



**OPEN YOUR HEARTS FOOD DRIVE...**Students at School One and Evergreen Elementary Schools in Scotch Plains recently completed a two-week food drive to benefit needy families in the Scotch Plains and Fanwood communities. Over 600 food items were collected by students at the two schools. Pictured, left to right, are: School One students Shrenik Shah, Joshua Kelk, Morgan Scully, and Maura Giloly.

## Elementary School Students Collect Food for Area Needy

Students at School One and Evergreen Elementary Schools in Scotch Plains recently participated in a food drive to help needy families in the Scotch Plains and Fanwood communities.

The food drive was held during the first two weeks in February and was called "Open your Hearts for Valentine's Day."

During the two-week collection

period, students brought in a wide variety of food items and deposited them in large boxes located in the two schools' lobbies.

According to Tricia Nering, who coordinated the food drive for School One, over 600 food items were collected by the students at both schools.

The food was delivered to the Scotch Plains Welfare Department, which serves as the local "food pantry" for both Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

The coordinator for the food drive at Evergreen School was fourth-grade teacher Nicola Crist.

It's not only who you know, but what you know about who you know that counts.  
— Mrs. C. Lowe

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9470-96.

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF vs. CARLOS SALAZAR, ET AL., DEFENDANT  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 3, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL A.D., 1998 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 \$112,923.98. The mortgaged premises are described as follows:

ALL THAT certain land and premises situated in the Township/City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the northerly line of John Street, distant 139.50 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly line of John Street and the westerly line of First Avenue, and running thence

South 65 degrees 53 feet west, 25.00 feet to a point; thence  
(2) North 24 degrees 49 feet 40 inches West, 50.58 feet to a point; thence  
(3) North 27 degrees 22 feet West, 47.78 feet to a point; thence  
(4) North 63 degrees 36 feet 30 inches East, 25.00 feet to a point; thence  
(5) South 27 degrees 22 feet East, 47.35 feet to a point; thence  
(6) South 24 degrees 51 feet 20 inches East, 52.00 feet to the northerly line of John Street and the point and place of Beginning.

BEING COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 13 John Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.  
Block No. 7, Lot No. 650A Tax Map of Elizabeth.

There is due approximately the sum of \$119,652.66 together with lawful interest and costs.

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

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF  
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## Five WHS Seniors Named National Merit Finalists

Robert G. Petix, Principal of Westfield High School, has announced that five Westfield High School (WHS) seniors were recently named National Merit Finalists.

Alice Kelman, Tom Olsen, Ryan St. Clair, George Wu and Bill Zachar were among more than 15,000 semi-finalists named in September.

These students have met all requirements to qualify as finalists in the competition for merit scholarship awards, Dr. Petix confirmed.

They were selected as semi-finalists based on achieving high scores on

the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test during their junior year.

The students were then eligible for finalist status after completing a comprehensive application which included an essay, high school transcript and their Scholastic Assessment Test scores.

This month, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation will mail scholarship offers to 7,400 winners from approximately 14,000 finalists.

The five finalists will be recognized at the WHS graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 18.

## Prudential Manager Stresses Value of Multiple Listings

"If you list your home exclusively with one broker, even for a week or two, you cut yourself off from the loyal clients of other companies. Why limit your exposure?" asked Bernadette Houston, Manager of Prudential New Jersey Realty's Degan Boyle Division Westfield Office.

"We welcome all comers to a healthy, productive marketplace. But when some Realtors decide to 'hold onto' their listings and try to sell them without cooperating with other brokers, as has happened lately, we don't think this is in the homeowner's best interest," she continued.

"A home's greatest value is determined by the maximum exposure to qualified buyers," she explained. "As much as we like to sell our own listings, Prudential New Jersey Realty always cooperates with other brokers."

Because the inventory of homes for sale is significantly tighter than it has been in years, prices are rising and Realtors are becoming increasingly competitive, according to Ms. Houston.

In fact, in recent months, some Westfield real estate offices have actually waited a week or more to share their new listings with other brokers. During this time, the home sellers may not realize that their listing is being held as an "exclusive" that other brokers can't show.

For generations, New Jersey home sellers have relied on the Realtors' Multiple Listing Services (MLS) to sell their homes. There are several reasons why this is a good strategy, according to Ms. Houston.

"A multiple listing service ensures that homes get the greatest exposure among the most buyers, a major factor in finding the highest market value for a home in the shortest time," she said.

"Many potential buyers never see an 'exclusive' listing. Because many buyers choose an agent or company as a result of good past experience — or through a referral — they work only through that one company," she continued.

She maintained that advertising

alone usually doesn't sell a home. "A listing broker's ads may not be enough to sell your property. A survey we did a few years ago indicates that less than 10 percent of all homes sell as a direct result of ads. But most homes do sell through the MLS," Ms. Houston concluded.



Bernadette Houston

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The New Jersey Real Estate Commission has deemed broker cooperation so important to homeowners that it established a rule that any seller who wants only one broker to show or sell his or her property must sign a waiver to that effect.

The waiver explains advantages of the multiple listing system, and it states that the seller who signs it understands the advantages he or she is signing away, according to Ms. Houston.

Ms. Houston said that anyone signing that waiver should consider it carefully. And when interviewing Realtors about selling a home, she advised that a homeowner ask how long from the time the listing agreement is signed will it take for the home to reach the MLS system.

A home should go into MLS within 48 hours, according to Ms. Houston.

Prudential New Jersey Realty is located at 153 Mountain Avenue in Westfield. Ms. Houston and her team of real estate professionals may be reached at (908) 232-5664.



**FASHIONABLE EVENT...**The Jefferson Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization will hold its annual Dinner and Fashion Show on Tuesday, March 31, at 7 p.m. at L'Affaire in Mountainside. Pictured, left to right, are: teacher Robert Lipman, Robin Clemenko, a parent who will model clothes at the event; Chairwoman Kathleen Dunn and teacher Arthur Vice.

## Jefferson PTO Announces Dinner and Fashion Show

The Parent-Teacher Organization of Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield has announced that its annual Dinner and Fashion Show will be held at L'Affaire, Route No. 22, East, in Mountainside, on Tuesday, March 31, at 7 p.m.

Tickets will be sold from Wednesday, March 25, through Friday, March 27, at Jefferson School, 1200 Boulevard, from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Admission costs \$30 and will include the fashion show and dinner.

Parents and teachers will model.

Fashions will be provided by Sealions of Summit. Hairstyling will be provided by Guillotine of Westfield.

A 50/50 raffle and a gift basket raffle will be held with prizes distributed throughout the evening. A door prize will also be awarded. All proceeds will benefit the Jefferson School Parent-Teacher Organization.

The event is open to the public. Reservations may also be made by calling Kathleen Dunn at (908) 789-4276.



**GEOGRAPHY CHAMP...**Raj Bhandari, who achieved first place in the Geography Bee at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield in January, shows the medal he won from the National Geographic Society to school Principal Dennis Murphy and social studies teacher Judy Hutchinson. The competition was sponsored by the National Geographic Society and coordinated by the Social Studies Department. Final contenders, who joined Raj in the school-wide competition, were Robert Freudlich, Devin Power and David Zorn. Raj will next find out if his test scores qualify him to participate in the state finals at Rutgers University which will take place this month.

## Mr. Bagger Named to Chair Appropriations Committee

Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger has been appointed Chairman of the Assembly Appropriations Committee for the 1998-1999 Legislative Session by Assembly Speaker Jack Collins.

Assemblyman Bagger, who has served as Assembly Conference Leader since 1994, will relinquish that position to take on this Chairmanship role.

The Assemblyman represents the 22nd Legislative District which includes Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside.

"I am extremely honored that Speaker Collins has chosen me to fill

this important position. I applaud the work that has been done by previous Chairmen of this committee and pledge to work diligently at continuing their successful track record," the Assemblyman said.

Along with his Conference Leader post, Assemblyman Bagger had also served as Vice Chairman of the Assembly Policy and Regulatory Oversight Committee and as a member of the Assembly Insurance Committee and Joint Committee on the Public Schools.

During his first term in the Legislature, from 1992 to 1994, the Assemblyman served as a member of the Appropriations Committee under the chairmanship of former Assemblyman Rodney Frelinghuysen, now a member of the United States House of Representatives.

"I am very pleased to be returning to the Appropriations Committee and am confident that my colleagues and I will serve the people of New Jersey well on this committee with our collective legislative experience," Assemblyman Bagger said.

In addition to serving as Committee Chairman, Assemblyman Bagger also will serve in the Assembly Leadership as Majority Budget Officer for the two-year legislative session.

The Assembly Appropriations Committee is responsible for reviewing all issues involving the state budget, state appropriations, state revenues and/or any other matters relating to state finance, according to Assemblyman Bagger.

## George C. L'Heureux Named to Dean's List For Fall '97 at Dayton

George Conrad L'Heureux of Scotch Plains is among more than 1,500 students at the University of Dayton in Ohio who were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 1997-1998 academic year.

To be named to the Dean's List at the university, a student must achieve a superior academic record, which is a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

A computer science major, George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. L'Heureux of Scotch Plains.

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## 1998 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

### Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

SUMMARY OF REVENUES		ANTICIPATED	
	1998	1997	
1. Surplus	\$710,000.00	\$672,500.00	
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$1,574,378.77	\$1,643,087.90	
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$165,000.00	\$190,000.00	
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	\$3,071,542.08	\$3,011,733.54	
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>\$5,520,920.85</b>	<b>\$5,517,321.44</b>	
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS		1998 BUDGET	1997 BUDGET
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$2,384,103.00	\$2,284,461.14	
Other Expenses	\$2,126,598.85	\$2,084,294.30	
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	\$25,000.00	\$36,000.00	
3. Capital Improvements	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	
4. Debt Service	\$634,219.00	\$697,566.00	
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$326,000.00	\$385,000.00	
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>\$5,520,920.85</b>	<b>\$5,517,321.44</b>	
Total Number of Employees	84	84	
BALANCE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT		GENERAL	
Interest	\$421,959.00		
Principal	\$2,277,000.00		
<b>Outstanding Balance</b>	<b>\$2,698,959.00</b>		

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fanwood, County of Union on March 4, 1998.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on April 9, 1998 at 8:00 o'clock (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 1998 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of Eleanor McGovern, Borough Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023, (908) 322-8236, during the hours of 8:00 (A.M.) to 4:00 (P.M.).

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## The Leader/Times Crossword Puzzle