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Room 12 of the Workmen's Compensation Court on Halsey Street in Newark is where the High Christchurch Court's hearings on a recently dismissed person's employment.

The journey of Dietz from Superior Court Judge to the court set off a battle between the branches of government which raised troubling questions over judicial selection. Some would be less generous and call the treatment a vindictive blackball by the former Union County resident.

Left Out

By Frank Cosepe

Those who don't subscribe to the laws of the trade publications of the law journal said they were never given the knowledge of the Dietz's resignation, process which was to elaborate a road to the grandstand game board.

As a basic premier, Dietz was denied re-nomination after his seven-year term on the bench. Because of the terms of a compact between the State Bar and Governors since Richard Hughes, a judge who doesn't pass muster with the State Bar Committee on Judicial appointments will not be nominated in 2002, re-nominated to a renewed position by the governor. Dietz did not pass the review of the Union County Bar Public Link.

While silence surrounds the review process, the trade publications puffed a rather a truly troubling story.

On Aug. 30 of last year, the Law Journal "giving" Union County lawyers, and state senators David Bassano and Raymond Lesiak reported that Dietz was the victim of a blackball by a lawyer who served on both the Union County and State Bar Committee's with oversight power. Regarding Summit attorney, Tazanne Cecchi, the Law Journal reported, "never said she did not like Dietz because of a conflict of interest in his contract."

In July, the Law Journal reported on an incident where Cecchi she argued with a Dietz Court decision, "Bassano said, 'Dietz may have a grip that Cecchi was going for him. She should have told the truth' from the start that she was staying away from it."

Angered from the abuse of Dietz, who received high grades from the Administrative Office of the Court in 1997, Lesiak and Bassano were able to get Dietz appointed to the Commission on Court Decision Review.

Freeholders to approve road projects

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is expected to approve a road reconstruction plan at its meeting tonight which would repair 18 miles of county roads this spring and summer and begin work on several intersection and bridge-improvement projects. In addition, freeholders hope the plan will better address the county's long-term planning for infrastructure projects.

The Union County Investment in Infrastructure plan presented to freeholders earlier this month is a joint effort between the county manager's office, Department of Economic Development and Department of Transportation Services.

The project calls for the reconstruction of \$128 million in supplies from existing capital accounts to fund the millions of dollars in state funding for county projects. Several projects received state funding for county projects as far back as 1990 but have been awaiting design and engineering. State dollars can only be used for construction, according to George Devanney, director of the Department of Economic Development.

"There is an outstanding plan that has been already allocated," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Dan Willison, and will get projects going and put people to work.

"The goal is to move forward with necessary and previously approved projects as soon as possible," said Freeholder Linda Stender, who chairs the Board's Economic Development Committee. "This five-year, five-point program will result in \$310 million in construction and create jobs while improving and rebuilding our roads."

The engineering project allows for better planning for funding, said Devanney. Specific county is now studying the projects.

"The plan calls for county departments to closely coordinate engineering and planning, timing and funding, and appropriate levels of staffing over the long term. We need to plan ahead to keep projects in the pipeline. The planning is the way to target projects and win state funding for them," said Stender.

The county expects to award contracts for the projects throughout the spring. Repaving work on the first group of streets is expected sometime between July and September.

When a second group of streets by September or October. Preparation for construction will begin at the first group of intersections in the fall. The projects will be prioritized based on safety, economic impact and engineering need.

Intersection improvements

The following intersection improvement projects already have secured construction funding and will receive funding:

- In Clark, Central Avenue at Rabbit Road
 - In Cranford, Springfield Avenue at Kenilworth Boulevard and South Avenue Connector
 - In Joliet, Roselle Street at Elizabeth Avenue
 - In New Providence, Springfield Avenue at South Street and Passaic Street, and the Passaic Road at Springfield Avenue
 - In Springfield, Mulholland Road at Mercer Avenue
 - In Summit, Broad Street at Maple Street, Ashland Avenue and Broad Street at Morris Avenue and Summit Avenue at Deborah Avenue
 - In Westfield, South Street at Westfield Avenue and South Street at Summit Avenue
- Final design and engineering for several bridge repair projects would require 12 to 18 months to complete, time which will be used to secure construction money. The county's bridge projects are Springfield Avenue over the Rahway River in Rahway and Clark Avenue over the Elizabeth River in Joliet.

For the "mid-range projects," projects will be staggered so that once designed, construction work will be in progress on a continuous basis. A group of recommended projects for the longer term will be created with consideration to safety, economic impact, engineering need and the county's economic development strategy and ability to assist municipalities.

"The entire investment plan can be accomplished without any new spending of county dollars. It's an excellent deal for taxpayers," said Freeholder Chairman Nick Scaroni.

The freeholders are scheduled to hold a combined agenda session and regular meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the freeholder meeting room on the sixth floor of the county multifunction building, Fairchildtown Plaza, Elizabeth.

School tax rebates

Town	Rebate	School tax reduction
Roselle	\$921	40%
Roselle Park	\$899	33%
Rahway	\$766	36%
Hillside	\$742	38%
Fairwood	\$731	24%
Scotch Plains	\$726	20%
Union	\$676	32%
Westfield	\$672	16%
Cranford	\$640	23%
Linden	\$631	34%
Clark	\$623	25%
Plainfield	\$606	39%
Garwood	\$583	27%
Elizabeth	\$564	40%
New Providence	\$536	17%
Springfield	\$533	23%
Berkeley Heights	\$530	17%
Kenilworth	\$530	29%
Summit	\$382	11%
Mountainside	\$326	16%
Winfield	\$87	12%

Rebates above are estimates for the fifth year — 2003 — of Gov. Christine Whitman's property tax relief program that reimburses taxpayers on the first \$45,000 of assessed value of homes. If the state budget is passed by April 15, a governor's spokesperson said, rebate checks for year one — which are expected to average \$120 statewide — should be mailed by Labor Day. The calculations are based on 1997 property tax rates.

Energy savings examined

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders was presented with a plan to save money through energy conservation and newer, more energy-efficient equipment.

Representatives from NUI presented their findings after completing an energy audit of the county and found two areas for potential savings: Runnells Hospital in Berkeley Heights and the county complex in Elizabeth.

Union-based NUI, the parent company of Elizabethtown Gas, entered into a contract with the county last summer to examine areas of potential energy savings.

NUI suggested upgrading an on-site cogeneration plant at the hospital, similar mine built at the county complex several years ago. The plant would generate electricity to generate its own power, which would purchase it from a utility company.

"Also suggested was modernization of the hospital's lighting, which could reduce energy use by 30 percent," said Tom O'Leary, a county representative. The lighting at the hospital is about 10 years old and needs to be replaced soon anyway, he said.

Initially, variable speed drives on air handlers were suggested for Runnells, O'Leary said. Fans for the heat and air conditioning systems presently have only an on-off switch — but when between "variable speed drives," he said, would allow for partial use of the fans to drive the heat and air conditioning, thus reducing energy consumption.

Estimated annual savings through the proposal at Runnells are \$100,000. After a capital investment of \$800,000 for the proposed changes, it would take five-and-a-half years to pay back the investment.

Under and a large majority of savings, as well as the capital investment, would come from the proposed cogeneration plant at Runnells, he said after.

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Road	Municipality	Section
Walnut Avenue	Cranford	Linden Avenue to Chester Lang Place
West Grand Street	Elizabeth	Hawthorne Street to Cherry Street
Park Street	Elizabeth	Rahway Avenue to South Broad Street
North Broad Street	Elizabeth	North Avenue to Hillside Avenue
Gallop Hill Road	Elizabeth	excluding Route 22 bridge
	Union	Westfield Avenue
	Elizabeth	to Lenox Avenue
	Roselle Park	
	Linden	Rantam Road to Valley Road
Sylv's Street	New Providence	Michigan Avenue to Springfield Avenue
South Street	Plainfield	Central Road to Roosevelt Street
Seavert Street	Rahway	Routes 189 to Essex Street
East Milton Avenue	Rahway	Routes 189 to Grand Avenue
Lawrence Street	Rahway	Street George Avenue to Elizabeth Avenue
New Brunswick Avenue	Springfield	Mountain Avenue to Metcal Avenue
South Springfield Avenue	Springfield	Shorpike Road to South Trivett Avenue
Moridian Avenue	Summit	Springfield Avenue to River Road
Passaic Avenue	Summit	River Road to Valley Road
River Road	Summit	George Street to Constantine Place
Springfield Avenue	Summit	Route 22 to Chester Street
West Chestnut Street	Union	East Broad Street to Teck Road
North Avenue/Midway Avenue	Westfield	
	Fairwood	
	Scotch Plains	

The county expects to begin repaving these roads in the spring and summer of this year. A total of 18 miles of the county's 170 miles of roads.

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Freeholder Mary Rutolo, left, joined members of the Commission on the Status of Women in Union County, including, from left: County Chairwoman Carolyn Voller, Linda Van Fossen, Bromley and Program Chairwoman Brenda King, for the first in a series, 'Discussions Among Women,' at Union County College in Cranford.

'Discussions' begin at Union County College

Union County Freeholder Mary Rutolo, joined the Commission on the Status of Women in Union County recently for the first in a series, "Discussions Among Women," at Union County College in Cranford. The first interactive workshop focused on the topic of "Work and Family."

will discuss the physical and emotional effects of menopause on women and asked important answer questions," Rutolo said.

King, special assistant to Union County Manager and program chairperson, said the commission's goal for the series is to share information and offer support to Union County women.

Controversy has its winners

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Bassano recently said he was hopeful that a procedure "being retried judges would be part of the process to resolve judges up for reappointment."

up people for years with other Democrats it was my job to try to defeat candidate Bassano. But there he was standing up with Lesniak to fight the wrong side for Dietz.

Passionately in their hands this confidentiality is more important than the confidence of the average citizen who, when appearing before a judge, trusts the system of appointment is fair and unbiased.

we have referred few judicial controversies in the state. But the ones we have seem to have staying power in the public's mind. I dare say, former Senator John Dorsey, will always be associated with his blackballing of Judge Marianne Murphy. The association of Cecchi and Dietz may have risen to that level.

But there are winners, and again

A resident of Cranford, Frank Cagge is an attorney.

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Former county freeholder dead at 53

William H. Eldridge, 53, of Berkeley Heights, a former Union County freeholder and Union County Republican chairman, died Jan. 25 in Newark Hospital, Summit. A funeral service will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Diamond Hill United Methodist Church, 105 Diamond Hill Road, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Orange, Mr. Eldridge lived in Sparta before moving to Berkeley Heights in 1976. He graduated from Rutgers College in 1969, with a Bachelor of arts with high honors degree and with distinction in political science. Mr. Eldridge was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He was graduated from Cornell University Law School in 1972 as a doctor of law, and graduated from Rader University in 1976 with a masters of business administration degree. Mr. Eldridge was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1972.

He served as a captain in the United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps 1973 to 1996. Mr. Eldridge received a medal for military merit. He was a full professor of business law in the management science department of Kean University. Mr. Eldridge published books on contracts, the core of business law and strategic management in the public sector. A book on business ethics will be published in March. He also was an instructor for the Fox Geary CPA Review. Mr. Eldridge had been an adjunct professor for the Rutgers University public administration program.

Before teaching, he was an executive director of the New Jersey Com-

mission on Capital Budgeting and Planning under Governor Thomas Kean. Mr. Eldridge also worked at U.S. Trust, Citibank and Stanley and Fisher. He served as Union County freeholder from 1989 to 1998. Mr. Eldridge was chairman of the Union County Republican Party from 1987 to 1989. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1988. Mr. Eldridge was mayor of Berkeley Heights in 1982. He served as a member of the Berkeley Heights Township Committee from 1981 to 1983 and was a member and chairman of the Republican Municipal Council

of Berkeley Heights for many years. He served on the Election Law Enforcement Commission from 1993 to 1998 and served as chairman. He and his wife, Ann, chaired the United Way Annual Drive in Berkeley Heights for several years. Also surviving are his parents, Albert and Helen Eldridge, and a brother, James.

Potential savings at hospital, jail

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Whenever people are asked what county government does, what they consider of great value, Runnells is at the top of their list," said Freeholder Chairman Nicholas P. Sculan.

First opened in 1912, the original facility met the needs of those with tuberculosis, but much has changed over the years. First, the name has changed. Originally, the types of care have changed to meet the needs of the community. Runnells is now a provider of nursing care with long and short-term, including physical, hospice medicine and rehabilitation and psychiatric services. And the building itself is new.

The facility left the Plainfield Avenue site familiar to so many residents in 1990. Union County built a completely new, state-of-the-art building just off Horseshoe Road north of the old site in Berkeley Heights.

"Much has changed but one thing has remained the same," said Freeholder Liaison Mary Rutolo. "Runnells is still a very warm, caring place whose motto is 'The Quality of Our Care is the Quality of Our People Who Care.'"

Primarily, Runnells is known for long- and short-term nursing care. A long-term care is appropriate for a person who is no longer able to live in the community. An individual appropriate to short-term care is one who has had an acute episode of illness who is not yet well enough to return home, but will enough to leave a traditional hospital.

In both instances, individuals often have multiple medical conditions requiring the 24-hour-a-day professional nurses and physicians on duty at Runnells - a unique quality of the facility. Additionally, they benefit from the array of therapies provided including physical, occupational, psychiatric, and speech, as well as a full complement of social workers attending to residents' needs.

Aging in place is the most desirable alternative. The community provides an array of services to make home care possible in many cases. However, many times a lack of stimulation can lead to a much lower quality of life for the isolated/disabled or the frail/elderly. What also serves beneficial about Runnells is the wide array of appropriate activities provided daily.

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Paul Robeson documentary to air in February

Paul Robeson. Here I Stand, a PBS special airing in February, the exclusive permission to use Robeson archives of personal papers, private films, confidential political documents and poignant diaries on a journey across America, Wales, France, Germany, Russia and Africa.

His stage performances as "Othello" and "Emperor Jones," as well as his magnificent singing voice, are still remembered as perhaps the most compelling and extraordinary artistic achievements of the 20th century. He was a linguist, a cultural scholar, an author, a sports legend and civil rights activist. His worldwide acclaim marked him as a hero — and a danger in a racially divided American society. Robeson, whose centennial was celebrated in 1998, is arguably one of the most visible, influential, recognized and admired Americans of his time.

And now, in the first comprehensive, personal portrait of Robeson made with the help of his family, public television's highly acclaimed American Masters series, from Menar Media International, has produced a documentary which will take the film crew across America and across the world, including new inter-

views with Harry Belafonte, Pete Seeger, Lena Horne, Gordon Parks and surfing, friends and co-workers of Robeson.

American Masters is produced for PBS by Thirteen/WNY13, in New York. Menar Media International is a New York based production company specializing in documentary films.

The two-hour documentary will include rare film and documents from Robeson's "Russian Experience," made available to the producers specifically for this project. Among the other materials from the collection amassed by Paul Robeson Jr. are the personal papers, private films of Robeson, confidential documents concerning Robeson's political activities, his wife's diaries and first-hand accounts of a man in two people, describe the same way.

"He has always been and continues to be an integral part of American history and the American imagination," said American Masters executive producer Susan Eason.

The son of a former slave, Robeson first gained national attention as an undergraduate at Rutgers University, where he was one of the only two black students. There he won the Phi Beta Kappa, scholastic honors as a

minor, was a two-year All-American football player, captured the debating championship in each of his four undergraduate years, and was selected valedictorian of his graduating class. He completed Columbia University Law School in 1923, but chose instead to pursue a career in the performing arts.

His talents as a singer and actor quickly brought him international stardom in many venues: concert hall, theater, lecture, film and recording studio. During the late 20s and 30s, Robeson brought himself in Laidlaw and toured throughout Europe, becoming one of the world's leading performers in the theater, on the concert stage and in film.

Red-baiting in 1930, he became a national symbol and a cultural leader in the war against fascism and racism at home, abroad, and betrayed by both the general public and prominent personalities as figures: Albert Einstein, Eleanor Roosevelt, W. E. B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, Henry Wallace and Martin Luther King. His most stirring era of the 1950s, every attempt was made to silence and discredit him because of his political views and his dedication to the cause of civil rights.

"Paul Robeson: Here I Stand" is directed by St. Clair Bourne, whose credits include "Mish and Reckless" and "Breaking the Barriers." The BBC also chronicles about the impact of a great African American sports legend through a documentary "Let the Church Say Amen" and "Langston Hughes: The Dream Keeper." A narrative performance film about the great tenor's past. It will be produced by Greg Smith, whose productions have won Academy, Emmy and AFI awards. Executive producers for the American Masters project are Lena Horne and David J. Meyer. Menar Media International will have recent successes for PBS include "Novels: Journey to Kilimanjaro," "The Hole Story," "The Underworld of the Kabbalah," and who is the creator of the executive producer "Thomas of Canby," a six-part dramatic miniseries on the history of the Negro Baseball Leagues.

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Saint Theresa's plans Catholic School Week activities

Saint Theresa School in Kenilworth will begin its celebration of Catholic Schools Week on Saturday with a special assembly at 5:30 p.m. The tradition is celebrated by students, families, faculty and staff members and those who support Catholic schools. Afterward, all are invited for refreshments in the McVeigh School hall.

An open house is scheduled for Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. Parents and visitors are scheduled to visit each class in session and also remain overnight to visit the state of the art computer lab, equipped with 17 Dell Pentium and the latest computer technology. Records, all computers were hooked up to the Internet.

Tuesday, competing in spelling and math will take place during the day. Wednesday, St. Theresa's will host a career day, where professionals will come and share their experience with the students. Frank King, professor at Seton Hall University, will give a presentation on Rome to sixth, seventh and eighth graders at 9 a.m. and

Janis Killen will share her profession as a travel agent. Other speakers will be announced. Jeopardy will take place for fifth through eighth graders at 10 a.m. in the gym.

Thursday will have spelling bees and math in their individual classrooms at 10:30 a.m. will be the Home

School meeting, at which time reports will be distributed. Thursday, kindergarten students will hold a Literacy Contest at 9 a.m. and Friday, a Reading Contest will take place at 9 a.m. Also on Friday will be eighth graders becoming teachers for a day while students at 10:30 a.m. will

begin on Student Dismissal will be on on Feb. 5. There will be an ongoing Shoeing Contest all week. Sports Day will be on Friday in honor of founder Don Bosco. The Student Leadership will be postponed to later date.

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Department of Education study addresses teacher, student performance

Good students had "intelligent" responses to "bright" tests, which categories of students are being placed, and are these assessments accurate? That's what a new study by the United States Department of Education sought to find out.

The study's three objectives were to document and analyze the key characteristics of performance assessment, conduct focus schools, the facilities and barriers to assessment reform, and the impact of performance assessments on teaching and learning.

Performance assessments are designed to measure student progress, hold school and teachers accountable for student achievement, certify student skills, and assess teacher effectiveness and instructional and curricular practices. Performance assessments are having an impact on teaching and learning.

Teachers are teaching subjects in more depth than previously. They have also cut back coverage of some areas.

Teachers emphasize teacher and performance based projects, work whole skills, and group work.

Students are more eager to learn and are more engaged in the tasks they are performing.

Students are improving their writing skills and habits as a result of writing assignments completed for various tasks.

Students are improving their reading and math skills.

As they develop and implement assessment systems, school districts should:

- State clearly the purpose of the assessment.
- Match the format of the assessment system with the procedures of the assessment.
- Institute systematic procedures

to ensure the technical quality of the assessment system.

Ensure that the performance assessment system, mixed different types of performance assessment, and scoring procedures.

Coordinate assessment reform with other elements of education reform.

Ensure that the structure of the system considers the length of time required for implementation change.

- Communicate the purposes of the system to the public.
- Provide and encourage positive professional development activities.
- Involve teachers in the design and

implementation of the system.

Ensure that school provide teachers with time to develop assessments.

Provide waivers from testing and reporting requirements for schools experiencing willful or excessive assessment techniques.

The study is called "Assessing Student Performance: A Review of Studies of Education Reform Recently Completed by the United States Department of Education. Authors: Robert L. Linn and Robert M. Glaser. Information from this and other studies in the series may be found at: <http://www.ed.gov/assessment/>

Mount Saint Mary's plans entrance testing

The Director of Admissions at Mount Saint Mary's Academy has announced that entrance testing is available by appointment for students currently in grades 8, 9 and 10. Interested students are encouraged to spend a day on campus prior to testing in order to become familiar with the school. Mount Saint Mary's Academy is an all-girls private Catholic high school at 1645 Route 22 of Terrell Road in Watchung. Tuition is currently \$5,575 and transportation is available from most areas in Essex and Union counties. Student enrollment for the 1998-99 academic year is 350 with a student/teacher ratio of 10:1. Various sports as well as extra curricular activities are available. Information can be obtained by calling Diana V. Torrey, director of admissions, at (908) 757-0100, ext. 456.

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Web site involves students in the financial planning game

Ernst & Young LLP has announced Moneyopolis, a first-of-its-kind public service Web site designed as an educational tool to enhance math and financial planning skills among school children in grades six through eight. Ernst & Young developed and built the program as a financial planning game which takes place in the virtual city of Moneyopolis. The site is designed to support the U.S. Department of Education's goal of ensuring that all students master challenging mathematics, including the fundamentals of algebra and geometry, by the eighth grade so they are prepared for rigorous high school courses, college and careers.

Moneyopolis is an excellent way for children to learn math and financial planning skills on the Internet, said Robert J. Garrel, national director of Ernst & Young's Personal Financial Counseling Practice. "America lags behind most of the other industrialized nations in terms of its savings rate, and if we are to change this we need to start teaching our children early about the need to address savings."

A member of the Partnership for Family Involvement in Education, Ernst & Young is demonstrating how the private sector can help prepare American students for higher education and beyond. "said U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. "Recent studies show that the mathematics achievement of U.S. middle and high school students falls below that of our major international competitors. Efforts such as these can make a positive difference in getting our students on the right track in math."

As a player enters the city of Moneyopolis, he or she is given "seed money" to get started. The player then visits the game's seven "centers" — Financial Planning, Job, Banking, Shopping, Education and Community Centers, and City Hall — to complete the activities inside. Each center presents different challenges as it teaches how to earn, save and spend money based on decisions the player must make. For example, in the Job Center, the player chooses one of four differ-

ent jobs, like gardening. With the earnings, the player can go to the Banking Center to deposit the money in a savings account, or invest it in a mutual fund or stocks. Throughout the game, the player will see the pros and cons of the decisions they make. As they proceed through the game, students are also demonstrating their reading, logic and computer use skills.

A player's score has two components: money earned and community service medals. As a player moves also volunteer time at the Community Center. A scorecard keeps track of the player's progress and saves the information so that students can make subsequent visits. After finishing the game, a student can customize and download a certificate recognizing his or her accomplishment.

Moneyopolis contains a section specifically for teachers that includes lesson plans, suggestions on how to

use the site in the classroom, and tips to help prepare students for playing and doing homework at the site. All the activities in the game and the lessons plans meet the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics standards. A guide for teachers matches each problem to the corresponding standards. A financial planning curriculum with five activities is linked with the main curriculum.

The site contains additional activities and interactive for students and teachers, including a personal financial planning page students can use to keep track of their own money and save for special items, games, quizzes and articles that can be downloaded and printed. Links to other educational and financial planning Web sites, a glossary of financial planning terms, and a calculator students can use to answer the math questions.

Ernst & Young financial planning professionals, working with The Lightbeam Group, a Virginia-based company specializing in developing educational Web sites, developed content for Moneyopolis. Members of the development team includes a former national board member of NCTM, a curriculum development coordinator for the New York City Board of Education, the former head of product development at a computer curriculum company, a developer of Simyx and Schuster, and an award-winning Web site developer.

In addition, content was reviewed by NCTM members, math teachers and students, ensuring that content on the site was aligned with national math standards, with a final approval for teachers and parents provided by the developers.

Content was also developed by leading youth publications Kool! Wall Street News and Zillions magazine.

Study examines how schools are managed

What is the best way to manage schools? Research indicates decisions made closest to students are best. How do your schools fare?

For a more than three-year research for the United States Department of Education, studied schools in the United States, Canada and Australia to find out what makes school management work. The purpose of the research was to identify the conditions in schools that promote higher performance through SBM.

The finding from the research showed that creating schoolwide councils — typically the first step in joining SBM — will not automatically result in improved performance. In schools where SBM was working, researchers found the following similarities:

- The schools created multiple teacher-led teams that cut across a broad range of school-level commitments to involve them in all key decisions.
- Training for teachers and other staff was a high priority. Staff participated in training opportunities on a regular, ongoing basis.
- The schools used many ways to share information. They were systematic and creative in how they shared

information with parents and the community.

Principals regularly recognized individuals for work well done, using various strategies such as "kudos on the spot" and notes of appreciation.

Principals played a key role in dispersing power and promoting a sense of ownership to learning and growth in skills and knowledge in explicit attempts to participate in the work of the school, in collecting information about student learning, and in distributing rewards.

The SBM worked better when adopted along with a set of curricular guidelines to provide direction for reform at the school.

Westfield students participate in expansive art education program

Westfield Public Schools has a long and proud tradition of excellence in art education. From Kindergarten through high school, students are provided with a complete "Disciplined-Based Arts Education," encompassing studio production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics. The arts must not be thought of as merely frivolous entertainment but as humanity. They are languages of civilization through which we express fears, anxieties, hungers, struggles and hopes.

During March, the school celebrates Youth Art Month with displays throughout the business district in downtown Westfield. The Spring Art Show in May features many works of art from approximately 1500 students who receive art training in the public school.

Westfield Public School art students are delighted to share works of art and creativity with the community and the families of the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, where works will be on display.

Because the artwork remains the personal property of the students, none will be sold.

Scotch Plains Library hosts preschool sampler

Selected local nursery schools will present their programs, philosophies and enrollment procedures at a "Preschool Sampler" workshop on Friday at 8:30 at Scotch Plains Library, 1927 Barile Ave. All parents, including Fall 1999 enrollment for their preschool children are invited to this program which is sponsored by the Mothers' Center of Scotch Plains.

The Mothers' Center is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization founded in 1978 by mothers to help mothers. Now celebrating its 21st anniversary, the group aims to take the stress out of parenting by offering discussion groups, day and evening workshops, guest speakers, social activities, library resources and play groups. On-site child care is available for most day events. Mothers' Center members are welcome at any time. For more information, call 908-561-1751 or visit the group's Web site at <http://www.mothercenter.com>.

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Enrichment center fills a wide variety of student needs

The Enrichment Center, a full-service tutoring and enrichment center located at 424 Central Ave. in Westfield, announced that its Gifted and Talented courses of study have been expanded to include kindergarten, elementary and middle school students.

Hilma Sigal, co-owner of the center, said, "Many students are not eligible for the Gifted and Talented programs in schools, and parents have requested these classes. A decrease in school funding has forced many districts to limit or eliminate this needed programming."

Classes are offered for kindergarten through eighth grade for 10 weeks. Kindergarten through fifth grade students may choose reading, science, foreign language, creative writing and math. Students in middle school may take science, advanced math, physics, mock trials, and junior verbal and math SAT. All classes run for one hour and students may attend one or two consecutive hours. Private enrichment is also available.

Rhoda Asch, co-owner of center, said, "Parents who bring their child to The Enrichment Center are pleased to know that our teachers are always state-certified and specialized programming is tailored to the needs of the students. The child does not have to learn by learning at The Enrichment Center. The Enrichment

Center adapts to the needs of the child."

Sigal said, "We believe that all children should be challenged and enriched. We want what is best for the child. Classes at The Enrichment Center are limited to eight students to provide individualized attention."

Gifted and Talented programs at The Enrichment Center will vary each semester to provide a myriad of educational experiences for these bright students.

The Enrichment Center is expanding its kindergarten programming due to overwhelming demand. Classes are offered on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, and run for 10 weeks. Phonics, reading, middle science and Spanish are all offered. A special K class is being offered for the kindergarten student who needs a greater challenge. This class is a precursor of academic subjects. The kindergarten program is a means of reintroducing the basics and creatively expanding the horizons for these young eager minds.

The kindergarten class offers classes and private tutoring for children from kindergarten through high school. Three-Waterbury, 1992 program brochures are available. Call The Enrichment Center at (908) 654-0111 to receive your copy of any of the brochures.

"Students are coming to us from Westfield, surrounding towns and from surrounding districts," said Asch. "The demand for class space is great, since the center's class size is only 10-18 students. Classes are offered Saturday through Thursday."

The center has a unique strategy about the SATs and the students taking the SATs.

"Students can always opt out of going to a class on any given day, but it's more difficult to find the time to attend a three-hour session," said Sigal. "Classes run for one hour and are offered in math and verbal. Students don't have to take classes in both areas. With small class sizes, teachers are able to individualize during these classes."

They center also announces the expansion of its SAT II classes. Recognizing that children are unique in their needs and learning styles, the center responds with popular and effective SAT II preparation. Classes are offered Saturday through Thursday during the maximum flexibility in scheduling. Individualized instruction is guaranteed as there are only four to six students in each class. While most students benefit from instruction and practice in both the math and verbal areas, some students choose to concentrate on just verbal or math. Students pay as they go so as not to burden parents financially.

"Flexibility in scheduling is crucial for teenagers. Three-hour classes are difficult to squeeze into a schedule filled with commitments to school, extracurricular activities, and jobs. The center's classes are one hour in length and are easily scheduled to fit into busy lives."

Many students begin SAT preparation in tenth grade, sometimes beginning as early as seventh or as late as 12th grade. The on-going classes allow students to determine how many weeks a session should be, but as practice improves skills in sports, chess and drama, the center's results show that students who practice their techniques and strategies improve their scores.

The center is also pleased to offer intensive preparation classes for the SAT II tests offered by the College Board.

These tests are subject specific, and are similar to the former achievement tests. Sigal stated, "We are offering four week, eight-hour classes for the SAT II in molecular biology, planetary science, history, U.S. and world, foreign languages and math. We recommend that 9th and 10th graders take the biology or chemistry tests. It is important for students to take these subject tests at the end of the school year in which they have taken the subject. Many colleges require students to submit scores for these of the SAT II tests in addition to

their SAT I test scores."

All of these courses will be taught by state-certified and experienced teachers. Each class is limited to eight students to maximize the learning experience. The classes will run for four Saturdays: May 2, 9, 16 and 23. The classes are each two hours long. Students may choose 9:40 to 11:40 a.m. or 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. long classes. Students who wish to take two classes will be accommodated. Attending both morning and evening sessions in the time of day of the classes, are an enrichment class can be selected with a minimum of four students. The center also arranges private tutoring sessions.

The center still has spaces available in most of its Winter/Spring classes, which will be starting within the next two weeks. Several classes have already filled and additional sections are being added.

A sample of the elementary classes being offered by Motion, Magnets and Machinery, one of many science courses: phonics/reading on various levels; Spanish; creative kindergarten classes including math, science and reading; math for every level student; multiple gifted and talented and several gifted-only sections; and creative writing.

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Asch said, "It is difficult at times for one person to teach all grades and all subjects well, we employ elementary, middle and high school teachers who have specialties in their subjects and grades to meet the learning requirements of all students."

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Separate myth from reality concerning college choices

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Myth: You should go to college only if you are certain of your career goals.

Reality: Even if you are unsure of your career path, you should continue your education to discover new interests and talents. By 2000, most United States jobs will require college or other post-secondary education. Workers with college degrees have a lower unemployment rate than high school graduates and may earn for \$500,000 more in their lifetime, plus those with high school degrees.

Myth: Financial aid is only available if you are poor.

Reality: Remember, financial aid

consists of "gift aid," scholarships and grants, and "self-help aid," employment and loans. While much gift aid is limited to students demonstrating exceptional capability of financial need, self-help aid is widely available. Part-time students can find part-time employment either on or off campus. Also, many college loans are available regardless of family income and assets.

Myth: Each college's financial aid award package will be the same.

Reality: Financial aid awards from

different colleges usually vary significantly, both in the amount and the type of aid offered. College costs and resources, and a university's policy of awarding financial aid, account for most differences. Some colleges include home equity and retirement fund balances when determining eligibility for institutional aid.

Myth: Without enough cash for tuition, you cannot attend college.

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Most abundant — outdoor — air pollution stems from industrial and automotive sources of combustion. In the 1980s, there was a troubling drop in ozone of air pollution's major components between 1986 and 1995, lead emissions fell by 32 percent, during essentially the same time period, smaller decreases in emissions of sulfur dioxide, 18 percent, particulate matter, 18 percent, volatile organic compounds 9 percent, and nitrogen dioxide, 3 percent, were observed.

Ozone pollution is of particular concern because ozone is a little-understood, despite frequent references to it, ozone is a variant of oxygen — O₃ rather than O₂ — classed, as a photochemical, because it is created by the action of sunlight. Most news stories have warned of a hazardous lack of ozone, saying drops in the ozone layer. Levels 50 miles above the earth's surface, layers permitting penetration by deadly levels of ultraviolet radiation, implicated as a cause of cancer and a threat

of skin cancer. But ozone poses a peril at ground level, as well — and, in fact, our nation's most widespread air pollution problem.

In the troposphere, that part of the atmosphere in which we live and must breathe, "standard" oxygen is what we need. When sunlight acts on such byproducts of industrial and automotive activity as hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, ozone is created in the form of an intensely irritating gas which can have devastating effects on respiration, penetrating lung damage similar to that caused by cigarette smoking. Tissues in the walls of airways become inflamed and swollen, scarring develops, and breathing capacity is diminished. In the short term, ozone causes both diminished lung capacity and lowered lung defenses, increasing the susceptibility to infection.

Among recent scientific reports concern National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone draw the line at 0.12 parts per million. In 1995, an estimated 200 million U.S. residents lived in counties classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as having air quality that violated the national standards for ozone. In some parts of the country, levels can at times approach twice the federal health standard. Healthy, non-smoking adults exposed to such concentrations for two hours responded with acute inflammation of the lungs and blood vessels.

Level ozone levels well below the officially accepted "safe" exposure levels of 0.12 parts per million, nonetheless, conducted in a relatively low traffic area has shown measurable effects at levels as low as 80 ppb. An extensive 1993 review of the medical literature concluded that the primary standard for ozone is "in the margin of safety" against short-term adverse effects and the standard may also be inadequate to protect the public from risks resulting from chronic exposure. A Dutch study of young, healthy cyclists reported in 1994 in the American Lung Association publication, *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*, correlated shortness of breath, chest tightness and wheezing with ozone levels less than half the official danger level.

Children are at even greater risk because they breathe in more air per pound of body weight, they spend more time outdoors and they're less likely to be aware of warning signs. Pathway to action in a group of more than 150 fifth and sixth graders, measured over a two-month period, showed marked deficits correlated with ozone levels the maximum concentration during the study period was 78 ppb.

A report published by the American Lung Association in 1995



Jose Muniz, owner of Inner Health Therapeutic Massage in Elizabeth.

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Cerebral palsy league strives to meet community needs

The Cerebral Palsy League, was founded by a group of concerned and dedicated residents of Union County in 1948. The primary purpose was to establish a treatment center for which persons with cerebral palsy could access needed rehabilitation services. The first center was opened in Elizabeth, where it operated for 16 years.

In 1961, the league moved into a larger facility in Truxton. The program was designed to meet the needs of children with cerebral palsy as well as

adults with other developmental disabilities.

By the early 1970s, the Cerebral Palsy League had outgrown its Truxton site and completed the construction of a new, four-story, modern building at 373 Clemens Terrace in Union by 1975. This building has been expanded and improved in recent years and is a fully utilized facility.

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Partnerships for People seeks companions for disabled individuals

Partnerships for People is recruiting volunteers to serve as companions to individuals with developmental disabilities through the program. Help an individual become an active member of the community and offer the gift of friendship eight hours a month.

"Simply by spending time with an individual, taking them shopping, attending church or temple services together, or enjoying a whole host of recreational or community activities, volunteers can make a tremendous difference in someone's life," said Michelle Barker, coordinator of Self-Determination at Partnerships for People. "What better way to begin the New Year than by committing to making a positive difference in someone's life?"

Partnerships for People, a non-profit agency which has been providing residential, vocational and case management services for individuals with disabilities since 1983, provides an in-depth training program for the volunteer-client match. Volunteers will be trained on the person-centered approach to working with individuals with developmental disabilities, as well as an overview of disabilities.

"Our mission at Partnerships for People is to provide person-centered services which enable individuals with disabilities to be active members of our communities," said Barker.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Dyjezynski nets honors

Heather Dyjezynski, a sales associate with Weichert Realty Union County, has won the November edition of the Greater Union County Housing Awards.

Dyjezynski is a consistent top producer who has won numerous awards for her listing and sales achievements. She represented as a member of the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club and Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketing Club.

A licensed broker, Dyjezynski has more than 25 years of experience in commercial, industrial and residential sales. She is a member of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors.

A longtime resident of Hillsdale, Dyjezynski has three children and two granddaughters. She is a member of the Christ the King Church in Hillsdale.

Mendoza lists high

Marta Mendoza, a sales associate with Weichert Realty Union County, has won the November edition of the Greater Union County Housing Awards.

Mendoza is a licensed real estate professional with five years of experience in property and office management, rentals, commercial properties and mortgages. She also is a licensed notary public.

Mendoza is a member of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors. She is a graduate of the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club for her real estate work in 1997.

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Apple National Mortgage	6.00	0.00	7.00	1769	Liberty Bank	6.75	0.00	7.50	1762
30 YR FIXED	6.88	0.00	6.88	APP	30 YR FIXED	6.88	0.00	6.88	APP
15 YR FIXED	6.63	0.00	6.63	APP	15 YR FIXED	6.50	0.00	6.50	APP
1 YR ARM	5.25	0.00	5.25	350	1 YR ARM	5.10	0.00	5.10	350
App Fee includes all fees from Pre-Approval									
BancFirst Bank	6.00	0.00	7.00	1768	Loan Source Inc	6.50	0.00	7.00	1757
30 YR FIXED	7.15	0.00	7.15	APP	30 YR FIXED	6.88	0.00	6.88	APP
15 YR FIXED	6.63	0.00	6.63	APP	15 YR FIXED	6.50	0.00	6.50	APP
1 YR ARM	5.50	0.00	5.50	100	30 YR JUMBO	6.88	0.00	6.88	350
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Columbia Savings Bank	6.00	0.00	7.00	1769	National Future Mortgage	6.50	3.00	6.50	1758
30 YR FIXED	7.00	0.00	7.00	APP	30 YR FIXED	6.83	3.00	6.83	APP
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Call for bank's mortgage rates									
Commonwealth Bank	6.00	0.00	7.00	1771	NJ Lenders Corp	6.50	0.00	6.50	1751
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1 YR ARM	4.88	0.00	4.88	100	30 YR JUMBO	6.75	0.00	6.75	350
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First American Bank	6.00	0.00	7.00	1761	Shannon Mortgage	6.50	0.00	6.50	1743
30 YR FIXED	7.38	3.00	6.72	APP	30 YR FIXED	6.00	0.00	6.00	APP
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The Infiniti VX-2 concept vehicle encapsulates one of Infiniti's visions of how SUV technology will look in the future. The VX-2 conveys a sporty image along with spartan proportions. The truncated front and rear overhangs and large 18-inch wheels guarantee lightness and minimal rolling resistance.

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Luxury performance is standard with Infiniti Q45

The Q45 flagship luxury performance sedan continues Infiniti's renowned tradition of offering gas-turbocharged vehicles that are well-appointed—providing nearly all features as standard equipment. The 1999 Infiniti Q45 and performance-oriented Q45 Touring Model. The Q45 is designed to appeal to the premium luxury buyer, with a refined and elegant look, sleek styling, advanced safety systems, and a sporty, turbo-charged engine. The Q45's exterior features a sleek, aerodynamic design with a sporty, turbo-charged engine. The Q45's exterior features a sleek, aerodynamic design with a sporty, turbo-charged engine.

Both Q45 models are powered by a new 4.5 liter, 300HP, 32-valve V8 engine that produces 266 horsepower at 4000 rpm and 278 lbs-ft of torque at 4000 rpm. This technologically advanced engine features aluminum alloy block and heads, individually coated pistons and Nissan's Variable Valve Timing Control System (VTEC). Also standard on both models is a 4-wheel independent suspension system with a MacPherson strut and a rear multi-link design. A 3000 lb anti-dive bar is used on the front suspension in conjunction with subframe-mounted springs and a strut tower bar. The Q45 uses a 2.22 inch rear stabilizer bar. The Q45 is equipped with a large 17.1 inch standard 160 V6A steel-bred engine, steering, suspension and brakes are standard on both models. The Q45 is equipped with a 4-wheel independent suspension system with a MacPherson strut and a rear multi-link design. A 3000 lb anti-dive bar is used on the front suspension in conjunction with subframe-mounted springs and a strut tower bar. The Q45 uses a 2.22 inch rear stabilizer bar. The Q45 is equipped with a large 17.1 inch standard 160 V6A steel-bred engine, steering, suspension and brakes are standard on both models.

The elegant styling of Q45 features a subtle horizontal character line which runs from the slatted hood, through the front of the car to the distinctive styled inverse curve of the C-pillar. The Q45 takes the look a step further, adding a unique grill with blacked-out center highlight and the front and rear body color rear bumper spoiler with integrated center high mount stop lamp. The Q45 is equipped with a 4-wheel independent suspension system with a MacPherson strut and a rear multi-link design. A 3000 lb anti-dive bar is used on the front suspension in conjunction with subframe-mounted springs and a strut tower bar. The Q45 uses a 2.22 inch rear stabilizer bar. The Q45 is equipped with a large 17.1 inch standard 160 V6A steel-bred engine, steering, suspension and brakes are standard on both models.

Standard on every Q45 is a unique commitment to customer satisfaction, the Total Ownership Experience. As part of this commitment, Infiniti offers one of the most comprehensive programs of support, including 24-hour, 24-hour roadside assistance, a free, 24-hour toll-free call center, scheduled service appointments and a satellite parts network. Like all Infiniti models, Q45 is protected by one of the best warranties in the industry, a four-year/50,000-mile New Vehicle Limited Warranty, plus a 5-year/100,000-mile Powertrain Limited Warranty featuring power windows, a free, 24-hour toll-free call center, scheduled service appointments and a satellite parts network. Like all Infiniti models, Q45 is protected by one of the best warranties in the industry, a four-year/50,000-mile New Vehicle Limited Warranty, plus a 5-year/100,000-mile Powertrain Limited Warranty.

Other seating surfaces available in Black, White, Beige and Black, and a leather-trimmed steering wheel and passengers alike. The Q45's exterior features a sleek, aerodynamic design with a sporty, turbo-charged engine. The Q45's exterior features a sleek, aerodynamic design with a sporty, turbo-charged engine.

Tire safety check proves crucial in slippery weather

Motorists driving in winter conditions should pay attention to a tire safety check before the road, according to AAA. Tires are one of the most important safety devices on a car, and AAA's New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park, N.J. The very function of steering and braking depends on the traction between the tire and road. To prevent a potentially dangerous situation, AAA recommends vehicle owners give their tires a complete "checkup" including examining the amount of tread and inflation level. Skidding down an icy road isn't fun, but it can be avoided if you have the right tires. AAA's New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park, N.J. The very function of steering and braking depends on the traction between the tire and road. To prevent a potentially dangerous situation, AAA recommends vehicle owners give their tires a complete "checkup" including examining the amount of tread and inflation level.

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