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COMING TO WESTFIELD?...First Ward Councilman Gregory S. McDermott, left, takes his turn behind the controls of The Green Machine, a piece of equipment the town is considering purchasing to clean sidewalks in the downtown. Pictured with him are Jim Walsh, a representative of Applied Sweepers, Inc., of Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania, which sells the machine; Town Engineer and Director of Public Works Kenneth B. Marsh, and Janet Laski, in charge of the town's Clean Communities Grant program. Pictured in the inset is Norris Crampton, of Applied Sweepers, as he demonstrates the equipment in the downtown.

'Green Machine' Viewed as Possible Solution to Keeping Downtown Clean

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

It pulverizes glass bottles, it shreds aluminum cans for recycling, it can even disinfect (with a mild detergent and a broad-based anti-bacterial material) animal waste. And, of course it sweeps sidewalks — shooting trash into standard plastic garbage can bags.

High technology may be becoming to Westfield if the Town Council opts to purchase, possibly through a partnership with the Downtown Westfield Corporation, "The Green Machine" for the cleanup of downtown sidewalks.

Town officials and representatives of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce and WDC were given a demonstration of the machine Thursday afternoon.

Jim Walsh, Account Manager of Applied Sweepers, Inc., of Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania, explained the machine is gaining popularity in cities such as San Francisco, Philadelphia and in Times Square in New York City.

Although the machine has only been available in the United States for two-and-half years, it has been used overseas in the Vatican in Rome, Colone, Paris, London and Liverpool, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland.

The diesel-powered, 2.5-gallon sweeper can run an entire day on one tank of gasoline and can be operated either by sitting on a seat or by pushing it. A vacuum-like hose can reach in corners, sucking up cigarette butts around trees, as well as spilled items such as yogurt.

The biggest concern among officials is on who will operate the piece

of equipment.

Mr. Walsh said a benefit of The Green Machine is that it is designed to be used around pedestrians and during the day-time. A built-in public address system warns persons of the approaching machine.

First Ward Councilman Gregory S. McDermott said he believes by purchasing one of the machines and using it in the downtown, residents and merchants would view the town as being "pro active" by taking care of the problem of litter in the business district. The town presently does not have a downtown cleanup program.

Town Engineer and Director of Public Works, Kenneth B. Marsh, explained the cost of the machine, \$25,000, could be funded through several revenue sources including the annual \$36,400 state Clean Communities Grant, through equipment accounts with the town's capital improvements budget and through the WDC's special improvement district spending plan.

This summer the town will utilize some of the state grant money to hire college students with at least two students assigned to litter patrol in

the downtown. The grant money can be used for cleanup efforts in the town and for public and educational

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Board Denies Dealership's Bid To Install 40-Square-Foot Sign

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Board of Adjustment denied the approval of a new 40-square-foot sign for Thomas Lincoln-Mercury on South Avenue at Monday's meeting.

During last month's hearing, the owner of the establishment recommended that board members view an identical sign at a Ford dealership on River Road in Summit.

Board member Michael Kelly, who said he saw the Summit sign, stated that "the sign is smaller and set back farther on the street," than owner John Lauricella had reported. Fellow board member Doris M. Molowa said she agreed with Mr. Kelly.

The board allowed a sign which

measured the same as the original 28-foot sign, to be raised six feet off the ground. Board members also allowed the sign to have exterior lighting, as long as it is turned off at 10 p.m.

Originally, Mr. Lauricella had proposed a 75-square-foot sign when he appeared before the board three months ago.

In other business, Henry Ramer, an attorney for Exxon Corporation, told the board there were changes to the company's plan to expand an existing gas station at the corner of South and Central Avenues. The expansion will include the addition of two new gas pumping islands, a Tiger Mart retail store, and a 15-foot-high, free-standing canopy.

In an earlier statement made to The Westfield Leader, Mr. Ramer said the facility is not a typical Exxon station in that it has a lot of input on

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

SUCCESSFUL VENTURE...The Passport to Education Dance-Party-Benefit which was held last Friday night at the Westfield National Guard Armory was a huge success. The event, attended by approximately 500 people, helped to raise money for technology in the Westfield Public Schools. It was co-sponsored by Comcast@Home and The Education Fund of Westfield. Pictured are Tom Zemaitis, center, of Comcast@Home, with Debbie and Darryl Walker, event co-organizers.

Committee Renews Talks On Parking Availability

Commuters have reclaimed approximately 50 parking spaces in the South Avenue parking lot which were lost during construction on the train platforms, according to Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., Chairman of the Town Council's Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee.

"With the conclusion of the construction on the train platforms by NJ Transit, space in the parking areas formerly occupied by the construction company have been returned to Westfield commuters," Councilman Sullivan said.

"With that catalyst, we must move with a sense of urgency to address the parking issues our community faces. Parking improvements in our central business district will top the agenda of the Town Council's Transportation, Parking and Traffic (TPT) Committee during the coming weeks — with an end result of actions — not just another study," he continued.

"We will kick off this effort with a series of public forums and surveys to

ensure that we give our citizens — our customers — the chance to be heard," Councilman Sullivan acknowledged, the first of the forums was held last Thursday.

He outlined the three-part plans for addressing the issue.

"First, we must sell additional permits to those on the waiting list for long-term parking, to fill the spaces that have become available from the completion of the construction," he observed.

"Second, we need to collect information from individuals who use, or would like to use, our parking facilities. Survey forms will be sent to all the existing permit holders and those on the waiting lists," the councilman revealed.

"Using this information, the committee will evaluate alternate parking locations or even a shuttle bus service to and from the station.

"Third, the TPT committee will hold public hearings and send to the council for a vote the recommenda-

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Postal Worker Saves Retiree's Life With CPR Skills Learned as Student

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

A United States Postal Service mail carrier at the Westfield Post Office — calling on resuscitation skills he learned years ago in high school — recently saved the life of a retired

fellow postal worker who fell unconscious after his heart began to beat irregularly in a coffee shop.

Ramón H. Juarez, 31, came to the rescue of Anthony Truono, 65, of South Plainfield two weeks ago at about 12:30 p.m. in the Station Coffee Shoppe at the corner of South and Summit Avenues in Westfield. The two were chatting there when Mr. Truono was stricken.

Mr. Juarez, a Garwood resident, said he was in town on his day off when he happened to meet Mr. Truono at the coffee shop. "We were talking about a house on a route that has a spring water fountain you can drink from, when he said he felt lightheaded," Mr. Juarez recalled.

He asked coffee shop owner Joseph Guglielmi to call for medical help. Mr. Juarez said he caught Mr. Truono as he fell, laid him on chairs and began to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for about four minutes.

He successfully continued the procedure until Westfield police and the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad arrived at the shop some minutes later.

Mr. Juarez said he learned CPR in high school health class in Kenilworth 17 years earlier, and still remembered how to use it. "But I was shaking," the hero postal worker admitted.

Mr. Guglielmi said he was calling out instructions from the emergency telephone service number while Mr. Juarez worked.

Mr. Truono, who had undergone

heart bypass surgery in February, said about Mr. Juarez, "I think he actually saved my life."

Mr. Juarez extended his best



Ramón H. Juarez

wishes to Mr. Truono and his family, saying to the retired postal worker that "my prayers and thoughts go out to you for a healthy and speedy recovery."

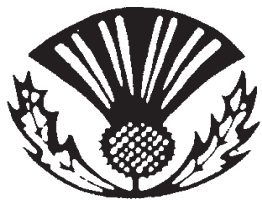
Mr. Truono was treated at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield and at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, and is now recovering at home.

Mr. Truono, who left the Westfield post office in 1978 following a heart attack, revealed that since the incident in the coffee shop, he has had a defibrillator — a device which emits tiny electrical charges — implanted through surgery.



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HELPING THE NEEDY...Bob Batton, left, a retiree of the Westfield Post Office; Emil Anthony, center, Coordinator of the annual food drive for the Westfield/Mountainside Post Offices, and Westfield Postmaster Ken Brown, are shown here inside the Westfield Food Pantry at Holy Trinity School with a cart full of food collected as part of the annual food drive by the postal workers. A total of 19,000 pounds of food was collected during the one-day collection in the two communities.



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SPIRITUAL CELEBRATION...Area residents gathered on the Village Green in Scotch Plains last Thursday for an evening of music and fellowship during the annual observance of National Day of Prayer. The event celebrates the role of God and faith in people's lives.

CHAIRMAN GIVES COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Grant Eligibility, Park Plans At Top of Council's Agenda

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

Four back-to-back presentations were made to the Fanwood Borough Council during its May 6 agenda session, focusing on projects which are expected to help shape the community as it progresses toward the turn of the century.

At the top of the roughly three-hour meeting was a presentation by grantsman Charles C. Nathanson concerning 501 (c) 3 corporations, which are non-profit partnerships between the private and public sectors.

He also supplied officials with written information on how the corporation would need to be structured in order to meet Internal Revenue Service requirements.

Mr. Nathanson, the head of a Trenton consulting firm specializing in planning, development and grantsmanship, was retained by the Borough Council last year to look into redevelopment grants for which the community may qualify.

He has encouraged the establishment of a 501 (c) 3 corporation in Fanwood, which would have many foundations, when determining eligibility for grants, first seek to confirm an applicant's tax exempt status.

Mr. Nathanson's report prompted several questions from members of the governing body. Councilman Joel Whitaker asked if there were any grants the borough is currently missing out on because Fanwood does not have a 501 (c) 3 corporation in place.

The grantsman, responding that

"there's 10,000 foundations out there," said he could not identify specific grants at that particular time. He stated, however, that "It's good to have the vehicle in place" for the pursuit of funds which can help defray the cost of community redevelopment projects.

Councilman William E. Populus, Jr., Chairman of the governing body's Administration and Finance Committee, expressed support for the proposed corporation. He observed that only he and Borough Clerk Eleanor McGovern are presently available to look into grants for the municipality,



PLANNING A PARK...Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, second from right, admires a sketch illustrating proposals for the pocket park earmarked for Watson Road in Fanwood. Several concepts were presented by Professor Dori Vincents, third from left, and several of her students at Union County College during last week's meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council. The students, pictured left to right, are: Ersela Kripa, Kevin Galgano and Frank Simone.

Mr. Nathanson added that the motivation of and chemistry among the corporation's members would have a significant impact on the success of the organization.

and their time is limited by other responsibilities.

Mr. Populus noted that with a 501 (c) 3 corporation, which typically is launched with about a dozen members, there would be "a broader base" of individuals to pursue community development grants.

Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly concurred, saying it would be an opportunity for the borough to acquire additional funding, and recommended that a meeting be held for the governing body to make a final decision on whether or not to establish such a corporation.

During the second presentation, Professor Dori Vincents, of Union County College's Architectural-Engineering Department, and three of her students exhibited color diagrams

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Local Traffic to be Detoured On Sunday for Bicycle Race

Traffic in the downtown Scotch Plains area will be detoured this Sunday, May 17, for the annual Freddie Spencer Memorial Bicycle Race.

The closure of the following roads will take place at approximately 8:15 a.m. They shall remain closed until the race is concluded, which should be around 2:30 p.m.

• Park Avenue will be closed to through traffic between Mountain Avenue and Church Street.

• Front Street and East Second Street will be closed at Willow Avenue.

• Westfield Avenue will be closed at Forest Road.

Local traffic will be permitted to proceed beyond the police detour up to the closed race course. Access to

parking along these roads will be given to race participants, residents, church-goers, merchants and shoppers. Traffic will not be permitted on the race course at any time.

Residents in the downtown area are advised to use extra caution due to the alternate traffic patterns, especially those living on Mountain, Willow, Hunter, Madison and Stout Avenues, Church Street and Forest Road.

Residents along the race course are again advised that all vehicles must be cleared from the street no later than 9:30 a.m.

Affected residents of Bartle Avenue, Forest Road, Grand Street, Park Avenue, Front Street, Flanders Avenue, East Second Street and Senger

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PROGRAM AIMS TO KEEP SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS IN DISTRICT

BOE Discusses Concept to Prevent Lost Instructional Time in Schools

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

The lost instructional time that can accompany the absence of the regular classroom teacher might soon be a thing of the past in Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools. To that end, the administration is asking the Board of Education to approve the creation of an Instructional Support Team.

The pilot program, as presented Monday night to the board by Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. John R. Crews, would begin with the formal training of 10 substitute teachers (five elementary and five secondary).

Following training, substitutes would be called upon to staff classrooms in the event of scheduled absences by teachers attending technology training or curriculum/instructional planning meetings.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood substitutes are presently paid \$60 per diem. Individuals who complete the training program would be paid a higher rate that has yet to be determined.

Board member Edward J. Saridaki, Jr. called the administration's proposal "a big step in the right direction."

His colleague, Jean McAllister, questioned the need to pay more for trained substitutes when the district is training them and guaranteeing them more work.

"It keeps people in the district," explained Dr. Crews, referring to individuals who "sub" for neighboring districts in addition to local schools. "We're asking them to do more and would want to pay them a

more competitive rate."

Barbara Leighton of Scotch Plains said the Instructional Support Team concept would be "tremendous" for students, and urged the administration to extend it to unplanned teacher absences once the program is in place.

A Fanwood resident asked the administration to consider using the

same substitute in the primary grades to give students continuity.

In other business, the board received an instructional update from Language Arts/Social Studies Supervisors Pat Boland and Diane Kelly.

In reviewing and revising the social studies curriculum guide, Mrs.

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Scotch Plains Council Unveils Revised Ordinance Aimed at Monitoring Animal-Related Businesses

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Township Council decided Tuesday to tighten the screws on applicants for pet shops, kennels and animal shelter licenses in the municipality, by introducing an ordinance amendment which checks for previous business-related violations, tracks dog breeders and looks for veterinary references.

"Yes, there was an incident with a place on Route 22," Councilwoman Irene T. Schmidt confirmed, "but I don't know any details."

Other township officials said there were instances when applicants were cited for violations in another community, and then reopened elsewhere under a different name. The revised ordinance asks for information required by the local Board of Health under state laws.

On a different issue, council members said they met with engineering consultants Monday to consider legislation that would charge non-profit and public organizations for use of the township's sanitary sewer system.

Currently, sewer system costs are included in the general local tax bill, so non-profit organizations and public schools are virtually exempt from sewer usage fees. The township pays for waste flow volume every year, through sewer authorities.

Officials predicted an ordinance could be on the books within the next year and a half. Councilwoman Schmidt said the council is looking

for "a more equitable" formula concerning use of the sanitary sewer system.

Councilman Robert E. Johnston said last week that other area communities currently tax non-profit groups for sewer use.

In addition, township sewers are now undergoing a \$1.2 million upgrade to reportedly handle increased waste flow.

In other business, the council recognized four volunteer members of the Community Dispute Resolution Committee on Tuesday.

Township Judge Joseph Perfilio awarded David Wendel, Steven Schwartz, Lois Sarvetnick and Jack Lay, Sr. certificates from the state Supreme Court and the Office of the Court Administrator of Union County.

Judge Perfilio explained that the committee's purpose was to divert people from the criminal justice system in solving community problems.

He went on to say that volunteer members are trained for the service and do not require a law background.

Grand Opening Today For Post Office Store

The United States Postal Service will hold a grand opening of Scotch Plains Postal Retail Store today, Thursday, May 14, at 11 a.m. at the

township's post office, located at 536 Park Avenue.

A special ribbon cutting ceremony will be held to officially open the store. The Scotch Plains Post Office has recently been renovated and expanded for the public.

Presiding over the ceremony will be Scotch Plains Postmaster Elvoird Christmas. Assisting in the ceremony will be the State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, a resident of Scotch Plains, and Scotch Plains Mayor Joan Papen.

The store includes a Quick Post Center, with a vending area complete with a multi commodity stamp vending machine for customers to quickly mail letters and buy stamps and a Retail Merchandise Center, for postal products.

Post Office boxes have been increased by 200 and holders will also, for the first time, have 24 hours access to their these boxes and stamp vending machines located in the lobby.

In addition, a Full Service Counter, providing services ranging from the very simple, such as, purchasing stamps, to the more complex meter setting, is included in the retail store.



THE HIT PARADE...The Scotch Plains gazebo should be finished just in time for the Memorial Day Parade, if the weather cooperates. Located on the Park Avenue and Front Street corner of the Village Green, council members said they want to use the donated structure as a parade viewing stand. President of the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association Ray Pardon, says residents can use the gazebo for weddings and photo settings. He also hopes the gazebo will become a landmark for the downtown area. Pictured are students from Union County Vo-Tech who volunteered to build the gazebo.



BOARDWALK BUILDERS...Approximately 100 feet of boardwalk was recently constructed over the wettest section of trail at the Fanwood Nature Center on Cray Terrace. The builders, pictured left to right, are: Paul Nadolny, Pete Vanderheyden, a member of the Fanwood Environmental Commission; Bill Kirner and Environmental Commission Chairman and Nature Center Groundskeeper Dean Talcott.

Deadlines Told For Submittals To The Times

Those persons preparing press releases for submission to *The Times* are reminded that copy should be e-mailed or faxed by 4 p.m. on the Friday prior to publication. *The Times'* e-mail address is press@goleader.com. The fax number is 908-232-0473.

Releases, pictures and letters to the editor can also be dropped off at our office located at 50 Elm Street, Westfield or through our mail slot. To ensure that submittals reach our office prior to deadline, we encourage e-mail or faxed materials.

Sports stories which occur prior to the weekend must be in by the Friday deadline. Weekend sports events must be submitted by noon on the Monday prior to the publication date. Obituaries will be accepted up to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

All copy must be typed, double-spaced, upper and lower case, no more than 500 words in length, and include a daytime telephone number where the submitter can be reached.

For events which are planned months in advance, we encourage submission of stories as early as possible prior to the event.

Please note that in addition to making our deadlines, the publication of submittals may be delayed due to space considerations. All submittals are subject to being cut due to length, edited for style and clarification at the discretion of the editor.

SP-F High School Tells Third Marking Honor Roll

Two hundred fifty-two students have been named to the third marking period Honor Roll at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Twenty-one freshmen, or 7.58 percent of the 277-member class, were named to the High Honor Roll, which requires straight "A's" if the student is taking four or five subjects, or at least five "A's" and a maximum of one "B."

- Celeste J. Coleman, Elise V. Danileides, Gerald P. Kavinski, Mariya Koroleva, Matthew Zullo, Nickesia S. Richards, Pedro H. Rocha, Susan L. Tiedemann, Ruyun-Luo Zhao, Joana L. Alonzo, Marvin Arjona, Allison E. Breidenstein, Christine M. Brock, Bridgette Carter, Jessica L. Choyake, Nicholas V. Cvetovich, Erin M. De Prospero, Jacquelyn A. Dempsey, Evan M. Dornbush, Steven D. Halas, Richard D. Heffner, Kristin M. Hessemer, Christopher A. Karelus, Eun Jin Lee, Robert Leichner, Adam R. Levoy, Melissa Kanyon, Benjamin M. Lee, Andrea J. Maggi, Courtney E. Metzger, Lauren Rauch, Leah E. Saenz Dewiter, Anne P. Sargent, Christine Scarpari, Alice Sergeyeva, Sheri Weinberg, Normjean Wittig, Jennise White, Joseph Lubrano, James T. Luciano, Elizabeth G. Baker, Arnold Macalintal, Jason R. Marks, Thomas S. Pai, Amanda H. Palmatier, Jessica Passucci, Dhirenkum R. Patel, Vaneisha C. Paynter, Michael J. Pennica, Erich W. Schellenberg, Lauren M. Sheppard, Jean Sih, Christian M. Sorge, Christine Stewart, Dana L. Kudolla, Shelley L. Lambertson, Jameie L. Langevin, Jennifer D. Lee, Carla Lewandowski, Gina M. Lisa, Jennise F. White

Council Hears Presentations To Shape Borough for 2000

depicting their proposals for the layout of a planned pocket park on Watson Road. Officials plan to cover half the \$250,000 price tag of creating the park through \$25,000 in funds and another \$100,000 in services to be provided by Department of Public Works employees and others. The council has applied to Union County for the remaining \$125,000 under the county's Project Pocket Park Program. The UCC students who attended the meeting, along with several of their peers, developed the sketches free of charge as a school project. The site will be a "passive park" without recreational equipment, officials have said. Among their proposals were a "sensory garden" which would appeal to all five senses; landscaping, a meditation pond, benches, sculpture and a pergola - a long, slender structure, with an open roof and sides, entwined with climbing flora - which would lead into the park.

outlining what the committee would like to see done, what would be needed, and what kind of support would be required from the governing body. In the final presentation of the evening, Police Chief Robert Carbo discussed the police department's goal of having its computer system updated by the latter part of next year, and asked for a commitment from the governing body toward realizing this objective. The chief said the new system, expected to cost \$100,000, would feature digital photograph and fingerprinting capabilities. He said it would enable officers on patrol to transmit fingerprint information from their vehicles to the New Jersey State Police and the FBI to confirm identification. Councilman Populus said the borough hopes to update all computers utilized in the area of public safety through a matching grant program in which Fanwood would pay \$25,000 and the federal government would pay the remainder of the cost.

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

- WEDNESDAY, MAY 6: A student at Union Catholic High School reported the theft of a purse. The incident took place some time during the afternoon. SATURDAY, MAY 9: An employee of a convenience store on Park Avenue reported receiving a counterfeit twenty dollar bill on Friday afternoon. Three juveniles were charged with possession of alcohol and two in the group were additionally charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana. The incident took place at a nightclub on Terrill Road. All the juveniles were from Elizabeth and released to an adult. SUNDAY, MAY 10: A resident of Stoneleigh Drive reported that someone had left approximately 200 feet of tire marks on their front lawn. The incident occurred some time during the night.



TRAIN SAFETY...A Train Safety Program was recently held at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains. Betsy Stern, Safety Program Specialist with the Rail Safety Department of NJ Transit, showed students a short film on the dangers of playing around train stations and on the tracks. Fanwood Police Chief Robert Carbo also discussed the dangers of the railroad tracks, which run through the center of Fanwood. A question-and-answer period was also included. Pictured, left to right, are: back row, Chief Carbo, and front row, Ms. Stern, Alexa Knox, Jessica Zuber, Samantha Bamberger and James Alfano.

- FRESHMEN HIGH HONOR ROLL: Christina M. Albizati, Jennifer L. Bassman, Andrea R. Cristiani, Kathleen D. De Luca, Andrew R. Eiko, Jessica L. Ferraro, David Gokhin, Jennifer E. Selo, Christopher Silva, Ilana Weinberg, Allison R. Wilks, Alexander M. Zajac, Derrion B. Aberdeed, Michael J. Beckerman, Brittany A. Bellzear, Katie A. Blom, Michelle T. Bower, Katherine M. Bruno, Robert E. Bugg, Brett S. Bushinger, Eryn Bushinger, Tyeasha L. Carey, Conrad Cho, Katherine L. Church, Lindsey S. Davis, Jamie S. Dougher, Christopher S. Gawryluk, Kelly L. Gayara, Najwa A. Glover, Gail P. Hannigan, Emma K. Hlatk, Bobby Z. Kabir, Carolyn M. Keaton, Erin F. Kelly, Jessica A. Kenderdine, Susanna Klassel, Eric S. Konzelman, Beata E. Korsluk, Timothy J. Lee, Yumilay Lio, Sara M. Magnola, Brian K. Maroney, James W. McClintock, Kristen P. Mendes, Jessica Park, Alicia D. Piniati, Eric M. Pugia, Rennifer B. Razal, Jeffrey S. Reichman, Ruth E. Rohrer, Matthew A. Schimming, Amit K. Shoor, Annia Spahr, Michael J. Stanley, Jennifer R. Stearns, Audrey C. Tumaneng, Katherine E. Walker, Kathryn E. Warchol

SP-F High School French III Students Score Big in Contest Amanda Rice, a sophomore at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, has scored ninth place in the State of New Jersey in the French III Division of the American Association of Teachers of French Contest. The test is administered annually throughout the United States. This year more than 230 students took the test in New Jersey at the French III level. Students who scored in 11th, 15th and 16th place, respectively, in the same category include Melissa Tourjee, Rebecca Silver and James L'Heureux. All are students of Karen Moreaule, a French teacher at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Marisa Mangione, a fifth-year student, scored in 11th place in the most competitive division of French V. She was one point away from being a state winner. Marisa is the student of Maria Olsen, also a French teacher at the high school.



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BOE Discusses Concept To Boost Instruction Time Boland said, "We explored how to make the curriculum more activity-centered, more research-centered. Facts are important, but what do we do with them?" Mrs. Kelly discussed the challenges posed by the need to bring the district curriculum in line with state standards and testing. "We were concerned about how to obtain consistency through the schools," she explained, "about how to address each standard at each grade level." If approved, the new social studies curriculum would spread the study of world history across the eighth and ninth grades. Ancient history would move out of the sixth grade, to be replaced by geography. The supervisors see geography as a logical counterpart to sixth graders' study of earth science. Board member Richard R. Meade asked how the department would handle the transition to the new curriculum for the present sixth- and seventh-grade students to avoid repetition. He also voiced concern regarding what he termed the "vagueness" of the sixth grade standards. Board member Lance Porter asked if any curriculum adjustments were proposed at the elementary level to prepare for the state-mandated fourth-grade Elementary School Proficiency Assessment. Mrs. Kelly acknowledged that the curriculum needs added focus on New Jersey history. She is investigating the possibility of updating the state history book and making one available to every student. There are presently 30 New Jersey history books per elementary school building. Because the May 11 agenda meeting was not taped for broadcast on TV 34, discussion on the social studies curriculum is likely to continue at the Thursday, May 28 public meeting. In another matter, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye said there were 25 teachers retiring from the district this year. Mr. Porter asked for a re-staffing update in light of the significant number of retirees. He called the situation "a big hit" to the district. Prior to its next public meeting, the board will receive a list of open positions as well as those slots which have been filled.

Jersey history books per elementary school building. Because the May 11 agenda meeting was not taped for broadcast on TV 34, discussion on the social studies curriculum is likely to continue at the Thursday, May 28 public meeting. In another matter, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye said there were 25 teachers retiring from the district this year. Mr. Porter asked for a re-staffing update in light of the significant number of retirees. He called the situation "a big hit" to the district. Prior to its next public meeting, the board will receive a list of open positions as well as those slots which have been filled.

Bank Customers May Pay To Much to Use Their Money

The average bank customer may be paying a lot more than need be for the privilege. The goal should be to keep more money in your account than in the bank's vault. The following rules should be followed: Remember the "Rule of Three" - compare at least three institutions before you decide where to do your banking. The closest bank is not always the best choice. If you are an ATM (Automatic Teller Machine) frequenter, don't do business with a bank that charges you to use it. The average bank charges \$1 for each use of the ATM machine. That may not sound like a lot of money, but think of it this way - if you use the ATM only twice a week, that's over \$100 you are paying a year to use your own money. Consider looking elsewhere to bank if this is a service you have made a habit. Don't order checks from your bank. If you do, you are paying up to three times as much as you should. Banks charge \$12-15 for the same checks you can order through the mail for \$5. Whether you are opening a new account or just need to reorder checks, you can save more than half on this recurring expense by ordering directly. Choose the account that best suits your needs. Bank accounts are like clothes - they come in lots of shapes and sizes. By finding the "right" bank account, you can significantly lower your costs. To illustrate, if you usually keep a healthy balance in your checking account, you can eliminate the \$7 to \$10 monthly account fee by locating a bank that won't charge it as long as you keep the required minimum amount. If you write a few checks a month, select an account that will let you write a set number of checks each month (usually 8 to 10) without charging a monthly fee. Remember too, some services may be worth paying for - like the return of your canceled checks. If you like the bank you are with but want a better deal, negotiate. This MONEY 2000 message was sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.

Fanwood to Celebrate Memorial Day at Park

The Fanwood Recreation Commission has announced that a Memorial Day celebration will take place on Monday, May 25, at LaGrande Park in Fanwood. The event will begin after the parade and continue until 4 p.m. Food and beverages will be available, as well as games and events. There will also be a craft fair in which various New Jersey artists will be selling their wares. All crafters are welcome to participate. A reserved space costs \$25, and an additional space is \$15. For children, there will be many games, along with rides, face-painting, balloon animators and other recreational activities. Several merchants have already donated food, beverages and prizes for the event, including Mike Buck of Fanwood A&P and Dan Nash of Friday's of Watchung. "We're proud to be associated with this event," said Mr. Nash. Any other businesses wishing to participate in the celebration may call Pam at (908) 889-9384. Volunteers are needed to help run the event, and may call Linda at (908) 889-4935. Crafters wishing further information and a dealer's agreement may call Laurie at (908) 322-4962.

Ordinance Unveiled To Check Businesses Dealing With Animals

The United States Department of Environmental Protection selected the club's "Earth Care" project from among other entrants in Region 2, which includes the tri-state area. Students Kristina Geoghegan, Club President Justin Lewis, Christopher Sandiford, Kristen Vogel, Bernadette Thompson and Michelle Silva said they spent much time unloading cars at the Fanwood Recycling Center and collecting recyclable items at Union Catholic. They also taught younger students about conservation, according to Sister Mary Raymond, advisor to club members. Kristina, the former club President, said the recycling project saved Union Catholic over \$100,000. Resident Ian R. Doebber was recognized by the council for his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. A proclamation read at the meeting confirmed that Ian built a scoreboard at the Forest Road Park ball fields last year for his community project requirement. With the help of former township Mayor Albert Theurer, Mayor Joan Papen proclaimed next week to be part of "National Safe Boating Week" in the township. This year's theme encourages boaters to wear life jackets. The former Mayor related a personal story about falling overboard without a life preserver, and said he was fortunate to have survived the incident.

Traffic Detour Slated In Downtown Sunday For Bicycle Race

Place must not only move their vehicles off the streets, but out of the race course area if they plan to use their vehicles during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Vehicles left on the race course will be towed. Race participants and shoppers should use the parking lots at Palmer Video, CVS and United Jersey Bank. Spectators are advised to use the parking lot between the Post Office and Park Middle School, or on-street parking around the periphery of the race course.

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VOLUNTEER HONORED...Congressman Bob Franks awards Laura Swidersky of Scotch Plains a certificate of appreciation during the fifth annual Seventh Congressional District Volunteer of the Year Ceremony held recently in Plainfield. In observance of National Volunteers Week, the congressman recognized more than 80 individuals and organizations from throughout Central New Jersey for their hard work and dedication within the community.

Saudi Delegation to Meet With Union County Firms

Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan has announced that a delegation of 35 major companies from Saudi Arabia will be visiting Union County on Monday and Tuesday, May 18 and 19.

The trade mission, focused on oil, gas, petrochemical and related industries, is using Union County as its East Coast hub for over 400 meetings scheduled with local and regional companies seeking to sell goods and services, form joint ventures and strategic alliances, establish relationships and obtain or provide licenses for technology transfer.

"This is a superb example of how our unified efforts are establishing a comprehensive development strategy for Union County," Mr. Sullivan explained.

"By partnering with the Union County Economic Development Cor-

poration (UCEDC) and the U. S. Department of Commerce, we have expanded and enhanced opportunities in international trade for Union County businesses to grow," he continued.

"It is partnerships such as this which will bring even more economic activity and investment into our Gateway County," the Freeholder Chairman remarked.

The United States Department of Commerce is arranging the individual meetings between regional companies and the Saudi businesses, with an eye toward matching products, services, interests and needs.

Mr. Sullivan praised both the visit by the delegation, and the role of the partnership that arranged the mission, noting that the mission is meeting in Houston, Los Angeles and New Orleans, in addition to Union County.

"The UCEDC and Commerce worked very hard to ensure that the East Coast trade delegation would be located in Union County. Our area is filled with the industries that match the Saudi Arabian profiles," Mr. Sullivan observed.

The trade delegation is seeking companies whose products and services match categories which include: bearings, seals, couplings; chemicals; coiled tubing; communications; corrosion/cathodic protection; cranes/lifts/winches and dredging.

Other categories are drilling services and equipment; electric/electronic process controls; environmental protection; heat exchanger and instrument controls; hydrographic and seismic equipment; offshore computers and software; pipeline inspections and maintenance, and plant maintenance.

Still others include poll control; power generation and propulsion machinery; processing and separation systems; professional and training services; project management, research and development, and consultancy; refractory; safety and protection; seal plants; spill containment; subsea production; support vessels; valves; waste pollution, and well equipment and well support.

Mr. Sullivan noted that there remains limited space available for Union County firms to participate, adding that connections may be made through the UCEDC at (908) 527-1166.



SPOTLIGHTING GENDER ISSUES...As part of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district's Vision 21 program, professionals and academics led a workshop on gender equity during a district-wide "professional development day." Participating in the workshop, pictured left to right, are: first row, Jean Wahlers, Donna Lauricella, Lynn Schenk and Charlene Hall, and second row, Kathy Marvel, Karen Lacey, Dr. Marlene Rosenbaum, Carol Johnson, Patty Whitehouse, and Union County Freeholder Alexander Mirabella.

Freeholder Among Leaders Of Gender Equity Program

Union County Freeholder Alexander Mirabella is one of five executives from Chubb & Son who spoke recently at a workshop on gender equity at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Mr. Mirabella, of Roselle Park, presented the workshop with Carol Johnson, Karen Lacey, Kathy Marvel and Patty Whitehouse of Chubb & Son; Fairleigh Dickinson University Professor Marlene Rosenbaum, who has studied gender relations and communications in schools, and several teachers from the district.

The workshop was presented during a "professional development day" for teachers in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district.

Participants discussed the different communications styles commonly seen in men and women, and ways in which teachers relate to boys and girls and the impact these differences have on their education and development.

Teachers also considered current research, state and federal law, and ongoing classroom practices which address gender and communications.

The 90-minute workshop concluded with a discussion on how teachers can alter their communications strategies to give students better educational choices.

"We wanted to speak about the way businesses manage this issue," said Freeholder Mirabella. "In the business community, we have learned the importance of recognizing differences in the ways people communicate and learn. We are pleased that we could bring this experience to educators," he added.

All Chubb & Son employees are members of the Information Technology Women's Council (ITWC), which is dedicated to equal access to opportunities regardless of gender, and has worked with Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America for the past four years.

The workshop is part of an overall program in the district, Vision 21, which brings the talent and experience of businesses, community groups and higher education to teachers and the school system.

Besides Chubb & Son, the district is working with Lucent Technologies, Prudential and the Merck Institute for Science Education.

Literacy Volunteers To Hold Library Day Saturday in Westfield

The Union County Affiliate of Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA) will hold Literacy Library Day this Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street in Westfield.

All interested potential or current students and tutors are invited to attend this program. Tutors will be able to find out what materials are available to use, or how to solve problems that they are having.

Potential tutors will have an opportunity to find out about the program. Interested students may be assessed if they call the LVA office at (908) 925-7755 to make an appointment for that day.

Grant Is Received to Study Shared Translation Services

Daniel P. Sullivan, Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, recently announced that the county, in a joint application with municipalities and schools, received a \$25,000 state grant to conduct a study on sharing language translation services.

The Morris-Union Jointure Commission, an education district which serves children and adults with needs, is the lead agency on the project and will oversee the study. "In order to balance their budgets, local governments need to find ways to share services," said Freeholder Sullivan. "Providing these translation services will help Union County government, as well as our schools and municipalities, to communicate better with residents. It makes sense to share the cost," he added.

Studies have identified more than 100 languages and dialects spoken in various parts of Union County from newly arrived immigrants, residents and visitors. Translation services often are needed by schools, court officials, the police, clerks and municipal officials.

A number of local governmental agencies have passed resolutions seeking involvement in the translation services program, including the municipalities of Westfield and Garwood, the Hillside and Roselle boards of education and the Union County Educational Services Commission.

Others are expected to participate, and have shown a great amount of interest, according to the freeholder board.

Officials chose the Morris-Union Jointure Commission as the lead agency in the grant because it has worked extensively with people who have communication disabilities, including people who are deaf or hard of hearing, and has provided sign language interpretation in many instances.

The Department of Community Affairs grant is given to government agencies for programs which encourage shared services.

Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr., of Plainfield noted that state officials gave Union County the maximum amount provided through these programs.



REPLACEMENT CARS...Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari, pictured at right, checks on the replacement patrol cars for county police with, left to right, Officer Nick Incannella, Sergeant Richard Puschel, and Union County Police Captains Daniel Vaniska and Thomas Grady.

Replacement Patrol Cars Acquired for County Police

Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari has announced that the purchase of three replacement patrol cars for county police is part of the county's ongoing policy to ensure that public safety is maintained.

"The county's policy of replacing vehicles on a rotating basis enables police to maintain public safety while keeping operating costs within budgetary constraints for purchases of necessary police vehicles," Mr. Scutari said.

Union County Police Captain Daniel Vaniska said that it is routine to replace patrol cars every few years because the older a car gets, the more structurally unsound it becomes.

"The cars are almost always running and they idle a lot, which puts added wear and tear on the engine," he added.

Police mechanics make the determination to replace the cars, usually after about three years, when they have 160,000 miles.

"We have to make sure our force is operating structurally sound vehicles for the safety of our officers, as well as being able to provide the best level of service to county residents," Captain Vaniska said.

There are currently 15 marked patrol cars, as well as a few unmarked cars used by the county detective bureau for undercover work and surveillance.

Freeholder Board Adopts Budget With Lowest Tax Levy Since '94

By PAUL J. PEYTON

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Proclaiming the lowest overall tax rate since 1994, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders last Thursday adopted its 1998 budget of \$282,153,879, a spending plan that lowers the amount to be raised through taxes in 15 of the 21 towns in the county.

The tax rate this year of .47585 per \$100 has resulted in a drop in taxes in Clark, Cranford, Elizabeth, Hillside, Kenilworth, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Union, Westfield and Winfield.

Taxes will rise to support county programs and services in Berkeley Heights, Fanwood, Garwood, Linden, Mountainside and Summit.

Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla noted, for instance, that the average taxpayer in Westfield will see a decrease of \$51.

During the budget process, the Freeholder's Finance Committee slashed the Executive Budget presented by Mr. Lapolla in January by \$1.5 million.

The spending plan includes \$1,688,750 to fund the county's new "Project Pocket Park" matching grants program. All 21 municipalities applied and will soon receive funding from the program ranging

from \$10,000 to \$125,000.

Locally, Westfield will receive \$117,500 towards the possible acquisition of the former Excellent Diner site on North Avenue to create a pocket park and to upgrade the playground behind the former Lincoln School building and (removed 'and' - assume the new equipment is for Lincoln School) to purchase new playground equipment.

Scotch Plains will receive \$25,000 to renovate Green Forest Park. Fanwood will receive \$125,000 towards the creation of a passive park at 130 Watson Road and related "in-kind" services.

Mountainside will receive \$25,000 for the renovation of the Sawmill Road Field.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, who unveiled the program during the Freeholders reorganizational meeting in January, said, "I doubt there has ever been a program before where all 21 municipalities have participated."

The budget, which lowers the tax levy by 1 percent, also funds a program called "Access 2000," a \$100,000 matching grants program for public schools in the county to provide computers in their classrooms, and a program of individual grants of up to \$5,000 for artists and theater groups and preservationists.

Funding has been included for a number of projects in the county including road improvements in Elizabeth in connection with the Jersey Gardens mall project, an appropriation totaling \$6,050,000; \$5 million for the acquisition of land, design and architecture fees for a new juvenile detention center; \$300,000 for reconstruction of the Nomahegan Park and Rahway River Park dams and \$606,000 for restoration and the management of county lakes as part of a six-year program.

Also included is \$500,000 for improvements and architectural and engineering fees to the Ash Brook Golf Course greens in Scotch Plains, and \$150,000 towards a three-year, \$1 million project to expand the visitor center at Trailside Nature & Science Center & Park Commission Headquarters in Warinanco Park. That project will total \$1 million through the year 2000.

Another \$400,000 is geared towards the design and construction of a running track facility building at Warinanco.

In other business, the board is expected to take action at its public meeting tonight, Thursday, May 14, on a number of resolutions.

Among them is a \$10,700 contract to "This Is It" Concept Production Company of Hoboken for preplanning and on-site management for a new jazz festival entitled "Jersey Jazz by the Lake," set for Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13, in Nomahegan Park in Cranford.

Mr. Lapolla said the festival will probably start around noon and continue until about 8 p.m.

"We're very excited about this and we think it is going to be a great event for our residents," he said, noting that if successful the county hopes the festival will become an annual event similar to the summer concert series in Echo Lake Park.

Freeholder Sullivan, in noting that the festival is expected to attract both county residents and persons residing outside the area, said "it's a great advertisement for us as a county."

A similar event in Red Bank attracts some 150,000 people over the course of three days each year.

The Freeholders will also vote on a resolution approving a contract with Global Strategies, Inc., of New Brunswick, to promote foreign direct investment and promote goods and services of Union County-based companies.

The board approved a six-month extension to the existing contract which now totals \$119,700.

Riding Camp Offered At Watchung Stables

Kids ranging in age from nine to 17 are invited to try horseback riding at the Union County Equestrian Camp sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders through its Division of Parks and Recreation.

The program is offered at the Watchung Stables, 1160 Summit Lane in Mountainside.

"Horseback riding is a lot of fun and it teaches kids a lot about animals and about responsibility," said Daniel P. Sullivan, Chairman of the Freeholder board. "We're proud to offer this summer program to kids across the county."

Equestrians of all abilities, especially beginners, are invited to enroll in one or two of the week-long sessions, which include instructional riding, trail rides and learning about the general care of a horse. Campers will also be able to participate in a horse show at the end of the summer.

Enrollment is limited to a maximum of two weeks per child. Scheduled sessions will be held beginning the week of Tuesday, June 23, and ending the week of Tuesday, August 18.

Sessions are offered Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except for the week of June 29 to July 3, when camp will be held Monday through Thursday.

Participants may register on or after Saturday, June 6. On June 6, registration times will be 8 a.m. to noon, and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The fee is \$220 per session for Union County residents, and \$260 for those who live outside of the county. All registration must be performed in person. Proof of residency and a birth certificate will be required.

For further information, please call the Watchung Stables at (908) 789-3665.

Literacy Library Day May 16 in Westfield

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will be holding Literacy Library Day at the Westfield Library, located at 550 East Broad Street, this Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The group will also be holding a similar event in June at the Mountainside Library, in Constitution Plaza, on Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Literacy Days are for all interested potential or current students and tutors.

Tutors will be able to find out what materials are available to use, or how to solve problems that they are having. Potential tutors can find out about the program.

Interested students should call (908) 925-7755 to make an appointment for the Literacy Days.

Borough Seeks Grant For Park Renovation

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL

Specially Written for The Leader and The Times

The Borough of Mountainside has applied for a \$25,000 matching grant from Union County under the grant program entitled Project Pocket Park, according to a resolution read by Mayor Robert F. Viglianti during the governing body's work session on Tuesday night.

The borough wants to renovate Oakwood Park, which has a youth baseball diamond, a soccer field and a play field area near Sawmill Road.

The Project Pocket Park grant program is for the purchase of lands, parks and playgrounds, and for the renovation and upgrading of playgrounds and play areas within the county.

A total of \$1,588,750 has been approved in matching dollar grants that will be used to renovate existing playgrounds in all of the 21 municipalities in Union County.

The grants will range from \$10,000 to \$125,000, and represent the county's commitment to better its parks and recreational facilities, explained Union County Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Liaison to the county's Parks Advisory Board, in an earlier interview with *The Leader*.

Under the terms of the grant program, municipalities must match the moneys granted, dollar for dollar, in order to participate.

In other business, Mayor Viglianti asked the council to support a resolution that would be written to Comcast regarding Channel 35.

The Mayor reported that he has asked Comcast on numerous occasions to switch Mountainside residents' programming on high school activities from Scotch Plains or Westfield to Berkeley Heights.

This, Mayor Viglianti points out, "is our high school's home town." He said he feels that if the request is written in the form of a resolution, Comcast might be more likely to grant the request. Council members concurred.

Mayor Viglianti concluded by say-

ing, "I hope we can make this switch by September 1, so that the fall sports season will be covered."

In related news, the Mayor proposed an idea for a borough show for Channel 35, and asked for the support of council members. According to the Mayor, the program would feature a different part of the borough on a monthly basis.

The Mayor stated that there are many new and young families living in Mountainside, and it would give them an opportunity to get to know their borough.

During either a half-hour or an hour-long program, different officials would introduce their department, along with members of the department, and show residents how the department operates, according to the Mayor's proposal.

The Mayor used the Mountainside Police Department as an example, stating that Lieutenant Jim Debbie, the Acting Police Chief, could introduce his staff and give a camera tour of the police department's facility.

The Mayor also proposed that Lieutenant Debbie could relate his own family history, since his grandfather was also a Mountainside police lieutenant.

Council members added that June would be a good month to introduce the new Pool Administrator and feature the opening of the municipal pool.

Police Corporal Kenny Capobianco, the TV 35 Coordinator for the borough, said he supports Mayor Viglianti's idea. He said he would donate some of his \$2,000 yearly stipend which he receives as the coordinator to pay a Governor Livingston High School student to run a camera for the show.

In other business, the council proposed to give a \$150 bond to the Deerfield School valedictorian, and a \$100 bond to the school's salutatorian.

Council members thought that this was a more fitting award than the

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Mountainside Police Dept. To Begin "Buckle Up America" Campaign on Monday, May 18

The Mountainside Police Department with the support of Governor Christine Todd Whitman will be stepping up their efforts to protect children, save lives and taxpayers' money by strengthening enforcement of seat belt and child passenger safety laws.

The campaign for higher belt use is called "Buckle Up America," which will run Monday, May 18 to Monday, May 25.

Buckle Up America recognizes that seat belts are the most effective means of reducing fatalities and serious injuries when a crash occurs.

"It's the law in New Jersey that people buckle up because seat belts save lives," said Governor Whitman. "By stepping up enforcement, we not only will save lives, we will reduce serious injuries, save medical costs, and help hold down insurance rate increases. And, we will be protecting the safety of our children."

Adults who don't buckle up are sending children the message that it is all right not to wear a seat belt. Children model adult behavior. Research shows that when a driver is unbuckled, 70 percent of the time children riding in that vehicle will not be buckled either. For a child, a 30 mile-per-hour crash is like dropping him

or her from a third story window.

Acting Mountainside Police Chief James Debbie said officers on patrol will be handing out information pamphlets prior to the start of the enforcement program and reminders to all residents will be aired on Channel 35. Our goal is to get the message to "buckle up" to as many people as possible.

Seat belt use in New Jersey stands at 68 percent, however, states that have used strong enforcement of seat belt laws have pushed use rates to as high as 85 percent.

Buckle Up America is a national effort to save lives on America's roadways. Joining this effort, President Clinton has made it a priority for the Federal government to support these efforts, and has set national goals for seat belt use of 90 percent by the year 2005. Nationally, increasing the seat belt use rate from 68 percent to 90 percent would reduce child fatalities by 25 percent, save an estimated 5,536 lives and prevent 132,670 injuries — an economic savings of approximately \$8.8 billion per year.

Remember to buckle up, the life you save may be your own.

Letters to the Editor

Freeholders Need to Consider Policies On the Spending of Taxpayer Dollars

The Union County Freeholders have approved the Westfield applications for two grants (which have to be matched). One is to upgrade the Lincoln School playground, which on its merits is a good idea.

The other is toward a pocket park on the diner site downtown, which is a poor idea that I doubt will ever be consummated, because the overall cost to Westfield taxpayers will be well into six figures, and beyond anything the Mayor and Council should spend on that project.

My views on this were reported by *The Leader* several weeks ago, and are the same as when this proposal first surfaced in a campaign release in 1996.

More fundamentally, we should ask ourselves what the role and responsibility of county government is and should be. This is the second instance this year of the Freeholder board deciding to fund something in the county's municipalities which I, for one, think is outside county responsibilities.

The first was the program to supply money to add computer equipment in various public schools around the county.

Certainly, schools need computers. But is not that the responsibility of the various school systems, and the citizens in those municipalities? Why is a portion of the levy on Westfield for county taxes (which we have no voice in whatsoever) being used for computers, or parks, somewhere else? And vice versa?

The Scotch Plains Township Council came out against this recently; they are absolutely right on point.

As one who has observed and been in the government game for many years, I have long questioned the role and need for county government in this state. Either it should be made more powerful, as county governments are in many other states, to the exclusion of local governance, or county government should be tightly curtailed in favor of home rule.

Counties originally were created in prior centuries to administer rural areas on a more localized basis than far-away provincial, colonial or state governments like Trenton. Connecticut abolished county government a decade ago; Hawaii never had it. Many activities the county did on behalf of the state, e.g. court costs, have been, or could be, shifted to the states.

Union County government should operate large, multi-municipal projects — large parks and golf courses and major

inter-municipal roads being excellent examples. But the Freeholders should look long and hard at whether they should be handing out money they take in as county taxes (15 to 20 percent of our tax bill) to cover costs and projects that properly belong at, and should be budgeted and taxed, at the municipal level.

If the Freeholders had not pursued these computer and park programs, how much less would our collective and individual county tax bills be?

As we head into another election season, for three freeholders, let's think about the role of county government, how and where it should be limited — and ask the candidates their views on where they should draw the line on their generosity with our tax money.

I hope these views will get some people thinking and writing; there is much to be said on all sides about county government. You have my views.

**Garland "Bud" Boothe
Former Mayor
Town of Westfield**

Scotch Plains Resident Protests Postponement Of 'Boulevard' Decision

Last Tuesday, May 5, the Scotch Plains Council met briefly on matters not connected to the controversy regarding "Centre Boulevard."

The council did discuss the "Centre Boulevard" proposal as reported in *The Times*. At that time they announced that any action concerning whether to add the name to Westfield and Plainfield Avenues and East 2nd Street would be postponed until Wednesday, June 10, without the courtesy of notification to those who were objecting to the proposal. Now they propose to circulate letters to the residents of the three streets involved.

The addition of another name to the already existing three names may seem innocuous to the council, but not to the large number of residents who have signed the petition to show their deep concern against the proposal. Based on the April meeting, we all understood that the meeting during which a decision would be made would be May 12.

The postponement of the May 12 meeting, we believe, is a delaying action to keep "soft pedaling" the importance to the residents of the three streets involved.

We therefore urge those who signed the petition and any other interested parties to be at the June meeting at 8 p.m.

**Thomas J. DeNitzio
Scotch Plains**



PIANO DUET...Dr. Stefan Young, pictured at right, and his father, Raymond Young, both of Westfield, will together play piano arrangements during the Musical Club of Westfield's final program of the season at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, at the First Baptist Church in Westfield. The club's annual luncheon will follow at the Echo Lake Country Club.

Musical Club to Present Last Program of Season

The Musical Club of Westfield will meet in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street in Westfield, on Wednesday, May 20, at 10 a.m.

Club President Edna Borchers of Westfield has invited the public to attend this last musical program of the season.

Program Chairwoman Helene Frieland of Westfield revealed that Dr. Stefan Young and his father, Raymond Young, both of Westfield, together will play piano arrangements of "Raymond Overture" by Amboise Thomas and "Southern Roses" by Johann Strauss, Jr.

Musical Club scholarship recipient Paul Bhasin of Westfield, currently a junior at the University of Michigan's School of Music, will perform a selection from "Trumpet Concerto" by Johann Nepomuk Hummel, with piano accompaniment by Trent Johnson of Scotch Plains.

Plainfield soprano Sally Beckwith will sing songs by Bernstein, the Gershwins, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Cole Porter and Kurt Weil, accompanied on the piano by Victoria Griswold, also of Plainfield.

Denise Wittke of Westfield will serve as an usher for the program.

The Musical Club's annual luncheon, hosted by Louise Andrews of Roseland and her committee, will

follow the program at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

Members of the committee include Dariel and Donald Belcher of Mountainside, and Edna Borchers and Kay Macrae of Westfield.

F.E.M.A.L.E. Offers Support to Mothers Who Leave Work Force

F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) is a national support group for all women who have decided to temporarily leave the work force to stay at home with their young children.

The North-Central New Jersey Chapter offers evening discussion groups, presentations with outside guest speakers, and mother's night out, as well as weekly daytime play groups.

Discussion groups are usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cranford Library on Walnut Avenue in Cranford. Prospective members are encouraged to meet the group at this informal meeting.

Formal meetings with outside guest speakers are held on the third Wednesday of each month, at 8 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark Street in Westfield.

For any additional information on F.E.M.A.L.E., please call Margie at (908) 620-1220.

SP-F High School DECA Wins Four National Awards

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter, an association of marketing students, recently won four national awards at their annual national competitions held in Denver, Colorado.

The students competed with over 10,000 students from 54 state associations. The four awards are the highest total in the local chapter's 28-year history.

The team of seniors Jordan Eannucci, Nicole Troiano and Rianna Liss, along with freshman David Bell, finished among the top eight in the nation for their Public Relations Project, which consisted of the planning and organizing of activities for homeless families in Union County, and a public relations campaign for the Interfaith Council of Union County.

The activities included an Adopt-A-Family program for the holiday season, a toy drive, and two holiday parties for the homeless chil-

dren of Interfaith. This widely-successful activity culminated with 55 families being adopted, and the distribution of over \$3,000 worth of clothing and toys to the families.

Also winning an Honorable Mention Award was the team of seniors Adam Koster and Dan Morris, for their market research project on the Florence Ravioli food store located on East 2nd Street in Scotch Plains, where Adam is employed.

The team of Rianna, Jordan, senior Suzanne Lamastra and freshman Tony Gicas also finished in the top eight for their market research entry on the GapKids in Westfield, where the three seniors are employed.

Rianna won an additional award in the Management competency testing in the Apparel and Accessories industry. Thirty three Scotch Plains-Fanwood students attended the conference.



CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS...Members of the national award-winning DECA Chapter at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School are pictured at their national conference held recently in Denver. The students took home four national awards from the competition — the highest total in the chapter's 28-year history.



LIEUTENANT AND MRS. WILLIAM E. EGAN
(She is the former Miss Erika Christina Lewis)

Miss Erika C. Lewis Weds Lt. William Egan

Miss Erika Christina Lewis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis of Brielle, was married on Friday, August 29, to William Edmund Egan of Westfield. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Egan of Westfield.

The ceremony took place at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, with the Reverend Richard Kelly officiating. A reception followed at the Newark Club in Newark.

Scriptural passages were read by Mrs. Amy Egan of Berkeley, California, the sister-in-law of the bridegroom, and by Brendan Egan of Westfield, the brother of the bridegroom.

Musical selections were performed by Miss Amanda Miller and Miss Angela Miller, both of Westfield.

Mrs. Monica Smith of Margate, the sister of the bride, served as the matron of honor. The bridal attendants included Miss Dana Ostrander of Washington, D.C. and Miss Kara D'Ambrosio of Brielle, both friends of the bride, and Miss Katie Egan, the sister of the bridegroom.

Brian Egan of Berkeley, California, the brother of the bridegroom,

was the best man. The groomsmen included Daniel Kelly of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a friend of the bridegroom; Patrick Egan of Princeton and Daniel Egan of Westfield, both brothers of the bridegroom, and Robert R. Lewis of Jersey City, the brother of the bride.

The bride graduated from Red Bank Catholic High School in Red Bank and from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. She is employed as a tax compliance specialist by Ernst & Young LLP in San Antonio, Texas.

The bridegroom graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen and from Rutgers University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology.

He is a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army and is stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. He is pursuing a graduate degree in physical therapy through a joint United States Army/Baylor University program.

Following a wedding trip to Kauai, Hawaii and San Francisco, the couple reside in San Antonio.

Barbershop Quartet, Dancers Part of 'Celebrate Westfield' Performances This Saturday

Downtown Westfield will be the stage as young performers share their enthusiasm for their art as "Artists Celebrate Westfield" continues on Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At 11 a.m., young dancers from the Deirdre Shea School of Irish Dance will perform. Formed in 1989, when a group of women asked for instruction, over 200 students now attend the school. They have danced these elegant, disciplined movements at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, the Union County Arts Center in Rahway, the Radio City Musical Hall and Carnegie Hall, both in New York City, and the Garden State Arts Center in Holmdel.

Young performers from the American Performance Studios will show scenes and songs from American musical theater. Musicals represented will include *Annie*, *Oliver*, *Sound of Music*, and *Phantom of the Opera* among others. Directed by Jeannette Ferrell Maraffi and Molly M. Barber, the youngsters will act and sing at noon.

Square dancing will be presented by members of local clubs. Instruction will be followed by audience participation at 1 p.m.

At 2 p.m., the Happy Medium Barbershop Quartet will feature their trademark harmonies in barbershop and popular favorites. This quartet has been an entity for over 20 years.

Following the quartet, artist Brooke Gardiner will demonstrate the art of glassblowing. Known throughout the area for his award-winning sculpture, Mr. Gardiner has experience in creating an extensive repertoire of animals, florals and figures in glass.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., students from the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts will perform solos on their respective instruments in the Workshop's offices at 152 East Broad Street. Beginning in early afternoon, the upbeat sounds of the Jazz Band and the soft melodies of the Chamber Orchestra will be featured. Both are under the direction of Dr. Theodore Schlosberg, Executive Director.

During the day artists from the Westfield Art Association will be setting up their easels to record the contemporary landscape. Burton Longenbach will be painting in oils at the Westfield Train Station. Figure drawing is the choice of the members of the Westfield Art Association Sketching Group who invite you to draw with them. Ask for a pointer or two about their drawings.

Artwork already on display throughout downtown include figure

drawings and streetscapes by George Fritz at Backroom Antiques, located at 39 Elm Street. Mr. Gardiner will be displaying his glass sculpture at Adlers Jewelers, located at 219 North Avenue West, along with sculptress Gladys Reimers who works in stone.

Colorful acrylic paintings of fantasy animals by Barbara Zietchick will be shown at Lancaster, Ltd., on Elm Street, along with the nature studies of artist Joseph Hulslen. Portrait artist Susan Sedia will be displaying her artwork at the Westfield Art Gallery at the Workshop. All exhibits will be through Sunday, May 31.

Continuing on Saturdays, May 23 and May 30, "Artists Celebrate Westfield" is presented by Artslink (the Westfield Arts Commission), the Downtown Westfield Corporation and the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Questions may be directed to Artslink Co-Chairwomen Carolyn Klinger-Kueter at (908) 233-9094 or Barbara Schwinn at (908) 232-7058, Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbie Schmidt at (908) 233-3021 or Downtown Westfield Corporation Executive Director Michael LaPlace at (908) 789-9444.

Visiting Nurses to Hold Open House Saturday

Visiting Nurse and Health Services will be holding an Open House for those individuals who are or wish to become New Jersey Certified Home Health Aides.

The open house will be held this Saturday, May 16, at the Tri-County Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), located at 427 West Seventh Street in Plainfield, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Applications will be accepted for currently vacant positions and also for upcoming Certified Home Health Aide training classes. This class is to be held at Union County College, Plainfield Campus, in July.

Candidates for both employment and the training class must have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation.

Home Health Aides provide supportive services for the sick and physically challenged of all ages. Such services include, but are not limited to, planning and preparing meals, maintenance of a healthful environment, maintenance of general hygiene, shopping for essentials, child care and transportation.

For additional information, please contact Wanda Grant, Recruiter, at (908) 352-1200.



OLYMPIC WINNERS...Academic Olympics Gold winners from St. Bartholomew's the Apostle School in Scotch Plains are shown here following their victory during the recent event in Kenilworth. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Christina Dyogi, Tom Ritter and Eufrazio Velarde, and back row, Sarah Chmielewski, Michael Petrinelli, Michael Juran, and seventh grade teacher Maryellen Wilkinson.

Area Students Successful At Local Academic Olympics

Fourteen schools participated in the first annual Academic Olympics hosted by St. Theresa School in Kenilworth for seventh and eighth grade students.

The contest consisted of five rounds of questions on subjects such as math, science, social studies, literature and current events.

First place went to St. Bartholomew's the Apostle School in Scotch Plains seventh graders Sarah Chmielewski, Christina Dyogi, Michael Juran, Michael Perinelli, Eufrazio Velarde, alternate Tom Ritter and their teacher Maryellen Wilkinson. St. Bartholomew's eighth-graders took home an award for fifth place.

In addition, St. Bartholomew's students have received recognition in a variety of academic contests held throughout the community and nationwide.

Sarah Chmielewski, grade 7, received a Certificate of Distinction from the John Hopkins University Talent Search, a national recognition of seventh-and eighth-grade students who earn a high score on standardized testing in verbal and cognitive areas.

Kevin Rotondo, grade 6, received first place in the Villa Walsh Vocation Poetry Contest, sponsored by Villa Walsh in Morristown, for grades 1 through 6, in which approximately 40 schools are eligible to participate.

The Scotch Plains Recreation Department held a Spelling Bee contest in which St. Bartholomew's Christina Lomiquen and Jacqueline Macri,

both in the fifth grade, won first and second place, respectively.

Snuffy's of Scotch Plains sponsored the Optimist Club contest, open to all Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district students, saw Cristina Dyogi, grade 7, take home first place in the girls division and Patrick Kennedy, grade 6, won first place in the boys' division for oral presentations on the topic "My Commitment to the Future."

Students were judged based on their public-speaking ability including diction and poise.

The Union County Catholic Forensic League held their final meet on April 29 at the St. Joseph the Carpenter School in Roselle and for the third consecutive year a St. Bartholomew's student won first place with Jacqueline Macri's, grade 5, won for her oral presentation on the topic of "Humour." Marianna Macri, grade 8, placed third.

Local Boy Scout Troop To Present Flea Market In Fanwood on May 23

Troop No. 111 of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) of Scotch Plains-Fanwood will sponsor its annual flea market at the Fanwood Train Station on North Avenue on Saturday, May 23, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vendors will be selling a range of merchandise, from garage sale items to fine arts and crafts. Troop members will be selling breakfast and lunch at the event.

Troop No. 111 offers its members an opportunity to participate in camping, civic and community, educational and fun activities. A group of boys are currently working toward becoming Eagle Scouts, the highest honor bestowed by the Boy Scouts of America.

The troop meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains.

Vendors interested in reserving space may call Mary Jane Bergen at (908) 753-2161.

Girl Scouts to Conduct Car Wash Fundraiser Sunday at PNC Bank

Senior Girl Scouts in Westfield Troop No. 302 will hold a car wash fundraiser this Sunday, May 17, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the PNC Bank parking lot, 1 Lincoln Plaza (North Avenue) in Westfield.

The cost is \$5 per car. The girls in the troop include Fran Re, Carolyn White, Chelsea Doyle, Jocelyn Arlington, Victoria Joyce, Melanie Zachariades and Jennifer Phillips. Their troop leader is Chris Re.

Miller-Cory Announces 'Aunt Carrie's' Attic Sale

The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will feature its annual "Aunt Carrie's" attic sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Sunday, May 17.

Open-hearth cooking, woodworking and joinery techniques will be demonstrated from 2 to 5 p.m.

Thomas Sherry of Westfield will construct a piece of furniture in the Education Center and explain the methods used by New Jersey's first carpenters.

Mr. Sherry is a Past President of the Miller-Cory House Museum Volunteers, and often demonstrates and discusses Colonial-era crafts at the museum.

When Samuel Miller began building his farmhouse for his bride in 1740, only hand tools were used. Joseph Cory's 1802 inventory included three axes, two augers, a saw, a drawing knife and a shaving horse.

Unlike today, a wide variety of wood widths were readily available to the Miller and Cory families due to

an abundance of trees in the area, according to museum spokeswoman Patricia Looloian.

Members of the museum's cooking committee will prepare foods over the open hearth using authentic recipes and Colonial-era fireside methods and techniques. Visitors will be able to enjoy taste treats as prepared by the cooks.

Volunteers dressed in authentic period dress will guide visitors throughout the pre-Revolutionary farmhouse and answer questions about early life in New Jersey.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students. Children under six years of age will be admitted free. The museum will be closed on Sunday, May 24, in observance of Memorial Day.

The museum will reopen on Sunday, May 31, with a dye pot demonstration by Barbara Flexner of West Orange. For information about the museum and its schedule of events, please call (908) 232-1776.



OH BABY...The Cranford Dramatic Club will conclude its production of *Baby*, a musical by David Shire and Richard Maltby, Jr. The show, in its final weekend, tells the story of three couples and the many reactions to wanting and expecting a baby. The show runs on Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15, with a senior rate of \$14. Students rush is \$8 one half hour before the performance. The theater is located at 78 Winans Avenue in Cranford. The box office number is (908) 276-7611. Pictured, left to right, are: top row, ensemble players Anjanette Valanete and Peggy Seymour; bottom row, Bob Pells and Carl Barber-Steele.

Utilities Authority to Hold Classes on How to Compost

The Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) will sponsor backyard composting classes this spring that will be taught by Union County Rutgers Cooperative Extension Center Master Gardeners.

"Backyard composting is an essential part of the UCUA 'Cut it and Leave It' program. Union County residents can help their lawns, minimize waste disposal and help the environment by composting yard waste," said UCUA Chairman James J. Kennedy.

According to Dr. Joseph A. Spatola, UCUA Executive Director, yard waste is not accepted at the Union County Resource Recovery Facility, the county's solid waste incinerator. Turning grass clippings and other yard waste material into compost returns nitrogen, a valuable nutrient for plants, to the soil.

The \$10 registration fee for the class includes a free composting bin and the handbook, "Backyard Composting: Your Complete Guided Clippings."

The remaining classes will be held on: Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at the Springfield Municipal Building

in the main meeting room located at 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield; Tuesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, located at 430 Park Avenue, and Tuesday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at the Elizabeth Racquetball Club, located at 23 Fernwood Terrace.

Classroom space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Pre-registration is required. Please call (732) 382-9400, Extension No. 41 for further information or to pre-register.

Recreation Commission

Reminds Motorists

To Drive Carefully

The Westfield Recreation Commission is reminding motorists that there are many people participating in outdoor activities in the local parks.

For the safety of park users, motorists are reminded to carefully obey the posted 15 miles per hour speed limit within the parks and to be cautious of the pedestrian traffic as they pass through the parks.

Flea Market-Bazaar On Tap To Benefit Needy Animals

Best Friend Dog & Animal Adoption Inc. (Charlotte's Animals) will hold a Flea Market-Bazaar fundraiser to benefit homeless and rescued pets awaiting adoption this Saturday, May 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Bates Hall, on Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

A large variety of household items, toys and games, jewelry, new gifts, handcrafts and attic treasures will be available. Home baked cakes and cookies, hot dogs and submarine sandwiches will also be sold.

All proceeds are used to pay for veterinary care, inoculations, neutering and boarding of pets awaiting adoption. The group is accepting donations of new or good condition, clean articles, but cannot accept furniture, books, clothing or large ar-

articles due to storage limitations. Donations may be dropped off tomorrow, Friday, May 15, at Bates Hall at the church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. only.

A volunteer is needed for one hour on Friday afternoon, after 4:30 p.m., with a small truck or van to move items from storage to the church, and also on Saturday after 3:30 p.m. to remove unsold articles to storage.

Volunteers may call (908) 654-6651 or (908) 486-0230 evenings.

Anyone who cannot come to the sale but would like to make a contribution to the program may send their tax deductible donation to Best Friend Dog & Animal Adoption Inc., P.O. Box 335, Cranford, 07016.

For further information, please call (908) 654-6651 or (908) 245-8545.

Hadassah Chapter to Install Slate of Officers on May 21

The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will install officers for the 1998-1999 year at a luncheon to be held on Thursday, May 21, at 11:30 a.m. at The Westwood in Garwood.

Past President Shirley Ducatman will install the following officers: Carole Thau, President; Eileen Cherlin, Vice President of Education; Rose Bauman, Mildred Goldberger, Gladys Grayson and Marilynne Ford, Vice Presidents of Fund Raising; Lillian Block and Linda Lafkowitz, Vice Presidents of Membership, and Judy Cantor and Jeanne Goldstein, Vice Presidents of Program.

Other officers installed include Rosalie Goldberg and Laura Silkowitz, Records Administration; Beverly Fink and Rita Hall, Recording Secretaries; Karen Langer, Corresponding Secretary, and Marilyn Napack, Treasurer.

Hadassah supports projects in Israel including two major research hospitals, a college of technology, job training and resettlement programs.



Carole Thau

Additionally, Hadassah sponsors camps in the United States, as well as the Young Judaea American Jewish Youth movement, and offers scholarships for American children to visit Israel. It also advocates pro-active positions on women's health and reproductive rights.



TEST ARRIVAL...Fourth graders throughout Westfield have begun taking the state required ESPA (Elementary School Proficiency Assessment) test. This is the first year that the test is being administered in the state. Elementary school Principals pictured examining the testing materials, left to right, are: standing, Connie Odell, Sal DeSimone, Peggy Dolan and Chic Hansen, and kneeling, Jorden Schiff. Also present, but not pictured, was Principal Andrew Perry. The ESPA test includes questions on reading, writing, and mathematics, as well as a science and English field test this year. The State Department of Education has indicated that the results of this first year of testing will not be published.

Mr. Longenbach to Present Oil Painting Demonstration

An oil painting demonstration by artist Burton Longenbach will be presented at the Westfield Art Association's meeting this Sunday, May 17, at 2 p.m. This annual meeting will also include the election of officers for the coming year.

Mr. Longenbach, who taught art and supervised art instruction in the Cranford public schools before his retirement, now concentrates on landscape painting. Formerly a resident of Westfield, he now lives in Clark.

He is a Vice President of the Westfield Art Association, Treasurer of the New Jersey Water Color

Society, a board member of the New Jersey chapter of the American Artists Professional League, and an exhibiting member in many art associations.

He is a graduate of Kutztown State University in Pennsylvania and Columbia University in New York, with degrees in Art and Fine Arts Education.

The meeting will be held in the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad Street in Westfield. It is free, open to the public, and handicapped accessible.

For further information, please call (908) 232-7058.

Antiques Show Is Planned At Greek Orthodox Church

More than 20 antique dealers from the tri-state area are expected to participate in the Antiques Show and Sale sponsored by The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, located at 250 Gallows Hill Road in Westfield.

The event, which will also feature Greek food, will take place tomorrow, Friday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. A donation of \$3.50 is requested.

The show and sale will feature a variety of merchandise, such as fine jewelry and sterling by Lorraine M. Goldstein of Hermetic Treasures of Scotch Plains, and English and Continental furniture, art and decorative accessories by Ivy Hall of Westfield.

There will also be linens, jewelry and bric-a-brac by Paula Gentempo

of Backroom Antiques in Westfield, and porcelains and Staffordshire figurines and dogs by Anita L. Grashof of Gallerie Ani'tiques of Scotch Plains, among other exhibits.

Ms. Grashof, who is a New York University-certified appraiser, will give appraisals tomorrow from 5 to 7 p.m., and on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. She will also give a presentation on collecting Staffordshire figurines and dogs, and royal commemoratives at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

She will have signed copies available of two recently published books by Adele Kenny on the collection of Staffordshire Spaniels.

Traditional Greek cuisine will be served for lunch and dinner at the event. Take-out meals will be available. Please call (908) 233-8533 or fax at (908) 233-0623 to place an order.



DRIVE-BY BEAUTY....Westfield volunteers began cleanup and landscaping of town property at the Central Avenue underpass in early May. Pictured, left to right, are: Ed Israelow, Pete Reed, Karen Reed, Matt Gilrain and Dot Gilrain.

Local Volunteers Beautify Area Along Central Avenue

Fourteen Westfield residents cleaned up and replanted town property along Central Avenue, including underneath the train underpass and behind area businesses, over the weekend of May 2 and 3.

Weeds, poison ivy, tree branches and rubble were replaced with shrubs and flowers donated by Parker Greenhouse of Scotch Plains.

"We wanted to plant a permanent, low maintenance garden which would come back and blossom year after year," explained Arlene L. Gardner, who organized the project, "so we selected rhododendrons, azaleas, flowering perennials and spring bulbs.

"Randall Miller from Parker Greenhouse suggested plants that would survive in the shade, on a hill, with little attention," Mrs. Gardner added.

Among the volunteers were Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman.

Gregory Rhodes Works As Metrostars Intern

Gregory Rhodes of Westfield is currently working as an intern at New York/New Jersey Metrostars under the supervision of the Director of Operations, Tim Kassel, for the spring semester of 1998.

He is working in the marketing promotions department, where he interacts with sponsor services, plans game day events, and conducts general office duties.

A junior marketing major at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, Gregory is a 1994 graduate of Westfield High School and the son of David Rhodes and Nancy Long.

"For \$270 worth of material, the volunteers worked approximately 500 man hours, producing a fabulous result and saving the town at least \$5,000," said Mayor Jardim.

"This is what I like best about Westfield; we really care about what our town looks like and are willing to make the effort to improve it," he added.

Other resident volunteers included John Bourque, Jodi Ellsworth, Art, Dot and Matt Gilrain, Ed Israelow, Murray Perch; Karen and Pete Reed, Becky Trieff and Saul Heitner.

Mr. Israelow commented that "the hill was so steep and covered with vines and stubborn weeds that I didn't really think that we would be able to accomplish what we wanted to do."

Although six of the volunteers contracted poison ivy, the group felt the effort was definitely worthwhile. "It looks so good now that I am really happy that I was able to help," commented Mr. Perch.

Mayor Jardim encouraged nearby businesses to maintain the area. "The town will make their best efforts to maintain the area in good condition. I hope that all of the residents of Westfield appreciate the new landscaping as they drive or walk down Central Avenue," he said.

Christopher McPherson To Enroll at Drexel

Mountainside resident Christopher Lloyd McPherson, the son of Lloyd and Arlene McPherson, will attend Drexel University in Philadelphia this fall. He plans to major in communications.

Christopher is a member of the Class of 1998 at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains.

Westfield School District Honored by SchoolMatch

The Westfield Public School district has been named as a 1998 seventh annual award-winning school system by SchoolMatch, the nation's largest school selection consulting firm.

The designation was based on more than 56,000 parent questionnaires which identify what parents look for in public schools.

The Westfield school district, classified as fitting the model of "What Parents Want," is among only 14 percent of the nation's 15,620 school systems designated for this 1998 special honor, according to SchoolMatch.

In accepting the honor, Westfield Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley said, "We are pleased to receive the SchoolMatch distinction resulting from nationwide questionnaires.

"More importantly, we are grateful that our own community continu-

Blood Center Appeals For Local Donors

The Blood Center of New Jersey is appealing to community members to help rebuild the blood supply in the face of declining donations.

The Blood Center is also looking for people willing to help sponsor a blood drive in their place of business, religious organization, or community group. There are also blood center speakers available to give talks to groups interested in learning more about the voluntary blood donation program.

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen-year-olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided those over 65 have donated within the last 2 years, or have a doctor's note.

Donors should know their social security number and bring a signed form of identification. People with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning.

Those potential donors who have traveled outside of the United States recently should call the blood center for eligibility criteria. For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, please call the blood center at 1-800-BLOOD NJ (256-6365).

Local blood drives are scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, at the Masonic Atlas Pythagoras Lodge, 1011 Central Avenue, Westfield, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, May 27, at the Westfield Chapter of the American Red Cross, 321 Elm Street, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ally supports our schools in so many ways. The volunteer efforts, financial support, and concern for our schools shown by thousands of people in Westfield is a key factor in the success of Westfield's public education."

Some of the key criteria cited by parents in the school questionnaires included competitive academic test scores, small class size, accreditations, competitive teacher salaries, and above average instructional expenditures.

SchoolMatch is an educational consulting and research firm with an extensive database containing information on all the school districts in the country.

Jodi Goldberg Inductee Of Phi Alpha Theta

Jodi Goldberg of Westfield, a sophomore at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was an inductee of the 1998 Phi Alpha Theta International History Honor Society.

Phi Alpha Theta recognizes students on the basis of an outstanding record of performance in a required number of history courses and on the basis of high overall grade point average and rank.

Jodi is the daughter of Don and Barbara Goldberg and a 1996 graduate of Westfield High School.

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, May 12, 1998 there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER V ENTITLED "ANIMALS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, 1978

The purpose of the ordinance: This ordinance amends the Pet Shop Licensing Ordinance to include an applicant questionnaire.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 1998 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

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STAFFORDSHIRE EXPERT...Kathy Anastasiou of Short Hills, left, and Anita L. Grashof of Gallerie Ani'tiques of Scotch Plains, admire two recently-published books on Staffordshire figurines by Adele Kenny. Ms. Grashof is a recognized dealer in antique Staffordshire and will give appraisals tomorrow, Friday, May 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, May 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Antiques Show and Sale sponsored by The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield. She will also give a presentation on collecting Staffordshire figurines and dogs, and royal commemoratives at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Date Correction Listed for Mount St. Mary Flea Market To be Held Saturday, May 16

The Sisters of Mercy of the Regional Community of New Jersey will hold a flea market to benefit the homeless this Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mount Saint Mary in Watchung.

An article which appeared in last week's edition incorrectly gave the day of the event as Thursday.

In addition to bargains, food will be available and two 50/50 drawings, at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., will be held.

All proceeds from the flea market will benefit the FISH Hospitality Program, Inc., an organization which provides housing for the homeless. It serves Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties.

In the event of rain, the flea market will be held on Sunday, May 17.



A TOUCH OF SPRING...Area residents have recently been working to beautify the Fanwood Nature Center for spring. Additional seed was raked into the soil at the wildflower area on April 4 by Linda Talcott and Environmental Commission members Judy Nadolny and Chairman Dean Talcott. During the first week of May, orange and blue flowers were blooming. Every few weeks, different flowers will bloom and provide an ever-changing view. Pictured is Ruth Samuelson, who transplanted daisies from her yard to the wildflower area.

Westfield Imaging Center Unveils Open MRI Scanner

Westfield Imaging Center has announced that Open Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) has been added to its already existing facility at 118 Elm Street in Westfield.

The radiologists of Westfield Imaging have chosen the completely "open" Hitachi Airis MRI scanner, which they consider to be the best model available because of its design.

The Airis delivers "premium image quality and provides maximum patient comfort," according to a statement issued by the center.

Westfield Imaging Center has been serving Westfield and its surrounding area for the past 10 years. The facility is staffed by Summit Radiological Associates, P.A., a group of 12 board-certified radiologists.

All of the radiologists at Westfield Imaging are on staff at nearby Overlook Hospital in Summit and are affiliated with the physicians in Westfield and the neighboring communities.

WIC's Mammography Department is accredited by the American College of Radiology and is certified by the Food and Drug Administration.

In addition to the "open" MRI, Westfield Imaging has also installed a new high-resolution spiral CT scanner and a new bone densitometry unit.

Other imaging studies available include mammography, ultrasound, nuclear medicine, intravenous

pyelograms, upper GI series, barium enemas, general x-rays and many other diagnostic examinations.

All physicians and patients may stop by the Westfield Imaging Center to learn more about the facility and to meet the staff. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (908) 232-0610.

Middlebury Honors Westfield Students For Academic Work

Five Westfield residents were recently awarded academic honors for the fall term at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont.

Michael P. Doyle, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brendan J. Doyle; Frances R. Madsen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Madsen, and Jessica St. Clair, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. St. Clair, were named College Scholars.

The College Scholar represents the highest level of academic achievement at the liberal arts college. To be selected, students must carry a full course load of four classes during the semester, achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or better, and have earned no grade lower than a "B minus."

Ronald J. Nobile, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Nobile, and Matthew E. Venhorst, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Venhorst, were both named to the Dean's List.

To achieve Dean's List status at Middlebury, students must carry a full course load of four or more classes during the semester, achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher, and have earned no grade below a "B minus."



ALL ABOUT SCIENCE...Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield recently sponsored a Science Assembly by Teacher's Resources Inc. Pictured here, learning about levers, are third graders Naomi McKenna and Anthony Alvernes.

Warning Issued Concerning Chimney-Cleaning Offers

It has come to the attention of the Westfield Fire Department that a number of chimney-cleaning service contractors have been soliciting work in the Union County area via telephone "cold calling."

The callers state that they are working in the resident's area and will be available to clean a chimney flue for a specified amount of money.

Once they begin work on the chimney, they claim to have found serious problems with the integrity of the flue which requires immediate attention.

They then attempt to sell the homeowner a chimney liner system, which they claim is immediately necessary to prevent poisoning by carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is a product of combustion emitted by an individual's heating system and water heater.

The Fire Department has advised residents that this type of work requires a permit from the Westfield Building Department in order to verify that the correct materials are being used, and to provide for inspections by the Building Inspector and Fire Inspector.

Once the inspections are conducted, a certificate of approval is issued to the homeowner by the Construction Officials.

If a resident becomes involved in this type of situation, it is suggested that he or she either contact a local chimney contractor for an inspection of the chimney, and a second opinion as to the necessity of such work, or call the Westfield Building Department at (908) 789-4125, or the Westfield Fire Department at (908) 789-4130, to request an inspector's assistance.



SAFETY LESSON...Officer Frank Marrero, left, and Officer David Carson of the Fanwood Police Department recently visited Westminster Preschool during Safety Week. The officers spoke with the children about a police officer's role in keeping people of all ages safe, and discussed how to call 911 in the event of a true emergency.

Westfielder John Donnelly Joins Rorden Realty, Inc.

John Donnelly, a long time resident of Westfield, recently joined Rorden Realty, Inc. as a Sales Asso-



John Donnelly

ciate. Mr. Donnelly brings 30 years of knowledge in real estate investment and finance to this new endeavor.

In prior assignments he was affiliated with various institutional lenders investing in major real estate markets throughout the country. Some of the more important transactions included financings of Del Coronado Hotel, Franklin Mills Mall and Valley Forge Towers Condominiums.

He is a Founding Trustee of the Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corporation and recently served as

President of its board. He is also an active fund-raiser for the American Heart Association, United Way and St. Peter's Preparatory School.

After graduation from St. Peter's College he served in the United States Marine Corps, achieving the rank of major.

Mr. Donnelly can be reached at Rorden Realty, Inc., 44 Elm Street, Westfield, (908) 232-8400.

Local Students Make Honor Roll at Pingry

Alexander Bregman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry I. Bregman, and David Spett, the son of Dr. Milton C. Spett and Dr. Lynn R. Mollick, both of Westfield, made the third quarter honor roll for the sixth grade at The Pingry School's Short Hills campus.

Students must achieve at least a "B-plus" average in academic subjects and no grade lower than "L" (grade level) in special subjects to qualify for the honor roll.

The names of students who made the honor roll were announced by Joyce Y. Hanrahan, Principal of The Pingry School's Short Hills campus, on May 1.

Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent.

— Jean Kerr



LEARNING ABOUT LITERATURE... During Take-Your-Daughter-to-Work Day, Meg Smith, far left, and Sarah Burke, second from left, both eighth graders at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield, accompanied their mothers to the Westchester Library System's annual Book and Author Luncheon, where they had an opportunity to chat with Dr. Francis K. Conley, right, a neurosurgeon from Stanford University in Stanford, California and the author of "Walking Out on the Boys." The other authors present were Russel Banks, who wrote "Cloudsplitter," Carol Higgins Clark, the author of "Twanged," and Tom Wicker, who penned "Easter Lily". The event took place on April 23 at the estate of Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill in Tarrytown, New York.

Dr. Lorraine L. Wearley To Be Honored by TWIN

Dr. Lorraine L. Wearley, of Westfield, will be among 53 women who will be honored at the 19th annual Tribute to Women and Industry (TWIN) Dinner being held today, Thursday, May 14, at the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick.

The TWIN award is presented annually to outstanding executive, professional and managerial women who have made significant contributions to the success of their companies.

Dr. Wearley is Vice President of Research and Development at Advanced Care Products in Skillman.

She led the development initiatives which resulted in a continued pipeline for new Monistat products. She initiated a cross-business unit team within the Counsel of Research Directors at Johnson & Johnson to reduce the product development cycle.

Dr. Wearley has co-authored numerous papers and holds several patents. She holds a Bachelor of Science

in Chemistry from Michigan State University and a doctorate degree



Dr. Lorraine L. Wearley

from Rutgers University in pharmaceuticals. In addition, she is President of the National Sleep Foundation and a Trustee in Narcolepsy Network.

David Graffigna Continues Deployment in Persian Gulf

Long hours, hard work, separation from loved ones and dedication are more than just terms for David Graffigna, of Westfield.

For Mr. Graffigna and the other Sailors and Marines aboard *USS John C. Stennis* they are the price of freedom and democracy.

Mr. Graffigna's ship, America's newest aircraft carrier *USS John C. Stennis*, left Norfolk, Virginia, in late February on its inaugural six-month deployment. The ship and its battle group have joined 18,000 Sailors and Marines in the Persian Gulf ready to enforce sanctions against Iraq.

At the end of the deployment, the carrier is scheduled to continue its cruise around the world ending in San Diego its new homeport.

John Graffigna, the son of Paul Graffigna of Roselle Park and Lorraine Graffigna of Westfield, said he joined the Navy to change his life.

"I needed some discipline and direction in my life. I didn't think college was the road I wanted to take. I wanted to see and experience the cultures of the world. I also wanted to learn a trade I could use to make a living in the civilian community," said the 20-year-old fireman apprentice.

During this deployment, the ships of the *John C. Stennis* battle group will conduct operations promoting the shared goal of regional stability in both the Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean Sea.

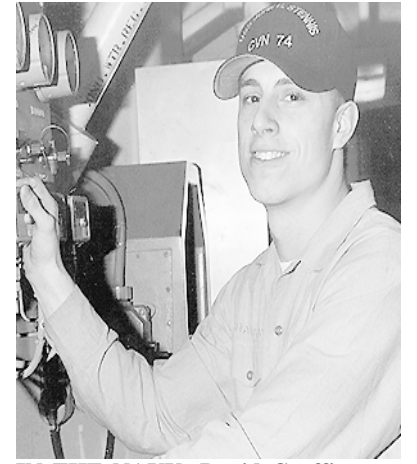
While on station *John C. Stennis'* air wing will fly missions to support Operation Southern Watch, the enforcement of the no-fly zone in southern Iraq.

"I'm assigned to the air-conditioning and refrigeration work center. I get to perform preventive and corrective maintenance on 13 large air-conditioning units. I also work on the ship's refrigerators in the galley.

"Most of the work is hands on and there is always an experienced technician available if I run into something I'm not sure about," he explained.

Although thankful for the many opportunities, Mr. Graffigna plans to leave the navy and pursue a college degree. "I plan to learn as much as possible during my enlistment and hopefully advance as far as possible. When my enlistment is over, I'm going back home to New Jersey.

Mr. Graffigna is a 1996 graduate of Westfield High School.



IN THE NAVY... David Graffigna, a 1996 Westfield High School graduate, is currently assigned to the United States Navy's *USS John C. Stennis* which has been deployed since February in the Persian Gulf to enforce sanctions against Iraq.



MIXING MATH AND CHOCOLATE... St. Bartholomew students in Suzanne Eaton's third-grade math class used addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to make special treats. The treats were given to the second-grade students who recently received their First Holy Communion. Pictured, left to right, are: Christie Brid, William Oliver and Kevin Cassidy.

