guinea Impatiens will also be available.

The funds raised support scholarships for members of the Westfield High School Marching Band.

Boosters Plan Clothing Drive

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Association will sponsor a used clothing collection on Saturday, May 2, from 8 to 11 a.m. in the front of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS).

The organization will collect wearable and usable clothing, shoes, belts, handbags and all linens. Stuffed animals are also appreciated, no matter how old they may be.

Donated items should be placed in plastic garbage bags.

The SPFHS Music Department will receive a donation for the total poundage that it collects.



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Take the Stage Pageantry and Splendor Reign With Arthur in Paper Mill's Camelot

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

MILLBURN — As the spray-painted shadows of the moon glisten on a scrim that rises to reveal a mammoth tree overseeing a dimly lit castle, the orchestra plays the title song to signal the audience that they are in Camelot.

And indeed we are transported to the magical world of Lerner. Lowe and Robert Johanson. The latter, no stranger to the State Theatre at Paper Mill Playhouse, has directed/choreographed no fewer than 50 shows at this stellar theater in Millburn.

Make no mistake about it: this is a Johanson production. The stamp of his stylistic magnitude is not mere interpretation of the creators' piece. It is an integral part of the theatrical artistry that one expects with his caliber of excellence. No detail of the pageantry is left to chance. This is a well-orchestrated masterpiece that is fairly seamless.

Resident Set Designer Michael Anania shows his mettle with the delicate shadings and other world fantasy of scrims, drops and spectacular gold gilded set pieces of turreted rotating staircases that appear three stories in height. It's all brought to life with lighting that is so realistic yet subtle that F. Mitchell Dana will add this to his list of memorable credits.

Actor George S. Irving's dual roles of Merlyn and Pellinore are summed up in the honorable label of "character actor." Through interesting and successful vocal variation, he brings both characters alive with the verve and energy of a man half his age. His presence, comic timing, and delivery immediately intensify any scene.

Brent Barrett's King Arthur has mixed the right amount of pathos and strength, bewilderment and confidence in his actor's colorful palette of emotions.

At first, he seems a bit too strong physically, and too handsome facially for the role, almost like the pretty faced traditional Lancelot. But when he sings "How to Handle a Woman,"

the audience sees his vulnerability and he has won us over by the second refrain.

When veteran ingénue Glory Crampton appears as Guenevere in scene after scene wearing one outfit more gorgeous than the next, we are almost glugged by Thom Heyer's costume designs. But all of the gold and silver brocades are not for the leading lady alone.

Chorus members, bejeweled and bedecked in finery provide elegant, stately processions that abound in this production. From the Camelot

processional that is punctuated by well-executed gymnastics to the wedding party's entry that is breathtaking because of the torches and special lighting, a variety of hues and nuances of color families prevail. We are in the midst of a living painting.

Vocally, one could not ask for a better Nimue, the velvet-voiced seductress who sings the haunting, "Follow Me." Diane Veronica Phelan's delicate balance of strength and fluidity knit a gossamer thread of silk that not only ensnares Merlyn, but

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SHINING MOMENT... Brent Barrett, who portrays King Arthur, in Paper Mill Playhouse's rendition of *Camelot*, shares the stage in Millburn with Glory Crampton, who plays Guenevere.