



A MAN AND HIS ART...Harry A. Devlin of Mountainside, artist, illustrator and writer, died on Sunday, November 25, at home. He is pictured above with two of his pieces faded in the background — the sunflower from "Off the Yellow Brick Road, 1989" and his painting of the First Congregational Church in Westfield.

Icon of Art World and Town Patriarch Harry Devlin Dies

By MICHELLE H. LE POIDEVIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Inside his Mountainside studio in March of 1999, artist Harry A. Devlin readied his paintbrush. Peeking through his handmade magnifier, every dab of paint evolved into one of his favorite antique shops in Hopewell, as he gingerly transferred the photographed image to the canvas.

Recalling a prolific career in the arts, Mr. Devlin had told *The Westfield Leader*, "I always knew I wanted to be an artist. To my great surprise, I've made a decent living at it."

Though his battle with a long illness ended on Sunday, November 25, at home, the legacy of his career endures.

Almost one month prior, Mr. Devlin and his wife, Wende, were honored by Union County College (UCC) as Mr. Devlin's 40-year-old caricature of an owl, which was turned into a wrought iron sculpture, was rededicated.

"Icarus," the piece, which became synonymous with the college's Alumni Association, was rumored by Mr. Devlin to have been sketched on the back of a napkin before becoming a symbol of academia. It remains mounted in The Commons at UCC.

A remarkable discovery was made last year when Mr. Devlin's oil painting of the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield was recovered from a Manhattan warehouse. The piece, which is currently displayed at the

Westfield Memorial Library, was the largest Mr. Devlin had crafted, according to an interview conducted in February of that year.

Before mounting it at the library, Mr. Devlin insisted that the painting undergo some touch-ups at his Mountainside studio.

When reflecting on the Miller-Cory piece and its specific meaning to the community, Mr. Devlin told *The Leader*, "It was a fine commission. I realized that it was of great historical value to the community. I gave it my all."

To benefit the Westfield High School Girls' Lacrosse Team, Mr. Devlin donated one of his limited edition landscape prints to be raffled

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BOE Receives Lesson on Plusses, Minuses of WHS Grading System

By MICHELE VACCARI
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Westfield Board of Education members received a history lesson on the grading procedures at Westfield High School (WHS) during the last board meeting on November 20.

The purpose of the lesson: to decide if the grading system accurately projects the academic achievements of the student, and if the process needs to be altered to better project those achievements.

The faculty proposal, presented by WHS Principal Dr. Robert G. Petix went before the board for a second time since January of 1999.

"We need to insure fairness and integrity," Dr. Petix said, "fairness to our teachers and to the students themselves and, at the same time, maintain a grading system that accurately reflects a student's achievement."

The current system, which has been in place since 1971, allows a 10-point margin for each letter grade. A through F. WHS faculty members feel that the range is too broad between grades, suggesting that plusses and minuses should be added to the system.

"Students need a sense of distinction, especially when a student averaging in the high 70s is getting the same recognition as a student averaging in the low 70s and barely scraping by. A grade of C plus adds incentive, while a C minus says 'be careful, you are on the edge,'" said Richard Gangi, WHS science teacher.

Other options include keeping the current system, or adopting plusses only. Allowing for plusses can be beneficial, but some feel including an A plus would only cause added, unnecessary stress and anxiety to the student.

"The last thing I want to see as a counselor is more stress on a stressful child, however stress doesn't come from a grading system. It comes from what you learn at home," said Judy Glasser, a guidance counselor at the high school.

Students also voiced their opinion on the issue that directly affects them.

"To put a minus next to an A that shows excellent achievement cancels out the excellence of that A," said Lexi Brill, a WHS senior.

"I personally believe our grading system would greatly improve if

plusses and minuses were included," said Arlene Gardner, Board President.

However, the board was not ready to commit to a decision on the issue and still needs time to reflect on what would be the best option for the students and teachers of Westfield High School. The board hopes to have a vote by their next meeting on Tuesday, December 4.

The board would also like to begin the holiday season by taking a stroll. The Westfield Holiday Stroll will take place Sunday, December 2, from 6 to 10 p.m. in the downtown. All are welcome to participate.

Town Discovers Shortfall in Funds Paid for Social Security Payments

By PAUL J. PEYTON
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An error in calculating the amount of Social Security deductions taken from the paycheck of members of the Communication Workers of America (CWA) resulted in an emergency budget transfer by the town council last week.

"In part, the shortage was due to the large increases in salary that was awarded to the CWA contract employees and was not factored into the amount due Social Security."

- Lily H. Tsai
Town Treasurer

Council members, upset by the error, nonetheless approved taking some \$50,000 out of the parking administration account.

Acting Town Administrator James Gildea told the council that there naturally is a "big question mark" as to why the error occurred.

"The bottom line is that Social Security was underestimated in this year's budget," Mr. Gildea said. The

budget was prepared by former Administrator Thomas B. Shannon prior to approval of the CWA pact.

The CWA represents 35 civilian employees in the municipal building, including secretaries and support staff such as the deputy town

clerk, purchasing agent, recreation office personnel, as well as dispatchers in the police department.

Lily H. Tsai, the town's treasurer, noted in a memorandum to the council that, "In part, the shortage was

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Two Face Robbery Charges In Rialto Theatre Incident

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Two Union Township men were charged with armed robbery November 17 in connection with an incident that occurred at the Rialto Theatre on East Broad Street in Westfield.

Lieutenant John M. Parizeau of the Westfield Police Department said David Loureiro, 20, allegedly entered the manager's office at the theater at 11:23 p.m., wearing a black mask, and demanded money.

After the manager attempted to call 9-1-1, a scuffle broke out between the two men. The suspect reportedly struck the manager, who then broke free and sought help from

another employee in another part of the theater. No money was taken, Lieutenant Parizeau said.

According to the lieutenant, Loureiro subsequently exited the building through the front door and was pursued by Westfield Patrolman Christopher Battiloro down an alley on the opposite side of East Broad Street.

The officer caught up with the suspect at the World Savings property on Elm Street, where he was arrested. Bruno Lisa, 18, who police said was employed as an usher at the theater, was also taken into custody there and charged with armed robbery.

A gray crowbar was recovered in the theater manager's office but it was not known whether the instrument was used to strike the manager, who Lieutenant Parizeau said was not seriously injured. Bail for both Loureiro and Lisa was set at \$200,000.

County Policy Doesn't Show Signs Of Trend Towards Racial Profiling

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The first numbers on Union County's new policy for how police should conduct traffic stops and detain motorists has not indicated that police are pulling over motorists specifically based on their race, law enforcement officials revealed last week.

"There is nothing in the numbers that jumps out and tells me there is something terrible going on in Union County," said Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan.

The policy, the first of its kind in New Jersey, was initiated July 1 in response to growing reports of racial profiling, specifically among the ranks of the New Jersey State Police.

Of the motorists pulled over by law enforcement officers county-wide between July 1 and September 30, 46 percent, or 9,500 of the motorists stopped, were white; 27 percent, or 5,607 drivers, were African-American, and 4,390 were Hispanic.

Westfield police reported stop-



ENDING RACIAL PROFILING...Assemblywoman-elect Linda d. Stender is joined by, pictured left to right, Union County Assistant Prosecutor James F. Keeffe; Hillside Police Chief John Bryson, who chaired the police chiefs committee that developed the policy to deter racial profiling; Assemblyman Jerry Green and Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan, during last spring's press conference announcing the county's new policy on traffic stops and detentions.

ping 1,159 white drivers, 183 African-Americans and 117 Hispanics. Scotch Plains police reported pulling over 242 white drivers, 119 African-American motorists and 55 His-

panic drivers. Fanwood police stopped 348 white drivers, 191 African-Americans and 57 Hispanics.

Meanwhile, Mountainside

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Parking Panel Proposes Three Smaller Decks At \$40 Mil.; 875 Spaces Would Be Created

By DEBORAH MADISON
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The Westfield Parking Advisory Committee, commissioned by Mayor Gregory McDermott to evaluate Westfield's parking needs, is recommending the construction of three

downtown parking decks at cost of \$40 million. A complete written report of the committee's recommendations is expected to be released by the end of December.

The committee made a presentation of their conclusions at a special meeting of the town council on Monday night. The meeting was attended by approximately 20 members of the public as well as the 12 committee members, the mayor and town council and other municipal officials.

The committee's mission was to "create a strategic parking plan for

the downtown," according to committee member and business owner, Andrew Cataldo.

The advisory panel, which has been meeting twice weekly for the past eight months, concluded that Westfield would most benefit by constructing three smaller decks, rather than two larger decks, previously proposed by engineering firm of Rich and Associates.

The proposed sites for these decks would be the south side of the train station, the parking lot between Prospect and Elm Streets on the side of

Trader Joe's and in the lot behind the Rialto Theatre. The south side deck would consist of two tiered levels to the street level, while the Prospect deck and the Rialto deck propose to add one level to street level.

The reasoning given for this solution was to lessen the impact of building a much larger deck in any one neighborhood and to satisfy the different types of parking needs in these areas.

A variety of industry-standard formulas for calculating the parking

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NUMBER ONE...In the heart of the downtown, Westfield High School seniors pulled out all the stops to show school pride before the annual Powder Puff football game. On their way to the game, these Blue Devil seniors were confident for a good reason. They were about to beat the juniors, 22-0. See the full details of the game in The Week in Sports, beginning on Page 11.

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shortfall were verified by actual parking counts on six different occasions by the committee. The committee's findings were that the parking shortage was estimated to be in the range of 450 to 500 commuter spaces and 350 to 450 downtown spaces for shoppers and employees.

The South Avenue train station deck would provide an additional 475 spaces, while the Prospect and Elm Street and the Rialto decks would provide an additional 200 spaces, each. The three decks would remedy the parking needs in strategic locations where they would most likely be used, the committee members reported.

Additionally, the train station deck would include ground floor retail and upper level residential units, completely obscuring the deck from view, according to Committee Chairman Charles Weidman.

The Prospect and Elm Street deck would also have a residential facade, while the Rialto lot deck would have a "softened facade" buffered with landscaping, but no development.

By including residential facades and by limiting the height, Mr. Cataldo said that the decks were architecturally appealing and in keeping with the character of the town, while lessening the visual impact on any single neighborhood, a concern that was met with great opposition by neighborhood residents when larger decks were proposed by Rich and Associates, earlier last year.

Besides minimizing the visual impact to any one neighborhood, the committee concluded that three smaller decks would also lessen the traffic impact in any one neighborhood. It would also permit the town to "manage the development of the downtown" by controlling where development would be constructed as well as the amount.

Mr. Weidman explained to the council and to the public that many other alternatives were considered by the committee, but were ruled out due to unsuitability.

"The advantage of three locations is that the facilities will be conveniently located and will therefore, more likely be used," Mr. Weidman stated.

Committee member and architectural advisor to the committee, Michael Zemsky, showed aerial photos of the three proposed locations and discussed egress and access of each facility. He explained how traffic could be directed and mitigated on Prospect Street, a concern previously voiced by residents of that neighborhood.

The committee and town council members engaged in a lengthy discussion over conflicting cost estimates from various sources. It was stated that exact costs could not be estimated until planning and construction officials could be consulted on the details of the proposal.

An approximate cost of construction for all three decks were estimated to be in the range of \$15 million for casting of the concrete for the actual deck portions and a grand total of \$35 to \$40 million to add the retail and residential units.

Many members of the council stated that they were in favor of the plan's merits, although some council members had reservations about the unverified cost estimates and the proposal's need to acquire several privately owned lots.

The possibility of declaring the south side of the train station as an area in need of redevelopment and the possibility of acquiring properties by exercising eminent domain were also discussed. It was determined that the town would need to look into the legal process in order to consider those options.

First Ward Councilman member Carl Salisbury remarked, "There is no perfect solution and no perfect site." Other council members echoed the sentiment that no plan would please everyone and any plan would elicit some opposition, but that the town needed to move forward on some solution.

By a consensus of a majority of the council members, it was decided that the town would consult with a planning professional that could evaluate the merits of the plan and advise the town as to what the next stage of the process should be.

Council to Vote on Salaries For Ward Commissioners

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD -- The town council is expected to vote this Tuesday, December 4, on compensation for the five members of the ward commission that recently completed the town's new ward boundaries.

Republicans indicated they support the payment of \$450 to the commission chairman, Town Clerk Bernard Heeney, and \$350 each for the four commissioners, June S. Fischer of Scotch Plains, Mary Ellen Harris of Kenilworth, John DeSimone of Clark and Teresa R. Hale of Hillside.

With the exception of Mr. Heeney, the commissioners are all paid members of the Union County Board of Elections.

The three council Democrats indicated they plan to vote against the payment to the commissioners as a means of protesting the approved new map, putting all of Cacciola Place into the third ward, which takes effect on Tuesday, January 1.

Currently, the Cacciola neighborhood is split between the second and third wards, thus dividing it between the north and south parts of town, with the railroad tracks as a natural dividing line.

Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence Goldman said he would oppose the resolution on the salaries, "If that's the only way I can do it" (oppose the commission's action).

The decision to place a resolution on the council's agenda to pay the commissioners for their work follows a failed attempt by First Ward Councilman Carl Salisbury at the November 27 council conference meeting to muster enough support for a resolution of disapproval of the new ward map.

Mayor Gregory McDermott said he did not agree with Mr. Salisbury's resolution. He said the Cacciola Place neighborhood has not been split; only the location of where residents vote and their council representatives has changed.

He felt a vote on a resolution would only divide the council. The Mayor said those council members opposed to the commission's action are free to write the Board of Elections and also vote against the salary resolution.

"I don't think I want to get to that position (dividing the council) by putting us on the spot," by forcing a vote on the resolution, Mr. McDermott remarked.

Mr. Salisbury said his objection to the new ward map was "not personal; it's philosophical."

"It (the proposed resolution) does little more than state, as public servants, that we believe a public disservice was done (in drawing the new ward boundaries)," Mr. Salisbury explained.

"It was objectively wrong to do what was done and it would be, in my view, a good thing to say something," he added.

He said he was not saying Second Ward Councilmen Rafael Betancourt or Matthew Albano were incapable of representing the new ward, which will include the entire Cacciola Place neighborhood.

Mr. Albano said he feels the discussion has "been very personal and very political," which he added has left a "very bad taste" in his mouth.

"I don't think it is healthy to continue with this dialogue. It just divides us; it doesn't keep us together," he stated.

Mr. Betancourt questioned why residents from the Cacciola Place neighborhood had not come before the council in advance with their feelings concerning the ward map. Cacciola residents and others from the area told the ward commission and the council that they felt "disenfranchised" as second ward voters.

The councilman also commented that redrawing of wards or voting districts "is not personal, it's political, and that's why the state statute has taken it out of this body's hands."

Third Ward Councilman Neil

Sullivan said the council should be involved in the redistricting process before, rather than after, the new map is approved.

Councilman Goldman explained that it would be difficult for residents in this neighborhood to run for council since they would not be in contact with second ward residents. He said the new ward boundaries favor someone who resides on the north side of the railroad tracks.

He said people meet area residents through the schools their children attend, when they are out walking their dog or jogging, among other activities.

Mr. Goldman noted that the Cacciola-Windsor Avenue neighborhood is a minority, African-American community and "Democratic voting block," which has been "diluted" by placing it into the second ward, the strongest Republican Ward in town.

Councilman Sullivan proposed that perhaps the town would be better served by eight wards of one representative each, as opposed to the current four wards, which are each represented by two council members.

During the first commission meeting in October, Third Ward Councilwoman Claire Lazarowitz requested that a small section of Cacciola currently in the second ward be moved back into the third ward with the rest of the neighborhood.

The councilwoman indicated that, in her view, the discussion by commissioners at the first meeting she attended leaned toward the drafting of a map that seemed to be more balanced than the existing one.

She said the process that followed, leading to passage of the proposed map presented by Mr. Betancourt, "seemed to be a little stinky and fishy."

Town Attorney Robert Cockren noted that the map with the least disparity between the largest and smallest wards, based on population, was the existing map. He said the map, approved by the commission in a 3-2 vote, was second in line in terms of disparity populations.

The attorney, who advised the commission during the process, said the map drafted in compliance with Ms. Lazarowitz's comments contained the most disparity by population between the wards.

State statute dictates that the largest ward's population cannot be more than 10 percent greater than the smallest ward.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

• Gregory Aveno, 22, of Westfield was arrested on Coleman Place and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. He was released on his own recognizance with a summons.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

• Jackie Hill, 46, of Plainfield was arrested on South Avenue near Cumberland Street and charged with driving while intoxicated. She was released to a responsible party.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

• Jose Amaya, 22, of Plainfield was arrested at South and Windsor Avenues and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was released to a responsible party.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

• Christine Hewson, 20, of Westfield was arrested on Stevens Avenue and charged with possession of suspected cocaine. She was released on her own recognizance with a summons.

• Several motor vehicle burglaries, which authorities believe are related, occurred on streets within close proximity of each other on the south side of town.

• Compact disc players were reported stolen from one vehicle on Connecticut Street, another on Twin Oaks Terrace and two more on Boynton Avenue. A vehicle on Virginia Street was also entered but nothing was reported taken.

• Geoffrey Gelfand, 19, of Westfield was arrested and charged with hindering apprehension for allegedly giving false information to police officers after he was stopped for a motor vehicle violation on South Avenue near Central Avenue.

Gelfand, who was also charged with driving with a suspended license, was released on his own recognizance with a summons.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

• Mark Roane, 44, of Plainfield was arrested in the 600 block of North Avenue, West, and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was released to a responsible party.



ON THE TOP OF THE WORLD... Cars packed with exuberant Westfield High School seniors traveled down East Broad Street during the annual Powder Puff Parade on Wednesday, November 21.

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off in April of 1999.

A longtime member of the First Congregational Church in Westfield, Mr. Devlin produced an original painting of the building's meeting house, chapel and auditorium in an autumn setting. The piece was displayed at the church during a special reception held in his honor in November of 1999.

Almost one week earlier, Mr. Devlin joined forces with fellow artists in a Green Brook fundraiser for families devastated by Hurricane Floyd.

In 1998, the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC) introduced the 10th annual Westfield Holiday Ornament, depicting the scenery of East Broad Street. The burgundy and ivory design was crafted by Mr. Devlin, and remains the signature logo of the WACC.

Before he married Wende in 1941, most of Mr. Devlin's peers preferred spending time at the movies or dating. For Harry, however, time was better well spent honing his creativity and building model airplanes.

A graduate of Syracuse University, where he majored in illustration, Mr. Devlin moved to New York City with friends and illustrated stories for "pulp" magazines, which contained brilliant covers and insightful issues.

During his freelance career, he designed wartime images for the U.S. Army's manuals prepared by Life magazine. Upon entering the Navy in 1942, he was assigned to illustrate materials for the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Less than a decade later, Mr. Devlin expanded his talents to include editorial cartooning. He penned the first chapter, "Making a Cartoon Tell the Story," for *Illustrating and Cartooning*.

The *New York Daily News* provided an open forum for the artist's ideas and opinions.

Soon, Mr. Devlin was developing illustrations and cartoons at *Collier's* and later, celebrity portraits for *Saturday Home Magazine*.

One of his cartoons for *Collier's*, "Let's All Be Blue," proposed an end to bigotry. He refused, however, to sketch a cartoon depicting controversial former Wisconsin Senator Joseph McCarthy with a positive slant. The squabble at *Collier's* soured Mr. Devlin's interest in editorial cartooning, but the career experience was invaluable, according to an interview with *The Leader* in October of 1999.

In 1954, Mr. Devlin was named Vice Chairman of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's People to People Committee. Two years later, he was elected President of the National Cartoonists Society. In 1988, he became the Honorary Chairman of the National Cartoonists Society, and was a lifelong member of the Society of Illustrators.

Mr. Devlin also illustrated and penned the architectural volumes, "To Grandfather's House We Go: A Roadside Tour of American Homes," and "What Kind of a House is That?" He also illustrated Harold Longman's "The Wonderful Tree House," which was published in 1962.

Renowned for his architectural paintings, Mr. Devlin has captured the historical flavor personified in the Miller-Cory House and Cape May's Victorian-style structures.

Likewise, his portraits have immortalized friends, family and community members. His imagination extended to illustrations of billboards, the board

game "The Bionic Bullfrog" and his beloved prints of who's who and where's where of Westfield, which were commissioned by the WACC.

Shell Oil Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), and New Jersey Bell Telephone are some of the corporations that requested illustrations by Mr. Devlin.

When interviewed in 1999, Mr. Devlin presented his book, "Portraits of American Architecture: Monuments to a Romantic Mood," which was published 10 years prior, as his greatest accomplishment. It was written completely in longhand over a period of eight years.

One of the greatest testaments to his life—his collaboration with his wife—began in 1954, when they brainstormed to create a comic strip, "Fullhouse," based on their seven children. The name of the comic strip changed to "Raggmopp" when the cast of characters was joined by a poodle, based on the Devlins' dog.

As a children's book illustrator, Mr. Devlin complemented his wife's words in classics such as "Old Black Witch," and the "Cranberry" series of holiday stories.

In 1999, his daughter, Wende Gates, told *The Leader* that the Devlin children would gather around their father in the living room and sit awestruck by the tales that flowed from his imagination.

"He's an amazing man," she stated.

Mr. Devlin was a member of the Literary Hall of Fame and a recipient of the George Arents Medal for Excellence in Art and Literature, a distinguished alumni award, from Syracuse University.

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stopped 205 white drivers, 129 African-American motorists and 59 Hispanic motorists.

In terms of gender, 71 percent, or

14,735, of motor vehicle stops in the county were male drivers; 28 percent, or 5,689, were females. Westfield police stopped 992 male drivers and 559 female

motorists; Scotch Plains police pulled over 321 male drivers and 133 female motorists; Fanwood police stopped 366 males and 272 females, and Mountainside police stopped 281 males and 107 females.

Also, there were 71 consent searches county-wide, including four in Westfield, and one each in Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside. Police officers can only request to conduct searches "where they can articulate a reasonable suspicion and/or have probable cause that the search will reveal evidence of a crime or an offense," according to the county's policy.

Mr. Manahan emphasized to reporters during a November 19 afternoon press conference at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains, that the report's numbers are only "baseline numbers," as the new policy has just begun.

"I am satisfied with what I have seen so far," the Prosecutor added.

Among the dignitaries present were Assemblyman Jerry Green and Assemblywoman-elect Linda J. Stender.

"Here in Union County, we stepped up to the plate and took on this issue (racial profiling) head on," Mr. Green said.

Mrs. Stender, a Union County freeholder recently elected to the State Assembly, stated that, "law enforcement is looking to be accountable to maintain this public trust."

The report also received kudos from New Jersey Secretary of State DeForest B. Soaries, Jr.

"With this policy, Union County law enforcement officers are setting an example for the state and the nation," stated Mr. Soaries in a written statement.

The Black Ministers' Council of New Jersey called the new county policy, "a creative and genuine effort to provide accountability and bridge the gap between law enforcement and the minority community."

The Union County Police Chiefs Association added that the new policy, "elevates the level of law enforcement in Union County and carries on a tradition of Union County being in the forefront of issues concerning the law enforcement community as a whole."

Scotch Plains Police Chief Thomas F. O'Brien, President of the Union County Police Chiefs Association, said that the new policy, "is far more than a data collection policy." He emphasized that police maintain the trust of the community, noting that without it, "we cannot do our duty."

Social Security Payments

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due to the large increases in salary that was awarded to the CWA contract employees and was not factored into the amount due Social Security."

Mr. Gildea said the parking account was one of the few accounts with sufficient funds available.

The total Social Security costs budgeted for this year by municipal employees, excluding the police and fire department personnel, was \$430,000.

The error was discovered by Ms. Tsai in early November. CWA members received a new contract this past summer with pay increases ranging between 6 and 7 percent. The contract became effective August 1, but retroactive to January 1.

Officials noted that given the fact the town had budgeted for but yet to hire a parking director, monies were available in the parking administration account. Under state statute, the town is permitted to make transfers between budget accounts during the last two months of the fiscal year and the first three months of the succeeding year.

"That money is not likely to be needed by the end of the year," Ms.

Tsai noted in her memo.

Third Ward Councilman Neil Sullivan found it "appalling" that "something as basic" as multiplying the amount of salaries by the Social Security amount "was off by so much."

He and other council members emphasized that they did not hold Mr. Gildea, who assumed the administrator's position this past summer, responsible for the error.

Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence Goldman said spending parking fees to finance a regular operating expense instead of on parking management is "just inconsistent" with the council's dialogue over the past year.

In other business, Mayor Greg McDermott pulled a resolution authorizing payment to members of the Westfield Ward Commission for the efforts in creating the new ward boundaries.

The resolution calls for the chairman of the commission, Town Clerk Bernard Heeney, to be paid \$450 and the other four commissioners, \$350 each.

Councilman Goldman requested that the matter be discussed at the council's conference meeting, which was held November 27. (See story on Page 1).

"We have to pay the people for work that has been done whether we agree or disagree with it," Mayor McDermott stated.

Mr. Goldman said the payment to the commissioners "is not de-linked from the substance of the matter and it deserves some more discussion."

The councilman, as well as other Democrats, have disagreed with the new ward map that places all of the Cacciola Place neighborhood in the second ward as opposed to the third ward, as had been sought.

"There are significant questions about the entire process," Mr. Goldman stated.

Mr. Sullivan suggested that those who disagree with the process put their comments in writing and circulate them among all council members.

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Scotch Plains Mayor, Council Pay Tribute to Sharynn Porter

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The Scotch Plains Township Council paid tribute to outgoing Councilwoman Sharynn Porter last week as her brief term in office ended with the swearing-in of Republican Guy Celentano.

Mrs. Porter, who was the first African-American member of the township's governing body, was appointed in October of 2000 to fill the seat left vacant by the death a month earlier of Democrat Tarquin Jay Bromley.

Earlier this year, Mrs. Porter chose not to run in this month's special election to fill out the remaining year of the four-year term; Mr. Celentano defeated Democrat Patricia Romano in the November 6 election.

At the beginning of its regular meeting on November 20, the five council members praised Mrs. Porter, who was first saluted by her

husband, Lance, a member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, and each of her two children.

In deciding not to run in this month's election, Mrs. Porter had cited her desire to spend more time with her family, and her husband thanked the council "for giving her back to us."

Democratic Chairman Kenneth Lipstein said Mrs. Porter's "dedication to the community was greatly appreciated."

Her council colleagues were unanimous in paying tribute to Mrs. Porter's commitment, dedication, hard work and sunny personality.

Councilwoman Paulette Coronato said Mrs. Porter, as a council member, always tried to "weigh what would be best for Scotch Plains." Councilman Frank S. Rossi said Mrs. Porter, "clearly had passion for your community, for your faith, for your

family.

Councilwoman Geri M. Samuel said she would miss working with Mrs. Porter, while Mr. Celentano, who replaced Mrs. Porter on the governing body, said, "I certainly have big shoes to fill."

Mayor Martin L. Marks thanked Mrs. Porter's family "for sharing her with us for the past year." He added that she "brought a touch of warmth and a touch of class to this council."

Addressing the council, Mrs. Porter said she, too, had felt that she had big shoes to fill upon succeeding Mr. Bromley. She also saluted each of her council colleagues as well as Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins, Township Attorney Douglas W. Hansen and Township Clerk Barbara Riepe, and singled out the professional staff at the township's municipal building, which she said, "make all of us look good."



Joanna Marsh for The Times

REMEMBER SANTA 1998...Santa Claus comes to town as an estimated 500 children waited in line to whisper in Santa's ear Sunday, December 6, 1998 at the Scotch Plains Village Green gazebo.

Union and Board Trade Barbs Again As Talks on New Contract Continue

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

Members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association (SPFEA) delivered their diatribes before the Board of Education during a standing-room only crowd at the board's November 20 meeting held in Evergreen School's multipurpose room to accommodate the temporary presence of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association (SPFEA).

Terrill Middle School teacher Susan Laffey called the teachers "leaders of the community who are forced to grovel for a contract settlement....We are unwilling to settle for less than what we have earned."

Lamenting the "third decade of prolonged and tedious negotiations," SPFEA President Ed Leonard said, "It is obvious to this teaching staff that we are in a fight for our professional lives."

By virtue of the meeting format, board members' responses to the criticisms leveled against their body were heard only by the few members of the public who stayed for the remainder of the meeting. As is its custom, the SPFEA spoke its piece and left before hearing comments from the board.

Board member Edward J. Saridaki, Jr. suggested the union reflect on itself, given how contract negotiations have played out in Scotch Plains-Fanwood through the years. He said, "The only consistent thing in negotiations between the board and the staff is the staff."

Board member Thomas Russo echoed Mr. Saridaki's comments, saying, "The composition of the board turns over every year; it's the leadership of the union that doesn't seem to change."

While acknowledging teaching is a "demanding job," Mr. Russo reminded the public that it is a "10-month a year job." He reported 90 of Scotch Plains-Fanwood's teachers have annual salaries over \$70,000, with half of those over \$80,000. He agreed starting salaries need to be raised.

Citing teachers' "unparalleled job security," Mr. Russo concluded, "We're going to have a settlement when the teachers' association as a whole comes to its senses...to recognize that we're in a recession, to recognize that we have to be realistic."

Board member Lance Porter reported the negotiating teams will meet again with the state mediator on Thursday, December 27. There are only two mediators covering the entire State of New Jersey, which accounts for the time lag between sessions. According to Mr. Porter, the teams may meet on their own after December 27 if a settlement is not reached with the mediator's assistance at that time.

Twenty-four letters to the board appeared on the agenda. These included, for the first time, e-mails from members of the public on various subjects such as the teachers' contract and students' non-participation in A Christmas Carol on Broadway.

In other business, technology coordinator Joanne Arvay reported on

the district's compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, which requires school districts that receive "e-Rate funding" to enforce an Internet safety policy that blocks students' access to sites containing obscene, pornographic, harmful, etc.

visual material. Ms. Arvay reported the district is currently using "WebNOT" as its filter, a free service offered through the Union County Internet Consortium.

Assistant Superintendent for In-

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County Policy Doesn't Show Signs Of Trend Towards Racial Profiling

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Times

The first numbers on Union County's new policy for how police should conduct traffic stops and detain motorists has not indicated that police are pulling over motorists specifically based on their race, law enforcement officials revealed last week.

"There is nothing in the numbers that jumps out and tells me there is something terrible going on in Union County," said Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan.

The policy, the first of its kind in New Jersey, was initiated July 1 in response to growing reports of racial profiling, specifically among the ranks of the New Jersey State Police.

Of the motorists pulled over by law enforcement officers county-wide between July 1 and September 30, 46 percent, or 9,500 of the motorists stopped, were white; 27 percent, or 5,607 drivers, were African-American, and 4,390 were Hispanic.

Westfield police reported stopping 1,159 white drivers, 183 African-Americans and 117 Hispanics. Scotch Plains police reported pulling over 242 white drivers, 119 African-American motorists and 55 Hispanic drivers. Fanwood police stopped 348 white drivers, 191 African-Americans and 57 Hispanics.

Meanwhile, Mountainside stopped 205 white drivers, 129 African-American motorists and 59



ENDING RACIAL PROFILING...Assemblywoman-elect Linda d. Stender is joined by, pictured left to right, Union County Assistant Prosecutor James F. Keefe; Hillside Police Chief John Bryson, who chaired the police chiefs committee that developed the policy for stopping and detaining motorists; Assemblyman Jerry Green and Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan, during last spring's press conference announcing the county's new policy on traffic stops and detentions.

Hispanic motorists.

In terms of gender, 71 percent, or 14,735, of motor vehicle stops in the county were male drivers; 28 percent, or 5,689, were females. Westfield police stopped 992 male drivers and 559 female motorists; Scotch Plains police pulled over 321 male drivers and 133 female motorists; Fanwood police stopped 366 males and 272 females, and Mountainside police stopped 281 males and 107 females.

Also, there were 71 consent searches county-wide, including four

in Westfield, and one each in Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside. Police officers can only request to conduct searches "where they can articulate a reasonable suspicion and/or have probable cause that the search will reveal evidence of a crime or an offense," according to the county's policy.

Mr. Manahan emphasized to reporters during a November 19 afternoon press conference at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains, that the report's num-

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Icon of Art World and Westfield Patriarch Harry Devlin Dies at 83

By MICHELLE H. Le POIDEVIN
Specially Written for The Times

Inside his Mountainside studio in March of 1999, artist Harry A. Devlin readied his paintbrush. Peeking through his handmade magnifier, every dab of paint evolved into one of his favorite antique shops in Hopewell, as he gingerly transferred the photographed image to the canvas.

Recalling a prolific career in the arts, Mr. Devlin had told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*, "I always knew I wanted to be an artist. To my great surprise, I've made a decent living at it."

Though his battle with a long illness ended on Sunday, November 25, at home, the legacy of his career endures.

Almost one month prior, Mr. Devlin and his wife, Wende, were honored by Union County College (UCC) as Mr. Devlin's 40-year-old caricature of an owl, which was

turned into a wrought iron sculpture, was rededicated.

"Icarus," the piece, which became synonymous with the college's Alumni Association, was rumored by Mr. Devlin to have been sketched on the back of a napkin before becoming a symbol of academia. It remains mounted in The Commons at UCC.

A remarkable discovery was made last year when Mr. Devlin's oil painting of the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield was recovered from a Manhattan warehouse. The piece, which is currently displayed at the Westfield Memorial Library, was



Arranged by Horace R. Corbin for The Times
A MAN AND HIS ART...Harry A. Devlin of Mountainside, artist, illustrator and writer, died on Sunday, November 25, at home. He is pictured above with two of his pieces faded in the background — the sunflower from "Owl the Yellow Brick Road, 1989" and his painting of the First Congregational Church in Westfield.

the largest Mr. Devlin had crafted, according to an interview conducted in February of that year.

Before mounting it at the library,

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Cheri Rogowsky for The Times

REIGNING KING AND QUEEN...Regina Cappio and David Baumwoll took their respective thrones as Homecoming Queen and King in the gymnasium of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on Wednesday, November 21.

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Parking Panel Proposes Three Smaller Decks At \$40 Mil.; 875 Spaces Would Be Created

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Times

WESTFIELD -- The Westfield Parking Advisory Committee, commissioned by Mayor Greg McDermott to evaluate Westfield's parking needs, is recommending the construction of three downtown parking decks at cost of \$40 million. A complete written report of the committee's recommendations is expected to be released by the end of December.

The committee made a presentation of their conclusions at a special meeting of the Town Council on Monday night. The meeting was attended by approximately 20 members of the public as well as the 12 committee members, the mayor and town council and other municipal officials.

The committee's mission was to "create a strategic parking plan for the downtown," according to committee member and business owner, Andrew Cataldo.

The advisory panel, which has been meeting twice weekly for the past eight months, concluded that Westfield would most benefit by constructing three smaller decks, rather than two larger decks, previously

proposed by engineering firm of Rich and Associates.

The proposed sites for these decks would be the south side of the train station, the parking lot between Prospect and Elm Streets on the side of Trader Joe's and in the lot behind the Rialto Theatre. The south side deck would consist of two tiered levels to the street level, while the Prospect deck and the Rialto deck propose to add one level to street level.

The reasoning given for this solution was to lessen the impact of building a much larger deck in any one neighborhood and to satisfy the different types of parking needs in these areas.

A variety of industry-standard formulas for calculating the parking shortfall were verified by actual parking counts on six different occasions by the committee. The committee's findings were that the parking shortage was estimated to be in the range of 450 to 500 commuter spaces and 350 to 450 downtown spaces for shoppers and employees.

The South Avenue train station deck would provide an additional 475 spaces, while the Prospect and Elm Street and the Rialto decks would

provide an additional 200 spaces, each. The three decks would remedy the parking needs in strategic locations where they would most likely be used, the committee members reported.

Additionally, the train station deck would include ground floor retail and upper level residential units, completely obscuring the deck from view, according to Committee Chairman Charles Weidman.

The Prospect and Elm Street deck would also have a residential facade, while the Rialto lot deck would have a "softened facade" buffered with landscaping, but no development.

By including residential facades and by limiting the height, Mr. Cataldo said that the decks were architecturally appealing and in keeping with the character of the town, while lessening the visual impact on any single neighborhood, a concern that was met with great opposition by neighborhood residents when larger decks were proposed by Rich and Associates, earlier last year.

Besides minimizing the visual impact to any one neighborhood, the committee concluded that three smaller decks would also lessen the

traffic impact in any one neighborhood. It would also permit the town to "manage the development of the downtown" by controlling where development would be constructed as well as the amount.

Mr. Weidman explained to the council and to the public that many other alternatives were considered by the committee, but were ruled out due to unsuitability.

"The advantage of three locations is that the facilities will be conveniently located and will therefore, more likely be used," Mr. Weidman stated.

Committee member and architectural advisor to the committee, Michael Zemsky, showed aerial photos of the three proposed locations and discussed egress and access of each facility. He explained how traffic could be directed and mitigated on Prospect Street, a concern previously voiced by residents of that neighborhood.

The committee and town council members engaged in a lengthy discussion over conflicting cost estimates from various sources. It was stated that exact costs could not be estimated until planning and construction officials could be consulted on the details of the proposal.

An approximate cost of construction for all three decks were estimated to be in the range of \$15 million for casting of the concrete for the actual deck portions and a grand total of \$35 to \$40 million to add the retail and residential units.

Many members of the council stated that they were in favor of the plan's merits, although some council members had reservations about the unverified cost estimates and the proposal's need to acquire several privately owned lots.

The possibility of declaring the south side of the train station as an area in need of redevelopment and the possibility of acquiring properties by exercising eminent domain were also discussed. It was determined that the town would need to look into the legal process in order to consider those options.

First Ward Councilman member Carl Salisbury remarked, "There is no perfect solution and no perfect site." Other council members echoed the sentiment that no plan would please everyone and any plan would elicit some opposition, but that the town needed to move forward on some solution.

By a consensus of a majority of the council members, it was decided that the town would consult with a planning professional that could evaluate the merits of the plan and advise the town as to what the next stage of the process should be.

Two Face Robbery Charges In Rialto Theatre Incident

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

WESTFIELD -- Two Union Township men were charged with armed robbery November 17 in connection with an incident that occurred at the Rialto Theatre on East Broad Street in Westfield.

Lieutenant John M. Parizeau of the Westfield Police Department said David Loureiro, 20, allegedly entered the manager's office at the theater at 11:23 p.m., wearing a black mask, and demanded money.

After the manager attempted to call 9-1-1, a scuffle broke out between the two men. The suspect reportedly struck the manager, who then broke free and sought help from another employee in another part of the theater. No money was taken, Lieutenant Parizeau said.

According to the lieutenant, Loureiro subsequently exited the building through the front door and was pursued by Westfield Patrolman Christopher Battiloro down an alley on the opposite side of East Broad Street.

The officer caught up with the suspect at the World Savings property on Elm Street, where he was arrested. Bruno Lisa, 18, who police said was employed as an usher at the theater, was also taken into custody there and charged with armed robbery.

A gray crowbar was recovered in the theater manager's office but it was not known whether the instrument was used to strike the manager, who Lieutenant Parizeau said was not seriously injured. Bail for both Loureiro and Lisa was set at \$200,000.

Icon of Art World and Town Patriarch Harry Devlin Dies

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Mr. Devlin insisted that the painting undergo some touch-ups at his Mountainside studio.

When reflecting on the Miller-Cory piece and its specific meaning to the community, Mr. Devlin told *The Times*, "It was a fine commission. I realized that it was of great historical value to the community. I gave it my all."

To benefit the Westfield High School Girls' Lacrosse Team, Mr. Devlin donated one of his limited edition landscape prints to be raffled off in April of 1999.

A longtime member of the First Congregational Church in Westfield, Mr. Devlin produced an original painting of the building's meeting house, chapel and auditorium in an autumn setting. The piece was displayed at the church during a special reception held in his honor in November of 1999.

Almost one week earlier, Mr. Devlin joined forces with fellow artists in a Green Brook fundraiser for families devastated by Hurricane Floyd.

In 1998, the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC) introduced the 10th annual Westfield Holiday Ornament, depicting the scenery of East Broad Street. The burgundy and ivory design was crafted by Mr. Devlin, and remains the signature logo of the WACC.

Before he married Wende in 1941, most of Mr. Devlin's peers preferred spending time at the movies or dating. For Harry, however, time was better well spent honing his creativity and building model airplanes.

A graduate of Syracuse University, where he majored in illustration, Mr. Devlin moved to New York City with friends and illustrated stories for "pulp" magazines, which contained brilliant covers and insightful issues.

During his freelance career, he designed wartime images for the U.S. Army's manuals prepared by *Life* magazine. Upon entering the Navy in 1942, he was assigned to illustrate materials for the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Less than a decade later, Mr. Devlin expanded his talents to include editorial cartooning. He penned the first chapter, "Making a Cartoon Tell the Story," for *Illustrating and Cartooning*. The *New York Daily News* provided an open forum for the artist's ideas and opinions.

Soon, Mr. Devlin was developing illustrations and cartoons at *Collier's Weekly*, and later, celebrity portraits for *Saturday Home Magazine*.

One of his cartoons for *Collier's*, "Let's All Be Blue," proposed an end to bigotry. He refused, however, to sketch a cartoon depicting controversial former Wisconsin Senator Joseph McCarthy with a positive slant. The squabble at *Collier's* soured Mr. Devlin's interest in editorial cartooning, but the career experience was invaluable, according to an interview with *The Times* in October of 1999.

In 1954, Mr. Devlin was named Vice Chairman of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's People to People Committee. Two years later, he was elected President of the National Cartoonists Society. In 1988, he became the Honorary Chairman of the National Cartoonists Society, and was a lifelong member of the Society of Illustrators.

Mr. Devlin also illustrated and penned the architectural volumes, "To Grandfather's House We Go: A Roadside Tour of American

Homes," and "What Kind of a House is That?" He also illustrated Harold Longman's "The Wonderful Tree House," which was published in 1962.

Renowned for his architectural paintings, Mr. Devlin has captured the historical flavor personified in the Miller-Cory House and Cape May's Victorian-style structures.

Likewise, his portraits have immortalized friends, family and community members. His imagination extended to illustrations of billboards, the board game "The Bionic Bullfrog" and his beloved prints of who's who and where's where of Westfield, which were commissioned by the WACC.

Shell Oil Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), and New Jersey Bell Telephone are some of the corporations that requested illustrations by Mr. Devlin.

When interviewed in 1999, Mr. Devlin presented his book, "Portraits of American Architecture: Monuments to a Romantic Mood," which was published 10 years prior, as his greatest accomplishment. It was written completely in long-hand over a period of eight years.

One of the greatest testaments to his life — his collaboration with his wife — began in 1954, when they brainstormed to create a comic strip, "Fullhouse," based on their seven children. The name of the comic strip changed to "Raggmopp" when the cast of characters was joined by a poodle, based on the Devlins' dog.

As a children's book illustrator, Mr. Devlin complemented his wife's words in classics such as "Old Black Witch," and the "Cranberry" series of holiday stories.

In 1999, his daughter, Wende Gates, told *The Times* that the Devlin children would gather around their father in the living room and sit awestruck by the tales that flowed from his imagination.

"He's an amazing man," she stated. Mr. Devlin was a member of the Literary Hall of Fame and a recipient of the George Arents Medal for Excellence in Art and Literature, a distinguished alumni award, from Syracuse University.

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struction, Dr. Kathleen Regan, gave the district's annual assessment report, which reviewed the standardized testing measures in place across the district for grades one through 12.

Business Administrator Anthony DelSordi reported budget presentations will begin in late December or early January, 2002. According to the current calendar, the capital projects budget presentation is scheduled for the Thursday, December 20 board meeting.

During the discussion about the district's appointment of the firm of Chester, Plaussas, Lisowsky Partnership, LLP to prepare a sports field restoration/upgrade feasibility study for the various high school athletic fields, board member Craig Nowlin asked why the elementary school fields and playgrounds are being overlooked in the process.

Mr. DelSordi noted that several elementary Parent Teacher Associations had taken it upon themselves to raise funds for playground equipment as they have in the past.

"Sometimes when parents provide something once, it is expected they will continue to do so," said Board member Linda Nelson, who, like Mr. Nowlin, wanted the matter explored further.



CANISTER CONTRIBUTION...A Scotch Plains resident gladly contributes to DECA's canister drive at a local food store, as students Jackie Tumolo and Lenore McMillan look on. DECA students organized the drive to aid the Student Movement Against Cancer (SMAC). DECA pupils Ryan O'Donnell and Maura Daly acted as chairpersons of DECA's latest cause, on behalf of SMAC. Several DECA chapters throughout the state are joining the student anti-cancer movement. While one of the goals is to raise funds for cancer research, the more vital goal, according to Ryan, is "to raise an awareness among students of the grave problem of cancer in our society."

BOE Receives Lesson on Pluses, Minuses of WHS Grading System

By MICHELE VACCARI
Specially Written for The Times

WESTFIELD -- Westfield Board of Education members received a history lesson on the grading procedures at Westfield High School (WHS) during the last board meeting on November 20.

The purpose of the lesson: to decide if the grading system accurately projects the academic achievements of the student, and if the process needs to be altered to better project those achievements.

The faculty proposal, presented by WHS Principal Dr. Robert G. Petix went before the board for a second time since January of 1999.

"We need to insure fairness and integrity," Dr. Petix said, "fairness to our teachers and to the students themselves and, at the same time, maintain a grading system that accurately reflects a student's achievement."

The current system, which has been in place since 1971, allows a

10-point margin for each letter grade, A through F. WHS faculty members feel that the range is too broad between grades, suggesting that pluses and minuses should be added to the system.

"Students need a sense of distinction, especially when a student averaging in the high 70s is getting the same recognition as a student averaging in the low 70s and barely scraping by. A grade of C plus adds incentive, while a C minus says 'be careful, you are on the edge,'" said Richard Gangi, WHS science teacher.

Other options include keeping the current system, or adopting pluses only. Allowing for pluses can be beneficial, but some feel including an A plus would only cause added, unnecessary stress and anxiety to the student.

"The last thing I want to see as a counselor is more stress on a stressful child, however stress doesn't come from a grading system. It comes from what you learn at home," said Judy Glasser, a guidance counselor at the

high school.

Students also voiced their opinion on the issue that directly affects them.

"To put a minus next to an A that shows excellent achievement cancels out the excellence of that A," said Lexi Brill, a WHS senior.

"I personally believe our grading system would greatly improve if pluses and minuses were included," said Arlene Gardner, Board President.

However, the board was not ready to commit to a decision on the issue and still needs time to reflect on what would be the best option for the students and teachers of Westfield High School. The board hopes to have a vote by their next meeting on Tuesday, December 4.

The board would also like to begin the holiday season by taking a stroll. The Westfield Holiday Stroll will take place Sunday, December 2, from 6 to 10 p.m. in the downtown. All are welcome to participate.

Profiling

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bers are only "baseline numbers," as the new policy has just begun.

"I am satisfied with what I have seen so far," the Prosecutor added.

Among the dignitaries present were Assemblyman Jerry Green and Assemblywoman-elect Linda d. Stender. "Here in Union County, we stepped up to the plate and took on this issue (racial profiling) head on," Mr. Green said.

Mrs. Stender, a Union County freeholder recently elected to the State Assembly, stated that, "law enforcement is looking to be accountable to maintain this public trust."

The report also received kudos from New Jersey Secretary of State DeForest B. Soaries, Jr.

"With this policy, Union County law enforcement officers are setting an example for the state and the nation," stated Mr. Soaries in a written statement.

The Black Ministers' Council of New Jersey called the new county policy, "a creative and genuine effort to provide accountability and bridge the gap between law enforcement and the minority community."

The Union County Police Chiefs Association added that the new policy, "elevates the level of law enforcement in Union County and carries on a tradition of Union County being in the forefront of issues concerning the law enforcement community as a whole."

Scotch Plains Police Chief Thomas F. O'Brien, President of the Union County Police Chiefs Association, said that the new policy, "is far more than a data collection policy." He emphasized that police maintain the trust of the community, noting that without it, "we cannot do our duty."

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Rec. Commission Hopes to Break Ground on Pool Project by Dec. 11

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader
WESTFIELD — Recreation Department officials hope to begin construction before Christmas on the expansion project for the Westfield Memorial Pool.

The \$1.7 million project includes a new diving tank and pool, an eight-lane competition pool and two new slides and accompanying pool. The opening of these facilities, slated for mid-July, will not impact the opening of the existing 50-meter pool and kiddie pool, which are scheduled to open in June, officials have stated.

"We have to have a shovel in the ground by the 10th or 11th of December," said Recreation Commission Chairman Keith Hertell, noting state statute requires that construction cannot begin until 20 days after the governing body approved a \$1.7 million bond ordinance.

The council approved the ordinance by a 7-0 vote, on second reading, at its November 20 meeting. The bonds will be paid off over 15 years.

Metcon Construction, Inc. of Rockaway will manage the project and complete the demolition work, with CFM Construction of Union completing the installation of the new pools.

Mr. Hertell said the construction schedule would be released to *The Westfield Leader* in the coming

weeks. In addition, he noted, a liaison will be chosen from the recreation department to give regular updates to Mayor Gregory S. McDermott and town council members.

The Recreation Commission will discuss and vote on a rate increase for pool membership fees to help fund the project at its Monday, December 3 meeting. Mr. Hertell said fees for senior citizens would not be raised.

Current Westfield resident membership fees are as follows: \$210 for families, \$170 for a couple without children, \$125 for individuals, and \$60 for seniors. Out-of-town memberships are also accepted.

The Westfield pool is a separate utility, with membership fees supporting all capital expenses. The town backs the bonds as per state statute. "This (project) is very, very big," said Mr. Hertell. "It will look fabulous when it is done."

The council had approved bonding of \$1.1 million in August that was based on initial figures for the project from town's previous consultant, Kinsey Associates. The project's cost rose substantially on analysis by the new engineering design firm, Schoor DePalma of Manalapan, resulting in the town council adopting the revised ordinance to cover the entire cost of the

project. Town resident Tom Borne of First Street, who said he didn't believe the new facilities were necessary, called the new cost of the project "astounding."

"This is a mistake," he told the council at its November 20 meeting.

The Recreation Department is also initiating a new identification system for pool memberships this year. Members will swipe their membership cards across a machine upon entering and exiting the pool facilities.

Mr. Hertell said this information will help pool management to identify which age groups are using the pools and at which time periods, and can be used to locate a member, if needed.

Pool members will also be able to renew their memberships on-line. Once they drop off or mail their checks, the renewals will automatically be processed via the recreation department's computer system.

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Fanwood Police Dept. Accepting Requests For Parking Permits

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Police Department will accept mail-in requests for 2002 parking permits from Saturday, December 1, through Friday, December 21.

Individuals are asked to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with payment and a copy of their driver's license to: Fanwood Police Department, in care of Parking Permits, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood 07023.

Permits will be sold on a yearly basis only. Refunds for unused months will be available at Borough Hall. Permits will be mailed back prior to December 29.

The fees are: \$18 per month for Fanwood residents and \$36 per month for all others. Daily parking is available for \$3 at the South Avenue station only.

Mr. Treffinger to Seek GOP Nod for U.S. Senate

Essex County Executive Jim Treffinger formally announced last week that he will seek the Republican Party nomination for the United States Senate seat currently held by Democratic Senator Robert Torricelli.

Mr. Treffinger, who has served as the County Executive of Essex County for the past seven years, ran for the United States Senate last year but lost in the Republican Primary to former Congressman Bob Franks. Mr. Franks was later defeated by Jon Corzine.

During his tenure as Chief Execu-



ENJOYING THE TRADITIONAL PARADE...A carload of seniors enjoy the traditional Westfield High School Homecoming Parade while cruising down East Broad Street en route to Gary Kehler Stadium to participate in the Powder Puff Football Game on November 21.

Lack of Volunteers Forces Borough To Contract for Paid Ambulance

By LAUREN PASS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

MOUNTAINSIDE — On Tuesday night, Mountainside Mayor Robert Viglianti announced that the borough, in conjunction with the Mountainside Rescue Squad, will enter into a contract with a paid ambulance service.

Atlantic Ambulance Corporation, which is owned by Atlantic Health System (the owner of Morristown and Overlook Hospitals), will provide a fully manned ambulance from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The ambulance will be stationed eastbound on Route 22 at the Medic One substation, next to Bliwise Liquors.

Rescue Squad President Kit Carson told the council, "We just do not have anyone available on a regular basis between Monday and Friday.

We need volunteers and we're just not getting them."

Mr. Carson went on to say that, "The contract with Atlantic Ambulance is the best solution for the town and the rescue squad."

Atlantic Ambulance Corporation will bill the patient \$325 for each transport, and the borough will have no liability for the cost of this service. If the Borough of Mountainside were to pay for this service, rather than patient billing, the costs could exceed \$90,000 per year, officials explained.

The Mountainside Rescue Squad members are still able to cover calls between 4 p.m. and 4 a.m. weekdays, as well as weekends.

The Mountainside Rescue Squad has been having membership problems over the past five years. Its membership is currently at an all-

time low of 15, and only eight of those are Mountainside residents. The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department has been having similar problems getting daytime crews. The council is looking into cross training the public works employees to run fire department calls during the day.

Though the contract with Atlantic Ambulance is for one year, there is a 120-day escape clause for the borough and Atlantic. Mayor Viglianti stated that they would be signing the contract after several minor provisions were corrected, including the ability to cover a call if the Atlantic Ambulance is already in use.

Mayor Viglianti said he would be sending a letter of explanation to each resident and business in Mountainside by the end of the week. He also stressed that all emergency medical calls are still to go through 9-1-1.

LOST DOG



\$500 REWARD FOR LOST DOG...Daisy was lost Friday, November 23 in north Westfield. Medium sized, friendly dog, loves children, wearing red collar with Morristown license. Please help - call J. Miller, (908) 928-9770

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Scotch Plains Recreation Events

Registration for the following programs will begin on December 3 for Scotch Plains residents.

Mommy & Me classes, open for babies 6 to 24 months old. Classes will be held on various days. The cost is \$75 for residents and \$80 for non-residents.

Karate - Session 2, Tuesdays, for ages 5 to 15. The class will be offered at different times, at a cost of \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents.

Arts & Crafts, for children in grades 3 through 6, Tuesdays at various times. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

Children's bowling program, Linden Lanes. A \$10 registration fee is included with this program. Also, there is a \$6 fee to be paid weekly at the bowling center. Bumper Bowling is available for children 5 to 7 years old and regular bowling for those youngsters aged 5 to 14 years.

Instrument Workshop, various classes and instruments will be offered for this program.

Sketching, for fourth through sixth graders, Fridays, 4 to 5 p.m., Brunner School art room. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents.

Senior Aerobics, Town House, Green Forest Park, Mondays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents.

Gentle Yoga, Mondays and Fridays, 12:45 to 1:45 p.m., Towne House in Green Forest Park. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.

Senior Bowling League, Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Linden Lanes. There is a one-time registration fee of \$5, paid at the recreation office. The cost is \$1.70 per game or \$5.10 for three games. Shoes are included.

Shoestring Players, Saturday, February 9, an introductory workshop that introduces kids to the joy of performing. The program will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon for children in grades 3 through 5, and 1 to 3 p.m. for those in grades 6 through 8. Offered at the Town House in Green Forest Park, the cost is \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

The recreation department's winter brochure will contain details of the programs in this week's column.

Bowling Party for Teenagers, Saturday, December 15, 9 p.m. to midnight, Linden Lanes.

Sponsored by the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission and Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance, the program is funded by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the Union County Department of Human Ser-

vices, Division of Planning.

Those who wish to participate must register at the Recreation Department by Friday, November 30. Those without tickets will not be admitted into the bowling alley. There is no fee for this event. Only 140 registrations will be accepted.

Three games of bowling, along with food and a disc jockey, will be provided. Can only take the first 140 registrations. Please call the office for details at (908) 322-6700, extension no. 222.

Hyper Peppy Robotics, Friday and Saturday, December 28 and 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School cafeteria.

Children aged 7 to 12 are invited to build their own robot. They must bring a lunch each day. The cost is \$100 for residents and \$110 for non-residents.

Santa's Coming to Town, Sunday, December 2, on the Village Green.

Festivities begin in the afternoon and Santa arrives at 5 p.m.

Letters to Santa.

All Scotch Plains children are asked to write to Santa before Friday, December 21. He will answer all letters. Letters should be addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole Delivery, Scotch Plains Recreation Commission, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

Weekend Teen Ski Trip, March 1 through 3.

This overnight trip is for teens in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Look for further details in upcoming issues of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*.

Family Chemical Wizardry Workshop, Sunday, December 9, 2 to 4 p.m., Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School cafeteria.

This workshop is open for children in grades 1 through 6 and parents participate in this program. Make a glob from glue, copper coat nickels with electricity, collapse a can with just air, and see an upside down glass of water.

The cost is \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. Those interested should register at the Recreation Office.

Radio City Tickets Are Now On Sale.

The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission will sponsor a trip to Radio City Music Hall on Tuesday, December 11. The bus will depart from the Green Forest Park parking lot at 3 p.m. for a 5 p.m. performance. The bus will return to Scotch Plains immediately following the show.

The cost is \$55 for Scotch Plains residents and \$60 for non-residents. Please call the office at (908) 322-6700, extension no. 221, for further details on the above programs.

Westfield Recreation Events

New Classes to Start Week Of January 7

Ballet Stretch & Tone, Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

This beginner class is based on various dance exercises at the barre and floor. No experience is necessary and the cost is \$45 per person.

Ballet For Kids, Mondays, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

This beginning ballet class is for children aged 7 to 10 years. The focus is on placement at the barre and having fun. The cost is \$50 per person.

Kids Club, Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children and their parents will participate in sing-a-longs, arts and crafts, free play, and much more. Kids Club is geared toward preschool and kindergarten-aged children. The cost is \$50 per child.

Cardio Sculpt & Tone, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

This class is for all adults who want to get in shape and tone their body. Moms can bring their infant (in their infant seat) while they work out. The cost is \$40 per person.

Rhythm Social Dancing, Tuesdays Beginning the Week of February 5.

This program will teach participants the Salsa, Swing, Merengue, Cha-Cha, Hustle and more. The class will be held from February 5 to March 5 from 8 to 9 p.m. at a cost of \$65 per couple or \$40 per individual.

Arts and Crafts, Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

The class offers art instruction using various forms of media to create many different projects. The cost is \$30 per person.

Dancercise, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

This class uses exercise with dance steps. The cost is \$50 per person.

Children's Instrument Workshop, Offered to Children in Pre-Kin-

dergarten through Grade 6.

Piano, strings, and a new orchestra will be offered at a cost of \$55.

Events, Tickets, Trips
The Forum Theatre Company, Friday, December 14.

The bus to see a production of "Winnie The Pooh Christmas" will depart Westfield at 9 a.m. The fee is \$25 per person.

NJ Devils Discount Tickets.

Tickets are available for the Wednesday, December 26 game versus the Pittsburgh Penguins. Game time is 7:35 p.m. and the cost is \$36.

Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show, Thursday, December 6.

Tickets are available for this evening show. The bus departs at 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$68.

Holiday Concert, Wednesday, December 5, 8 p.m., Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Avenue.

The Westfield Community Concert Band and the Edison Intermediate Broadway Singers will perform this free concert.

Mad Science Workshop, March 25 to 29.

This special workshop will be held during the winter Westfield public schools vacation week from 9 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$100.

Teen Programs.

Teen Center, Friday Nights, 8 p.m. to Midnight.

This program, held in the community room of the Municipal Building on East Broad Street, features music, movies, pool tables, video games, ping-pong, foosball, air hockey, a big screen TV, refreshments, a lounge area and special events.

Night Place, Offered monthly to all intermediate school youths, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Activities for Night Place include disc jockey, food, games, movies and dancing. The cost is \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door. Upcoming dates include January 25, February 15, March 22, and May 17.



THE COMMUNITY CARES...The Westfield Boosters recently presented the United Fund of Westfield with a check in the amount of \$5,500 to aid residents who have suffered losses due to the September 11 disaster. This goal was achieved through the efforts of many Westfield high school team participants and the generosity of many Union County residents, and the check was donated on their behalf. Pictured, left to right, are: Stan Ciemniecki and Mike Toth, Co-Chairmen of the Westfield Booster Buttons fundraiser to benefit those impacted by the tragedy; Linda Maggio, Executive Director for the United Fund, and Westfield Boosters Association President Tom Cusimano.

Runnells Guild to Sponsor Country Crafts Sale Today

BERKELEY HEIGHTS - The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will sponsor a country craft and floral extravaganza from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Thursday, November 29, in the multi-purpose room of the facility, located at 40 Watchung Way in Berkeley Heights.

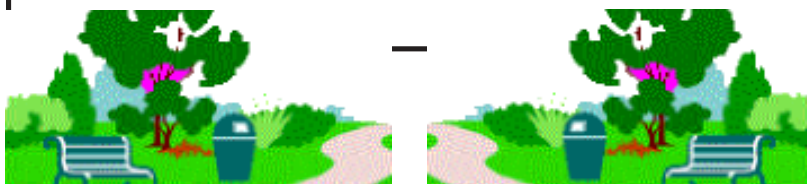
The sale, by Lane's Crafts and Gifts, will feature country and Victorian crafts, silk and dried floral arrangements, wreaths, swags, candles and decorative items.

"A part of every sale goes back to the Volunteer Guild to improve the quality of life of the residents and patients, such as providing prizes for the bingo games and funding perfor-

mances by a variety of musicians, singers and artists at the hospital," said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, Liaison to the hospital's Advisory Board of Managers.

"The Guild also sponsors a Christmas party/gift distribution and a summer picnic every year in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Club," she added.

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County are seeking volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist with resident contact, as well as performing other tasks. For more information, please call the Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5847.



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Will New DEP Commissioner Pave Way For Barge to Rail Facility in Union County?

As Governor-elect James E. McGreevey finalizes his cabinet and other appointments over the coming weeks and months, a number of things could change here in Union County based on those decisions.

In reviewing some of the positions to be filled, we hope the new Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) gives serious consideration to the concerns addressed by current DEP Commissioner, Robert Shinn, concerning the proposed \$50 million barge-to-rail marine garbage transfer station proposed for the Linden waterfront.

The plan by Browning Ferris Industries, known as BFI, was twice approved by the Linden City Council, the Union County Utilities Authority and the county Board of Chosen Freeholders. Mr. Shinn, a former state assemblyman, however, on two occasions has sent the proposal back to the freeholders with serious environmental questions concerning the project. The board, in turn, turned the matter back over to the Linden City Council.

Are Linden and BFI now waiting until Mr. McGreevey chooses his DEP Commissioner so they can reintroduce the application and get a favorable response from the new Commissioner? We hope not. It is important that all concerns on the so-called trash train, which will pass through Westfield along the Lehigh Valley railroad tracks, crossing Rahway Avenue, are properly addressed.

In our judgment, there is no definitive reason why this project has to be approved. Yes, elected officials can't stop the shipment of trash by rail through the

county per the interstate commerce clause of the United States Constitution. But this trash station, which will handle New York City's household trash, does not have to be built in New Jersey, much less Union County. It can just as well be built on New York's side of the Hudson River.

On another matter, we asked the Governor-elect to reappoint Thomas V. Manahan to another five-year term as Union County Prosecutor when his term expires in June. The Union County Police Chiefs Association has already sent a letter to Mr. McGreevey in support of Mr. Manahan.

Mr. Manahan, who was appointed by former Governor Christine Todd Whitman, has been at the forefront of everything from educating teenagers on the danger of date rape drugs to attacking the drug trade and prostitution brothels operating in Union County. He even helped rid the county of massage parlors, including one operating in Westfield, where customers were getting more than a massage. He has also launched a strong effort to combat sophisticated crimes that are committed via the Internet and identification theft.

Once a person becomes a prosecutor, in our judgment, that individual becomes apolitical. Criminals are not categorized by whether they are Democrats or Republicans.

We strongly encourage the Union County freeholder board, along with mayors and local governing bodies, to pass resolutions in support of Mr. Manahan's reappointment.

Victoria's Secret Marketing Campaign Is Not Unique to Westfield Community

It's kind of amazing to hear some people in Westfield express their shock that Victoria's Secret, the lingerie and intimate apparel retailer, places scantily-clad mannequins in its store windows. Anyone who has been to a shopping mall or received one of the retailer's catalogs in the mail or watches cable television certainly knows what Victoria's Secret sells—and how it goes about doing so.

Thus, the store's big windows on East Broad Street in downtown Westfield are filled with mannequins in varied stages of undress.

In recent weeks, protests have been heard about the appropriateness of Victoria's Secret's window displays, mostly from parents concerned about the mannequins' effects on children and from residents worried about the effects on the town's image. Victoria's Secret has been doing business in Westfield for a number of months now. Why the sudden surprise about its marketing strategy? Where were these concerned residents when the retailer was first proposing to locate in town? Certainly, Victoria's Secret did not sneak into town in the middle of the night and open for business the following morning.

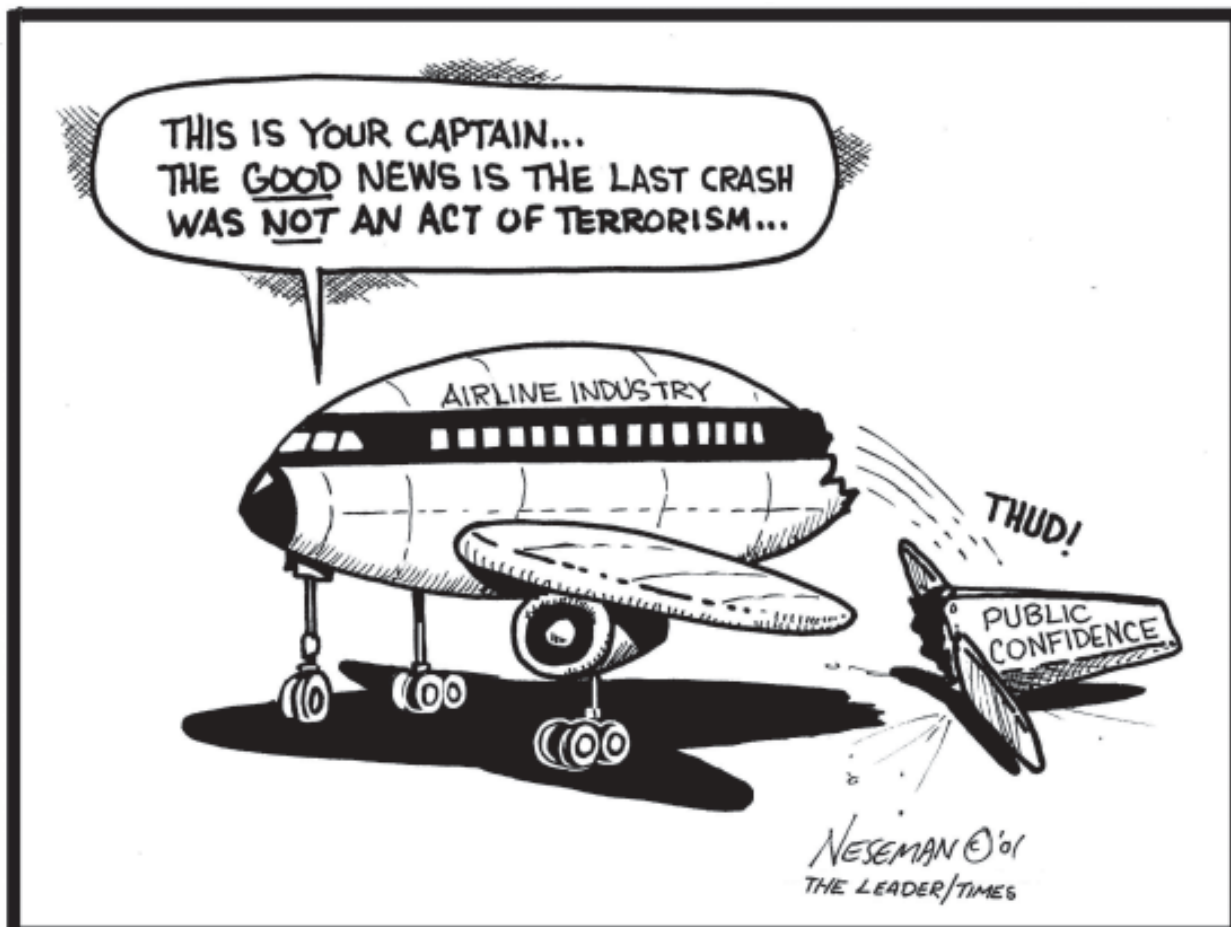
There are certain permit and other processes that a business must go through before opening its doors to the public, procedures that afford the public advance word of who is coming to town. That was the time for these well-meaning people, who we would hope knew what Victoria's Secret was all about, to voice their concerns.

Now, however, the store is open for business, and apparently breaking no local laws.

There is also the issue of free speech. Of course, a local business would not be permitted to emblazon its windows with universally-recognized pornographic images or obscenities as a way of luring in customers; that would certainly violate local ordinances. Some see the image that Victoria's Secret projects as being offensive and inappropriate, while others view it as basically harmless. In a similar vein, some people may find the fur coats in the window of the furrier a few doors down from Victoria's Secret to be offensive. Others may view high-priced jewelry stores to be in bad taste.

The bottom line is that it's in the eye of the beholder. If one doesn't like what a store sells, they don't have to shop there. If it upsets a parent to walk past the Victoria's Secret window with a child, take another route. Or better yet, ignore it. Some child-rearing experts advise parents in situations like this not to make a big deal of it because then the child will likely not make a big deal of it either.

In any event, Victoria's Secret is here legally. It followed proper procedures in opening its doors. Its products and its marketing strategy are not unique to its Westfield location. In these times when downtown business districts are suffering from the pressures of nearby shopping malls, we should welcome the addition of any new business that keeps our downtown vibrant and healthy.



Questions Remain on Possible Sale Of Property to Temple Emanu-El

This letter relates to the October 11, 2001 Westfield Leader article discussing the possible purchase of 1.07 acres of property by Temple Emanu-El to construct a parking lot and the October 25, letter of attorney Charles H. Brandt. Mr. Brandt severely criticized *The Westfield Leader* for even publishing the article and claimed that unidentified neighbors of the Temple, by discussing the purchase of the property by developer Michael Mahoney from the late William Thorne, were engaging in character assassination of developer Mahoney.

Mr. Brandt's letter seems to be an attempt to curb free communication regarding both the possible sale of the Thorne property to the Temple by developer Mahoney and the implications of a possible change of zoning rules so as to permit construction of a parking lot on the Thorne property.

Mr. Brandt's letter is informative for what is not mentioned. Although Mr. Brandt's letter is informative for what is not mentioned. Although Mr. Brandt says that he represents developer Mahoney (Why does developer Mahoney use a lawyer to respond to the *Westfield Leader* article? Any implied threat of legal action?), Mr. Brandt fails to mention that he represented Temple Emanu-El before the town planning board when the Temple sought site plan approval for its completed building expansion. After all, the Temple is the institution that is negotiating the possible purchase of the Thorne property from developer Mahoney.

Another omission is the failure to

even mention (much less contradict) the reported statements of Mr. Thorne's son and estate trustee, Laurence Thorne, that developer Mahoney, "assured him (William Thorne) he (Mahoney) would construct a single-family home or two single-family homes on the property. My father took Mr. Mahoney at his word. My father was a trusting man."

Likewise Mr. Brandt failed to mention the comment of Mr. Thorne's attorney, William Peek, who is reported to have said that the Thornes were under the impression that developer Mahoney would demolish the building on the property and develop one or two single-family houses.

As for unsupported statements of neighbors, I am a neighbor. I have been told by a neighbor that Mr. Thorne told this neighbor that he did not want to sell his property to the Temple. Further, I was told by a member of the Temple at a Temple meeting that Mr. Thorne would not sell his property to the Temple. Finally, Mr. Brandt even acknowledges that Mr. Thorne did not wish to sell his property to the Temple.

The purpose of this letter is to demonstrate that there exist questions and issues regarding the possible sale of the Thorne property to Temple Emanu-El and the possible use of the property thereafter. I believe that the questions and issues can best be resolved by freedom of discussion and dialog by lawyer threats.

James D. Hay
Westfield

Harry Potter Review Should Have Noted Positive Messages of Rowling's Creation

Michelle LePoidevin's review of the Harry Potter movie should have considered the underlying values taught by the stories: good vanquishes evil; hard work is rewarded; and in the end, love conquers all. That these values set in an environment of make-believe and magic is certainly not a new idea, and hardly relevant.

Does Ms. LePoidevin object to stories like Peter Pan or Aladdin? These have characters that practice magic. They do not have lessons as uplifting as the Harry Potter series.

She reminds us that the Bible is the best-selling book of all time. Is her message that any literature that fails to hew closely to Jewish and Christian scripture is immoral? Are we to think such books are dangerous to the religious development of our children?

Ms. LePoidevin talks Hannukah Harry and Santa Claus, and has them in conference with the Christ child. Let's remember that Santa Claus magic, and that his current role is more as a red-clad god of consumerism (run that against "thou shalt have no other Gods but me") than a symbol of anything remotely to the true Christmas story.

The bottom line is this: almost everything human can be found to be in conflict with biblical law or precepts in some way. An even-handed review

would reflect the strength of the positive messages in Rowling's creation, and not focus so negatively on the use of fantasy.

John Eldridge
Westfield

Legislature Should Pass Bills to Require Gyms To Have Defibrillators On Site

As a resident Union County and an American Heart Association volunteer, I want to urge New Jersey legislators to support Assembly bill A-3719, introduced by Assemblymen Robert J. Smith and Herbert C. Conaway. If passed, A-3719 would require registered New Jersey health clubs, gyms and fitness centers to have at least one defibrillator on site and staff trained to use the device.

According to the American Heart Association, health clubs/fitness centers are among the likely public locations for an occurrence of sudden cardiac arrest, which is different than a heart attack. Sudden cardiac arrest claims at least 220,000 lives annually. The national survival rate from sudden cardiac arrest is only about 5 to 8



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. Reptatorial – Moving by creeping
 2. Trochiferous – In zoology, having a wheel-like part
 3. Tegular – Resembling a tile or tiles
 4. Taxine – A poisonous resinous alkaloid obtained from the leaves of the yew

- BARATHRUM**
1. The reproductive organ of the female grasshopper
 2. An organ in the bullfrog which is responsible for its croak
 3. The siphon-like part which allows a mosquito to draw blood from its prey
 4. A pit; an abyss

- SMIGGINS**
1. Very small amount; a pinch
 2. Thick soup prepared from barley
 3. A meal consisting of English bread dipped in hot fish oil
 4. A lizard-like animal with a forked tongue

- MOLIMINOUS**
1. Consisting solely of calcium oxide or lime
 2. Covered with warts as a toad
 3. Of considerable consequence
 4. Producing a slight glow

- CLARIGATE**
1. To declare war formally
 2. To explain in excessive detail
 3. To remove the impurities from water
 4. To denounce; ridicule
- Answers will appear in next week's issue.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Teachers Should Be Paid Accordingly

A teacher to me is one who provides knowledge. They help us to learn by example and experience. Teachers give back to their communities by giving our children the very important foundation they need to become successful in what ever they choose to become. They can also become vital members of their communities. Teachers do their jobs unconditionally and with sincere dedication. Teachers should be paid accordingly. The teaching profession is the single most important profession there is. We would not be who we are if not for teachers.

Now, I really do respect professional athletes. They are very good at what they do or they would not be pros. Today, it is not always necessary for them to have a college education. What kind of example is this for children today? To some children they are role models. Why? They graduate high school, (with help from teachers I might add). Then they sign million dollar contracts to play games a few months out of a year. Earn respect for their time "working" and basically in my opinion contribute nothing of significant value to their communities. Maybe entertainment to some. While some may say this is a ridiculous comparison and it may very well be. Where are our priorities? To me, something is very wrong with

this picture!
My child's role model is his teacher and his parents.

Yvonne Gorily-Eisen
Scotch Plains

Mary and Stan Bell
Elizabeth

Police, Store Owner and Stranger Renew Shopper's Faith in People

I have a Thanksgiving story to share with our community. On November 19, while shopping in downtown Westfield, I discovered after leaving Kay Bay Toys that I had misplaced my wallet. I returned to the store but they did not have it. I hadn't walked far, so I couldn't imagine where it could be if I hadn't left it on their counter.

In a panic, I ran back out of the store and retraced my steps.

Out of nowhere, a young gentleman came up to me and asked if I was looking for a wallet. When I affirmed, he said the policeman had it. Instead of leaving it at that, he walked with me to find an officer.

The first one we found did not have my wallet, but he contacted another officer, who walked down East Broad to return my wallet. The second officer said the owner of the fur store, La

Marque Furs at 221 East Broad Street, had turned it in to him! I was amazed to be so lucky.

Naturally, I walked back to the fur store to thank the owner, who said he had found it on the ground, wide open, just outside his store. Apparently, it had fallen out of my handbag when I swung it over my shoulder to better carry my heavy Kay Bay bag.

This could have been a horrible beginning for my holiday season, but instead, because of the furrier and the young man who informed me as to where my wallet was, I am able to enter it with tremendous peace and thanksgiving.

I am profoundly grateful to these two gentlemen and to the two Westfield officers who assisted me during this frantic incident. As we all walk in doubt of what will happen next internationally, it is extremely comforting to know that here in Westfield, people are looking out for each other and our officers are so helpful.

The honesty it took for the furrier to return a fully loaded wallet and the care and concern it took the young man to spend his time assisting a stranger have really restored my faith in humanity. Thank you all for your kindnesses and assistance. I shall not forget you in my prayers.

E. Maloney
Westfield

Councilman-Elect Walsh Owed Apology From Westfield Leader

Permit me to provide a brief critique regarding the article in the (November 22) *Westfield Leader*.

Unless these "several Westfield residents" were willing to make their names publicly known when they leveled verifiably false accusations regarding the length of Kevin Walsh's residency in Westfield, and since you apparently had no independent hard evidence that their accusations may be correct, you should not have printed a story.

In my view, the story falls below acceptable journalistic standards.

You owe it to the public to identify the individuals who made the accusations and you owe a printed apology to Mr. Walsh.

Lawrence A. Goldman
Councilman, Fourth Ward
Westfield

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Reader 'Shocked' That Vegetarian Would Have Been Assigned Mr. D's

I recently read the article in last week's issue of *The Westfield Leader*. I was shocked to learn that a vegetarian had been assigned the job of evaluating Mr. D's restaurant in Mountainside, and critiquing its food. I liken this to a Seventh Day Adventist evaluating a hospital, a nun evaluating a house of ill repute, Al Sharpton evaluating the Westfield Police Department, a Chief of Police evaluating the Administrative Office of a municipality, Osama bin Laden evaluating international passivism, or a Jewish mother evaluating whether she should change a light bulb or just sit in the dark.

Maybe there is another job at *The Westfield Leader* that would be more appropriate for Ms. Davis. I was going to suggest that she could run the local Food Bank for the poor, but then they would only get salad, pasta, fruit, and maybe some eggplant.

When you decide to send another reporter to Mr. D's please make sure he or she is not a vegetarian, and suggest that the reporter critique the Sunday brunch, and order the eggs benedict. It's as good as Commander Palace in New Orleans.

William J. Biunno
Mountainside

Approved Apartments Will Only Undermine SP Business District

I have lived in this town for 14 years amid a parade of failed schemes about what to do to bring life, vitality and class to our downtown.

What is the latest daring response from our planning board? Ten more second-story apartments, i.e., further undermining the business environment on Park Avenue.

Recall that it was just a few years ago that Vic's Barber Shop and Raven Optical suffered three second-story apartments. Was their business enhanced? I doubt it.

It would appear that the planning board's approach to Park Avenue business is to give them "10 more."

Since it does not appear that any one will appeal, this unfortunate decision is a "done deal."

Alan R. Howe
Scotch Plains



REMEMBER 1998 HAY RIDES... Visitors took hay rides Sunday, December 6, 1998 through Scotch Plains Towne Centre during the afternoon of Old Fashioned Holiday Fun.

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town For SP Holiday Celebration

SCOTCH PLAINS — There will be fun for the entire family in the Scotch Plains Towne Centre on Sunday, December 2, starting at noon and continuing through early evening. Santa Claus and his helpers will be at this annual holiday celebration to bring cheer to children of all ages.

At 5 p.m., Santa will arrive on the fire truck to the Village Green, and Mayor Martin L. Marks will help Santa with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Toddlers and children up to age 7 are invited to visit with Santa in the Gazebo and receive a treat.

There will be many events throughout the day including a horse drawn wagon ride around town from noon to 4 p.m., a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting and more. Rainbow the Clown will perform from 2 to 5 p.m.

There will be balloon sculptures, a mini-magic show, live animals and free giveaways. A number of Santa's elves will be strolling around town along with Mrs. Claus to visit with children throughout the afternoon. The Scotch Plains Volunteer Fire Department will have a number of trucks on display. The Historic Osborn Cannonball House will hold its annual open house.

Many town shops will be open and will have sidewalk sales or specials for holiday shopping convenience. The improvements to the downtown will be on display.

Children can e-mail letters to Santa on the visitscotchplains.com website by stopping by the office of The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood at 1906 Bartle Avenue.

The events of the day are arranged by SPBPA, Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association. Scotch Plains school and community groups are invited to take part. Please contact SPBPA Chairperson, Vi Brown, of Realty World PAR Agency at (908) 322-4700.

The rain date for the event is the following Sunday, December 9.



NEWEST PLACE FOR WINES...The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Town and Country Fine Wines and Spirits Marketplace was held on November 17. Presiding over the ceremony, left to right, were: Darryl Walker, Chairman of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce; Shari Weinerman with baby Sam, Meredith Weinerman with proprietor Sean Weinerman; Mayor Greg McDermott, Debbie Schmidt, Chamber Director and Councilman Rafael Betancourt.

Grand Opening Ceremony Held for Town and Country

WESTFIELD — A grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for Town and Country Fine Wines and Spirits Marketplace, located at 333 South Avenue in Westfield, on Saturday, November 17.

Presiding over the ceremony were Debbie Schmidt, Director of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC); Councilman Rafael Betancourt, Mayor Greg McDermott, and Darryl Walker, WACC Chairman.

Sean Weinerman, proprietor of the newly renovated liquor and gourmet food market, has greatly improved the former home of Shopper's Liquors with wood flooring and a new, upscale look, including a mural of the town, which decorates one wall of the store.

His objective is to create an upscale one-stop place to shop for every gourmet need. The store features a wide selection of wines and spirits, cheeses, pates, soups, specialty breads, sauces, sorbets, frozen hors d'oeuvres, homemade desserts, candy and gifts items.

"We are happy to welcome this beautiful gourmet food and liquor store to South Avenue. It will certainly be a welcome addition to Westfield," Mr. Walker.

Regina McDuffee, manager of the store's Gourmet Department, is a member of the National Board of the American Cheese Society and specialist in gourmet delicacies. The store offers many homemade spreads and over 200 cheeses from England, Ireland and France and includes American Farmstead cheeses and fresh salsas from California. Their candy selection features Leonida's pralines from Belgium. Gift baskets are available for local delivery, or they can be shipped anywhere in New Jersey.

Ashbrook Announces 'Pictures With Santa'

SCOTCH PLAINS — On Saturday, December 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains will host "Pictures with Santa," featuring free refreshments, face painting and photographs with Santa Claus.

Community members are invited to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All participants will receive a special holiday gift.

The facility is located at 1610 Raritan Road. For more information, please call Ashbrook's Recreation Department at (908) 889-2587.



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER...Neil Schembere, right, President of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club, hands over tickets for its "Share-in-Youth" 50/50 fundraiser to co-chairmen Karin Dreixler and Andy Calamaras.

F-SP Rotarians Kick Off Share-in-Youth Campaign

FANWOOD — Tickets for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary annual 50/50 fundraiser, "Share-in-Youth," went on sale November 1.

The fundraiser raised \$19,650 last year, monies that were donated to seven youth organizations in Fanwood and Scotch Plains. Each group received \$1,403.

This year the Rotarians are aiming for sales of \$20,000. Tickets

are being sold by all Fanwood and Scotch Plains Rotary Club members. To purchase tickets, please call Andy Calamaras at (908) 322-2511 or Karin Dreixler at (908) 889-1999.

The club, which meets Wednesdays at noon at the Park Place Restaurant on Martine Avenue, is open to all businessmen and women in the two towns.

More Letters to the Editor

Mayor McDermott's Decision to Ban Display of Menorah While Allowing Christmas Trees Astonishes This Reader

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Westfield Mayor Gregory S. McDermott in response to a letter by the Mayor published on this page.

Rabbi Levi Block has shown me a copy of your letter of November 16, 2001, in which you related your decision to ban a public display of a Menorah while permitting the continued display of two large Christmas trees and scores of Christmas decorations on town property.

Your astonishing, disappointing and unilateral decision to deprive our town of a symbol of freedom is not only inconsistent with the controlling U. S. Supreme Court case law, but, in a year in which American freedom and cultural pluralism have come under attack by terrorists, deeply offensive and discriminatory.

It is also incompatible with the positions of cities and states throughout the land and the federal government, which, in allowing the display of Menorahs on public property, apparently disagree with your legal conclusions and, curiously, do not seem to regard public Menorahs

as a threat to the public order.

A careful reading of your letter, unadorned of its patronizing euphemisms like "holiday tree" and "holiday wreaths," leads to the inescapable conclusion that treasured Jewish cultural symbols are somehow deemed less worthy of respect and honor than Christian cultural symbols.

This conclusion simply reeks of the stench of bias. In addition, to equate a Menorah, which commemorates a great military victory over the forces of oppression, to a crèche, which is an unambiguously religious object, betrays a lack of understanding of the controlling case law or, worse, a conscious decision to disregard it.

Much has been made of your predecessor's original decision to forgo council discussion before allowing the first Menorah two years ago. His decision to follow the law had already been sanctioned by the Supreme Court and required no further approval by any other body. Your decision, in sharp contrast, dispenses with the Constitution and the rulings of those Justices who are charged with the responsibility to interpret and

enforce it.

Such a decision, which deprives so many citizens of Westfield of their cultural symbol, not only merits full council review, debate and remedial action, but demands it.

Therefore, this letter constitutes a formal request that the council conduct a formal public hearing concerning the right of the citizens of Westfield to erect a Menorah in the same public location in which a Christmas tree (and, yes, it really is called a "Christmas" tree) and other Christian symbols have been placed.

The furtive and unilateral nature of your decision cannot ever replace the bright light of public review. Certainly, if any council members vote to outlaw the Menorah, their constituents deserve to know precisely how, by whom, and in what fashion they are being represented.

In view of the gravity of the constitutional, legal and moral issues which surround your decision and the rapidly diminishing time to seek review, I would appreciate the courtesy of a rapid response.

Robert J. Ratner
Westfield

Mayor Explains New Policy Regarding Restriction Of Holiday Symbol Displays to Tree and Wreaths

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent by Westfield Mayor Gregory S. McDermott to Rabbi Levi Block of the Union County Torah Center in Westfield.

I was recently asked about the possible erection of a Menorah on land owned by the Town of Westfield to coincide with the celebration of Hanukkah during the coming holiday season. In addition, I was approached by a resident of the town about the position of the town concerning the possible erection of a crèche on land owned by the Town of Westfield.

After giving the subject a considerable amount of thought, and after consulting with town officials on this issue, I have come to the conclusion that the proper course of action for the town is to restrict the placement of any religious symbols on municipally-

owned property.

Religious symbols that celebrate and reflect the beliefs of various different religions during the holiday season should be located on property owned by each religious institution, rather than involving government in this process.

I have consulted with the town attorney on this important topic because it has been the subject of litigation involving other towns in New Jersey and in other states.

I am advised that, in general, the courts have concluded that it is not permissible under the United States Constitution for a municipality to allow the erection of religious symbols on publicly-owned land unless those symbols are included as part of a larger display that is distinctly secular and non-religious. Our policy on this issue in consistent with these court decisions.

This policy also applies to the wooden painted facade of the Presbyterian Church, which has been traditionally placed in the middle of Mindowaskin Park. The facade of the Presbyterian Church, which has been placed in the location in prior years and traditionally lit in the evenings, should not be erected there.

Instead, the town will make arrangements for a non-religious facade to be placed there which represents and reflects the Town of Westfield's festive celebration of the holiday season, but which does not contain religious symbolism. My recommendation will be to erect an American flag in that location. In furtherance of this policy, the town-

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Paul Scott Archbold and Miss Jennifer Ann Triarsi

Miss Jennifer Ann Triarsi To Marry Paul S. Archbold

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Triarsi of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jennifer Ann Triarsi, also of Westfield, to Paul Scott Archbold of Warren. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Archbold of Warren.

A 1990 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride-elect earned degrees in elementary education and

Erin Catherine Welcomed By Harris Family

Mary and Cliff Harris of Westfield have announced the birth of their daughter, Erin Catherine Harris, on Wednesday, September 26, at 5:15 p.m. at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Erin weighed 9 pounds and 8 ounces and measured 20 inches in length at birth.

She joins her brothers, Christopher, age 6½, and Matthew, 2½. The baby's maternal grandparents are the late Nelson and Catherine Ripley.

Her paternal grandparents are Robert and Catherine Harris of Waldwick.

English from Kean University in Union. She is employed as an elementary school teacher for the City of Elizabeth.

Her fiancé, who graduated from Watchung Hills High School in 1986 and majored in accounting at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., is a Certified Public Accountant and partner in the accounting firm of Clyne Eagan and Associates in Cedar Knolls.

The couple plans to be married in July of next year.

Son, Gianni, Born To Pizzi Family

Donald and Roseann Pizzi of Westfield have announced the birth of their son, Gianni Pagano Pizzi, on Thursday, October 4, at 12:35 p.m.

Gianni weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces and measured 20 inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Dominick and Terry Pagano of North Plainfield.

Donald and Angie Pizzi of New Providence are his paternal grandparents.

Mr. Gildea to be Speaker At Wednesday Luncheon

WESTFIELD - Jim Gildea, Acting Town Administrator of Westfield, will discuss the history and duties of the Town Administrator at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society at noon on December 5 at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

Mr. Gildea grew up in Westfield, where his parents are the owners of Celtic Imports Limited and Juxtapose Gallery. Since graduating from Westfield High School in 1988, he has been employed by the town in several capacities.

While earning his undergraduate degree in small business from the University of Vermont, he began working part-time for the town's Recreation Department as a swimming instructor, lifeguard and then manager of the Westfield Memorial Pool. He became Assistant Recreation Director on a full-time basis in 1993.

After leaving Westfield for a short time in 1999, he returned to become Deputy Town Administrator under then Administrator Robert B. Shannon.

When Mr. Shannon resigned in July, Mr. Gildea became Acting Town Administrator and will be permanently installed as Town Administrator on Tuesday, January 1. In addition to his current duties, he is also pursuing his master's degree in public administration at Kean University in Union.

Regular attendees of the First Wednesday Luncheon will be contacted by a telephone committee to verify their reservations. Space permitting, others are welcome to attend. Interested individuals are asked to call (908) 233-2930 before noon on Monday, December 3, for seating information.

Fanwood Lions Plan Christmas Tree Sale

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas Tree Sale beginning this Saturday, December 1, and continuing through Christmas.

The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on weekdays, at LaGrande Park, located at LaGrande Avenue and Second Street in Fanwood.

Scotch Pines, Balsams, Douglas Firs and Fraser Firs will be available. Customers may also select a wreath or Christmas decorations.

The revenue from the sale will benefit local charities and fund scholarships for local students to further their education.



A HOLIDAY WELCOME...Sue and Rick Bousquet, with a Jolly Elf, await the arrival of visitors to the historic Osborn Cannonball House, located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains, which will hold its 29th annual Colonial Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. The event will coincide with the Towne Centre's "Holiday Celebration" and will be the museum's final event of the year. The Cannonball House will reopen on Sunday, March 3, 2002.

Mothers & More Plans Cookie Recipe Exchange

CRANFORD - The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host its annual cookie exchange at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5, at the Hanson House, located at 38 Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

During this event, current and prospective members have an opportunity to exchange recipes and cookie samples, plus socialize with mothers who have chosen to alter their career paths to care for their children at home.

Participants are asked to bring two to three dozen of their favorite cookies, along with 15 copies of

their recipe. More than 60 members strong, the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More welcomes all mothers, regardless of career status, to attend meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Hanson House.

The group provides social opportunities for mothers and their children, including weekly playgroups, mom-and-tot outings, mom's night out and a variety of special interest clubs.

Interested mothers can obtain more information on the organization by calling Heidi at (908) 810-7165 or Jan at (732) 381-3199.

RAINBOWS to Offer Help In Dealing With Grief

WESTFIELD - The Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield has announced its commitment to implementing RAINBOWS, a program designed to help individuals work through the grieving process after a loss.

An international, not-for-profit organization, RAINBOWS was created in 1983 in three Chicago area schools, to provide children, adolescents and adults with an opportunity for healing after a painful loss, such

as a death, separation, divorce or abandonment.

Support groups are scheduled to begin on Thursday, February 7, 2002 and to run every Thursday through March 14, 2002, with a culminating activity on Saturday, March 16.

These meetings will be held at Holy Trinity Interparochial School from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. For further information, please call Mary Ann Foster at (908) 518-0517 or Lori Profeta at (908) 789-0055.

Nature Craft Show Set For Dec. 2 at Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Trailside Nature and Science Center, located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside, will present its annual Holiday Nature Craft Show on Sunday, December 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Among the many crafts for sale will be fresh evergreen arrangements, scrimshaw, framed pressed flowers, sunflower seed wreaths, country décor, homemade jams, jellies and relishes, snowmen, herbal soaps, garden art and a variety of jewelry.

Also featured will be nature photography, authentic Native American carvings, flutes and dream catchers, pottery, hand-blended potpourri and honey and beeswax candles.

In addition, crafters will sell handwoven clothing accessories, recycled-denim pillows, bird houses and feeders, as well as various ornaments, toys and stocking stuffers.

Individuals may also purchase outdoor wreaths and house gifts from fundraising scout troops or have their purchases wrapped in special gift bags for a small fee. A choice of hand-decorated gift bags in three sizes will come complete with colorful tissue paper, festive raffia bows and gift bags.

All proceeds from the gift wrap station will fund the renovation of the pump and pond in the center's backyard wildlife habitat.

Admission to the show is free. Tickets for a chance to win quality, donated craft items at a door prize drawing will be available for \$1 and holiday refreshments will be available for purchase.

The Trailside Nature and Science Center is a facility of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. For further information, please call (908) 789-3670.

Junior Optimists Reveal Photography Winners

WESTFIELD - The Junior Optimist Club of Westfield has announced the winners of its second annual Photography Contest for children and teenagers in kindergarten through grade 12. The theme for this year's contest was "Scenes of Westfield."

The winners in each age category were as follows:

Kindergarten-Grade 2 - Abigail Robertson, First Place; Alyssa Hatch, Second Place; Zachary Milrod, Third Place, and Chelsea Wolf, Honorable Mention.

Grades 3-5 - Holly Messina, First Place; Sara Birkenthal, Second Place; Stephanie Rowe, Third Place; Ann-Marie Valentine, Alyssa Porchetta and Patrick Gray, Honorable Mentions.

Grades 6-12 - Heather Island, First Place; Lauren Finestein, Second Place.

The Junior Optimist Club was formed five years ago by the Optimist Club of Westfield and consists of Westfield High School students.

The Junior Optimist Club is involved in community service projects such as the Recreation Commission's Haunted House and Tamaques Fun Run; PANDA Drug Awareness Week; the High School Blast and Holiday Toy Drive.

See it all on the Web!
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AVIS OPENS IN WESTFIELD...A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Avis Car Rentals, Inc. was held on November 17. Presiding over the ceremony, left to right, are: Debbie Schmidt, Executive Director, Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce; Town Councilman Rafael Betancourt; Mayor Gregory McDermott; Avis Manager Chris Childs; Avis Owner, Anwar Dhillon and Darryl Walker, Chamber Chairman.

Avis Car Rentals Opens On South Ave. In Westfield

WESTFIELD - A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Avis Car Rentals, Inc., located with STS Somerset Tire Service, 343 South Avenue, Westfield, was held on November 17.

Owner Anwar Dhillon and manager Chris Childs have opened this new location in addition to two other Avis rental sites in Short Hills and Madison. Mr. Dhillon said he chose Avis because, "they are the number one rental company in the world because of their service commitment and value."

The new Avis specializes in General Motors cars, specialty vehicles and truck rentals, compact to luxury cars and cargo vans to 24-foot trucks. Long-term and short-term leases are

available, as are special long-term leases for company trucks and vans. They offer Avis' nationwide reservation system and accept all Avis discounts.

"We are pleased to welcome Avis, a national car and truck rental agency, to the Westfield Chamber," said Darryl Walker, Chairman of Westfield Chamber.

'Chassidic Farbrengen' Scheduled for Tonight

WESTFIELD - The Union County Torah Center, located at 418 Central Avenue in Westfield, will hold a "Chassidic Farbrengen" tonight, Thursday, November 29, in honor of Yud Tes Kislev (the 19th day of Kislev), at 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Yitzchok Block, Professor Emeritus at the University of Western Ontario in London, Canada, will lead the Farbrengen and will discuss the history of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, along with stories of the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

A farbrengen is an informal gathering in which people celebrate their Judaism through song, stories and words of inspiration. Tonight's event is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, please call the center at (908) 789-5252.

Wreaths, Other Items To be Sold by Scouts

WESTFIELD - Boy Scout Troop No. 77 of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on East Broad Street in Westfield will sell wreaths, grave blankets and roping as a fundraiser on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2, and on Sunday, December 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

Homebound individuals needing any items may call (908) 789-8726 for delivery.

Good News

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10,12

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Interfaith Council Celebrates 15th Anniversary Of Extending a Helping Hand to Those in Need

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — The Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County celebrated 15 years of service to the community November 1 with a dinner at Westfield's Temple Emanu-El.

The evening's festivities paid tribute to the many individuals — volunteers, past and present board members, staff and those that funded projects of the Interfaith Council — who collectively have worked together to keep the homeless of Union County off the streets.

Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff, Senior Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El and one of the original board members, presented the keynote address that evening, entitled "The Power of Interfaith."

Addresses were also given by Dr. Barbara Aaronoff, Executive Director for the Interfaith Council, and by Mary Testori, current Board President.

Barbara Holman, a former shelter client and now an Interfaith employee, gave moving testimony regarding the assistance she received from the In-

terfaith Council, which she said enabled her to rise from homelessness to provide a better way of life for herself and her 13-year-old son.

Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco sent a proclamation honoring the Council's 15 years of service, which was read by Assemblyman Tom Kean, Jr.

Organized in 1986, the Union County agency was the first in the country to establish an Interfaith Hospitality Network — a group of congregations that offer their buildings a few times a year to house the homeless on a weekly rotational basis.

Union County's network was used as a model for other networks across the country. Currently, 26 states have operating Interfaith Hospitality Networks and eight others are in the process of developing such associations.

The Interfaith Hospitality Network includes 35 congregations throughout Union County that shelter the homeless.

Westfield congregations which participate as hosts in the network are: The Presbyterian Church, the First United Methodist Church, St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church and

Temple Emanu-El.

Other area participants include the Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside, as well as the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, the First United Methodist Church and the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, all of Scotch Plains.

Scotch Plains PBA Launches Toy Drive

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Policeman's Benevolent Association (PBA) has kicked off its Seventh Annual "Toys For Tots" toy drive and is requesting donations of new toys and games for disadvantaged area children.

Last year, more than \$3,500 in games and toys were donated to the PBA's toy drive. These gifts were placed in baskets and distributed to local churches and religious organizations throughout the community.

All donations will be dropped off at the Scotch Plains Police Department, in the lobby, where a special barrel has been placed. The cut-off date for donations is Friday, December 21, in order to allow for distribution for the holiday season.

The police department is located at 430 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. For further information, please call (908) 322-7100.

The efforts of the host congregations are supported by various houses of worship, which provide meals and volunteers. Among them are Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside; the Fanwood Presbyterian Church in Fanwood and Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains.

Others include St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Redeemer Lutheran Church, the First Congregational Church, the First Baptist Church and the Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, all in Westfield.

Last year, 217 people were given shelter through the Interfaith Hospitality Network. More than 50 percent were children, with the average client age being nine years old.

In addition to the Interfaith Hospitality Network, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County assists clients with transitional and affordable permanent housing and education, and other supportive services, to promote personal development, independence and self-sufficiency.

One of Interfaith Council's newest projects is community building for safe and stable neighborhoods.

For more information about the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, please visit www.interfaith-council.org on the Internet or call (908) 753-4001.



WELL-DESERVED HONOR...Assemblyman Tom Kean, Jr., presents a proclamation to Barbara Aaronoff, Executive Director of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, saluting the organization's 15 years of service to the community, during a November 1 dinner at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. The proclamation was signed by Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco.

'Journey to Bethlehem' Set At Presbyterian Church

WESTFIELD — An imaginary "Journey to Bethlehem" will take place at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield on Sunday, December 9, from 4 to 6 p.m.

This all-church event will be an opportunity for attendees of all ages to become acquainted with the characters in the Nativity stories of the Bible and to sample the tastes and smells of each scene.

Costumed actors will portray the innkeeper, the shepherds and wise men, Jesus' mother Mary and others.

Held annually, the program is sponsored by the Christian Education and Fellowship Commissions. Holiday refreshments will be served. The

church is located at 140 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

Caregivers Group To Meet Monday

WESTFIELD — A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically-ill loved ones meets on the first non-holiday of every month at 8 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

These are information and sharing sessions, with the next meeting to take place on December 3. For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1867.



BOOSTING 9/11 RELIEF...Members of the Westfield High School cheerleading squad, standing in front of the Bagel Chateau, recently volunteered to help sell booster buttons and raised over \$5,000 to be donated to the 9/11 relief fund.

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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE IS hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held on Tuesday, November 20, 2001 the following ordinance was duly passed on second and final reading.

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF FOR USE AS A NEW PUBLIC WORKS AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE FACILITY IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to acquire and improve real property, including structures, in, by and for the Township for use as a new Public Works and Recreation Maintenance and Storage Facility and for other future municipal purposes. Said improvement shall include real estate surveys and inspections, title and legal expenses, environmental studies, relocation expenses, original furnishings and equipment for the new facility, and all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor. The properties to be acquired have street addresses of 2460 and 2470 Plainfield Avenue, and are designated as Block No. 65.02, Lots Nos. 5 and 6, on the Tax Assessment Map of the Township.

Section 2. The sum of \$2,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the total estimated cost of said purpose is \$2,000,000, and (4) \$100,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$1,900,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$225,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$100,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$100,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,900,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,900,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said notes shall be signed by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of thirty years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$1,900,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from the County of Union, the State of New Jersey or any of its agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions 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, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 12. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township expects to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

STATEMENT

The bond ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union, in the State of New Jersey, on the 20th day of November, 2001, and the twenty day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
Township of Scotch Plains
County of Union
State of New Jersey
Fee: \$195.84

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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

**SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF AUDIT REPORT FOR PUBLICATION
SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2000 AUDIT REPORT OF
TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S. 40A:5-7
COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS- STATUTORY BASIS**

	DECEMBER 31, 2000	DECEMBER 31, 1999
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	\$ 10,729,388.45	\$ 12,663,002.54
Taxes, Assessments, Liens and Utility Charges Receivable	812,862.30	753,202.06
Property Acquired for Taxes - Assessed Value	348,459.01	348,459.01
Accounts Receivable	1,414,643.69	818,709.99
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - General Capitas	12,713,881.62	12,839,681.62
Deferred Charges to Revenues of Succeeding Years	41,729.31	185,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$26,060,964.38	\$27,608,055.22
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCES		
Bonds and Notes Payable	\$ 11,888,000.00	\$ 12,208,900.00
Improvement Authorizations	2,417,281.74	2,326,709.54
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	7,702,552.45	9,038,563.09
Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable	1,363,508.74	1,217,700.64
Fund Balance	2,689,621.45	2,816,181.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	\$26,060,964.38	\$27,608,055.22

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE CURRENT FUND- STATUTORY BASIS

	YEAR 2000	YEAR 1999
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 2,300,000.00	\$ 2,393,900.00
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local Property Tax Levies	6,294,871.28	5,740,659.84
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	651,405.72	667,728.60
Collection of Current Tax Levy	49,614,037.73	47,999,895.60
TOTAL INCOME	\$58,860,314.73	\$56,802,184.04
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Municipal Purposes	\$ 15,597,794.67	\$ 15,574,052.53
County Taxes	8,880,997.42	8,583,584.92
Regional School Taxes	31,821,963.00	30,796,737.68
Open Space Trust Fund Taxes	186,943.00	200,055.28
Other Expenditures	200,055.28	93,580.75
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$56,687,753.37	\$55,047,955.88
Excess to Fund Balance	\$ 2,172,561.36	\$ 1,754,228.16
Adjustment to Income Before Fund Balance: Expenditures Included above which are Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year	8,973.14	185,000.00
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	\$ 2,181,534.50	\$ 1,939,228.16
Fund Balance, January 1	2,759,195.19	3,213,867.03
	\$ 4,940,729.69	\$ 5,153,095.19
Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	2,300,000.00	2,393,900.00
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 2,640,729.69	\$ 2,759,195.19

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That an encumbrance accounting system be fully implemented.
- That an inventory and valuation of general fixed assets be taken and that a general fixed property ledger be maintained.
- That a current fund general ledger be maintained.
- That books of original entry be currently and accurately maintained for all funds.
- That all bank accounts be reconciled monthly.
- That sufficient appropriation and appropriation reserve balances be available prior to the commitment and expenditure of any funds.
- That the appropriation and appropriation reserve ledgers be accurately maintained and proven to the actual checks drawn on a monthly basis.
- That the detailed analysis of miscellaneous trust deposits be reconciled to the balance on deposit in the trust other bank account on a monthly basis.
- That the internal controls in the finance office be reviewed with consideration given to the possible segregation of duties.
- That consideration be given to implementing positive pay with the Township's banking institutions.
- That a foreclosed property register be maintained.

A Corrective Action Plan, which outlines actions the Township of Scotch Plains will take to correct the findings listed above, will be prepared in accordance with federal and state requirements. A copy of it will be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk in the Township of Scotch Plains.

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the report of audit of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, for the calendar year 2000. This report of audit, submitted by Suples, Clonney & Company, Registered Municipal Accountants and Certified Public Accountants, is on file at the Township Clerk's office and may be inspected by any interested person.

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
Fee: \$174.42

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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE IS hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held on Tuesday, November 20, 2001 the following ordinance was duly passed on second and final reading.

BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$100,000 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF KRAMER MANOR PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains has heretofore authorized the undertaking of various improvements to Kramer Manor Park, including environmental remediation and drainage improvements, in, by and for said Township and appropriated the sum of \$225,000 therefor pursuant to ordinance no. 19-01 adopted by the Township Council of said Township on October 9, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council now finds and determines that the additional sum of \$100,000 is required for such improvements, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township"), as follows:

Section 1. The additional sum of \$100,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvements authorized by ordinance no. 19-01 adopted by the Township Council of the Township on October 9, 2001 (the "Prior Ordinance"). Said additional appropriation shall be met from the down payment appropriated and from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this ordinance. It is hereby determined and stated that the Township has applied for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and has filed an insurance claim with the State Environmental Joint Insurance Fund in order to offset the Township's cost of the environmental remediation. Any such State grant or insurance funds so received shall be applied as set forth in Section 10 of the Prior Ordinance or Section 9 hereof. Said improvements have been and shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof has been nor shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 2. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the making of such improvements (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$325,000, including the sum of \$225,000 appropriated by the Prior Ordinance and the \$100,000 appropriated by this ordinance, and (4) \$15,800 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment, including the \$10,800 appropriated by the Prior Ordinance and the \$5,000 hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$309,200, including the \$214,200 authorized by the Prior Ordinance and the \$95,000 hereinafter authorized, and (6) the cost of such purpose includes the sum of \$90,000, including the sum of \$60,000 stated in the Prior Ordinance and the sum of \$30,000 hereby stated, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$50,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$5,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 4. To finance said purpose, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$95,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$95,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 6. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes and to issue said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of fifteen years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$95,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 9. Any insurance proceeds or any funds received from the County of Union, the State of New Jersey or any of its agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 10. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements authorized by the Prior Ordinance and described herein. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township expects to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 11. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 12. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions 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, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 13. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

STATEMENT

The bond ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union, in the State of New Jersey, on the 20th day of November, 2001, and the twenty day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
Township of Scotch Plains
County of Union
State of New Jersey
Fee: \$208.08

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Paul Hawkins, Served as Volunteer; Had Diverse Career in Oil Industry

Paul Frasier Hawkins of Seven Lakes in West End, N.C., died on Monday, November 19, at his home. Born in Corinth, N.Y., he was a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He had lived in Westfield from 1971 to 1986.

Mr. Hawkins began his career with Esso Standard Oil at the Bayway Refinery in New Jersey and moved to New York City in the Manufacturing Department as East Coast Coordinator. He later worked in the Supply Department of the Humble Oil and Refining Company as Manager of Products, Planning and Distribution. He subsequently became Assistant Manager of the Supply Department of Esso, Italiana and Esso Europe in England. Mr. Hawkins retired as Senior Advisor in the Logistics Department of Exxon Corporation in New York City.

Margaret Chapeau, 91

Margaret M. Chapeau, 91, of Fanwood died on Monday, November 26, at the South Mountain Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in Vauxhall.

Born in Everett, Mass., she had lived in Brooklyn, the Bronx and then Staten Island for 14 years before moving to Fanwood in 1993.

Mrs. Chapeau had worked as a clerk with the New York City Transit Authority in New York City for many years prior to retiring.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alvin J. Chapeau, in 1969. Surviving is a son, Richard A. Chapeau of Elizabeth.

The funeral will be at 9 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, November 30, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Funeral Mass will follow at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Interment will be at St. Charles Cemetery in Pinelawn, Long Island, N.Y.

Visitation will take place today, Thursday, November 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

November 29, 2001

Ernest Czekanski, 73, Past President Of Holy Name Society at Parish

Ernest E. Czekanski, 73, of Basking Ridge died on Thursday, November 22, at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Born in Mount Pleasant, Pa., he had lived in Scotch Plains before relocating to Basking Ridge 41 years ago. Mr. Czekanski had been employed by J.G. Tipl in Union for 40 years prior to retiring in 1990.

He was a graduate of the United States Army's Officer Candidate School and served during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Czekanski was Past President of the Holy Name Society of St. James Roman Catholic Church in Basking Ridge and was a member of the "Over the Hill Gang," an informal fraternity of golfing friends in Bernards Township.

He was a member of the RPI Society of Engineering and Tau Beta Pi.

Mr. Hawkins was a former President of the Board of Trustees of the West End Presbyterian Church in West End; Past President of the Eastern N.C. Exxon Annuitant Club, and a volunteer with Moore Regional Hospital, Moore County Meals on Wheels and Road to Recovery. He was also a member of Seven Lakes Kiwanis and the Seven Lakes Country Club.

He was predeceased by his son, Mark Hawkins.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Louise Hawkins; four daughters, Dale Rowe of Fort Monroe, Va., Jill Lautensack of Simsbury, Conn., Margaret Herrmann of Columbus, Ohio, and Judith Gaul of Robinson, Ill.

A memorial service was held at the West End Presbyterian Church on Monday, November 26. Interment was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Seven Lakes Rescue Squad, 969 Seven Lakes North, West End, N.C. 27376, or to the West End Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 13, West End, N.C. 27376.

Arrangements were handled by the Powell Funeral Home in Southern Pines, N.C.

November 29, 2001

Jill M. Goldstein, 50

Jill M. Goldstein, 50, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, November 22, at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Born in Newark, she had lived in Clark for 15 years before relocating to Scotch Plains 11 years ago.

Mrs. Goldstein was a pre-school and nursery school teacher's assistant at the Jewish Community Center in Scotch Plains for the past 18 years.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Goldstein; two daughters, Alyson Wolff and Megan Wolff, and a brother, Jeffrey Stein.

Graveside services were held on Sunday, November 25, at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

November 29, 2001

William Cartwright, 85

William M. Cartwright, 85, of Mountaineer died on Wednesday, November 21, at the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network in Westfield.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, he had lived in New York City before relocating to Mountaineer 34 years ago.

Mr. Cartwright had been a chemist with Oakite Products of Berkeley Heights for 35 years prior to retiring in 1980.

He was a graduate of the City College of New York. He was predeceased by his wife, Rose Polito Cartwright.

Surviving are a son, Robert M. Cartwright of Westfield, and a sister, Mary Rollins of New York.

A memorial service was held on Monday, November 26, at the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark. Memorial contributions may be made to 32 Masonic Lodge, Children's Learning Center, Forest Road, Scotch Plains 07076.

November 29, 2001

Jill Dickson, 57

Jill Edwards Dickson, 57, of Westfield died on Friday, November 23, at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in Westfield for the past 30 years. Mrs. Dickson had been an office manager for Murray Financial Corporation in Short Hills for 10 years.

She was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Surviving are her parents, Richard and Aline Edwards of Lakewood; a son, David R. Dickson of Pasadena, Calif.; a daughter, Tara B. Cornelius, also of Pasadena, and a sister, Marybeth Edwards of Basking Ridge.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, in The Chapel of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

November 29, 2001

Obituaries

Harry A. Devlin, 83, Artist-Illustrator; Navy Lieutenant in World War II

Harry A. Devlin of Mountaineer, 83, a prominent local artist for many years, died on Sunday, November 25, at his home.

A Jersey City native, he lived in Mountaineer since 1950.

Mr. Devlin was a self-employed artist, children's story writer and illustrator in the Westfield-Mountaineer area for most of his life and was still active with art shows and publications.

He was a Lieutenant in the United



Harry A. Devlin

Peter J. Angelo, 80, Army Veteran; Was NJ Transit Railroad Mechanic

Peter J. Angelo, 80, of Westfield died on Friday, November 16, at the Branchburg home of his son, Dennis Angelo.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Westfield for 45 years.

Mr. Angelo had been employed as a railroad mechanic for NJ Transit for 40 years before retiring in 1981. He worked as a crossing guard for the past three years in Westfield.

He served with the United States Army during World War II.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary D. Angelo, in 1998.

Surviving in addition to his son, is

a sister, Lucy Kryschuk, and three grandchildren.

A private funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, November 21, in the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

The Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield, was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Kenneth H. Sullivan, 50, Investor; Harvard Business School Alumnus

Kenneth Hayes Sullivan, 50, of York Harbor, Me., died on Saturday, November 24, at York Hospital from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident.

Born in Boston on November 18, 1951, the son of Edward D. and the late Helen Hynes Sullivan, he had formerly lived in Westfield for 20 years, moving to York Harbor three years ago.

Mr. Sullivan began his career as a financial investor as a securities trader with E.F. Hutton in New York City, serving in that capacity until 1984.

He then became a Senior Vice President Banker for the Drexel-Burnham-Lambert Company in New York City and also worked as an investment banker for the Republic National Bank.

In 1990, Mr. Sullivan started his own company, Mercadian Capital Corporation, and was the Chief Executive Officer of the Principia Corporation, with offices in Jersey City and London, England.

He was a partner of the Ledges Golf Course in York and the recently-opened Fox Ridge Golf Club in Auburn, Me. and was a communicant of St. Christopher Church in York.

Mr. Sullivan graduated with high honors in 1969 from Pittsfield High School in Pittsfield, Mass., where he was also on the wrestling team and an All State member and Captain of the golf team.

He received his bachelor's degree in 1973 and his Master of Science Degree in Management Engineering the following year from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He was President of the Sigma Chi Fraternity while at Rensselaer. A Baker

Helen Colacino, 78

Helen S. Colacino, 78, of Fanwood died on Tuesday, November 13, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Bayonne, she moved to Fanwood 39 years ago.

Mrs. Colacino had worked at Western Electric in Kearny for many years before retiring.

Surviving are her husband, Louis Colacino; her son, Gregory L. Colacino; two sisters, Ann Verona and Juliana Bacsik, and two brothers, Stephen W. Cimbalic and Joseph Cimbalic.

Services were held on Friday, November 16, at St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church in Rahway. Interment was at Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 815, Elizabeth 07207.

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Geraldine I. Dick, 93, Was Rosarian, Retreat Organizer at Holy Trinity

Geraldine I. Klitsch Dick, 93, of Westfield died on Wednesday, November 21, at Villa Maria in North Plainfield.

Born in Pennsylvania, she was a Westfield resident for many years.

Mrs. Dick was a member of the Rosary Altar Society of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and had been active as a retreat organizer at the church.

She was predeceased by her husband, Aloysius Dick, in 1992, and by two daughters, Marie Schuster, in 1972, and Elizabeth Brescia, in 1999.

Elizabeth Psak, 77

Elizabeth "Betty" Psak, 77, of Westfield died on Saturday, November 24, at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Czechoslovakia, she had lived in Bayonne for 52 years prior to coming to Westfield a year ago.

Mrs. Psak was a homemaker and a member of the Rosary Society of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church in Bayonne. She was also a volunteer at the Casano Senior Citizens Center in Roselle Park.

She was predeceased by her husband, Andrew Psak.

Surviving are three daughters, Rosalie Psak, Irene Giameo and Susan King; a son, Andrew Psak; two brothers, Anton Peisser and Josef Peisser, and six grandchildren.

The funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, November 27, at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church. Interment was in the family plot at the Holy Name Cemetery in Jersey City.

Arrangements were under the direction of the S. Fryczynski, Inc. Funeral Home in Bayonne.

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Margretha Huber, 96, Had Been Active With Church and Local Organizations

Margretha M. Huber, 96, a Westfield resident for more than 60 years, died on Saturday, July 28, at The Evergreens in Moorestown.

Born in Hazelton, Pa., she grew up in Belvidere, where her father served several terms as mayor.

A graduate of Trenton State College, Mrs. Huber came to Westfield as the health and physical education supervisor for elementary schools in 1930 and then taught at Roosevelt Junior High School, now Roosevelt Intermediate School.

She also served on executive boards of the YWCA, the Woman's Club, the Garden Club, local Parent Teacher

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Scholar, he received his Master of Business Administration Degree from Harvard Business School in 1976.

A member of the Board of Trustees at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, he was very active in the sports program there and had been an assistant coach for various sports in Westfield. He was also an assistant for the wrestling team at York High School.

Surviving are his wife of 27 years, Sharon E. Tyska Sullivan; three sons, Nolan E. Sullivan, Nicholas T. Sullivan and Kyle H. Sullivan, all of York Harbor; his father, who lives in Hanover, N.H.; two brothers, Gregory Sullivan of Salem, N.H. and Theodore Sullivan of Simi Valley, Calif., and two sisters, Janet Sullivan of Orleans, Mass. and Rebecca Fawcett of Hanover, N.H.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered yesterday, Wednesday, November 28, at St. Christopher Church. Interment took place at First Parish Cemetery in York.

Arrangements were handled by the Lucas and Eaton Funeral Home in York.

Memorial donations may be made to either the York Volunteer Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 238, York, Me. 03909; York High School, 286 Long Sands Road, York, Me., or to a favorite charity.

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Helen E. Clark, 74

Helen Elizabeth Conley Clark, 74, of New Bern, N.C., died on Wednesday, November 21, at her home.

Born in Philadelphia, she had lived in Westfield from 1957 to 1992, when she moved to New Bern.

A homemaker, Mrs. Clark was Past Queen of Maalaa Temple No. 20 of Daughters of the Nile in Livingston, a philanthropic organization that raises funds for the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospitals.

She was also a past officer of Azure Chapter No. 87 of the Order of the Eastern Star in Cranford and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in New Bern.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, Lee Harmon Clark; three sons, Bruce C. Clark of Virginia Beach, Va., Lance R. Clark of New Bern and Mark L. Clark of Albrightsville, Pa., and four grandchildren.

Interment will take place at the Revolutionary Cemetery of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, to be followed by a memorial service in the Presbyterian Church Chapel.

The Cotton Funeral Home in New Bern was in charge of the arrangements.

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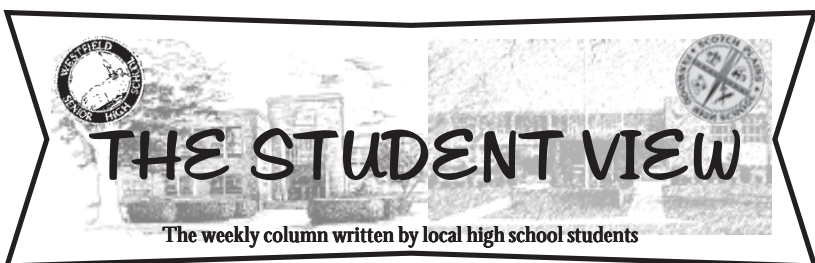
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We appreciate our neighbors



QUILTS OF HONOR... Lucy Ragoza and Pamela Russo, the parents of students attending Wilson Elementary School in Westfield, helped to organize and craft three "Quilts of Honor" in light of the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center. Created as a positive way for the school community to express their pride for all heroes and victims, the quilt included the aid of several volunteers. Nearly 300 quilt squares were hand-colored by the children and school staff. They were then stitched together by a team of quilters to create three oversized quilts currently on display at the school throughout the month. One quilt will remain with the school, and two others will be donated. Pictured, left to right, are Rita Marino, Mrs. Russo, Mrs. Ragoza and Kris Fitzpatrick.



Scholastic Assessment Test Will Withstand Test of Time

By JEREMY LIPSTEIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

After a nervous night's sleep, the alarm clock abruptly sounds at 8:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning, and Timmy wakes up in a cold sweat. After showering, eating, and dressing in the most comfortable attire he picks up three number two pencils, a calculator, and the registration papers. Now every necessity for the next three hours is in his hand, and he is out the door.

Sound familiar? For most high school seniors and juniors it should because most have experienced this: the morning of the SATs. True, most students dread having to endure the grueling three hour assessment, but the test is a must in the college application process and will be for a long time.

With over 1.3 million students in the United States applying to college this year and even more students abroad, college admissions officers have to look through hundreds of applications daily; with little way of comparing one student to the next. Varying high schools, GPA's, course selection, essays, and extra-curricular activities are all variables that a college must take into consideration to put students on the same scale, which is almost impossible to do.

But the SAT's do just this by showing the skill of all students on the same test, enabling admissions officers to see the academic skill level of each individual student.

Imagine one student, who attends a magnet high school, in which the course load is very difficult, who receives straight B's. Then take another student who attends a standard high school in which the course load is much easier than that of a magnet high school, and the student pulls off straight A's. These two students are hard to compare due to their greatly varying scholastic records. A college admissions officer would have trouble deciding between these two students, but the SATs would show how the different students perform under standard testing.

"[The] SAT is the only standard... It equals the field for everyone... It is solely a measure of ability," commented Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Guidance Counselor Karen McDermott. McDermott took a strong stand on the importance of the SATs, and when asked about schools that have made the SATs optional, she stated: "Schools that got rid of them [SATs] found it difficult to find qualified students."

Some may say that the SATs are unfair to those that can not afford the

\$800.00 Princeton Review course, but many have said that all the course does is familiarize students with the test, which is something any student with self-determination could do for free with the practice booklet or on the Kaplan web site.

It would be unfair to a student from a suburban town like Scotch Plains or Fanwood, which has a relatively good school system, who ranks 30 in his class of 300 and does well academically, to be compared with a student that ranks first in his class of 300, but attends one of the worst high schools in the country.

Though 280 four-year colleges like the University of California now have made the SATs optional for some or all students, there are still 1,803 four-year colleges in which the test is a necessity for acceptance. And until the other 1,803 colleges agree to cut the test from their requirement lists, the test stands no chance for extinction.

There are in fact several colleges that have dropped their policy of making the SATs optional; for instance Lafayette College in Pennsylvania. After starting 5-year experiment making the SATs optional in 1995, the school reverted back to their old admissions process because admissions officers found it hard to rate students on a standard scale due to inflated grades and unranked classes.

"We felt the SAT gave us one more consistent, nationally recognized standard," said Barry McCarty, a Lafayette dean in an article in Time magazine.

There isn't a student in the United States that likes going through the hassle of waking up early on a Saturday morning to take the SATs, but the standardized test is imperative to put students on the same par for college applications.

Urban League Scholarship Earned by Krystle Dixon

WESTFIELD - Krystle Dixon, a graduate of Westfield High School, has received an Urban League Scholarship at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y.

The university invites each Urban League affiliate in the country to nominate high school seniors for the award. Nominees demonstrate a high level of academic excellence and leadership in extra-curricular or community activities.

An entering freshman, Krystle is a Westfield resident. The scholarship is renewable each year of college.

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Holiday Stroll in Westfield To Benefit Education Fund

WESTFIELD — On Sunday evening, December 2, from 6 to 10 p.m., a special shopping event, called Holiday Stroll, will be held in downtown Westfield.

"This unique event is a cooperative effort of the Education Fund, local merchants and Downtown Westfield Corporation. This is a very unusual event and we appreciate the community support", said Danielle Walsh, President of the Education Fund of Westfield, Inc.

Volunteers will be caroling, bagpipers are planning performances and Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg, Executive Director and Founder of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, promises to play his aliphorn. Refreshments will be provided at several locations.

Event spokesperson, Elaine Slabe, told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that the many stores participating in this event have agreed to stay open at this unusual time and donate a percentage of their sales to the Education Fund.

She related that this is part of the mysterious circle of how Westfield operates, everyone is working together and helping each other.

Flyers have been distributed throughout the Westfield public schools for "backpacking" home to parents to advertise the event.

Mrs. Slabe said that as of November 25, the list is growing and the following stores will participate: Adlers Jewelers, Ahrrre's Coffee Roastery, Backroom Antiques, Castle Bootery, Celtic Imports, Chico's, Christina Gabrielle, Diane B. Douglas Cosmetics, Hobby Town, Juxtapose Gallery, Lancaster Ltd., Little Treasures, Michael Kohn Jewelers, Mother & Baby Co., Moto Photo, Periwinkles, Poppyfields, Scott's Shoes, Success Express, The Gift Monkey, The Leader Store, The Town Book Store, *The Westfield Leader* and Westfield Vacuum.

Participating stores in downtown Westfield will be identified by balloons and posters on their storefronts.

Sherry Cronin, Executive Director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, who is helping with the event stated, "One of the reasons Westfield is such a great place to live is the spirit of the community. We hope many residents shop locally and enjoy all of the 'Welcome Home to Westfield' events during the holiday season."

The Education Fund of Westfield was formed 11 years ago to support the public schools in Westfield. Last year, the organization provided \$30,000 in grants to support programs and projects outside of the operational budget of assistance to education, according to Mrs. Walsh.

Ms. Slabe commented, "This is a wonderful opportunity for residents to support the education of our students while enjoying a unique shopping experience in downtown Westfield."

For more information, please contact Ms. Slabe at (908) 232-2693.

Warm Up With Talent of Westfield Pupils During District-Wide Winter Concerts

WESTFIELD - The Fine Arts Department of Westfield Public School has revealed its roster of winter concerts, which will be held during December and January throughout the school district. All concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m.

- December 6 - Vocal and Orchestra at Roosevelt Intermediate School.
- December 10 - Northside Strings at Roosevelt School.
- December 11 - Band at Roosevelt School; Winter Concert at Jefferson Elementary School and Winter Concert at McKinley Elementary School.
- December 12 - Auditioned Groups at Roosevelt School; Winter Concert at Tamaques Elementary School.
- December 13 - Winter Concert at

Foreign Language Society Accepts UCHS Inductees

SCOTCHPLAINS - Union Catholic High School (UCHS) in Scotch Plains has revealed the names of the 2001-2002 inductees to the Foreign Language National Honor Society.

An induction ceremony was held on November 15 at the school to honor all new members. Sister Percylee Hart, Principal of UCHS, gave the invocation, while Foreign Language Department Chairman Bruce Zehnle gave the opening remarks. The guest speaker was David De Oliveira.

The inductees were presented to their society by their moderators: Mr. Zehnle for the Spanish Honor Society, Frances Brennan for the French Honor Society, and John Cerimele for the Italian Honor Society.

To qualify for the Foreign Language National Honor Society, members must be in their fifth semester or beyond of foreign language, attain a B+ or higher, demonstrate interest in and concern for the culture, customs and people, excellence or performance in a foreign language and demonstrate an above-average proficiency in a foreign language.

Spanish Honor Society inductees include: Lauren Bowe, Allison Clark,

Jonathan M. Da Silva, Melissa Dela Torre, Anthony D'Errico, Jaleah Hawkins, Amanda Kelly, Bridget Koza, Cara Latham, Daniel D. Majcen, Lindsey Mills, Michael Puzyk, Debora Riviriego, Chad Riddick, Kristen Rizzo, Folusho Sodeke and Kate Walsh.

French Honor Society inductees are Rosavida Cruz, Elizabeth D'Antuono, Marpessa Dominique, Mark Fernandez, Sheri Jones, Andrea Keller, Heather Kolar, Jessica Kurylak, Robert McGuire, Valerie Mitchell, Margaret Monroe, Lisa Mruk, Christine Neto, Deborah Oravez, Kristen Petela, Patrick Stahlberg, Lindsay Toussaint, and Sandra Zamora.

Italian Honor Society inductees include Ernesto Cerimele, Pietro Hanatzky, Bruno Lanfernini, Stephanie Massaro, and Vincent Passafiume.

Jack David Scott Earns Doctor of Philosophy

WESTFIELD - Westfield resident Jack David Scott received a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Chemistry from Colorado State University during the summer.

Washington Elementary School; Sixth Grade Instrumental and Vocal at Edison Intermediate School.

- December 17 - Southside Strings at Edison School; Vocal at Franklin Elementary School.
- December 18 - Instrumental at Westfield High School.
- December 19 - Vocal at Westfield High School.

•December 20 - Band at Franklin School; Vocal at Edison School.

- January 10, 2002 - Seventh and eighth grade instrumental at Edison School.
- January 16, 2002 - Concert at Westfield High School.
- January 23, 2002 - All School Recital Series in Room No. 121 at Westfield High School.

Upcoming Courses Slated At Westfield Adult School

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Adult School, held Monday evenings at Westfield High School, 550 Dorian Road, will begin new classes in November.

Covering subjects as diverse as Architectural Styles, Tax Relief and Sign Language for Babies, these courses are open to the public.

Pre-registration is required. To register, please call (908) 232-4050 or visit www.westfieldnj.com/adultschool.

The school is an independent, not-

for-profit, voluntary organization formed for the purpose of providing educational opportunities for people in Westfield and its surrounding areas. The school receives no taxpayer monies and is supported by nominal tuition fees, as well as charitable donations from individuals, sponsoring organizations and endowments.

Donations may be made payable to the Westfield Adult School Association, P.O. Box 606, Westfield, 07091.



WESTFIELD TO MANHATTAN...Anna Jane Sabbagh's third graders at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield proudly display their homemade American flag bead suncatchers. The Westfield students have agreed to send the craft, which they made at their Halloween party, to the children of PS (Public School) 89 in Manhattan, as a gesture of friendship. The PS 89 students had subsequently been relocated two times to schools far from home after their school closed after the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Leonard and Rose Named Scholarship Semifinalists

SCOTCH PLAINS - Brandon Leonard and Megan Rose, seniors at Union Catholic High School (UCHS) in Scotch Plains, were recently named semifinalists in the 2002 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Selection is based upon scholastic excellence.

Brandon and Megan now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 Merit Scholarship awards, worth over \$32 million, that will be offered next spring.

Brandon, who is a member of UCHS' National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and Technical Assistance Program, participated in the National and Global Youth Leadership Convention.

He is active in Boy Scouts and with

the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leonard of Cranford.

Megan was selected from a nationwide group of 1,500 outstanding African-Americans as a semifinalist in the 2002 Achievement Scholarship Program.

A member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society, Megan completed the Junior Statesmen Summer School Program at Princeton University this past summer. She is also involved in many extracurricular clubs and her Community Outreach Club.

Megan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Rose of North Plainfield.



PATRIOTS...Paula Leonard, left, and Samantha Luscombe, sixth graders at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield, made patriotic red, white and blue ribbon pins for which they received donations from their peers. In the two days that the girls had the ribbons available during lunch period at the school, they received \$130 in donations that they presented to the United Fund of Westfield's September 11 Fund. Samantha said, "We wanted to help the families of the victims. I thought the ribbon sale could help the families and also show that we kids care."



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COOK TOSSES 55-YARD TD PASS, PUNTS, INTERCEPTS, BLOCKS PUNT

Westfield Gridmen 'Cook' Cardinals, 24-21 During Annual Thanksgiving Day Game

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

"This is what Thanksgiving Day football is all about," said Blue Devil Head Coach Ed Tranchina just after senior quarterback Louis Mercer smashed into the end zone on a fourth-and-goal situation from the one with 45 seconds remaining to give the Westfield High School (WHS) football team a 24-21 lead and the eventual win over 7-3 Plainfield in the annual Thanksgiving Day game be-

fore a monster crowd at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield. The victory in the rivalry, which began in 1900, gave Westfield a 49-41-7 edge over the Cardinals.

In order to prepare a fine turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day, it requires a great cook and senior wide receiver/safety Jay Cook was quite a chef as he fired a 55-yard touchdown pass to junior tight end Brian Butts, burned the Cardinals with several superb punts, added a nice touch

with a partially blocked punt and sewed up the victory with his seventh interception of the season, tying a WHS record.

"I had to go out in style. I'm up there with Lamont Turner. That's a great name to be up there with," said Cook about his interception record. "Here we have two great teams in a traditional game. I'm honored to have done it here."

"It's only fitting for us to do it this way. It's the way we've done it all

year. We had to wait until the last minute to win it," said a very drenched Tranchina after being doused with a bucket of ice water. "First of all, we have to be underdogs which we were, we have to screw things up which we did, then we have to come back and win it."

Westfield (8-3) used a little chicanery and struck like lightning to gain a 7-0 lead with 8:39 remaining in the first quarter. On a second-and-12 from the Blue Devil 45, Cook slipped into the backfield and Mercer tossed back to him. Meanwhile, Butts sprinted downfield. Cook fired, Butts made a great catch and rumbled into the end zone. Andrew Lessner added the point after.

"He has been bugging me all year to run that play," Tranchina pointed out. "He made a great throw and Butts made a great catch."

"I've been bugging him all year," chuckled Cook. "He told me on the first drive of Thanksgiving Day, he would let me throw it. He gave me the chance and Brian did a great job of getting open."

"Cook's always had the arm," said Butts. "I just had to beat the safety. It was a tough play but I like hard-nosed football."

One minute into the second quarter, the Cardinals completed an 11-play, 60-yard drive to tie the score when quarterback Amar Dixon

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2001 Westfield/Plainfield Rivalry Westfield 49, Plainfield 41, Tie 7

1900	—	Westfield	26-0	1955	—	Plainfield	21-0
1901	—	Westfield	NA	1956	—	Plainfield	19-6
1903	—	Plainfield	15-0	1957	—	Plainfield	19-12
1905	—	Plainfield	24-0	1958	—	Plainfield	21-0
1907	—	Tie	6-6	1959	—	Plainfield	7-0
		Westfield	11-0	1960	—	Westfield	13-7
1908	—	Plainfield	12-6	1961	—	Westfield	13-6
		Plainfield	5-0	1962	—	Plainfield	27-7
1909	—	Plainfield	35-6	1963	—	Westfield	14-12
1910	—	Westfield	6-0	1964	—	Plainfield	13-7
1911	—	Plainfield	37-6	1965	—	Westfield	21-0
1912	—	Westfield	19-7	1966	—	Plainfield	33-12
1913	—	Westfield	20-6	1967	—	Plainfield	12-7
		Westfield	26-7	1968	—	Westfield	25-21
1914	—	Plainfield	19-0	1969	—	Westfield	45-0
1915	—	Plainfield	7-0	1970	—	Westfield	49-6
		Westfield	6-0	1971	—	Westfield	12-6
1916	—	Tie	0-0	1972	—	Westfield	27-6
		Plainfield	7-3	1973	—	Westfield	20-0
1917	—	Plainfield	39-0	1974	—	Westfield	31-14
1919	—	Plainfield	6-0	1975	—	Westfield	9-6
1921	—	Plainfield	28-0	1976	—	Westfield	34-0
1922	—	Plainfield	19-0			Westfield	14-0
1923	—	Westfield	3-0	1977	—	Westfield	38-0
1924	—	Plainfield	18-0	1978	—	Westfield	6-2
1925	—	Plainfield	7-2	1979	—	Westfield	3-2
1926	—	Plainfield	20-0	1980	—	Westfield	14-0
1931	—	Westfield	21-0	1981	—	Westfield	28-6
1932	—	Westfield	13-6	1982	—	Plainfield	21-3
1933	—	Tie	0-0	1983	—	Plainfield	14-6
1934	—	Westfield	7-6	1984	—	Plainfield	14-0
1935	—	Plainfield	7-0	1985	—	Tie	0-0
1936	—	Tie	0-0	1986	—	Westfield	27-14
1937	—	Tie	0-0	1987	—	Westfield	35-6
1938	—	Plainfield	13-0	1988	—	Westfield	7-6
1939	—	Westfield	20-0	1989	—	Westfield	14-7
1940	—	Westfield	13-0	1990	—	Westfield	21-6
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1944	—	Westfield	12-6	1992	—	Plainfield	14-9
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1946	—	Plainfield	6-0	1994	—	Westfield	20-7
1947	—	Westfield	32-12	1995	—	Westfield	28-20
1948	—	Westfield	14-6	1996	—	Plainfield	38-7
1949	—	Plainfield	19-6	1997	—	Westfield	22-7
1950	—	Plainfield	33-7	1998	—	Plainfield	21-7
1951	—	Plainfield	14-6	1999	—	Plainfield	20-14
1952	—	Plainfield	27-14	2000	—	Westfield	42-25
1953	—	Plainfield	25-6	2001	—	Westfield	24-21
1954	—	Plainfield	6-0				



VERY DETERMINED SENIOR BLUE DEVILS...Seniors Matt Daly, No. 1, and Matt Andzell, No. 50, prepare to block for senior halfback Diano Reavis, No. 2, late in the fourth quarter. Reavis had a crucial seven-yard gain to set up the winning touchdown plunge made by senior quarterback Louis Mercer.

SCHILLER HITS TDS TO 2 WILLIAMS, PAVONI GETS 2 TDS

Raider Gridmen 'Gobble' Up Farmers, 28-0, on Turkey Day

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

The taste of turkey had to be sweet for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team, especially for the seniors, on Thanksgiving Day. This group of Raider seniors, who finished 9-2 in 1999 and 8-3 in 2000, made it three-in-a-row over the visiting Union Farmers with a 28-0 gobbling. In 2000, the Raiders leveled the Farmers 34-14, and in 1999, they stunted the 17th-ranked Farmers, 27-13.

"We started playing Union on Thanksgiving in 1991 and we beat

them the last three years. Prior to that I don't think we won a Thanksgiving game in 20 years," said Raider Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli.

Interestingly, the Raiders had suffered heartbreaking setbacks in the Group 3, Section 2 semifinals just five days before playing Union all three times and yet came back to finish each season with resounding victories.

"It showed a lot of character for a team to come back like that," said Ciccotelli. "We discussed all week that you have to deal with disappointment and move on. One thing in life is

to go through and build memories." Senior quarterback Brian Schiller closed out his high school career in style by completing eight out of 11 passes for 138 yards, including two first-half touchdown passes — seven completions for 131 yards were in the first half. Schiller completed his first touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Ray Williams — three receptions for 56 yards — on an eight-yard float then added a 22-yard strike to senior wide receiver Steve Williams — three receptions for 56 yards.

Senior fullback/linebacker Andrew

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RIISING TO THE OCCASION AGAIN...Raider sophomore halfback Kyle Baker, No. 20, gained 138 yards against the Union Farmers on Thanksgiving Day. The Raiders defeated the Farmers for the third time in a row.

GOLDWEITZ, LANG, DOWLING SCORE TOUCHDOWNS

Prepared Senior Girls Pound Juniors, 22-0, in Powder Puff

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

Perhaps it was just the extra year of maturity. Most likely, however, it was preparedness that made it so easy for the Westfield High School senior girls to rout the confused juniors, 22-0, in the annual Pre-Thanksgiving Day Powder Puff football game at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on November 22. Elyse Goldweitz, Morgan Lang and Tara Dowling each scored a touchdown for the seniors.

Before the game, one of the coaches of the seniors, star wide receiver/safety Jay Cook, felt quite confident of his team's chances. "The seniors are going to come on top 21-0. Maybe they (juniors) will score when we put our second team in. We have great

backs in Jenny Hayes, Morgan Lang, Christine Pecoraro and Elyse Goldweitz. And Tara Dowling is a great quarterback."

As to an offensive strategy, Cook hinted, "Tara has a good arm. We may take to the air a few times but we have a couple of sucker plays that the juniors may not know about yet. We are going to teach them a little lesson."

Junior coach Brian Butts (linebacker/tight end on the varsity football team) had different thoughts,

"We have some talent here. I don't think they know what's really going to happen to them. They think we don't have any plays, but we have some for them."

With two fine quarterbacks, Lisa Venezia and Rachel Skolnick, Butts had a warning for the seniors, "Rachel can throw the ball about 35 yards and we have a few reverse plays that may get them."

Well, the seniors certainly did have a few sucker plays with some decep-

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POWERFUL POWDER PUFF KICK...Senior Jen Hayes had some powerful kickoffs against the juniors.



Senior quarterback Tara Dowling

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HARD TO BRING DOWN...Senior wide receiver Ray Williams, No. 6, made it difficult for the Farmers to bring him down. Williams had an eight-yard touchdown reception.

Raider Gridmen 'Gobble' Up Farmers, 28-0, on Turkey Day

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Pavoni scored a third quarter touchdown (TD) on a five-yard smash and added a one-yard TD bash on the first play of the fourth quarter. Sophomore halfback Kyle Baker had another big day as he battered and slashed his way to 138 yards rushing on 19 carries. Additionally, he had a seven-yard reception.

As they had done for the past three years, the Raider defense, led by Pavoni - 15 tackles - stopped the Farmers in their tracks. The Farmers threatened only once and had just 87 total yards rushing and 51 total yards passing - 73 net yards in the first half. Seniors Josh Finkelstein, Wesley Warchol and Matt Richards respectively recorded 13, 9 and 7 tackles while junior Josh Wexler had 10 tackles.

Despite two penalties, the Raiders mixed effective passing with running to orchestrate a 12-play, 73-yard TD drive on their first series. Baker carried five times for 32 yards and had his seven-yard reception,

in a tough spot when quarterback Mike Wenna hit Ron Booker on a 45-yard pass play before he was dragged down by Ray Williams at the 17. Richards came through with a four-yard sack and Warchol followed with a huge 12-yard sack to thwart the Farmer drive.

After the punt rolled out at the 12, the Raiders engineered a six-play, 88-yard TD drive, culminated by Steve Williams' 22-yard reception with 10:35 left in the half and highlighted two plays earlier by Ray Williams' 38-yard reception.

Sticking primarily to a running game strategy in the second half, the Raiders continued to chew up the turf instead of the Farmers. With 5:39 left in the third quarter, Pavoni rumbled in from the five, upping the score to 20-0. Schiller added the PAT. On the first play of the fourth quarter - 11:54 remaining - Pavoni extinguished all hopes for the 4-6 Farmers with his one-yard plunge. "We loosened them up with the



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
FIRST TEAM ALL-UNION COUNTY...Senior Raider Kellie LaForge was selected First Team All-Union County by the coaches.

'KOS', KELLIE GET 1ST TEAM UC

Lady Raiders Finish Soccer Season, 12-8-1

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

Injuries plagued this year's Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls' soccer team. The Raiders spent most of the season without team Tri-Captain Jackie Fiorino and senior forward Kerri Quinn; however, the Raiders did finish with a respectable 12-8-1 record, defeated rival Westfield in one of their meetings, were seeded third for the Union County Tournament and qualified for the NJ Group 3, Section 2 playoffs, falling to Millburn, 3-1, in the semis.

Seniors Kellie LaForge (sweeper) and Jill Koscielecki (center forward) were selected to the First Team All-Union County (Coaches' Poll). Senior Jayme Ferrara (defense), juniors Lauren Bianco (goalie) and Stephanie Heath (midfield), and sophomore Michele Fischer (midfield) were selected to the Third Team All-UC.

Koscielecki, the leader of the offensive charge, was also the offensive scoring leader with 12 goals and 10 assists. Controlling the middle, she would primarily skid crisp passes to sophomore Lauren Belford - three goals and three assists - on her right or to freshman Jenna Balestriere - seven goals and six assists - on her left.

Combined with junior stopper Amanda Wells, LaForge with her dogged physical play and the quick Ferrara, a three-year starter, made Bianco's job a lot easier. According to Butz, "Jayme was probably the best defensive player in the county. She was very fast and very intelligent."

As the last line of defense, Bianco posted eight shutouts and made many key saves.

"Against the weaker teams, she had no need to make a large number of saves but, against the stronger teams, she would average around 10 saves per game," Butz pointed out.

Always intimidating the goalie, Fischer also netted 12 goals and added two assists. Heath was always active around the goal and contributed five goals and assisted with eight assists.

Junior Holly Kramer netted two goals and two assists, junior Megan Reddington had two goals and an assist and junior Laura Klastava added a goal and an assist. Although not scoring, senior Tracey Fitzgerald also kept a lot of pressure on the opposition's goalie.

Sophomore midfielder Chelsea Mintz left quite an impression with three goals and five assists and freshman midfielder Kristen Zyla netted a goal and four assists. Having been brought up from the junior varsity late in the season, freshman Lauren Perotta had two key assists from corner kicks in the Raiders' win over Nutley in the sectional quarterfinals.

"It was a good year. Unfortunately, we didn't score as well when we needed, but they were a nice group of girls and we had almost every girl score at least one or two goals," said Butz.

The Raiders will graduate six seniors but return 12 starters next year. "We had a strong group of seniors with a lot of quality," said Butz. "We do have a lot of good underclassmen returning next year and a strong group of JV's."



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
ALL-UC 1ST TEAM...Senior Jill Koscielecki was selected All-Union County First Team by the coaches.

Registration Set For Spring Lax

Registration forms for the Westfield Lacrosse Club boys and girls teams are now available at The Leader Store and Kehler's Athletic Balance. This is an instructional program open to all kids in grades 3-8, regardless of experience. The season will kick off by team meetings in February to discuss equipment and specific team plans. Practices will start in March with games beginning in early April.

Save \$20 off the registration fee if you register before December 15. Early registration helps the Club insure that we will have adequate coaching and field space to meet demand. If there are any questions concerning the Club or its programs, please call Rich Werner at (908) 789-3482 for the boys division or Lois Hely at (908) 233-3960 for the girls division.

Rebels Close Out Season Unbeaten

The SP-F Rebels U10 girls' soccer team closed out the regular season 9-0-1 with a 2-1 victory over the East Brunswick Rage. Defenders Ali Prestridge, Devon Daly and Sarah Canfield did not allow a single shot on goal in the first half, while midfielders Becky Krakora, Kathryn Dinizo and Jen Kickenweitz aggressively pushed the ball up to the offensive front line and often made their own shots on goal.

The Rebels bombarded the Rage goal area with shots by Cassie Zito, Michelle Goldberg, Kim Many, Lyndsey Douglas, Morgan Burke and Colleen Sweeney that the goalie valiantly fended off. Sweeney scored first on a perfectly placed corner kick, which bounced off a Rage player into the net. Near the end of the half, Sweeney again scored with an unassisted left-footed shot into the corner.

In the second half, the Rage got their offensive momentum together and scored off a wide shot that bounced off the crossbar into the goal. Rebels goalie's Dinizo and Burke had several aggressive saves to preserve win.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
IN FOR THE TOUCHDOWN...Raider senior wide receiver Steve Williams glides into the end zone to complete a 22-yard touchdown reception.

Finkelstein had a 20-yard reception and Ray Williams grabbed a 10-yard pass before hauling in his eight-yard TD pass with 4:50 left in the first quarter. Schiller split the uprights for the extra point.

The Farmers got good field position on its own 38 and put the Raiders

passing game and it made it easier for the run. We wanted to control the ball in the second half but we also found things in the running game that worked," Ciccotelli explained of the strategy change.

Junior defensemen Chris Feighner, Chris Zidonik and Wexler also provided key sacks for the Raiders, who finished their season, 8-3.

Regarding the success of the seniors over the past three years, Ciccotelli said, "This was a great group. They turned around our program. They started something here and I hope it continues."

Regarding next year, he said, "Unfortunately, you can't sign kids to a 10-year contract. As time moves on, you've got to replace them. But we do have a good nucleus returning both offensively and defensively."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-17486-00
 BCIC FUNDING CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. HYOK KUN SHIM, ET ALS., DEFENDANT.
 CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 23, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 2001 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY & 22/100 (\$88,890.22)
 COUNTY OF UNION
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 CITY OF ELIZABETH
 BLOCK NO. 9 LOT NO. 400.A
 1111 NO. 15 E JERSEY STREET,
 ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY
 There is due approximately the sum of NINETY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVEN & 66/100 (\$93,107.66) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

RALPH FROELICH
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 DONALD E. WILLIAMS,
 A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
 101 Farnsworth Avenue
 Post Office Box 398
 Bordentown, New Jersey 08505
 CH-756242 (VL)
 4 T - 11/15, 11/22, 11/29
 & 12/06/01 Fee: \$163.20

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-17766-98
 CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. CLEGGARTE ORTEGA (AKA/OLEGARIO C. ROMAN) & SILVIA ORTEGA (AKA S. MEDINA), DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2000 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 2001 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIX & 16/100 (\$100,306.16)
 The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Its commonly known as 148 Fulton Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
 It is known and designated as Block No. 2, Lot No. 539
 The dimensions are 37.50 feet wide 100.00 feet long.

Nearest cross street: Situate on the south-westerly line of Fulton Street, 175.00 feet from the southeasterly line of Second Street.
 Prior lien(s): Subject to unpaid taxes and municipal liens, amount due is available in the Sheriff's Office or from plaintiff's attorneys upon written request to plaintiff's attorneys.
 There is due approximately the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY & 82/100 (\$126,730.82) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

RALPH FROELICH
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 & 12/06/01 Fee: \$204.00

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY
 DOCKET NO. F-17225-01
 FILE NO. 4834-01

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: CLARENCE BARNES, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST; MRS. CLARENCE BARNES AKA LOUISE BARNES, WIFE OF CLARENCE BARNES;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon CASALE & 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 AMERICAN TAX FUNDING, LLC is the plaintiff and CLARENCE BARNES, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, ET. ALS; are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION COUNTY and bearing Docket No. F-17225-01 within thirty-five (35) days after NOVEMBER 29, 2001 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 the 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 5340, recorded on 4/20/1998, made by ROBERT A. MACK, Collector of Taxes of ELIZABETH, and State of New Jersey to TRANSAMERICA BUSINESS CREDIT CORP. and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, AMERICAN TAX FUNDING, LLC. This covers real estate located in ELIZABETH, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey, known as LOT NO. 492 BLOCK NO. 8 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of ELIZABETH, and concerns premises commonly known as 1011 EAST GRAND STREET, New Jersey.
 YOU, CLARENCE BARNES, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST, are made party defendants to the above foreclosure action because you are the owner of a property which is subject of the above entitled action.
 YOU, MRS. CLARENCE BARNES AKA LOUISE BARNES, WIFE OF CLARENCE BARNES, are made a defendant in the above entitled action because plaintiff has been unable to determine whether defendant CLARENCE BARNES is married, and if married, the name of CLARENCE BARNES'S spouse. If CLARENCE BARNES is married, the plaintiff joins Mrs. CLARENCE BARNES AKA LOUISE BARNES, WIFE OF CLARENCE BARNES as a defendant for any possessory or marital rights you may have.
 DATED: November 19, 2001
 Donald F. Phelan,
 Clerk of the Superior Court
 of New Jersey

CASALE & PELLEGRINO, LLC
 ONE GATEHALL PLAZA
 PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY 07054
 1 T - 11/29/01, The Leader Fee: \$83.64

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of: BENJAMIN LEONARD ARMANDO, JR., Deceased.

Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 21ST day of NOVEMBER, A.D. 2001, upon the application of the undersigned, as ADMINISTRATOR of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.
 JANCIE E. ARMANDO
 ADMINISTRATOR

ATTORNEYS
 FINK, ROSNER, ERSHOW-LEVENBERG
 1093 RARITAN ROAD
 P.O. BOX 858
 CLARK, NEW JERSEY 07076
 1 T - 11/29/01, The Times Fee: \$21.42

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-2724-00

FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK, PLAINTIFF vs. JAMCO, A NEW JERSEY GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, JONATHAN COHEN, MURRAY COHEN, DEFENDANT.
 CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 07, 2000 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 2001 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is SIX HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE & 26/100 (\$629,179.26).

RE: FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK VS. JAMCO, a New Jersey General Partnership, et al.

DOCKET NO.: F-2724-00
 MUNICIPALITY: CITY OF ELIZABETH COUNTY & STATE: UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

STREET & STREET NO.: 440-450 YORK STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.

TAX LOT & BLOCK NO.: LOT NO. 1 IN BLOCK NO. 998.A ON THE TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

OUTSTANDING TAXES: APPROXIMATELY \$20,600.00 DUE AS OF AUGUST 24, 2000 TOGETHER WITH A THIRD PARTY LIEN IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$163,000.00.

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*All figures quoted are subject to verification by any interested parties.

There is due approximately the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHTY SEVEN & 31/100 (\$7,088,087.31) together with lawful interest and costs.
 There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
 The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH
 SHERIFF
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 ATTORNEYS AT LAW
 Four Gateway Center
 100 Mulberry Street P.O. Box 652
 Newark, New Jersey 07101-0652
 CH-755520 (WL)
 4 T - 11/15, 11/22, 11/29
 & 12/06/01 Fee: \$228.48

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
 NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned, The Collector of Taxes of the Town of Westfield, Union County, New Jersey, will sell at public auction on the 12th day of December, 2001 in the Tax Collector's Office in the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the following described lands:

The said lands will be sold to make the amount of Municipal Liens chargeable against that same on the 12th day of December, 2001 together with interest and cost of sale, exclusive however, of the lien for taxes for the year 2001.

The said lands will be sold in fee to such persons as will purchase the same, subject to redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in no case in excess of eighteen percent (18) per annum. Payments for the sale shall be made by cash or certified check before conclusion of the sale or the property will be resold.

Any parcel of real property for which there shall be no other purchaser will be struck off and sold to the Municipality in fee for redemption at eighteen percent (18%) per annum and the Municipality shall have the right to bar or foreclose the right of redemption.

The sale will be made and conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 54, Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937, and amendments thereto.

At any time before the sale the undersigned will receive payment of the amount due on the property, with interest and costs incurred up to the time of payment, by certified check or cash.
 Industrial properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.) and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.) In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

The said lands so subject to sale, described in accordance with the tax duplicate, including the name of the owner as shown on the last duplicate and the total amount due thereon respectively on the 12th day of December, 2001, exclusive of the lien for the year 2001 are as listed below:

Location of Property Address	Owner	Block & Lot	Amount Due Dec. 12, 2001
1 1170 Lawrence Ave	KANIA, Joseph & Suzanne	402/10	\$ 10,471.18
2 723 Glen Ave.	KLEIN, Theodore E. & Judith	803/21	\$ 8,288.69
3 801 Oak Ave.	KING, Karl	1304/1	\$ 4,034.53
4 11 Stanley Oval	INGRAM, Richard & Linda	2302/21	\$ 2,722.71
5 445 Downer St.	JOHNSON, Vanessa	2512/2	\$ 1,607.51
6 604 Hort St.	DENNING, Robert & Marcella	2608/15	\$ 6,431.11
7 714 West Broad St.	JOHNSON, Beverly	2704/24	\$ 1,898.62
8 529 Downer St.	BARBATO, Luigi & Maria	2708/15	\$ 1,476.35
9 519 Central Ave.	C F G R, LLC	3205/23.01	\$ 5,864.57
10 525 Chestnut St. S.	HELFENSTEIN, George F.	3408/32	\$ 4,681.32
11 231 Benson Pl.	LA VELLE, Barbara M.	3506/47	\$ 11,740.20
12 339 Woodbrook Cir.	PARNES, Robin	3901/24	\$ 8,196.92
13 116 Windsor Ave.	BOYKIN, John	4001/44	\$ 3,889.25
14 118 Windsor Ave.	BOYKIN, Wilford - Est of	4001/45	\$ 3,545.07
15 339 Livingston St.	NJ AFFORDABLE HOMES CORP.	4003/11	\$ 2,155.57
16 629 Ripley Pl.	BELLOTTI, Karin R. Machrone	4003/21	\$ 2,085.71
17 1010 Seward Ave.	ISBRECHT, Richard W.	4604/2	\$ 7,489.83
18 902 Central Ave.	MACK, Beverly	4801/23	\$ 1,468.94
19 109 Cedar St.	BICKOFF, M & J - FEINBERG, D & L	4909/6	\$ 1,849.26
20 29*2 No. Wickom Dr.	O'NEILL, John & Linda	5203/8	\$ 8,323.73
21 60 Bell Dr.	ROUNDTRIE, Albert	5503/22	\$ 6,617.28
22 114 Wyoming St.	ECKMAN, Susan L.	5603/5	\$ 5,026.90

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-10780-01

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, S/B/ M/T CHAS BANK OF TEXAS, N.A., F/K/A TEXAS COMMERCE BANK, N.A., AS CUSTODIAN, PLAINTIFF vs. NATHANIEL DENNIS, JR., RAYMOND D. COLLEY, DEFENDANT.

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

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 2001 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY NINE & 19/100 (\$122,659.19).

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN: Elizabeth, County of UNION, State of New Jersey

PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1025 Anna Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201
 TAX LOT No. 213 W08, BLOCK No. 8
 NEAREST CROSS STREET: Catherine Street

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 25.00 feet x 100.00 feet

A FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF UNION COUNTY.

There is due approximately the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO & 05/100 (\$128,552.05) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

RALPH FROELICH
 SHERIFF
 LAW OFFICES OF MARK J. UDREN & ASSOCIATES
 Suite 500
 1040 North Kings Highway
 Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034
 CH-756243 (WL)
 4 T - 11/15, 11/22, 11/29
 & 12/06/01 Fee: \$204.00

Westfield Gridmen 'Cook' Cardinals, 24-21 During Annual Thanksgiving Day Game

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hooked to pay dirt on a 12-yard run. Midway through the quarter, Westfield answered with a 25-yard field goal by Lessner. With 4:17 left in the half, Terrence Jenkins scooted three-yards over left tackle for the touchdown. Lessner's point after gave Westfield a 17-7 lead.

The momentum seemingly remained with the Blue Devils when Matt Daly stripped the ball from Dixon and it appeared as if Montel Glasco would recover it; however, somehow the Cardinals retained possession at the 26. On the next play,

over. Three plays later, Dixon hit Dabney for a 15-yard scoring play to give the Cardinals a 21-17 lead at the half.

The third quarter was dominated by stubborn defense, two fine lofty punts by Cook, two feeble punts by Plainfield and a fumble recovery at the Westfield 40 by the Cardinals. Two plays into the fourth quarter Dixon dashed in for an apparent touchdown but a holding penalty negated the play. On a fourth-and-one from the 17, Dixon hooked left but Matt Daly grabbed him and

defense. "They are well-trained and we work as a unit."

Halfback Diano Reavis - 11 carries for 58 yards - skid left for seven yards. Mercer hit Butts on the left sideline. Butts laid a shoulder into the Cardinal safety, stretching the reception to a 15-yard play. Daly bashed for two yards then Jenkins rushed twice for respective gains of nine and 16 yards, giving the Blue Devils a first and goal from the eight with 2:30 left.

After Daly was stopped for no gain, Reavis blasted forward to the one, setting up a third and goal. Mercer kept, then squirted over the goal but the play was ruled dead at the one. Tranchina called a timeout. On fourth down, the determined Mercer barreled into the end zone.

"I couldn't even believe it," said Mercer of the ruling on third down. During the timeout "the first thing he (Tranchina) said was to run a sweep to the outside but I said let me follow my big boys up the middle and it worked."

"I looked into their eyes and I knew that there was no way they were not going to get the touchdown," explained Tranchina.

The Cardinals went to the air. Dixon dropped back to pass but Daly sacked him for a seven-yard loss. With 13 seconds left, Dixon fired down the right sideline, but Cook made the diving interception.

"Two good teams went at it. Anybody who doesn't believe in Thanksgiving football should have been here today. Oh! The water was cold!" concluded Tranchina.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SEVERAL KEY PUNTS...Senior Jay Cook had several lofty and long punts to keep the Cardinals in check. Cook also had a 55-yard touchdown pass, partially blocked a punt and had an interception to seal the victory.

Dixon dropped back and fired 35 yards down field to Andre Dabney amidst double coverage. Dabney made a spectacular leaping grab and shed some tacklers before he was eventually brought down at the nine. On second and goal from the six, Dixon slipped in for the score.

Next, the Blue Devils got the ball on its 35. Three penalties later - one negating a 33-yard pass from Mercer to Jim McKeon -, the ball rested on the three and Cook had to punt from deep in the end zone. The punt soared to the 41 where the Cardinals took

slammed him to the turf, turning possession over to Westfield.

The Blue Devils were pushed back to the 10 and Cook came through with another booming punt that rolled dead at the Cardinal 43. Led by senior linebackers Matt Andzell and Daly, the Westfield defense forced the Cardinals to punt from the 40. Cook rushed the punter and got a hand on the ball. Westfield took over at its 40 with 4:24 remaining in the game.

"Everybody has been doing their job all season," said Andzell of the

Plainfield	0	21	0	0	21
Westfield	7	10	0	7	24



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

ENJOYING THE GLORY ON THANKSGIVING DAY...Westfield fans packed Kehler Stadium on Thanksgiving Day to witness the Blue Devils pull off an exciting, 24-21, victory over the Plainfield Cardinals. A "guesstimated" 3,500-3,800 Cardinal and Blue Devil fans stuffed the stadium.

POSTERS

The Westfield Leader and The Times have the capabilities of making large color posters (24x18 and smaller) of sports photos or any photos you may wish to be reproduced. Prices are reasonable. Call David Corbin at (908) 232-4407 or e-mail Dave for information at dave@goleader.com.

See it all on the Web!
www.goleader.com

SP-F Sparx Donate To Walsh Fund

The Sparx, a local U-11 girls soccer team, presented the family of James Walsh, who was killed in the attack on the World Trade Center, a donation of \$200 during a ceremony that was held at Terrill Middle School on Thursday, November 8.

After September 11, the Sparx wanted to honor the heroes and victims of the attacks by adding American Flag patches to their soccer jerseys, similar to the patches added to the Major League Baseball team uniforms. A team parent obtained the patches and arranged for a local merchant to sew them on. In lieu of payment for the patches, each team member donated money to be given to the Walsh family.

Nathan Jones Scores Touchdown for Rutgers

Sophomore corner back Nathan Jones, a 1999 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, picked off a pass and returned it 70 yards for a touchdown for the Rutgers University football team in a 38-7, loss to Boston College at Rutgers Stadium on November 17. It was Jones' first college career interception and first career touchdown.

Jones was a standout both offensively and defensively for the Raiders. Additionally, he was twice selected as The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholar-Athlete of the Month.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-6651-01 NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO., PLAINTIFF vs. LUIS A. VELDEZ; FLAVIA DELAROSA, OCCUPANT, DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 24, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 2001 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is ONE-HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY & 81/100 (\$114,830.81). The property to be sold is located in the city of ELIZABETH, in the County of Union, and the State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 502 CLIFTON STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202

Tax Lot No. ACCT#: 387.B, in Block No. WARD: 4

Dimensions of Lot (Approximately) 20 feet wide by 100 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the southwesterly side of Clifton Street, distant 40 feet from the northwesterly side of Pulaski Street.

There is due approximately the sum of ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE & 01/100 (\$120,425.01) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C. - COUNSELLORS-AT-LAW
4 Brighton Road
Clifton, New Jersey 07012
CH-756227 (WL)
4 T - 11/08, 11/15, 11/22
& 11/29/01 Fee: \$187.68

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-5739-01 COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. VIRMENIA C. TOMICH, ET AL, DEFENDANT.

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

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 2001 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is ONE-HUNDRED NINETY SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY & 35/100 (\$196,360.35).

DOCKET NO: F-5739-01

MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth

COUNTY: UNION STATE OF NEW JERSEY

STREET & STREET NO.: 112-114 Parker Road

TAX BLOCK AND LOT NOS.: BLOCK NO.: 11 LOT NO.: 1191

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 166.66 FEET X 51.16 FEET

NEAREST CROSS STREET: 107.55 feet from Union Avenue

SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE

There is due approximately the sum of TWO-HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND FOUR-HUNDRED SIXTY & 01/100 (\$205,460.01) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR. CHARTERED

737 Stokes Road

PO Box 1088

Medford, New Jersey 08055-9962

CH-756230 (WL)

4 T - 11/08, 11/15, 11/22

& 11/29/01 Fee: \$187.68

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-6783-00

HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III, PLAINTIFF vs. KAMBUI J. AJAMU, ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 15, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 2001 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is ONE-HUNDRED NINETY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR & 29/100 (\$195,534.29).

Common Street Address: 532 2nd Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206

Tax Lot and Block Nos.: Lot No. 5 Block No. 1167

Dimensions: 100 feet X 25 feet

No. of Feet to Nearest Intersection: 25 feet from Niles Street

Unpaid real estate taxes and other municipal charges including water and sewer in the approximate amount of \$5,500.00.

There is due approximately the sum of TWO-HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN & 30/100 (\$233,327.30) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

FARR BURKE GAMBACORTA & WRIGHT, ATTORNEYS AT LAW

211 Benigno Boulevard, Suite 201

PO Box 788

Bellmawr, New Jersey 08099-0788

CH-756040 (WL)

4 T - 11/08, 11/15, 11/22

& 11/29/01 Fee: \$183.60

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-5154-01

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. GERMAN MAURICIO DELGADO, ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 27, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 2001 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is TWO-HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO & 40/100 (\$221,672.40).

DOCKET NO: F-5154-01

MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth

COUNTY: UNION STATE OF NEW JERSEY

STREET & STREET NO.: 417 Amity Street

TAX BLOCK AND LOT NOS.: BLOCK NO.: 9 LOT NO.: 26

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 100 FEET X 37.50 FEET

NEAREST CROSS STREET: 200 feet from Fourth Avenue

SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE

There is due approximately the sum of TWO-HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY ONE & 16/100 (\$231,791.16) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR. CHARTERED

737 Stokes Road

PO Box 1088

Medford, New Jersey 08055-9962

CH-756225 (WL)

4 T - 11/08, 11/15, 11/22

& 11/29/01 Fee: \$187.68



SOCCER CHAMPS...The Westfield Fury U12 girls amassed an 8-2 record to capture first place in its Mid New Jersey Youth Soccer League. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Alexandra Pecora, Kathryn Donovan, Gabrielle O'Leary, Alison Lambert, Nina Brownstone and Samantha McKay; second row, Caitlin Burke, Crista Ricci, Stephanie Kowle, Kelly Seeger, Sari Schwartz, Allie Kehler, Hannah Wharam and Gina Polizzano; back row, Assistant Coach Rich Rowe, Arielle Wegbriet, Paige Geraghty, Ava Scheininger, Head Coach Karen O'Leary and Assistant Coach Bob Wharam.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
CONTRACTOR: Howard P. Davis, Esq., 440 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey 07632

NATURE OF SERVICE: Representation regarding contractual and environmental issues in relation to the potential sale and development of real property commonly referred to as the "Broadway Tract" in the Township of Scotch Plains.

DURATION: As needed.

AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$2,000.

THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.

BARBARA RIEPE TOWNSHIP CLERK

1 T - 11/29/01, The Times Fee: \$18.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-2981-01

FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORP. DBA MNC MORTGAGE, PLAINTIFF vs. NEFTALY VELDEZ, ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 17, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 2001 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is ONE-HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR & 51/100 (\$115,584.51).

The property to be sold is located in the city of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 315 South Park Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201

Tax Lot No. 949 in Block No. 3.

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 25 feet wide by 100 feet long

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the northeasterly line of South Park Street 175.00 feet from the northwesterly line of Third Street.

There is due approximately the sum of ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTEEN & 99/100 (\$129,818.99) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

ZUCKER GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ATTORNEYS

1139 Spruce Drive

PO Box 1024

Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024

1-908-233-8500

File No.: XFZ.LL 44657

CH-756219 (WL)

4 T - 11/08, 11/15, 11/22

& 11/29/01 Fee: \$191.76

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Westfield is requesting proposals for an Insurance Risk Management Consultant.

The proposal is due by 4:30 p.m., Friday December 14, 2001 at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Proposals will be rejected if not submitted within time, date and place designated.

Specifications are available at the Town Administrator's Office, Town Hall, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090

between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Questions may be made to the Town Administrator's Office. The telephone number is (908) 789-4040.

1 T - 11/29/01, The Leader Fee: \$18.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-5154-01

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. GERMAN MAURICIO DELGADO, ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 27, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 2001 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is TWO-HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO & 40/100 (\$221,672.40).

DOCKET NO: F-5154-01

MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth

COUNTY: UNION STATE OF NEW JERSEY

STREET & STREET NO.: 417 Amity Street

TAX BLOCK AND LOT NOS.: BLOCK NO.: 9 LOT NO.: 26

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 100 FEET X 37.50 FEET

NEAREST CROSS STREET: 200 feet from Fourth Avenue

SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE

There is due approximately the sum of TWO-HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY ONE & 16/100 (\$231,791.16) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

HOPING FOR AN OPENING... Junior Heather Lane hopes that she can find an opening in the formidable senior defensive line. Lane and all of the juniors had little luck as the seniors drugged them, 22-0, in the annual Powder Puff Game held at Kehler Stadium in Westfield.

Prepared Senior Girls Pound Juniors, 22-0, in Powder Puff

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tive reverses; however, their straight rollout plays were all they really needed to humble the unprepared juniors.

The juniors, adorned in their low profile powder blue, won the toss and elected to receive. Immediately, the seniors recognized mass confusion in the junior offense and forced them to punt after a devastating sack by Jennifer Star.

The seniors took over at their 45 and proceeded to march to pay dirt in just three plays. Goldweitz rolled right for a 20-yard gain and Dowling hooked left for 18 yards, putting the ball on the 17. From there, on a slick reverse, Goldweitz galloped into the end zone. Pecoraro ran in the two-point conversion to make the score 8-0.

Susan Williams gave the juniors hope when she scooped up Jen Hayes'

Dowling's pass; however, on the next play, Dowling handed off to Lang, who flew down the left sideline for the touchdown. Hayes hustled across the goal for the two-point conversion, jumping the score to 16-0.

Lauren Solon put the seniors back in business with an interception but the half came to a close.

It all seemed too easy and during halftime, Goldweitz pointed out, "We expected them to put up a little bit of a fight but we knew we were going to take them. They only had one practice and we had three."

Situations remained the same in the second half as Lang took the kickoff at the senior 35 and returned it to the junior 35. Runs by Hayes, Goldweitz and Liz Schaffer moved the ball to the five but the junior defense held. However, senior Pepe



FALL BASEBALL CHAMPIONS... A group of boys from Scotch Plains ranging from ages 9 to 11 competed in a fall baseball league in North Edison. Managed by Ralph Dinizo and coached by Steve D'Annunzio, the team had an impressive 15-1 record that culminated in an 8-4 victory to claim the league championship. The members were: Jonathan Birnbaum, Steve D'Angelo, Bryan Dougher, Brendan Kirby, Brian Piccola, Than Roe, Jimmy Burke, Anthony D'Annunzio, Michael Klotz, Greg Zabel, Gary Binkiewicz, John Maxwell and Patrick Dougher.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held on Tuesday, November 20, 2001 the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ENTITLED "TRAFFIC"

was duly passed on second and final reading.
TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 11/29/01, The Times Fee: \$15.81

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

INVITATION TO BID

"REBID"

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 425 EAST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY, ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2001 AT 10:00 A.M. PREVAILING TIME FOR THE RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT FOR PLOWING AND HAULING SNOW FROM THE STREETS, WALKWAYS AND PARKING LOTS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD. EQUIPMENT TO BE RENTED ON AN HOURLY BASIS WITH OPERATOR, INCLUDES DUMP TRUCKS, (TWO AXLE TANDEM) FRONT END LOADERS, BULLDOZERS AND GRADERS. BIDDERS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 127 PL 1975 SUPPLEMENT TO THE LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION (AFFIRMATIVE ACTION). SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE SEEN OR PROCURED 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 AND ALL BIDS, IF IN THE INTEREST OF THE TOWN, IT IS DEEMED ADVISABLE TO DO SO.

KENNETH B. MARSH
TOWN ENGINEER
1 T - 11/29/01, The Leader Fee: \$32.13

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the Planning Board Meeting of the Township of Scotch Plains held on November 5, 2001, the following applications were approved:

Morks M. Soorial, I/A
J & M Park Co., LLC
403-409 Park Avenue, Block No. 1501, Lot No. 8, B-2 Zone

Minor Subdivision to move lot line to coincide with the building line and permission to construct 10 second floor apartments with a parking variance granted.

Northeast Developers, Inc.
2332 Westfield Avenue
Block No. 3502, Lot No. 4

Preliminary Major Subdivision approval for one lot into 10 conforming lots.

These actions were memorialized at the Board Meeting of November 19, 2001 and the files pertaining to these applications are in the Office of the Planning Board and available for inspection during business hours.
Barbara Horev
Secretary to the Board
1 T - 11/29/01, The Times Fee: \$26.52

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-4620-01

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF vs. TODD O. DILDY, ET AL., DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 16, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 2001 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN & 57/100 (\$120,418.57).

DOCKET NO: F-4620-01
MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth
COUNTY: UNION STATE OF NEW JERSEY

STREET & STREET NO.: 906A Grove Street

TAX BLOCK AND LOT NOS.:
BLOCK NO.: 6 LOT NO.: 457A
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 100 FEET X 16.96 FEET
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 83.50 feet from Washington Avenue

SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE
There is due approximately the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THREE & 63/100 (\$126,303.63) together with lawful interest and costs.

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

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROELICH
SHERIFF
WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR.
CHARTERED
737 Stokes Road
PO Box 1088
Medford, New Jersey 08055-9962
CH-756215 (WL)
4 T - 11/08, 11/15, 11/22
& 11/29/01 Fee: \$187.68

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-11719-99

CHAMPION MORTGAGE CO., INC., PLAINTIFF vs. JOHN J. O'NEILL and LINDA S. O'NEILL, HIS WIFE, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 23, 2001 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 2001 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is TWO HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND NINETEEN & 77/100 (\$212,019.77).

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

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2 NORTH WICKOM DRIVE, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

TAX LOT NO.: 8 BLOCK NO.: 5203
Dimensions of the Lot are (approximately) 75 feet wide by 100 feet long, irregular.
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SP-F Thunder Blanks Soccer Pumas, 2-0

The Blue Thunder of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association U-11 division shutout St. John Vianey Pumas, 2-0, in a must win situation in the Rahway tournament on November 24.

Goalie Andrew Smith turned away shot after shot. Defensesmen Marc Fusillo, Danny Gore, Colin Grimm, Danny Rodriguez, Mike Lauricella and Mike Roth provided plenty of pressure on the attacking Pumas. Attackers Josef Ellis, Eddie Byron, Joseph Del Prete, Matt Bonner, Reid Miller, Jack Dunphy, Greg Bencivengo, Mark Koransky, Brendan McEvoy and Chris McManus kept the ball in the Puma's territory.

Dunphy notched a goal to give the Thunder a 1-0, lead at the half. In the second half, it still looked like anyone's game. Then with time running out, Del Prete made a perfect pass to Bonner, who promptly fed McEvoy. McEvoy drilled it over the goalie's head for the score.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
CONTRACTOR: Thomas J. Savage, Esq., Savage & Serio, 153 Rocktown-Lambertville Road, New Jersey 08530

NATURE OF SERVICE: Appointed as special legal counsel for the Township of Scotch Plains to handle certain legal matters in the United States District Court, District of New Jersey.

DURATION: As needed.
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$2,500.
THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.
BARBARA RIEPE
TOWNSHIP CLERK
1 T - 11/29/01, The Times Fee: \$17.34

Blue Wave Shuts Out Starburst Girls, 3-0

The Westfield Blue Wave (U-10 Girls) shut out the Montclair Starbursts 3-0 on November 18 to end their season.

The Blue Wave applied constant offensive pressure in the first half and finally broke through when Amanda Rhodes blasted a penalty kick into the upper right hand corner of the net. The Herzberg twins, Arielle and Ilana, finished off the Blue Wave scoring in the second half with sharply angled shots just inside the goal posts. These goals were set up nicely with lead passes from midfielders Cate Munkittrick and Nicole Spera.

Seton Hartnett and Robyn Knapp applied pressure at midfield throughout the game. Melissa Ford and Anna Ridings played aggressively in goal to earn the shutout. Backs Sara Mitchell, Kate Brennan and Melissa Ford marked up tightly to frustrate Montclair's attempts to mount an attack. Rebecca Kape, Arielle and Rhodes anchored the solid defense from their sweeper and stopper positions.

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

LEADING JUNIOR RUSHER... Susan Williams was the juniors' leading ground gainer against the seniors.

kickoff and returned it to midfield. Staci Spass had a seven-yard reception to give the juniors more hope but Goldweitz, also the defensive player of the game, recorded a sack to force a punt.

Senior Gina Pepe caught the punt on the senior 45 and returned it to the junior 30, setting the stage for a possible rout. Junior linebacker Rita Santos temporarily thwarted the seniors' march by knocking down

recovered a fumble on the 10. Dowling hooked right to the two, then on the next play, slanted right for the touchdown to finalize the scoring.

Before time ran out, junior Tracy Rood had a 20-yard kickoff return, senior Jessica Caravello had a five-yard sack and Lang recorded an interception.

WHS Juniors 0 0 0 0 0
WHS Seniors 8 8 6 0 22

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
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1. Robert and Judith Bell, 1601 Boulevard seeking permission to erect a patio enclosure-granted as amended with conditions.
2. Matter of appeal-interpretation for Estate of Schwarz (Owner Ward and O'Donnell premises at 159-169 East Broad Street-denied).
3. Westfield Vacuum and Allergy Relief, (Gerry Rubin Owner/Operator) 249 East Broad Street seeking permission to replace existing sign (awning)-granted as amended with conditions.
4. Brian and Hillary Kaplan, 335 Canterbury Road seeking permission to erect an addition-granted.
5. Italian American Club of Westfield, 505 Central Avenue seeking permission to erect an addition and site plan approval for the same-granted.
6. Albert John, Inc. t/a Salon Visage, 240-244 North Avenue seeking permission for parking variance-granted.
7. Eugene and Rosemarie Panarese, 556 Pierson Street seeking permission to install in-ground pool with set backs proposed from property line of 5 feet and 10 feet. Granted as amended with conditions.
8. Marc and Melissa Schwarz, 20 Sandy Hill Road seeking permission to erect a one story addition-granted.
9. Nancy and Neal Tepper, 4 Thomas Court seeking permission to erect a second level addition-granted.
10. Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Massenzio, Jr., 1070 Wychwood Road seeking permission to erect a second story addition and an open colonnade portico to the front of the house-granted. Colleen Mayer, Secretary Board of Adjustment

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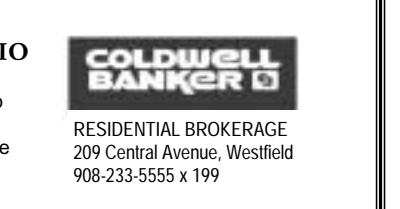


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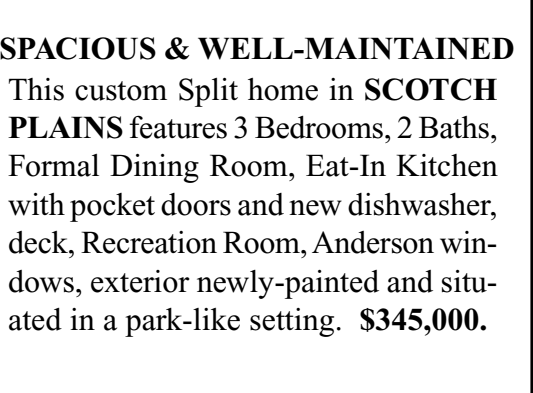
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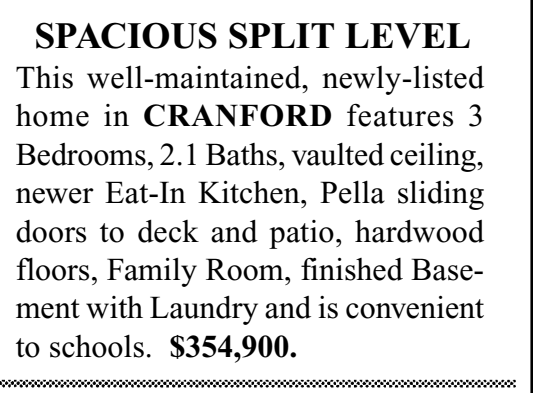
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FOOD FOR THE NEEDY... After a tour of Trader Joe's in Westfield, Brownie Troop No. 513 of Wilson Elementary School in Westfield purchased five shopping bags of food to donate to the Westfield Food Pantry in time for Thanksgiving. Pictured, left to right, are: Back row, Hannah Weeks, Abigail Sawers, Abigail Robertson, Rebecca Daaleman, Sarah Friedman and Marie Leutwyler, and front row, Pilar Martinez, Ellie Callinan, Caroline Gellme, Katie Marino, Tara Bange, Rory Fitzpatrick and Beckh Robertson, tag-along for the day.

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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, November 27, 2001, there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING GAMES OF CHANCE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2002 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

Purpose: To allow any charitable organization to conduct a raffle on Sunday, March 10, 2002 provided they take the appropriate steps as provided by law to secure a license for the holding, operating and conduct of said games of chance.

A public hearing for same will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2001 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 - 11/29/01, The Times Fee: \$34.17

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board of the Borough of Fanwood will hold a special meeting on December 6, 2001 at 8 P.M. in the Mayor & Council Chambers, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey to discuss the Downtown Redevelopment Plan for Block Bounded by South, Martine and LaGrande Avenues and Second Street prepared by Richard Preiss.

Official action will be taken.
Ruth K. Page
Secretary
Planning Board
1 T - 11/29/01, The Times Fee: \$14.79

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the Planning Board Meeting of the Township of Scotch Plains held on October 15, 2001, the application of Xian Feng Lin for a Change of Use at 429 Park Avenue, Block No. 1501, Lot No. 5.01 was approved. This action was memorialized at the meeting of November 5, 2001.

The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Planning Board and available for inspection during business hours.
Barbara Horev
Secretary to the Board
1 T - 11/29/01, The Times Fee: \$15.30



Noelle Tate Featured In Muhlenberg Play

MOUNTAINSIDE—Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. has reported that Mountainside resident Noelle Tate is featured in the winter production of Pierre Carlet de Marivaux's *The Game of Love and Chance*.

Sponsored by the Muhlenberg Theater Association, Noelle will be featured in the four performances beginning this evening, November 29, and continuing on November 30, December 1 and 2 in the Dorothy Hess Baker Theatre of the Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance on the Allentown campus.

A freshman, Noelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Tate of Mountainside.



THE PERFECT WAY TO SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE... Maestro David Wroe will conduct the Westfield Symphony Orchestra and Cynthia Meryl will direct the Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theater, Inc. (WYACT) talent and perform in "Richard Rodgers - A Centennial Celebration of His Music" on New Year's Eve at 7:30 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. For more information, please call (908) 233-3200.



Annual Messiah Community Sing To Ring in Season on Dec. 14

WESTFIELD—The Choral Art Society of New Jersey, Inc. has announced its annual Messiah Community Sing, which will take place on Friday, December 14, at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield.

James S. Little, Music Director of the Society, will conduct the Handel oratorio. Audience members are invited to bring scores and join in the singing of both chorus and solo sections, or simply come to listen in the atmosphere of the decorated sanctuary.

Admission to the Messiah Community Sing, which has become a Westfield tradition, is \$10 at the door. Scores may be borrowed for the evening.

Sandor Szabo will contribute his talents as organist during the evening's festivities. He is currently organist-choir director at the Presbyterian Church in New Providence.

Other performances scheduled for the season include the Rutter Gloria, Stravinsky's *Symphony of Psalms* and Pinkham's *Sinfonia Sacra* on January 19, 2002 at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located on Mountain Avenue.

The chorus will be accompanied by a brass ensemble, organ and four-hand piano. The Cranford High School Women's Ensemble, under the direction of Gary Seighman, will also perform that evening.

For tickets or further information, please call (908) 654-3260.

Fanwood's Barbara Breuninger To Perform in Roselle Concert

FANWOOD—Barbara Breuninger, a mezzo-soprano from Fanwood, will appear in concert at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle, located at the corner of West Fifth Avenue and Chestnut Street, on Sunday, December 2.

The concert is the first in a series of concerts sponsored by the Music on Fifth Avenue Concert Series this season.

Barbara, who will sing selections of operatic arias and Broadway favorites, is a member of the New Jersey State Opera Chorus, where she appeared in the NJPAC production of *Macbeth* and *Aida*.

As a principal with the Little Opera Company of New Jersey, she sang the role of Cherubino in Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro*. Additionally, she has appeared as a guest

soloist with the Baroque Orchestra of Boonton, singing selections from Handel, Purcell and others.

Her vocal career began at the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle as a featured artist at the "Four Sopranos, An Autumn Afternoon of Music" in 1997.

The December 2 performance marks Barbara's first solo recital. She studies with Sonia Lewis of Westfield. She is the Gymnastic Program Director at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Y.

There will be a free-will offering to benefit the music program of the First Presbyterian Church. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall to which all are invited.

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the greatest sports nights a particular city has ever seen, with the Knicks hosting Jordan's return and Game 3 of the World Series in the Bronx. But the question is, what is Joseph Nierle's hottest ticket in town—the Yanks, the Knickerbockers or *The Producers* on Broadway?

JN: (laughs) *The Producers*.

AT: Any reason?

JN: It's a hard ticket. Even if I don't go, I can sell it for \$500.

AT: All right, next question...

JN: Wait, can I just say I'm not into sports?

AT: As a director, have you ever felt the urge to get physical with some of your actors? You know, someone misses a line so you just slap them upside the head so next time they get it right?

(Student actor sitting at the table next to us says, "He does do it!")

JN: I do it! I push and shove, and pull... all in the name of art.

(Note: Please don't take him seriously! He was joking.)

AT: When you're 60 and someone is writing a biography on your life what is your greatest achievement?

JN: So when is that, like next year?

AT: No comment.

JN: So is this a serious question?

AT: Yeah, I'd say it's pretty serious.

JN: Okay, I'd say that I feel I always took a risk and pushed the boundaries.

Toys, Dolls Turn Human At Tomasulo Gallery Show

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

CRANFORD—The projection of human qualities onto inanimate objects is the focus of a four-artist exhibit called "Imitations of Life," currently at the Tomasulo Gallery at Union County College in Cranford.

A most challenging art exhibit, much of the work portrayed uses dolls or toys as facsimiles of humans. In this show, inanimate objects stand for more than what they actually are, projecting at times, an eerie quality to the work, which in turn spills over to the viewer's interpretation.

"Toys and dolls have a lot of layers, which cause the viewer to remember a different time—perhaps his or her own childhood," said Rene Lynch, one of the artists and the guest curator for the

feel as though she is looking at photographs from the 1940s. By focusing our attention on the minute details in the prints, we find ourselves projecting our own emotions and desires on her simulated icons, which become almost real.

Perhaps the most difficult work to view in this exhibit is Judith Page's "Tar Babies"—tarred over and flattened stuffed toy bunny rabbits, which remind us how powerful children's stories influence our cultural thinking and how tender we feel towards a bruised or battered child's toy.

Again, a toy standing in for a child suggests that while childhood is dreamy and playful, it can also be scary. The tar babies leave you confused as to which perception of childhood to embrace.



Marylou Morano for The Westfield Leader and The Times
"ONE MORE DAY" by Rene Lynch, an oil on goldleafed wood panel, was inspired by the hundreds of butterflies the artist saw around her Brooklyn Studio in the days following the World Trade Center disaster. The piece is currently on view at the Tomasulo Gallery at Union County College.

exhibit.

"Dolls can be funny and ridiculous, but at the same time beautiful," said Lynch in a recent interview. "Toys and dolls are often idealized version of a child."

Lynch is showing several of her paintings on gold-leaf panels. Some depict plastic dolls, representing tiny replicas of ourselves, with wild animals, emphasizing our culture's strong nostalgia for animal wildness, even as we contribute to its disappearance.

Nina Levy's self-sculptures are a commentary on how increased technology affects our own bodies. Her work, which also includes photographs of herself, transforms her own body into a doll, calling to mind the interesting perspectives of how society views women.

The dreamy quality of Nola Zirin's prints makes the viewer

"All of the artwork in this exhibit illustrates the way society deals with illusion," commented Valerie Larko, the Director of Tomasulo Art Gallery.

"The raw human emotion brings a realism to inanimate objects. By looking at inanimate objects, we are able to confront how we feel about ourselves," she continued.

"Imitations of Life" will run through Wednesday, December 13. The Tomasulo Gallery is located in the MacKay Library of Union County College's Cranford Campus at 1033 Springfield Avenue.

Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and on Saturdays. Evening hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays.

For more information, please call the Tomasulo Gallery at (908) 709-7155.

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ever-united with her lyrics, dropping emotion and experience into the communication of each one of them.

In a pre-performance interview, Woodford reported that the new album is "stripped down." "You get two guitars and two vocals," she said, adding that several late nights and early mornings contributed to the multi-month recording process.

"Stand Our Ground," a tribute to friends in New York after the September 11 terrorist attacks, was penned in the wee hours of the morning by Woodford. "Mercury," a jazz-folk blend introduces a "powerful use of dynamics," according to Woodford.

The song "pushes the envelope of traditional folk, traditional jazz and everything in between," she said.

Radus poured himself into a self-portrait entitled, "Let the House Fall," in which he was influenced by "honestly examining himself for the first time"—a process Woodford called "really intense."

Some of Duendé's growth can be attributed to the musicians' exhaustive and extensive touring around the country and teaching at the Augusta Heritage Festival. Duendé will continue to instruct up-and-coming

musicians for two weeks in guitar and blues at the next Festival.

But, opening for the legendary Richie Havens had a hand in Duendé's evolution as well.

"He was so supportive," Woodford said. "He told us, 'We need more of you out there, so keep doing what you're doing.'"

On Thursday, December 6, Duendé will perform at John & Peter's Place in New Hope, Pa. at 9 p.m. For details, call (215) 862-5981. The next Saturday, December 8, they will perform in Skillman's Piper's Pub at 9 p.m. Details are available at (908) 431-4233.

The debut of their album will kick-off with a show at 8 p.m. at the Sidewalk Café. Duendé will probably take the stage around 10 p.m., according to Woodford. Four or five other acts will join in the evening's celebratory atmosphere. The Sidewalk Café is located at Sixth Street, Avenue A. For details and directions, call (212) 726-1149.

The new album, which marks Duendé's first full collaboration, will be available that evening, at www.cdbaby.com/duendé and at the Sound Station on South Avenue in Westfield.

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Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone: Doesn't Quite Do The Trick

By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
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Dear Reader:

By the time you read this review, I will be far, far away. For rather than be banished for my opinion of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, I have chosen self-exile.

You see, the uncomfortable truth of the matter is, oh shame of shames, I didn't love it. And so for the time being, protected only by a small cadre of followers who share my obviously unpopular beliefs, I shall be filling my column from a secret location. I'm hoping the time away will serve as penitence for my unorthodox views while also giving me the opportunity, in the words of Strother Martin's Captain in *Cool Hand Luke* (1967), to "get my mind straight."

Yes, I know the British film based on author J.K. Rowling's literary blockbuster about a boy wizard, amiably brought to life by Daniel Radcliffe, is breaking all manner of box-office records. The hype is undeniable. It made \$93 million on opening weekend. Why, wait until it really gets up a head of steam; wait until it invades Europe; wait'll it hits video. We'll all be rich! Won't we?

Harry Potter has all but received Fed chief Alan Greenspan's benediction. Some industry analysts, practically foaming at the mouth with excitement, have the adventure-fantasy single-handedly righting the American economy, veering us safely out of the path of what was otherwise certain recession.

So how dare I think it's just a pretty good children's film? Who am I to say that director Chris Columbus's effort is overly detailed for young kids? What right have I to note it's a bit slow and ponderous? And where do I come off declaring the film's penchant for scenes in dark passageways is liable to make viewers suffer from light deprivation? (What's the big deal? Just load up on Vitamin D. See it twice. Hey, we're talking the economy here.)

Thus, like the little boy asked to gander at the emperor's new clothes, I'm a bit hesitant in proclaiming the unpopular but naked truth. Let's face facts. I am one of the not-so-great unwashed.

Even ensconced in my cave (oops, didn't mean to give that away), I don't feel completely secure about my deductions. There are two others hiding here, presumably also film critics on the lam. One unfriendly sort doesn't speak English; the other wears a red striped shirt with matching woolen beanie and says his name is Waldo.

To pass the time, I've argued my point to them, noting that otherwise I feel Rowling's international phenomenon is a logically splendid, fantastical update on the English boarding school genre. Only two hi-tech jumps and a few special effects away from *Tom Brown's School Days* (1940), it is cherishingly Dickensian right down to the character names at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, that august lyceum where our title character is asked to prove his worth.

Featuring an all British cast, there's Robbie Coltrane as Rubeus Hagrid, Harry's gigantic guardian angel; John Cleese is comically frightening as Sir Nicholas De Mimsy-Porpington (AKA Nearly Headless Nick); Warwick Davis is a perfectly nervous Professor Flitwick; Alan Rickman is severely threatening as professor Severus Snape, whose educational bailiwick is potions and incantations; Maggie Smith is nothing less than wonderful as Professor/Deputy Headmistress McGonagall; and there's something terribly and ironically fitting in Richard Harris's portrayal of noble Headmaster Albus Dumbledore.

Then, of course, there's Harry himself, the lad with great expectations, so to speak...a regular Pip off the old school block, if you don't mind the allusion. Interpreted skillfully by Daniel Radcliffe, Harry is the latest embodiment of an English literary icon.

Raised by a horridly funny aunt and uncle (Fiona Shaw and Richard Griffiths) who'll do anything to keep him from his true destiny (they even move to a light-house so he won't receive his formal

summons to Hogwarts), he is the progeny of two celebrated, but alas martyred, wizards.

It seems Mums and Dad suffered their fate at the diabolical hands of a renegade wizard, sort of the witchcraft world's answer to the fallen angel, and so all at Hogwarts and its environs await Master Harry's coming out with great anticipation.

Naturally, Harry doesn't disappoint. But of course even the gifted have their trying moments. There's the school bully to defeat, an adversarial snitch to outwit, an ogre to fell, and the broomstick-mounted sport of Quidditch to master.

Thus aside from the help he gets from his more influential teachers, he is faithfully supported by best pal Ronald Weasley (Rupert Grint), a supposed commoner in the glare of Potter's stardom, but actually the classically heroic sidekick. And making it an indomitable trio is their know-it-all gal pal, the intellectually courageous Hermione Granger, sensationally exalted by Emma Watson.

Granted, some of the film's more profoundly inspired appurtenances, like the shop where our young wizard selects his magic wand or the sorting cap at Hogwarts that decides which section you're in, are true bits of genius. But young minds with sponge-like properties are all too eager to sop up reams of ancillary minutiae along with the obviously brilliant.

At a certain age, such gathering of information is part of the fun. And seeing it all recreated on the big screen is a sort of validation. I for one can still tell you the difference between a '55 and a '56 Chevy by the taillights. Yet I hardly expect you'd be entertained by 20 or 30 more examples of my dubious mastery.

Bottom line: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* is at its most magical when director Columbus takes a break from explaining every bit of lore and just lets the engaging kids romp amidst the eye-popping wealth of special effects.

There, I've said it. And given the paranoid precautions I've already taken, it's doubtful I'll cave.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, rated PG, is a Warner Bros. Pictures release directed by Chris Columbus and stars Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Maggie Smith. Running time: 152 minutes.

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Artist of the Week



Benjamin Bratt (1963-)

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

With no hesitation, San Francisco-born Benjamin Bratt is the kind of guy you'd take home to mama. He's not smug, self-assured, or a fast-talking, non-committing pretty boy. Nah, not the former Mr. Julia Roberts. He's all about family, ethics, and standing his ground for the greater good.

And, if you hadn't noticed, he's easy on the eyes. Aside from his talent as an actor, ratings went through the roof of many Nielsen-monitored houses when he commanded the role of Reynaldo "Ray" Curtis in 1995 on NBC's "Law & Order." So, before he became hooked onto the arm of Miss Julia at award ceremonies, Bratt had his own following.

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Duendé 'Stands Ground' In Post-Holiday Benefit

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

SCOTCH PLAINS - In 2000, when Bruce Hornsby played a Charlottesville, N.C. concert, he was drowned out by a chatty audience. Frustrated, he left the stage and returned to a more respectful audience.

"I've gotten to the point where I'm not really very patient with patrons rapping during the show," he said.

Perhaps the same strategy would have worked for Westfielder Maria Woodford and Flemington native Alex Radus during a post-Thanksgiving benefit concert at the Knights of Columbus in Scotch Plains.

Woodford and Radus, now known as Duendé, found themselves competing with the packed

audience, filled with gabbing members and revelers from other Westfield bands set to perform.

Not to be defeated, Duendé still managed to productively present a set of four songs off their new self-titled album, due out on Saturday, December 15, at The Sidewalk Café in New York.

The growth of both musicians, which were formerly solo artists, was obvious. While Duendé was green and wet behind the ears as a folk-rock-bluegrass duo only a year ago, Woodford and Radus harmoniously mingle their voices and communicate as one, instead of two separate entities.

The union includes Radus, who possesses a unique brand of Lindsey Buckingham's rootsy sound with a Frank Sinatra bravado. Woodford is

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SUPER COMBO...Maria Woodford of Westfield and Alex Radus of Flemington blended their musical talent as Duendé during a post-Thanksgiving concert at the Knights of Columbus in Scotch Plains.

TALK OF THE TOWN Teens & Local Figures, One-on-One

Joseph Nierle: Director, WHS Drama Teacher

By ADAM TURNER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Editor's Note: This article is the first in a series of one-on-one interviews, entitled "Talk of the Town."

Adam Turner (AT): If we opened up your CD player, what "jams" would we find you rollin' down the street to?

Joe Nierle (JN): You'd find a mix of club dance music, theatre music and jazz.

AT: Rate my acting ability on a scale of 1-10, keeping in mind that you did give me acting classes in eighth grade. "To be, or not to be? That is the question."

JN: To be... a journalist.

AT: So, on a scale of 1-10?

JN: It was good. You had some heart and soul in it. I'll give you a 6.

AT: Thanks for the acting classes. Obviously they paid off! A 6?

On a little more serious note, tell us about your drama this year and what inspired it?

JN: When I saw *The Laramie Project* in New York, I knew that I wanted to do it here. It's the kind of

play that's good for the actors. You can use a lot of actors, and I thought it was a subject we should be addressing in school about diversity issues. It is kind of hard because it is like a docudrama like last year's *God's Country*. So it was up in the air whether or not to do two docudramas, but they both have a different tone to them, so I went with it.

AT: Do you think it reflects on society in some way that you feel there needs to be two "controversial" dramas in a row to stress problems in the country?

JN: Yeah, I think so. Considering what happened in September and considering the death of somebody because of who they were and the racism that still exists in the country, I think it's important. We have a quote in the program by Edmond Burke that says, "The best way for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing." If we sit back and do nothing, people won't be aware of it. And educationally, I think it's our job.

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Pen & Ink

With Michelle H. Le Poidevin

These Holidays Will Be Understated, And the Proof Is at Your Local Mall

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

Twenty-nine Christmases and counting, I have seen the mall department stores tinsel by August. Usually, while shoppers are trying on swimsuits during end-of-summer sales, Lord & Taylor is peddling dazzling Christmas pins and pinecone potpourri. Such a practice by department store execs has been predictable, though it makes most of us hyperventilate because we are nowhere near making our to-do lists for the holidays.

It wasn't until last weekend, when mom and I were sipping our Gloria Jeans mochaccinos, that we realized how understated the décor has been in both Woodbridge Center and Menlo Park Mall. Signs promised that Santa Claus would be coming in the next week. Lines of children in their velvet dresses and Sunday best were anticipating a jolly St. Nick, seated in a field of illuminated poinsettias and twinkling Toyland candies.

But, less than one week before such festivities, all mom and I could find



Michelle H. LePoidevin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

BLACK FRIDAY OR ANY OTHER DAY?...The Friday after Thanksgiving, known to many as "Black Friday" was toned down at Target in Watchung. A sprinkling of shoppers, minimal decorations, shortened lines, and a Salvation Army volunteer left his post early -- all signs that the holiday season's revelry has been curtailed slightly.

were a few red and green banners with tassels, a simple display of poinsettias, a jester/bear hung upside-down and a modest tree. Holiday carols were nowhere to be heard, a handful of shoppers stared into plainly-adorned windows, and one could almost see little Cindy Lou Who asking The Grinch to return Christmas to her little village of Whoville.

My sincere belief is that store executives have decided to tone down the hype this year, taking into consideration that this is a holiday season clouded by a heavy veil of solemnity. It's hard to focus on what color cashmere sweater would look better on Aunt Betty when a staggering amount of families will be plagued by grief this season. For some, Uncle Greg won't be making his famous eggnog, Cousin Liz can't sing at the piano when it's time for caroling. Dad won't be dressing up as Santa for the family party, and making sugar cookies with Mom will not be part of the holiday preparations.

Our towns are usually aglow with lit wreathes on the lampposts, and the store windows lure shoppers with images of cheery snowmen and laughing elves. This is just not the time. Mailing cards to acquaintances will come with a second thought for those fearful of anthrax, even though it might just be a little flour from cookie baking on the counter. Apprehension might arise while booking airline tickets, as we wonder how many will make it home for the holidays. It's predicted that most kids would rather find firefighter or police officer action figures under the tree, instead of violent video games.

While it is almost bizarre and anti-holiday to be surrounded by downplayed decorations and festivities at a normally festive period, it seems only proper and justly respectable that storeowners keep the normal glitz to a minimum, focusing instead on both the meaning of the season and those who are minus a family member this year.

As for me, I won't miss the tinsel trees or hearing "O Little Town of Bethlehem" piped into Macy's walls. I won't long for the eerie remote-controlled Santas in every window, or the need to be laden with heavy bags of gifts to keep the world elated. When I sit near the tree, holding my goddaughter, as she unwraps her toys, I will feel more deeply the emptiness of those visiting gravesites or reflecting on photos of holidays gone by when Cousin Liz used to gather the family around the piano for an evening of song.



Get Outta The House

By CAROL F. DAVIS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

You've heard of them, but have you ever seen them perform? In existence for hundreds of years, **The Vienna Choir Boys** will be appearing at the Union County Arts Center (UCAC) in Rahway on Saturday, December 1, at 8 p.m. for a special holiday concert. A group of 24 members, ranging in age from 10-14, will present a classical holiday concert, through operettas, sacred works and a broad range of secular and folk music. Tickets are \$20 and \$26. Call the UCAC or reserve your seats on line by visiting the UCAC's website at www.ucac.org.

The 54th Annual Fall Show of the **Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chorus, "Oldies But Goodies,"** is a barbershop quartet extravaganza. This performance will feature a potpourri of 20th century favorites in holiday style. Two shows will be held on Saturday, December 1, in the auditorium of Rahway High School at Madison and Central Avenues in Rahway at 1:30 and 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$5 to \$18, depending on age, seating, and performance time. Call (732) 494-3580 or (908) 925-2629 or visit the website at www.geocities.com/rjersyaires/. If you think you'd enjoy performing with them, ask about rehearsals. The club is open to men only.

Women get their chance to sing as members of The Chansonettes of Westfield welcome anyone who likes to sing 4-part harmony. This year's festive performance, **"Ho Ho Holidays,"** covers the full-range of celebratory events. The tour begins on December 3 at St. Bartholomew in Scotch Plains, and continues on December 12 at Villa Maria in Plainfield, December 13 at Sunrise Assisted Living in Westfield, December 18 at The Chelsea in Fanwood, and December 19 at Arbor Glen in Bridgewater. Call Ginny at (908) 232-1750, or Jackie at (908) 789-5819 for more information.

On Wednesday, December 5, at 8 p.m. the Westfield Community Band will perform in concert with the Edison Intermediate School Broadway Singers for the **12th Annual Holiday Concert**. It all happens for free in the school's Auditorium. If you missed them at the recent performance at the Westfield train station, all is not lost.

The New Jersey Intergeneration Orchestra of Cranford will perform a concert of pops music dedicated to the tragic events of September 11, at Cranford High School on Sunday, December 2, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and \$6. **"A Pops Extravaganza"** will be repeated on Wednesday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m. at New Providence High School. There will be a special photographic exhibit depicting a history of the orchestra, and a toy drive to benefit the children affected by the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy.

Ukrainian masters of the domra (mandolin) Tamara Volkaya and bayan (accordion) Anatoly Trofimov will appear in another of the **Friday Night Classics Concerts** to be presented on Friday, November 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield. This is a free concert with no tickets required. Donations will be accepted at the door to offset expenses. Composers will include, among others, Vivaldi/Bach, Paganini, Tchaikovsky and Rimsky-Korsakov. To learn more about Volkaya and Trofimov, visit www.dreamwater.com/russcarnival/ and www.doremi.com. Ample parking is available in the church parking lot off Ferris Place. For more information, please call (908) 233-4311 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The First Congregational Church of Westfield will continue its **Mid-Day Musicales** series of free half-hour concerts with a program by the area's new chamber group, "Trilogy" at noon on Wednesday, December 5. Featuring flutist Linda Boyd, violist Brett Deubner, and harpist Lynette Wardle, this holiday concert will include pieces by Jolivet, Martin, Genzmer, and Bach, along with holiday carols. A soup and sandwich luncheon will be available in the church's social hall for \$5 after the concert.

On Sunday, December 9, at 4 p.m., the cantata **A Little Advent Music** by Hugo Distler will be presented at The Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity on Westfield Avenue and First Street in Westfield. Presented by the Holy Trinity Choir, soloists, instrumental ensembles and narrator, the cantata will be performed in the context of Evensong sung to Gregorian chant, accompanied by handbells. Organ works to be presented include excerpts from the organ partita on "Savior of Nations, Come," also by Distler. Rives Cassel is Director of Music. Soloists include Clare Criscuolo, soprano, and Tom Schaefer, tenor. The public is invited to attend this free program.

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