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AVERAGE ASSESSED HOME TO PAY \$6,933 In '98

Westfield Taxes See Lowest Increase in Past Seven Years

By PAUL J. PEYTON

Editor's Note: This is the first of a three-part series on Westfield property taxes.

Westfielders will pay an average of \$6,933 in property taxes over the next year in support of the local schools, county government and municipal services...

dollar in 1982 is worth \$1.69 today. The Westfield Town Council adopted its 1998 municipal budget of \$22,923,211 back in April.

Mr. Gottko explained during an interview with The Westfield Leader that next to salaries, the largest spike in the budget this year was for group insurance...

The council hopes to eliminate those large increases in future years, though, by joining a Health Insurance Fund or an HIF.

Mr. Gottko explained that the town expects the change will generate the same stability in insurance costs that came about when Westfield joined the Suburban Joint Insurance Fund.

In 1994, the first year of the program, the town saw a savings of \$184,000 - or roughly one tax point. The rate was flat in 1996 and 1997, but is expected to rise slightly this year.

JIF covers property casualty insurance, environmental insurance, and employer practices insurance. Towns save money by joining the towns in the JIF, thus creating a larger "pool" of workers to purchase insurance for in the marketplace.

In terms of the HIF, Mr. Gottko said officials have been in touch with the various bargaining units regarding a change in how Westfield will purchase its employee health insurance.

The other jump in the town budget is for the Westfield Memorial Library the budget for which was increased by \$43,000 over 1997, to a figure of \$1,125,000.

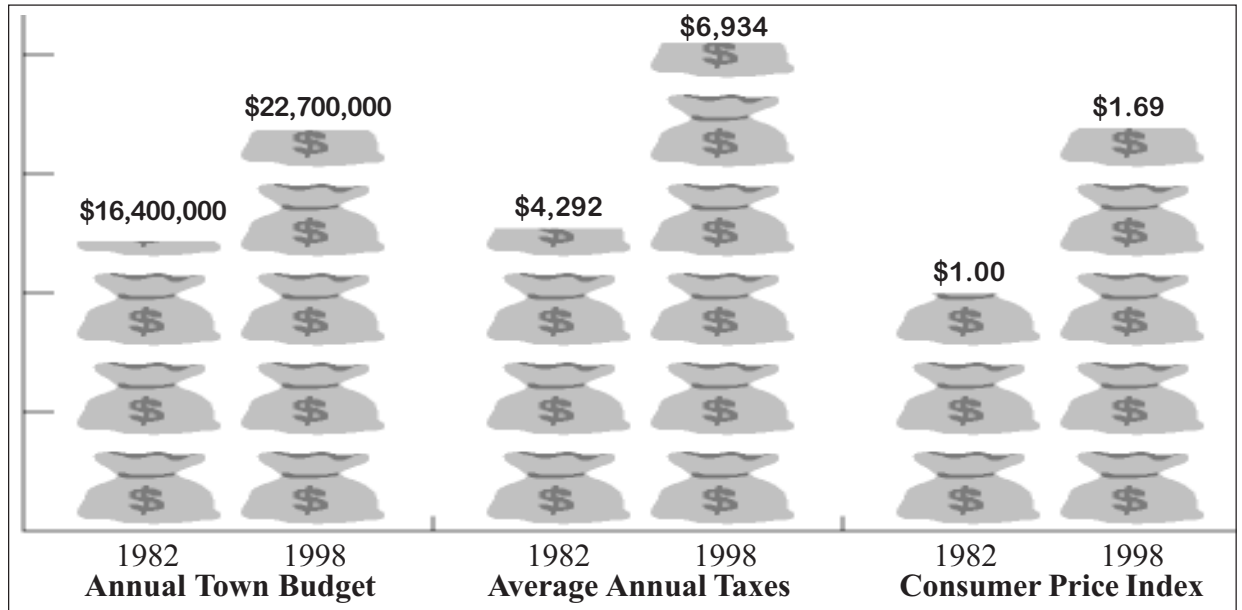
Municipal salaries rose \$320,000 over last year to \$11.2 million, representing almost half of the total municipal spending plan. That expenditure was \$10.8 million in 1997 in a

\$22.3 million budget.

Mr. Gottko noted that increases in municipal workers' salaries have been dropping as the town has reduced its employee base by 6 percent through the elimination of positions and attrition. In 1994, the increase in staff salaries and wages was \$700,000.

Westfield has four bargaining units representing 165 full-time employees, the two largest being the Police and Fire department personnel.

The other unions are the Teamsters, representing the hourly employees in the Department of Public



All amounts have been adjusted for inflation and are stated in 1998 dollars.

ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION...The above chart indicates how property taxes and town budgets have increased in real dollars since 1982. The actual 1982 budget was \$9.7 million and the total annual tax bill was \$2,540. All amounts were adjusted for inflation.

Town Council Considers Regulating Number, Appearance of News Boxes in Downtown Areas

By JEANNE WHITNEY

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise

thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. - First Amend-



REGULATING NEWSBOXES?...The Westfield Town Council is considering regulating newspaper vending machines such as these in front of the Westfield Post Office.

ment to the United States Constitution

Westfield's local lawmakers will soon be weighing how best to walk the line between the freedoms allowed the press under the amendment which heads up the Bill of Rights, and an attempt to regulate newspaper vending boxes in town.

Last May, a judge stopped Chicago city officials from banning individual news boxes in favor of uniform, multi-unit racks. Judge Rueben Castillo's decision held that, "We're dealing with long-held, traditionally very highly-respected First Amendment rights in this case."

Currently, Westfield's Assistant Town Attorney Paul Strauchler is drafting a proposal that would attempt to limit the number of vending boxes or news racks in one spot, examining what he described as "safety" issues.

Other considerations, Mr. Strauchler said, deal with "aesthetics," or the appearance of the vending machines in the downtown area, including boxes at a diner on North Avenue.

"I think we'll try to strike a balance. I think we're going to come up with a pretty solid ordinance," he said.

Safety-related issues in the ordinance may include inconvenience, overcrowding, and danger in public right-of-ways, Mr. Strauchler said.

Mr. Strauchler is also looking at Cape May, Haddonfield, Princeton, Nutley and other New Jersey municipalities that he said have news rack ordinances.

Pennsauken, a southern New Jer-

sey community, was named in a 1989 Federal District Court lawsuit by Gannett Satellite newspapers over an ordinance that attempted to regulate newspaper boxes.

According to attorney for the New Jersey Press Association Arlene Turinchak, the courts allowed the Pennsauken municipality a certain degree of control over the appearance of the news boxes, as part of a whole downtown improvement project.

In Westfield, Fourth Ward Councilman and Chairman of the Town Council's Laws and Rules Committee, Lawrence A. Goldman, said that among council members, "there is a consensus on some sort of regulation," of the newspaper boxes, and discussion over "what types of restrictions" to include.

Further discussion is expected at the next council conference meeting on Tuesday, September 8.

Star-Ledger newspaper attorneys reportedly have alerted council members that they "don't like any regulations at all. They think (the paper boxes) provide a valuable service," Mr. Goldman said in a summary of the newspaper's reaction to the proposals.

"There is no intention, on my part, to take away this service from the public," Councilman Goldman insisted.

The Star-Ledger did not respond to calls from this newspaper.

"The thrust will be primarily safety and will address the few areas in town" that have numerous news boxes, Councilman Goldman said,

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Emmanuel Cancer Foundation Reaches Out to Area Families Through Team of Compassionate Caregivers

By MICHELLE H. LePOIDEVIN

Whoever said there are no angels among us on earth has never met the team of dedicated, selfless and compassionate caregivers at The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation (ECF) at Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

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days of logging 80 miles, which was the average mileage per day on the ride.

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Ohio and Pennsylvania - more than 3,000 miles in all. (See map.)

Not all went smoothly. A little more than one week into the trek, a snow storm hit the group at about 7,000 feet up in the Rocky Mountains.

At that point, Mr. Sullivan said he

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The ECF retains 14 master-degreed social workers who provide 24-hour service each day of the week.

This counseling is not limited to the child with cancer or his or her family members, but to all persons affected by this life change.

The second service is emergency financial relief. Forty to 60 percent of families may require such assistance. The ECF assists in paying for bills not covered by insurance plans, as well as rent or mortgage payments, transportation costs, telephone bills, hotel room and meal expenses, and funeral costs.

Child care expenses for other siblings are also paid while parents are occupied at the hospital with their

and other members of the public, the board decided that the requested variances needed for the proposal could not be granted without "substantial detriment to the public good," and that granting these variances would impair the purpose of the township's Master Plan and zoning ordinance.

The board rejected the plan on the grounds that all of the proposed homes, including the ones in Plainfield, would face Scotch Plains. They also determined that, under the plan, the lots would be of standard size.

Based on this decision, Mr. Fantini submitted a second proposal, or "Plan B," which also calls for the subdivision of two lots into nine conforming lots, with a through street connecting to Prospect Avenue in Plainfield. Five of the homes would be in Scotch

Plains, with the remaining four in Plainfield.

Robert Kraus, an attorney representing Stephen and Mary Schwarz of 4 Pheasant Lane, who oppose the development, addressed the board concerning a number of unresolved issues presented at a previous meeting by his expert witness, John Vincenti, an engineer and traffic expert with EKA Associates in Scotch Plains.

Right out of the shoot, Mr. Kraus said the newest subdivision proposal "already is not a completely conforming plan due to lot widths, areas, front and rear yard setbacks creating variance situations."

Also, due to current grading and heavily wooded areas, he indicated that cars stopped at the intersection of Pheasant Lane and the new road, to be constructed by the developer, would have a blocked sight line of oncoming traffic.

Mr. Kraus told the board that the plan presented a "limited sight distance issue." Also, he said that in order to make it a safe intersection, most of the proposed grading would take place on the Schwarzes' property.

The attorney maintained that if a

street was constructed, the Schwarz home would become a corner lot, thus creating the need for variances for future building improvements to the home.

In addition, since there are several wetland areas on the proposed site, water drainage is of particular importance. Mr. Kraus mentioned that, "overflow and flooding can, in fact, affect Dr. and Mrs. (Robert and Suzanne) Petix's property, and perhaps others."

Mr. Kraus closely questioned opponents of the plan about the proposed water detention system.

The attorney also sought clarification regarding the extent of clearing-cutting, defined as the stripping of all vegetation for the benefit of the design of the site. He asked the applicant if there were any areas on the site where trees could be preserved.

In response, Dr. Thomas P. Olenik, a New Jersey professional engineer testifying for Mr. Fantini, said he did not see Mr. Kraus's concerns as conflicts. He said that for the size of the site, an underground detention system would work rather well, and that if the system needed to be enlarged to address run-off problems, it would

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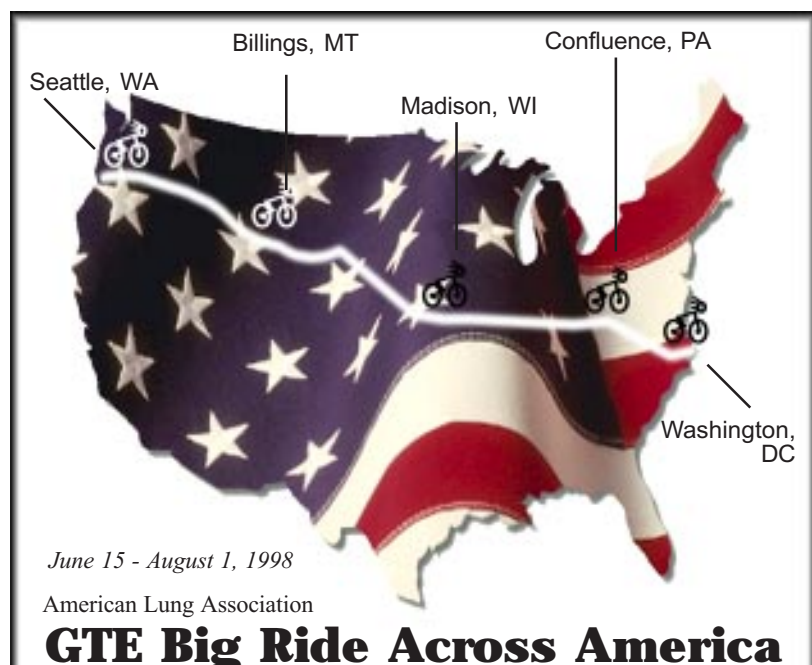
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LONG RIDE...A cross-country bicycle trek this summer, from Seattle, Washington, to Washington, D.C., raised over \$6 million dollars for lung disease research. Seven hundred riders spent 48 days on the road.



LOCAL HERO...Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly presents a resolution to Fanwood resident Michael Brennan, a lieutenant with the Westfield Fire Department, who used his rescue breathing skills to revive a 14-year-old girl last month after she collapsed at Forest Road Park in the borough. Lieutenant Brennan told well-wishers at last Thursday's Borough Council meeting that these skills could be acquired in a two-hour cardiopulmonary resuscitation course.

Fanwood Council Okays Agreement For Park Funding

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

The Fanwood Borough Council unanimously approved an agreement with Union County last Thursday for a \$125,000 grant which the community was awarded through the county's one-year Project Pocket Park Program.

Controversy remained, however, over a proposal to create a pocket park on slightly less than an acre of land opposite the historic Carriage House on Watson Road. The lot, once home to the borough's administrative offices and fire company headquarters, has been vacant for more than a decade.

Under the terms of its contract with the county, Fanwood will match the Project Pocket Park grant through combined funds and in-kind services, bringing to \$250,000 the total amount of money currently earmarked for the planned park, which officials have said would be "passive," rather than geared for recreational or playground use.

During the public portion of last week's regular council meeting, two borough residents stepped forward to voice familiar concerns over the present park proposal.

Doris Terry of Paterson Road, who presented Borough Clerk Eleanor McGovern with a petition listing the names of approximately two dozen residents, said a passive park such as the one planned for Watson Road would be better located at the Community House on North Avenue.

Echoing testimony which others

have given at earlier meetings of the governing body, Mrs. Terry proposed that the Watson Road site could instead be reserved for tax tables.

Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly noted, as she has done at previous meetings, that elected officials over the past decade had reviewed an array of development proposals for the property but failed to reach a consensus regarding any of the tentative uses.

Both Mrs. Terry and Wilfred P. Coronato of Cray Terrace, who is one of two Republican candidates for Borough Council, said they felt a special Pocket Park Committee appointed by the governing body last month did not represent the overall population of the borough.

Mr. Coronato pointed out that the committee includes two members of the council, Borough Engineer Richard Marsden and Department of Public Works Director Raymond Manfra, and a police officer living next door to the Watson Road site.

He suggested the group should also have included residents who live near other Fanwood parks, as well as members of the Recreation Commission, noting that leftover funds could potentially be used to upgrade and expand existing parks in the borough.

He maintained that since the county grant represented taxpayer dollars and was not just "found money," it was important that the funds be spent in a way which "meets the wishes of the majority of the residents."

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Tim Gills Band Brings Country Sounds to Echo Lake

Country Western music fans danced the night away last week in Echo Lake Park in Mountainside during the summer series of concerts in the park.

Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Schering Plough Corporation, The Tim Gills Band was the seventh of 10 bands to perform as part of the summer concert series.

Held Wednesday evenings, the series provides entertainment to all residents of Union County at no cost. Clear skies and temperatures in

the high 70s provided the perfect opportunity to dance or just sit and relax for the 3,000 in attendance.

The Union County Summer Arts Festival concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Residents are urged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and picnic dinners are encouraged.

For more information on the Union County Summer Concert in the Park series or other activities open to county citizens, please contact the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.



ITS A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY...Country Western music fans were entertained, last week, in Echo Lake Park when the Tim Gills Band performed as part of Union County's summer concert series.

BACK TO SCHOOL



FAITHFUL VOLUNTEER...Loretta Hengst, center, was recently honored at the Mobile Meals reception for volunteers which was held at the First Baptist Church in Westfield. Nancy Otchy, President of Mobile Meals, and Ken Bachman, Treasurer, congratulated Ms. Hengst with the certificate of Special Congressional Recognition awarded by Congressman Bob Franks to showcase Volunteers of the Year. Mobile Meals serves the nutritional needs of primarily elderly and ill shut-ins of Westfield, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Garwood, Cranford and Clark.

Harvest Festival to Recall Life in Colonial New Jersey

Live period music, Native American dancing and storytelling, and a Colonial magic show will be among the activities at Union County's 17th annual Harvest Festival, to be held on Sunday, September 27, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

Volunteers are needed for the event, for which no experience is necessary. A brief training session, held prior to the festival, will teach individuals all they need to know in order to participate.

"Union County's history dates back to the 1600s, when Elizabethtown was the first English settlement in New Jersey. And of course, the Leni Lenape Indians lived here for centuries before that,"

said Daniel P. Sullivan, Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

"Volunteers will help children and adults to learn about our rich and fascinating history," Chairman Sullivan remarked.

Adding to this celebration of Colonial and Native American life will be log-sawing and shingle-splitting demonstrations, children's crafts, face painting, Colonial-era games, and a variety of period foods.

Trailside Nature and Science Center is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation. It is located in the Watchung Reservation.

For more information, or to volunteer, please call Karen Hansen at (908) 789-3670, or Betty Ann Kelly at (908) 527-4231.

County Receives Grant For Food Safety Program

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, located on North Avenue in Westfield, has been teaching county residents to handle food safely through its "Germ Alert" program.

A United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant has funded this statewide initiative to help consumers receive educational materials on proper food handling from purchasing through preparation including cooking, serving and storage.

"Union County received \$200,000 of the \$1.6 million available statewide," stated Freeholder Donald Goncalves. "The funding was received through the efforts of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County."

This is the first full year of the grant which actually began in 1996," said Freeholder Alexander Mirabella. "When it comes to food safety, the knowledge of very simple steps can prevent illnesses or even death."

Most cases of food-related illnesses can be prevented if everyone who handles and prepares the food learns how to fight the germs. Although bacteria is everywhere, it can be stopped with education, soap and water, a refrigerator and a food thermometer.

The program teaches four simple steps to safer eating:

- Clean - Wash hands, utensils and surfaces with hot soapy water before and after food preparation, especially after preparing meat, poultry, eggs or seafood to protect against germs. Using a disinfectant cleaner or a mixture of bleach and water on surfaces and soap and water on hands can provide added protection.

- Separate - Keep raw meat, poultry, eggs and seafood and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods, never place cooked foods on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, eggs or seafood.

- Cook - Cook food to the proper internal temperature for complete doneness. The temperatures are different for various cuts and types of meats and poultry.

- A meat thermometer needs to be used for doneness. Eggs should be cooked until both the yolk and the white are firm.

- Chill - Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared food and leftovers within two hours and make sure that the refrigerator is set at a temperature which isn't any higher than 40 degrees Fahrenheit and that the freezer unit is set at zero degrees Fahrenheit.

For more information, please call the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office at (908) 654-9854 for fact sheets on temperatures and other information regarding keeping food safe from food borne illnesses.

Crafters and Artisans May Exhibit Wares At Trailside Boutique

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that the Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside is looking for crafters and artisans to display and sell quality products at its 1998 Nature Boutique on Sunday, December 6, from 1 to 5 p.m.

"If you are a crafter, this is a great opportunity to show your wares," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "And, if you love crafts, this is an opportunity to meet artisans firsthand."

Items to be sold should be handmade from natural materials or based on a natural history theme, according to county spokeswoman Susan Day.

Crafts being sought include stencilwork, unique children's toys, hand-woven basketry, stained glass, and original stationary, cards or photography. Also sought are live green or dried material arrangements, decor and gift items with wildlife, gardening or nature themes, as well as other unusual and creative crafts.

Participating crafters may also have their work sold at the Children's Gift Shop, a special feature at the boutique which allows children to shop for friends and family members in a price range of \$3 and under.

Interested crafters may call Ms. Day at (908) 789-3670, or send color photographs of craft items with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, 07092.

Trailside Nature and Science Center, located in the Watchung Reservation, is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

BACK TO SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL

Mountainside Council Looks to Other Towns To Fill Volunteer Void on Borough Rescue Squad

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Mountainside residents expressed fears at Tuesday night's Borough Council meeting over reports that the borough's rescue squad will have no daytime volunteers come Labor Day.

Michael Krasner, of Old Tote Road, a Democrat who is running for a seat on the Borough Council, asked Mayor Robert F. Vigilanti how many volunteers would be left when student squad volunteers return to college.

Another squad member, Kit Carson, who has handled the bulk of daytime calls this summer, is also a school teacher and thus will not be available as of next month.

Mr. Krasner asked whether there would be a void in coverage should an emergency happen. The Mayor responded that "there would be no void in coverage," if there was an emergency in Mountainside, although he did encourage Mr. Krasner to consider volunteering for the squad.

Last week, the council pointed to the

potential of a lack of volunteers during the August 11 council meeting. According to statements made at that meeting, Mayor Vigilanti said he was first alerted to the lack of daytime volunteer personnel for the fall on August 7.

The Mayor assured Mr. Krasner that the council and members of the rescue squad, police and fire departments were actively seeking solutions to the volunteer shortage.

Mayor Vigilanti said he had scheduled meeting with representatives of those emergency services immediately following the council meeting and that another meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 31. The August 31 meeting will be open to the public although they will be able to comment.

The Mayor also stated that there was an agreement with neighboring community squads in Springfield and Westfield that would respond if needed, and that this type of agreement — known as mutual aid — has been in place for many years.

Also, the Mayor said that using paid personnel to cover for Mountainside's rescue team was an option that was being considered. He added that Borough Administrator Gregory Bonin was looking into alternatives and would bring all of his findings to the August 31 meeting.

Squad members returning to school were primarily daytime volunteers and other squad members handle emergency calls at other times of the day, the Mayor explained.

Louis Thomas of Friar Lane also expressed concern over what he called a "crisis." He said he did not feel confident that there would be continuous emergency coverage.

Mayor Vigilanti reminded him that a large sign has been posted outside the Fire Department asking for volunteers, for some time. Like the rescue squad, Mountainside has a volunteer fire department.

The Mayor also cited the Scotch Plains Township Rescue Squad as a good example of how a squad can provide coverage. The Mayor reported that the township has a large number of retired citizens volunteering, while noting that many communities have had similar problems.

Mayor Vigilanti stated that Springfield has just started to use an outside

contracted company and that other communities such as Clark were also facing shortages of volunteers.

The Mayor went on to claim that the volunteer crisis is statewide. He said that there is legislation currently being considered that would entice residents to volunteer through tax breaks, exemptions from jury duty and a pension for volunteers that work 10 or more years.

The Mayor said officials had started researching what outside services operate in the area. Mr. Bonin reported there are three companies he contacted so far — Rural Metro, Able Ambulance and American Medical Response.

Scott Schmedel of Deer Path Road stated that he had no idea how serious the problem of volunteers for the rescue and fire departments had become until he read about it in last week's newspapers. He also wanted to know if this shortage would have an effect on his homeowner insurance policy.

Councilman Werner Schon told Mr. Schmedel that the situation would have no impact on the insurance policy although it may impact commercial buildings that do not have sprinkler systems.

Mr. Schmedel asked for more time for the public portion of the council meeting because of what he called the seriousness of the problem.

Mayor Vigilanti reminded Mr. Schmedel and others in the audience that there was a meeting for members of the emergency teams and himself immediately following the council meeting and that not all of the options have been fully researched yet.

He also reminded Mr. Schmedel that the August 31 meeting is open to the public.

In other business, the Mayor read a resolution congratulating Mountainside Community Pool Lifeguard April Bobenich for her "swift response" to a young resident who hit her head on the diving board in July. The Mayor stated that "our pool has a young and very dedicated, efficient staff who are a tribute to their parents and those who hired them."

The Mayor said that the resolution was "doubly satisfying" because just last month another lifeguard was recognized for also responding quickly to a pool emergency.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
ATTACKING THE STENCH...Westfield firefighters hose down Quimby Street in Westfield last Friday morning after a leaking garbage truck spilled the so called "garbage juice" on the street creating a stench in the area. Pictured at left is local Realtor Warren Rorden. Please see editorial on Page 4.

RESCUERS' TEAMWORK LAUDED

Bus Accident Victim On Road to Recovery

By BOBBIE BALDASSARI TURSI
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Thanks to extraordinary cooperation among Westfield's emergency response units, a Westfield woman is alive today following a serious traffic accident which occurred on March 17.

Andrea R. Mohl, 52, was struck by a privately-owned Laidlaw Transit school bus van as she crossed the intersection of Rahway Avenue and West Broad Street.

The driver of the bus, who had picked up several students at Centennial High School shortly before the accident occurred, apparently did not see the victim crossing the street while making a right-hand turn from Rahway onto West Broad.

Members of the Westfield police and fire departments, along with rescue squad volunteers, joined forces to rescue the woman, who had become pinned underneath the right front wheel of the vehicle.

Emergency personnel utilized air bags and wooden blocks to extricate Mrs. Mohl, who was pinned beneath the right front wheel of the bus.

Mrs. Mohl, who sustained a head injury and was rendered unconscious in the accident, was transported by rescue squad volunteers and paramedics to University Hospital in Newark, where she was placed in intensive care.

Discharged from the hospital on April 11, she has made a remarkable recovery, according to the Westfield Police Department. No charges were filed against the driver of the bus.

Laidlaw Transit is contracted by the Union County Educational Services Commission for transportation of students to and from Centennial High School on Westfield Avenue.

Westfield Deputy Fire Chief Dennis C. Burke stated his department was able to respond to the accident so quickly due to the fact that the department desk watch monitors police frequencies. The officer on duty responded immediately to the police report, he said.

As a result, several members of the Westfield Fire Department were awarded Departmental Commendations for their heroic efforts by Fire Chief Paul A. Battiloro, Jr. during an awards ceremony on Memorial Day.

The recipients included firefighters Timothy F. Brennan, Bruce R. Miller, Robert Tarantino, John W. Peterson, Jr., and the late John Fiorino; Lieutenants Kenneth Dannevig and James Ryan; Captain John J. Duels, and John Scalzadonna, a volunteer.

"I think this is just another example of how all the entities in Westfield work together," commented Westfield Police Chief Anthony J. Scutti. Regarding Mrs. Mohl, he added, "Thank God she's doing very well."

"I think it (the cooperative effort among the various departments) pays off in instances like this," he stated. "We move along very well, and I think it's a matter of open communications that accomplish all this."

Verdict to Perform Aug. 27 As Part of Summer Series

SCOTCH PLAINS — The final Scotch Plains Village Green Summer Concert will be presented by Verdict on Thursday, August 27.

Verdict consists of three members: Roland Richard on keyboards and vocals; Johnny Youth on drums and vocals, and Marcelino Thompson on brass and vocals.

A performance by Verdict was been described by Scotch Plains Recreation Director as "soothes the nerves with a shot of exotic calypso, a helping of reggae topped with soca funk to create a fun, exhilarating blend of sexy sound."

The three-member band has performed at numerous clubs in the tri-state area, including Nell's in New York where Stevie Wonder sang a Bob Marley song with the band. They also performed in Spain and Trinidad.

The concert is being sponsored by the Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Committee and is scheduled to be held on the Village Green from 7:30 p.m. to

9 p.m. The concert is free to the public and residents are urged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for their comfort.



Verdict

BACK TO SCHOOL

SUBURBAN COMMUNITY MUSIC
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BACK TO SCHOOL

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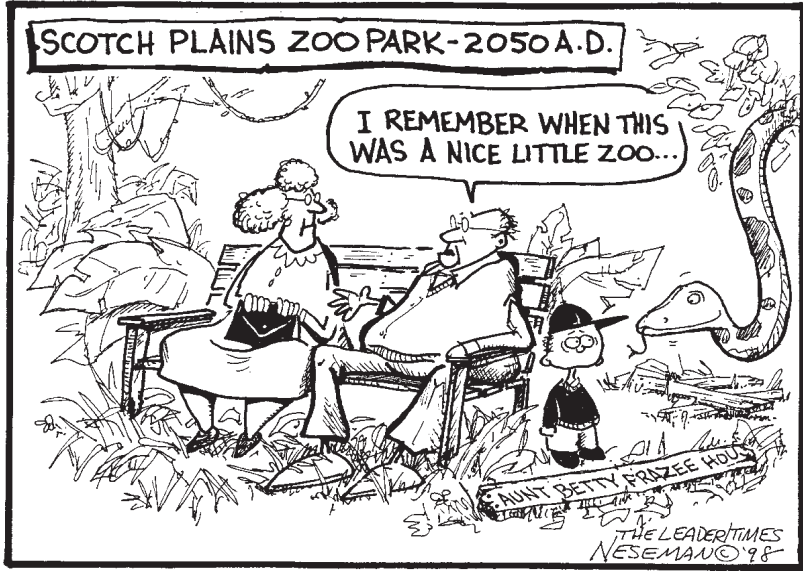
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Mayor Connelly, Mr. Franks Plan Series of Debates

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly and Congressman Bob Franks, opponents in this year's race to represent the Seventh District, are expected to participate in a series of public debates as their campaigns continue to gain momentum.

Last Thursday, Mayor Connelly, a Democrat who has held elected of-

Mayor of Fanwood in 1995, has focused her campaign on issues such as health care reforms, educational opportunities and tax deductions to benefit working families and senior citizens. She has also recommended an end to the Federal Aviation Administration's 260-degree departure test out of Newark Airport. The test was scheduled to end Tuesday, September 15.

Congressman Franks, who has also voiced support for health care and tax reforms, has additionally called for measures to preserve Social Security benefits and to protect children from predators, as well as transportation initiatives.

Mrs. Connelly, who ranks as only the third woman and the third Democrat to serve as Fanwood's Mayor since the borough was founded more than a century ago, is attempting to win a Congressional seat that Republicans have held for decades.

A Berkeley Heights resident, Mr. Franks was first elected to the House in 1992, succeeding veteran Congressman Matthew P. Rinaldo after his retirement. He served as Republican State Chairman from 1988 to 1989, and from 1990 to 1992.



CONGRATULATIONS...Union County Freeholder Donald Goncalves, right, presents a resolution to Victor DiFrancesco, Jr., who recently left his job in Union County after five and a half years of service. Mr. DiFrancesco, Jr., who was employed in the Office of the County Counsel as a full-time Assistant County Counsel, worked under former County Counsels Jeremiah D. O'Dwyer and James Keefe and the current County Counsel Carol Cohen. Mr. DiFrancesco, Jr. left the county to accept the position of Deputy Attorney General under State Attorney General Peter Verniero.

Borough Announces Date For Third Fanny Wood Day

FANWOOD - Area residents are invited to participate in the third annual Fanny Wood Day celebration on Sunday, September 27, from noon to 5 p.m. at the intersection of South and Martine Avenues and along the surrounding streets, which will be closed to traffic.

Local retailers and crafters will exhibit their wares during the street fair, and attendees will also have an opportunity to meet civic leaders and representatives of local community groups and religious organizations.

The annual event is dedicated to establishing better relations and improving downtown Fanwood, and will be modeled on last year's successful event, according to a spokesman for Fanny Wood Day.

Among the featured exhibits will be Overlook Hospital's Healthy Avenues Van, a *Battle Ship New Jersey*

exhibit, and the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad's new rig, which was purchased in honor of the squad's 50th anniversary this year.

Pony rides and a moon walk, will also be part of the celebration.

New attractions include a pie baking contest sponsored by the Florida Fruit Shoppe of Fanwood. Please call Tricia Scarlata at (908) 322-7606 for more information.

Helen Ling of Enchantments in Fanwood will sponsor a Little Miss Fanny Wood contest. For further information, please call her at (908) 322-6161.

Applications for craft vendors are being accepted. The fee is \$75 for a 10-foot by 10-foot space. There is a \$10 discount for those who register before Tuesday, September 1.

For more information or to receive an application, please call Neil Schembre at (908) 322-6066. All proceeds go towards the purchase of the Fanwood Millennium Clock.



Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly

ice as a councilwoman and Mayor for 11 years, accepted Mr. Franks' invitation to debate, which he submitted to her in a letter dated August 6.

In his proposal to Mrs. Connelly, the Republican incumbent, who is currently seeking his fourth term in the House of Representatives, stated he has "always believed that voters benefit from the opportunity to have their candidates debate the issues in a public forum."

Congressman Franks, who previously represented the 22nd Legislative District as a state Assemblyman from 1979 to 1992, suggested to Mayor Connelly that they take part in debates sponsored by news organizations and the League of Women Voters in October.

In her acceptance letter to Congressman Franks, Mayor Connelly recommended the two also participate in 10 additional debates, to be held in locations "most convenient to working families like day care centers and working class neighborhoods."

She also stated she had accepted debate invitations from News 12 and the League of Women Voters. It was unclear at press time whether the Congressman had formally agreed to the debates sponsored by these organizations.

No specific dates or locations for the proposed debates had been announced.

Mrs. Connelly, who was elected



Congressman Bob Franks

The Seventh Congressional District includes portions of Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Essex Counties. In Union County, 17 communities fall within the district, among them Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Westfield and Mountainside.

Westfield BOE Plans Meeting on Tuesday

The public is invited to attend the first meeting of the Westfield Board of Education as it returns from summer recess. Personnel items will be the main topic on the agenda.

The meeting will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, in the Board Meeting Room at 302 Elm Street. Input from the public is welcomed.

Assemblyman Bagger's Office to Open Saturday For Residents in District

WESTFIELD - The legislative office of Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger will be open to residents of the 22nd Legislative District from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday, August 22.

In addition to regular business hours on weekdays and one Saturday per month, Assemblyman Bagger's office, located at 203 Elm Street, Westfield, is open from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

The 22nd Legislative District includes Berkeley Heights, Clark, Chatham Township, Cranford, Dunellen, Fanwood, Garwood, Green Brook, Mountainside, New Providence, North Plainfield, Long Hill, Scotch Plains, Warren, Watchung, Westfield, and Winfield.

Further information may be obtained by calling Assemblyman Bagger's office at (908) 232-3673.

Mountainside GOP Plans Dinner-Dance For Sen. DiFrancesco

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Dinner-Dance Committee of the Mountainside Republican Club has announced that plans are progressing well for the event to honor Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco on his unprecedented fourth election as President of the New Jersey State Senate.

Dona Osieja and Marilyn Hart are Co-Chairwomen of the event, scheduled for Friday, October 23, at the Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights.

Tickets will not be issued, but reservations must be made due to limited seating. Admission of \$65 per person includes a cocktail reception, buffet dinner and open bar during the evening. To place a reservation, please contact Ms. Osieja at (908) 232-4904.

BAIR FINANCE
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SAT
1X2

MARIA'S
2X3

NJ BALLET
2X2^{1/2}

J&M
2X4

PARK
2X7^{1/2}

J&M
2X5

*Miss Patricia Brown
To Marry Thomas Bottge*

Mrs. Mildred A. Brown of Westfield has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Patricia Anne Brown of Garwood, to Thomas J. Bottge of Elizabeth. He is the son of James Bottge of Atlantic Highlands and the late Ruth Bottge.

The bride-elect, who is also the daughter of the late Richard Brown, is a 1978 graduate of Westfield High School. She is currently studying

computer science at Union County College, and is employed by Pathmark in Garwood.

A 1975 graduate of West Essex High School, the future bridegroom is in the United States Air Force Reserves and works for the Westfield branch of the United States Postal Service.

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



ALOHA!...Hundreds of students recently turned out for McGinn Elementary School's "Hawaiian Adventure," the annual Parent-Teacher Association's mini-fair fund-raiser held at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains. The sunny, summer-like weather added to the Hawaiian atmosphere, where the children were offered rides, games, prizes, crafts and food. Pictured trying to win a fish at the fair's most popular game are Jared Kaden, left, and Steven Bello.



Vance C. Gillenwater and Miss Ila R. Berger

*Miss Ila R. Berger
To Wed Vance Gillenwater*

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Berger of Scotch Plains have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ila R. Berger of Manhattan, to Vance Cline Gillenwater, also of Manhattan. He is the son of Mrs. Sue Gillenwater of Richmond, Virginia and Edwin Gillenwater of Falls Church, Virginia.

The bride-elect holds a bachelor's degree in international business from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and a Master in Business Administration Degree from Rutgers University in New Brunswick. She is employed as the National Sales Manager for Thomas Travel Ventures, a division of Thomas Publishing.

**Jennifer Gottlick
Graduates University
Magna Cum Laude**

FANWOOD—Jennifer Gottlick, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gottlick of Fanwood, was graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in social work from West Chester University in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

She is a 1994 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

The future bridegroom received his bachelor's degree in economics from Columbia University in New York City. He trades silver options on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The proposal took place high upon a cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean on the island of Hawaii. A September wedding is planned.

*Camillo Family
Welcomes
Son, Brian, Jr.*

Brian and Debra Camillo of Clark, formerly of Westfield, have announced the birth of their son, Brian J. Camillo, Jr., on Monday, July 6, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

He weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces and measured 20½ inches in length at birth.

Brian joins his sister, Kristen Ashley, 2.

His maternal grandparents are Joseph and Arlene Triano of Roselle Park.

Brian's paternal grandmother is "E.J." Camillo of Westfield.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID PATRICK STEWART
(She is the former Miss Alison Faith Rodman)

*Miss Alison F. Rodman
Weds David P. Stewart*

Miss Alison Faith Rodman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rodman of Westfield, was married on Sunday, June 14, to David Patrick Stewart. He is the son of Robert Stewart of Westfield and Mrs. Patricia Stephens of Manlius, New York.

The Reverend Richard Weber of Denville officiated at the morning ceremony which, along with the reception, was held at The Madison Hotel in Convent Station.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her parents, wore a sleeveless pure white satin gown trimmed in pearls and sequins, with a matching headpiece. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Danielle Hope Rodman of Westfield, the sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. She wore a navy satin and crepe gown and carried a bouquet of white roses and blue delphinium.

The bridal attendants included Miss Gillian Diamond of Rockville, Maryland and Miss Mary Rollin Wampler of Westfield, both of whom also wore navy satin and crepe gowns and carried bouquets of white roses and blue delphinium.

Miss Claire Palius of Louisville, Colorado was the flower girl. She

wore a pale blue satin dress and carried flowers which complemented the bride's bouquet.

Chris Barker of Darien, Connecticut served as the best man. The ushers were Matthew Bukoski of College Park, Maryland, Scott Lavine of Owings Mills, Maryland, Scott Reitz of Crofton, Maryland, and Neil Weinstein of New York City.

A 1994 alumna of Westfield High School, the bride graduated from the University of Maryland at College Park in May with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. She is employed as an editorial assistant with MediPhacs-Healthmark in Morris Plains.

The bridegroom is a 1990 graduate of Fayetteville-Manlius High School in Manlius, New York and an alumnus of the University of Maryland. He is employed by Lont & Overkamp in Prospect Park.

The bride was honored at a bridal shower held at Theresa's Restaurant in Westfield, which was given by her grandmother, Mrs. Rochelle Lewis of Old Tappan. A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the mother of the bridegroom at The Madison Hotel.

Following a wedding trip to Paris and London, the couple reside in Mahwah.



A SNAKE GOES ON FOREVER... Jerry Zelenka, far right, gives his young audience at the Fanwood Memorial Library hands-on experience with a rather long snake during a special presentation on unusual animals entitled "A Touch of Nature." Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the program was part of the library's Summer Reading Program.

Fanwood Library Presents Unusual Animals Program

FANWOOD — The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library revealed that an array of activities have been taking place in the Children's Department through the library's Summer Reading Program.

This summer, as part of their continuing effort to provide educational and entertaining programs for library clients of all ages, the Friends brought back Jerry Zelenka's popular "A Touch of Nature" program and his collection of unusual animals.

Mr. Zelenka entertained over 80 children in the Fanwood Room at the library. Two shows were held to make sure every child had the opportunity to see and touch a miniature alligator, a baby mouse the size of a pinkie fingernail, and a furry and friendly tarantula.

Mr. Zelenka's presentations blended "excitement and surprise with care and understanding" to give the audience a better appreciation for all living things, according to a Friends spokeswoman.



A GOOD CAUSE... The Father John S. Nelligan Council, No. 5730, Knights of Columbus in Scotch Plains recently held its annual fundraiser for retarded citizens, with money donated to local organizations. One of the groups which received a donation was the McAuley School for Exceptional Children in Watchung. Sister Lee Ann Amico, Director, is pictured accepting the check from Grand Knight Sam Hyland, as his son, Patrick Hyland, who serves as a Knights Warden, looks on.

American Legion Asks Houses of Worship To Honor War's End

Leo McKernan, State Commander of the American Legion, New Jersey's largest veterans organization, is seeking support from churches, synagogues, mosques and other places of worship throughout the state in commemorating the 53rd anniversary of the end of World War II on Wednesday, September 2.

On that date in 1945, at 9:04 a.m., representatives of the Japanese government signed the surrender treaty aboard the battleship *Missouri*, bringing to an end a six-year period of conflict that claimed tens of millions of lives.

"I am asking all places of worship having bell towers to ring their bells for a full minute, beginning at 9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2, to help preserve in our communities the memory of that time of testing and deliverance," said Commander McKernan.

NOVENA TO ST. CLARE

Ask St. Clare for 3 favors: One Business, Two Impossible. Say 9 Hail Marys for 9 days with lighted candles. Pray, whether you believe it or not. Publish on the 9th day. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and glorified today and every day. Request will be granted no matter how impossible it seems. Publication must be promised. — R.J.W.

REDEEMER 2X3

Trumpeters From WSO Bring Live Music to Westlake Youth

WESTFIELD — Continuing the Westfield Symphony Orchestra's (WSO) commitment to arts education in Union County, two trumpeters from the ensemble recently visited the Westlake School in Mountainside for an interactive musical performance.

Trumpeters Donald Batchelder and David Sampson performed at the school for children with special needs, ranging in age from 5 to 14, introducing them to a live musical performance and to the workings of the trumpet and other instruments.

The students were divided into two groups for specialized interactive performances and then united for a group assembly program.

Mr. Batchelder and Mr. Sampson, both members of the orchestra for many years, each are very committed to furthering the educational mission of the WSO, according to symphony spokeswoman Linda Onorevole.

Linda Bradway, Principal of the Westlake School, expressed her gratitude for the musicians' performance, stating that "they did such a wonderful job relating to the students, and it was obvious that they were able to really 'connect' with them. The information presented was both enjoyable and informative."

The day's events at the Westlake School were funded in part by the West-

field Symphony and private donors.

Nancy Jackson, Executive Director of the symphony, said "the Westfield Symphony Orchestra is increasingly committed to community outreach. We are especially pleased to introduce the classics to special needs children who may have never had the opportunity to hear a live presentation."

The WSO hopes to continue programs at the Westlake School as a part of its music education curriculum, according to Ms. Onorevole.

Bob Carlisle Due At Evangel Church

Bob Carlisle of "Butterfly Kisses" fame will perform in concert this Saturday, August 22, at 7 p.m. at the Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains.

The program will benefit the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, a local organization that assists families who have a child with cancer.

Tickets are \$13 in advance; \$15 at the door. For groups of 10 or more, the cost is \$11 per ticket.

Advance tickets are available at local Christian bookstores or from the church office. Group tickets are available only through the church office. For more information, please call (908) 322-9300.



MUSIC COMES ALIVE... Trumpeters David Sampson, left, and Donald Batchelder from the Westfield Symphony Orchestra share their talents with special needs students at the Westlake School in Mountainside.

Scholarship Contest Open To High School Senior Girls

High school senior girls from Union County have been offered a scholarship opportunity through the Union County Junior Miss competition which could pay for their entire college education.

According to Union County's Junior Miss Director, Susan Dougherty, eligible young women need to be academically in the top 20 percent of their class, physically fit, able to converse articulately in a 10-minute interview,

display a talent and show poise in the evening wear competition.

There is no entry fee and no bathing suit portion of this contest. The pageant date is set for Saturday, October 3, at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark.

For an application form, please call Mrs. Dougherty at Arthur L Johnson High School during business hours at (732) 382-0910 for an application form.

Graduates of Holy Trinity Honored for Achievements

Dorothy Szot, Principal of Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield, has announced the graduation of this year's eighth-grade class.

During graduation, the following awards were presented: For the highest scholastic achievement in all subjects, the General Excellence Medal was awarded to Brandon Leonard. He received a cash award donated by Holy Trinity parishioners Mr. and Mrs. John Wilder.

First honors for academic achievement went to Tara Behr and Joseph Serzan, while Second Honors were awarded to Philip Bartlett, Katherine Bash, Heather Saunders, and Alexis Zukowski.

The Monsignor Henry J. Wattersson Award for Personal Integrity, Moral Development and Excellence in Religious Studies went to Tara Behr. Subject awards were also presented as follows: Mathematics, Brandon Leonard and William Zhou; Spanish, Tara Behr; Fine Arts, Tara Behr, Brandon Leonard, and Alexis Zukowski.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) American History

award was presented to Joseph Serzan; the DAR American History Essay Contest awards went to Joseph Serzan (first place) and Tara Behr (second place), and the DAR Good Citizenship Medal was awarded to Christine Feury.

Presidential Academic Fitness Awards were given to Philip Bartlett, Katherine Bash, Tara Behr, Brandon Leonard, Heather Saunders, Joseph Serzan, and Alexis Zukowski.

Perfect Attendance awards went to Melissa Bellevue, William Fonseca, Jonathan Russell and Joseph Serzan. Finally, Service Club awards were presented to Katherine Bash, Tara Behr, Melissa Bellevue, Christine Feury, Dana Froelich, Deann Froelich, Brandon Leonard, Colleen Macaluso, Rachel Margolis, Jessica Melendez, Ann Marie Nason, Heather Saunders, and Alexis Zukowski.

The graduates will be attending Westfield High School, Mount Saint Mary Academy, Union Catholic High School, Mother Seton High School, St. Peter's Prep, and Delbarton.



Joseph Serzan, Jonathan Russell, Richard Park, Christine Feury, William Zhou, Katherine Bash, Brandon Leonard, Kenneth Lantz, Rodrigo Gutierrez, Jessica Melendez, Alexis Zukowski, Heather Saunders, Sean Grayson, William Fonseca, Anthony Ciallo, Ann Marie Nason, Rachel Margolis, Colleen Macaluso, Philip Bartlett, Melissa Bellevue, Tara Behr, Dana Froelich, Deann Froelich.

Directory to Houses of Worship - ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CONGREGATION ARI YEHUDA, CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, ECHO LAKE CHURCH OF CHRIST, EVANGEL CHURCH, FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GRACE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, HOLY TRINITY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY RC CHURCH, METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH, MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL, OUR LADY OF LOURDES RC CHURCH, THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN WESTFIELD, REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, ST. HELEN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. LUKE'S AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SCOTCH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH, TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH, TEMPLE EMANU-EL, TERRILL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, TERRILL ROAD BIBLE CHAPEL, WILLOW GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WOODSIDE CHAPEL.



PREPARING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR... Fifth-grade teachers in the Westfield Public Schools attended technology courses this summer to prepare for the 90 new computers and accompanying software which will be available to their students this year. Fifth grade teachers pictured are Rosemary Gagliardi, left, from Washington Elementary School, and Rachel Feidberg from Tamaques Elementary School applying the techniques they have learned.

Teachers and Computers Readied for Fifth Graders

WESTFIELD — Fifth-grade students in the Westfield Public Schools will have 90 more computers and accompanying software to supplement their curriculum in the upcoming school year.

To ensure optimum utilization of this technology, all of the district's fifth-grade teachers attended computer classes this summer in anticipation of using the new computers, printers and software which have been installed in fifth-grade classrooms in all six Westfield elementary schools.

The installation took place over the summer to fulfill one of the goals in the district's technology plan. Funds for the equipment and professional development courses were approved by Westfield voters in the April school budget.

The technology plan places five computers and one laser printer in each fifth-grade classroom. Prior to the installation, most fifth-grade classrooms were equipped with one computer.

According to Darlene Nowak, district Technology Director, "The additional technology will translate into opportunities for curriculum enhancement and in preparing the students for intermediate school."

The computer courses, taught in-house this summer, consisted of a four-day session in June and another in July. All fifth-grade teachers were required to attend. Fifth-grade art and special education teachers were invited to participate.

The teachers were introduced to the "nuts and bolts" of the operating system, keyboarding techniques for students, instruction in the Claris Works program, and a preview of software which will support the fifth-grade curriculum.

The keyboarding software, which is compatible for home use, can be purchased by parents through the student's school.

"The classes were all held in the Tamaques School library," explained Ms. Nowak. "The Tamaques staff is to be commended for accommodating our groups in addition to their normal tasks," she added.

Instructors in the summer computer courses included Sandie Hilliard, computer technician; Gene Ehrlich and Elizabeth Flynn, keyboarding instructors at the intermediate schools, and a Claris Works consultant. Sue McClelland, Advanced Learning program teacher in the district, served as a support person.

Prior to the summer courses, fifth-grade teachers Mary Dailey, Kathy Cook and Barbara Wozek helped plan and design the program.

Follow-up courses for the teachers will be held throughout the year in each school and in combined fifth-grade level meetings. The teachers will have the opportunity to share ideas at these meetings and also on-line daily.

To further support the efforts of the fifth-grade teachers and in keeping with the technology plan, an additional technician has been hired for the elementary grades.

THE WEEK IN SPORTS

JIM HELLWIG HAMMERS HR, GOES 4-4, DRIVES IN 4 PEPCO Wings Phoenix, 14-9; Takes 2-1 Lead in Title Series

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

An energetic PEPCO team took to the field at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 12, caught the Phoenix flying low and bagged a 14-9 victory to take a 2-1 lead in the championship series of the A Division of the Scotch Plains Softball League. Jim Hellwig hammered a three-run homer in the first inning to cast doubt in the minds of the Phoenix, then went on to collect four hits, score three runs and drive in four runs by the game's end.

Phoenix had the first opportunity to score when Fred Behr singled and Tony Jurist doubled, but the PEPCO defense held in the top of the first. Now, the PEPCO offense surged and took a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Dave Legg lashed a single to center, Curtis Gillmore walked, then Hellwig launched his three-run shot over the left field fence. Joe Lameira sliced a single over first base, Rich Potagna walked and Doug Fisher hooked a single over second. Mike DeRosa sacrificed Lameira home and Tim Kaufman knocked an RBI single

to left. Phoenix got off the ground and scored three runs in the second. Rich Wilson hobbled a single up-the-middle, Rusty Meyer lined a single to center, then Greg Roe skid an RBI single to left-center. Dan O'Dea arced a single to left and Mark O'Dea drilled a two-RBI single to center. Phoenix outfielder Jay Hoynowski made a fabulous shoelace catch in the bottom of the second and after Jurist singled for Phoenix in the third, PEPCO shortstop Pat Peterpaul pulled off a slick second-to-first double play.

PEPCO added a run in the bottom of the third when Hellwig singled and scored on Fisher's single to right. In the fourth, PEPCO took an 8-3 lead by adding two more runs. Kaufman chopped a double to left field and Greg Peterpaul pounded an RBI single to center. After Peterpaul was thrown out attempting to reach second, Butch Toriello thumped a solo home run over the left field fence.

Lameira, the PEPCO pitcher who was quite effective from the third through the eighth innings, held Phoenix to a double from Mark O'Dea in the fifth and a single to Andy Reale in the sixth. Also, PEPCO second baseman Torsiello initiated a smooth second-to-first double play in the sixth inning. In the meantime, PEPCO added another run in the lower half of the fifth when Hellwig and Lameira



SCORING HIS THIRD RUN...Jim Hellwig, No. 5, of PEPCO connects with home base and with Phoenix catcher Dan O'Dea, No. 10, and scores his third run of the game in the fifth inning.

KILBERG, BERGER, CASTALDO PROVIDE PUNCH C & C Landscaping Cracks D & L Locksmiths, 16-7

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

C & C Landscaping contoured a clear path toward the B Division championships in the Scotch Plains Softball League by winning its second game against D & L Locksmiths, 16-7, at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 11. Joe Killberg

and Erik Berger each had four hits and Vito Castaldo had three RBI to help engineer the victory. Mike Parkhill drew a leadoff walk for C & C in the top of the first. Killberg hooked a single to left and Castaldo walked to load the bases. Vinnie Rappa drove in Parkhill with a sacrifice fly and Rich Johns sliced

an RBI single to right to give C & C a 2-0 lead.

In the bottom of the first, John Oblichinski whacked a double to the fence in right field and Craig Esser followed with an RBI single past third.

The game featured dueling cousins, both named Phil Russo, as pitchers for their respective teams. Both held the opposition scoreless in the second inning, but C & C added another run in the third. Killberg knocked a single over third, then scored on a triple by Castaldo.

D & L tied the score, 3-3, in the fourth. Oblichinski obliterated a solo home run over the right field fence. Bill Bowers singled to center, then later scored as a result of Steve Kisley's single to left.

C & C Landscaping drastically changed the shape of things in the fourth. Russo (CC) and Parkhill both singled, Killberg reached base on a force out and Parkhill scored when Castaldo reached base on an error. Rappa singled and Johns rapped an RBI single to center. Jason Berger drove



HOME RUN CONGRATULATIONS...John Oblichinski, right, of D & L Locksmiths receives congratulations from teammate Lee Hoy as he rounds third after crushing a solo homer. See additional picture on page 13.

MURANO, MAHER, HOEZEL MASTERMIND GETAWAY James Gang Stays at Large; 'Snakes' St. Patrick, 20-14

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St. Patrick appeared to hold the upper hand, but a nine-run massacre in the top of the seventh inning allowed the St. James "Gang" to snake its way out of a tight spot and come up with a 20-14 victory at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 14. Steve Murano, Tom Maher and Jim Hoelzel combined for 10 hits, 10 RBI and 10 runs scored to mastermind the miraculous getaway.

retaliation (*Used for story purposes only). Esposito tripled to right and scored on Ken Larson's grounder to short. Mark DiFrancesco wiggled a single to center and Al Rezza drove him home with a single to right. Tom Kucin and Pat Citera both singled, then Al Ulichny poked an RBI single to center. Joe Murano drew an RBI walk and Esposito ripped a double down the first baseline to bring in two more runs. Larson plunked a two-RBI single to left to give St. Patrick an 8-5 lead.

Still with an adequate supply of ammo, the St. James Gang blasted its way to an 11-8 lead in the fifth. DeChristofaro singled, Balestriere walked and Hoelzel lashed an RBI single to left. Murano banged a two-RBI single over third and Maher skid a single past first. Canata chopped an RBI single to left, Matuska dumped a single over second, then Bob Pielhau whacked a two-RBI single to right. Shortstop Esposito pulled off a slick double play when he fielded a



NAILED OUT AT HOME...Big Steve Murano of the St. James "Gang" gets called out at home when St. Patrick catcher Pat Citera puts on the tag in the third inning. Citera barely hung onto the ball, but the James Gang won 20-14.



1998 WESTFIELD SOFTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...The Mattress Factory successfully defended its title by defeating Chaos, 13-4, in the fifth game. Pictured left to right, are: front row; Chris Masterson, Rob Rowland, Kevin Lombardi, Mike Varano, Tim Walsh and Kevin Zippler, back row; Al Manzi, Scott Johnson, Gene Mirabella, Gary Nicorak, team sponsor Rich Shovlin, Ron Shovlin, Clint Factor and Tom Perotta.

JOHNSON, MASTERSON, 'ZIP' CLEAR THE CONFUSION The Mattress Factory Repeats; Beats Chaos, 13-4, to Win Title

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

Production was in high gear when every player on the Mattress Factory contributed at least one hit and defeated Chaos, 13-4, in the fifth and deciding game of the Westfield Men's Softball League Championship at Tamaqua Park in Westfield on August 13. Scott Johnson, Chris Masterson and Kevin Zippler supplied additional offensive zest to clear up any confusion as the Factory repeated as champions.

The Chaos defense was ready in the top of the first. After Mike Varano led off with a single over third and Tim Walsh popped up to third, Chaos third baseman Bill Harcourt caught a line drive from Clint Factor and threw the ball to first in time to nail Varano before he could return to the base.

Chaos leadoff hitter Chuck Harcourt singled to center and Frank Seculic followed with a double to right, then Harcourt came in to score on the throwing error from the outfielder. Matt Costello sacrificed Seculic home to give Chaos a 2-0 lead.

Ron Shovlin got the Factory machines rolling when he bounced a steaming grounder off the glove of the second baseman. Gene Mirabella coolly sliced a double to left as Shovlin glided in to score. Masterson looped a single over short and Mirabella scored. Tom Perotta hacked a single to right and Gary Nicorak loaded the bases with a single to left. Zippler hit an RBI sacrifice fly to left, then Kevin Lombardi snaked an RBI single to left to give the Factory a 4-2 lead.

Walsh, the Mattress Factory pitcher retired all three Chaos batters in the

second, then Chaos pitcher Dave Kervick returned the favor in the top of the third. Bill Harcourt turned in another startling play by making a diving stab at third and right fielder Mike Paradise nearly traveled to Eden to catch a shot off the bat of Johnson.

Chaos edged a run closer in the bottom of the third. The hustling Al Rabinowitz beat out a throw from the third baseman. Jim McKeon skid a single down the third baseline and Kervick sliced an RBI single to right.

Still on a roll, Kervick retired all three Factory batters in the fourth. Tom Perotta hacked a single to right and Gary Nicorak loaded the bases with a single to left. Zippler hit an RBI sacrifice fly to left, then Kevin Lombardi snaked an RBI single to left to give the Factory a 4-2 lead.

Although getting into gear slowly in the fifth, Zippler lubricated the "Big Machine" by whacking a single to left. Lombardi lashed a single to right, Varano plunked an RBI single to left and Walsh drilled an RBI single to left to put the Factory in the lead, 6-3.

Chaos attempted to cloud the Mattress Factory's confidence in the bottom of the fifth. Rabinowitz led off with a single to left and McKeon followed with a single to center; however, Kervick lined out to Walsh who then threw out McKeon before he could return to first. Now, with two outs, Chuck Harcourt also lined out to Walsh.

Johnson led off the sixth and right fielder Paradise, being aware of his awesome power, stood nearby in Garwood to play him correctly. But, Johnson slyly lined a shot which skid off the top of the hill in right and eluded the diving Paradise. By the time the ball was retrieved, Johnson



ON ITS WAY TO EDEN...Scott Johnson of the Mattress Factory hammers a solo home run past Chaos right fielder Mike Paradise in the championship game.



DIVISION B CHAMPIONS...C & C Landscaping won the Scotch Plains Softball League Title on August 12. Pictured from the left, are: Vinnie Rappa, Tom Bruemmer, Vito Castaldo, Mike Parkhill, Rich Johns, Paul Gosdick, Jim Talbot, Eric Berger, Joe Kilberg, Duane Hall, Phil Russo and Jason Berger. See story on page 13.

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Westfield Playgrounds Wrap Summer Programs for Season

WESTFIELD — The Westfield playgrounds officially closed for the 1998 summer season with an All Parks Picnic held recently at Tamaques Park.

Tournaments were held at the picnic, followed by a barbecue. More than 250 children from all seven playgrounds attended the event.

The 6- to 7-year-old Nok Hockey winners were Chiarras Sabino, Evan

among 6 and 7 year olds were Chris Sheehan in first, followed by Nick Livosi and Matt Isabella in second and third, respectively. Kevin Hennessey came in first place in the 8- to 9-year-old tetherball tournament, followed by Thomas Parkinson in second, and Jordan Fairbairn in third.

The 10- to 12-year-old winners in the tetherball tournament were Matt Gallagher, first place; Dan Clark, second



TASTY TREAT... Allison Johnson of McKinley Elementary School in Westfield enjoys a slice of watermelon at the All-Parks Picnic which was held recently at Tamaques Park as a final farewell to all playground participants. More than 250 children came out to enjoy this "last blast" of summer.

Paulan, and Nick Livosi. The 8- to 9-year-old Nok Hockey winners were John Attanasio, first place; Matt Amato, second place, and C. J. Patella, third. The 10- to 12-year-old Nok Hockey winners were Robert Cox in first, Ethan Powell in second, and Chris Pinheiro in third.

Winners in the tetherball tournament

place, and Darnell Butler in third.

Winners in the Four Square tournament for the 6- and 7-year-olds were Nick Livolsi in first, Matthew Reiss in second, and Carolyn Dyer in third. The 8- and 9-year-old Four Square tournament was won by Kevin Hennessey, with Matt Gelmetti coming in second, and Daniella Regia and J.T. Sheehan tied for third place.

The 10- to 12-year-old Four Square tournament was won by Richard Brautigam, with Brian Calahan in a close second, and Terrance Bryant in third.

The Connect Four tournament for the 6- and 7-year-olds was won by Heather Callahan, followed by Craig Dyer in second, and Chris Sheehan in third. Kevin Hennessey won the Connect Four tournament for the 8- and 9-year-olds, with John Attanasio in second, and Aidan Granstrand in third.

In the 10- to 12-year-old Connect Four tournament, Sam Kramer came in first place, followed by Kevin Wicks and Mike Patella in second and third, respectively.

The Westfield Recreation Commission had a successful summer season at the playgrounds and was able to offer fun activities for many children to enjoy.

Highlights included the Monday Morning Swims at Memorial Pool, the fairs, and every playground was also able to take a trip to the local movie theater.

Yoga Center Reveals Programs for Fall

A new yoga session and teacher training program is scheduled to begin at Nicole's Yoga Center, 94 North Avenue in Garwood, the week of Monday, September 14.

The following classes are also offered: Breathing; Heart and Back Care, and Meditation. The yoga center also offers private yoga therapy, meditation, and personalized tapes, customized to clients' needs, for both beginners and advanced.

The teacher certification training program begins on Friday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m.

The yoga center will also be open for general registration (free personal evaluation by appointment only) on Thursday, September 10, from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, September 12, from 1 to 4 p.m., and Monday, September 14, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Center owner Nicole Mode is a certified hypno-therapist and yoga therapist, and offers private therapeutic yoga sessions for stress-related conditions (by appointment only). She also gives free lectures and demonstrations to groups and clubs.

For a brochure, further information or to schedule an appointment, please call (908) 789-6426. Ms. Mode recommends early registration for classes.



SOFTBALL CHAMPS... McKinley Playground's softball team had an undefeated season and won the playground softball tournament held recently at Gumbert Field. Pictured, left to right, are: back row, Coach Amy Gottko, Elliot Johnson, Brian Bigelow, Joe Korfmacher, Joe Doll, Dan Clark, and Mark Smith, and front row, Marc Dowling, Joe Cocozziello, Allison Johnson, Christina Panarese, Mike Fantini, and Evan Bilheimer.



SEEKING TO DEFRAY COSTS... The National Compulsory All-Around Group Rhythmic Champions, the Sparks, will sponsor a craft fair and flea market on Saturday, September 12. Pictured, left to right, are: team members Jennifer Alonzo, Annmarie Klimowicz, Kristi Gayara, Stephanie King and Claire Czekaj. The purpose of the event is to defray costs for the team to attend the Junior Olympic Championships in October. For further information, please call the Scotch Plains Recreation at (908) 322-6700.

Westfield Day Care Sponsors Child Care Food Program

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Day Care Center, a federally funded program which provides meals to children at no charge, has announced the sponsorship of the Child Care Food Program.

This program is designed to provide meals to children in child care centers, recreation programs, and other such programs. Meals are available at no separate charge to all children 12 and under who are enrolled in the Child Care Food Program.

Meals are served without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex.

Scale for Eligibility Income Effective from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999		
Family Size	Free Yearly Income	Yearly Income
1	\$10,465	\$14,893
2	\$14,105	\$20,073

3	\$17,745	\$25,253
4	\$21,385	\$30,433
Each Additional Family Member	+ \$3,640	+ \$5,180

The Child Care Food Program is a federal program of the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.)

It is operated in accordance with U.S.D.A. policy, which does not permit discrimination because of race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex in the meal service, admissions policy or use of any Child Care Food Program facility.

Any person who believes they have been discriminated against in any U.S.D.A. related activity is advised to write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 20250.

Scotch Hills Golf Tourney On Tap for September 19

SCOTCH PLAINS — The fourth annual "Improvements to Historic Scotch Hills" golf tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, September 19, with a rain date being the following day, September 20.

The tournament will be held at the Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains. An 8 a.m. or 2 p.m. shotgun is available for interested golfers. All participants will take part in the 12:30 p.m. luncheon.

The event is being sponsored by the Friends of Scotch Hills Country Club, which was founded to restore and make major improvements to the course and the clubhouse.

The first project of the group was to renovate the water irrigation system to include the fairways. The past two years, tournament proceeds were utilized to install macadam cart paths throughout the course. Funds from this year's tournament will be used for two items: installation of new carpeting for the interior of the clubhouse, and the completion of the cart paths.

Registration for the tournament will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, at the Scotch Plains Recreation Office, through Friday, September 4. A maximum of 88 golfers, 44 in each shotgun, will be accepted.

Golfers may register as individuals or in groups of up to four. The

cost of the tournament is \$100, which includes golf, cart, luncheon, giveaways and prizes.

Awards will be given to first and second low gross and low net (Calloway), as well as longest drive and closest to the pin in the men's, women's and senior citizen categories in each shotgun.

In addition, a Beat the Pro competition will be held, as well as a \$10,000 "Hole in One" competition.

In conjunction with the tournament, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club will sponsor a 50/50 raffle. Tickets may be obtained from committee members, the Scotch Plains Recreation Office, Scotch Hills Country Club, or from raffle Chairman Robert Kraus at (908) 322-6200.

Corporate and hole sponsors, as well as donations, are also being sought. Interested individuals may call Laura Botto, Director, at the Scotch Plains Recreation Office, at (908) 322-6700 for further information.

True friendship is like sound health, the value of it is seldom known until it is lost. — C.C. Colton

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain. — Dolly Parton

Cynthia Meryl to Offer Performing Arts Classes

WESTFIELD — Cynthia Meryl, Broadway performer and Artistic Director of the Westfield Young Artists Cooperative Theatre (WYACT), will again offer professional classes in the performing arts at the Westfield School of Dance in Westfield.

Ms. Meryl teaches Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced Acting classes, which concentrate on improvisation, character development, and scene study. She also offers Musical Theatre classes, Beginners and Intermediate/Advanced, which focus on song selection and interpretation, ensemble work, voice, and musical theater movement and dance. Private sessions in voice and/or acting are also available.

Ms. Meryl, a professional actress in the New York and national theater arena for over 25 years, said she designs her classes to prepare the performer for auditions and the professional stage.

In that vein, she has invited professionals to teach classes and/or workshops in costuming and stage lighting, as well as advanced musical theater dance.

Ms. Meryl, an original cast member in the Broadway musical *Nine*, has also appeared in productions of *My Fair Lady*, *South Pacific*, and *Side By Side By Sondheim*, among other shows.

Ms. Meryl was the Stage Director of WYACT's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical *Carousel* in the Victoria Theatre at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center this summer. She also directed WYACT's production of Wendy Wasserstein's comedy, *Isn't It Romantic*.

She will work alongside Joanne Carey, a former dance instructor for the Paper Mill Playhouse and the new owner and master dance instructor at the Westfield School of Dance.

Class registration will occur on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 1, 2 and 3, from noon to 8 p.m. at the Westfield School of Dance, 402 Boulevard, in Westfield. For acting or musical theater class information, please call (908) 233-3200.



Cynthia Meryl

Joanne Carey is New Owner Of Westfield School of Dance

WESTFIELD — Joanne Carey is the new owner and Artistic Director of the Westfield School of Dance, 402 Boulevard in Westfield.

Miss Carey's educational background includes the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts, and studies at the Universite de la Sorbonne in Paris, France.

She also completed the master's program in Dance Education at New York University.

Her theater credits include appearances in *Steel Magnolias*, *The Wizard Of Oz*, *Godspell* and *Oliver*.

She has also performed as a soloist with Andrew Jannetti & Dancers, a modern dance company which has performed at the Forum Theater, the George Street Playhouse, and Dance Theatre Works in New York City.

Miss Carey's television credits include closing ceremonies following the 1986 renovation of the Statue of Liberty, as well as commercials. She is the artist-in-residence at Manalapan High School, and is also a part of the artists-in-schools program for the Papermill Playhouse in Millburn.

She has taught throughout the tri-state area since 1991, and is still the owner of the Turning Pointe Creative Arts Center, which freelances dance instructors for dance in nursery schools.

For further information on the Westfield School of Dance and its new owner, please call (908) 789-3011.



Joanne Carey



MOTHERS' DAY...The Mothers' Center of New Jersey, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, recently installed new officers for 1998-1999. Incoming officers, pictured left to right, are: front row, Co-Treasurer Debbie Daniels and Corresponding Secretary Laura Matrale and, back row, President Elaine Carlsen, Vice President of Communications Mindy Koprowski, Vice President of Operations Tracey Foley, Co-Treasurer Ann Reitz, and Recording Secretary Georgia Marino.

Mothers' Center Installs Officers; Plans Fall Events

The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey, a support group for mothers of children of all ages, recently installed new officers for the 1998-1999 program year. The group is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Incoming officers include President Elaine Carlsen of Middlesex, Vice President of Communications Mindy Koprowski and Vice President of Operations Tracey Foley, both of Scotch Plains, Co-Treasurers Ann Reitz of Union and Debbie Daniels of Colonia, Corresponding Secretary Laura Matrale of Scotch Plains, and Recording Secretary Georgia Marino of Westfield.

The Mothers' Center fall 1998 calendar begins with a Consignment Sale of children's clothes, toys, and more on Wednesday and Thursday, September 16 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both days, at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Watchung Avenue and East 7th Street in Plainfield.

An open house for prospective new members and their children will be held on Thursday, September 24, at 9:30 a.m., also at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Fall discussion groups will include "Creative Memories," "Tired of Napping? Thirty Days to Positive Parenting," "The Joys of Boys: Raising a Son in the 90s," and "The Mother Dance."

For more information, please call

(908) 561-1751, or visit the Mothers' Center Web site on the Internet at <http://westfieldnj.com/mccnj>.

Room Available In Vo-Tech Courses

Room is still available for more students in the myriad of full- and part-time, day and evening courses being offered by the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools as they begin their operational year.

The fall semester will get underway with the opening of the Day Session on Wednesday, September 2. The Division of Continuing Education's evening classes start on Monday, September 21, with the exception of Manicuring/Nails Technology and Cosmetology which are to open on Monday, September 14.

Patrick Mauro, Director of Admissions, Curriculum and Instruction, pointed out that the Day Session provides skills-training in a wide variety of occupations.

Daytime classes are for adult tuition participants as well as high school students who wish to attend the Vocational Technical Schools on a shared-time basis.

According to Thomas E. Highsmith, Director of Adult Education, two new offerings have been added to the Evening Session bringing the overall total to 92. Various New Jersey State licensing preparation courses are also available.

Day Session registrations are being held daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Baxel Hall at the UCVTS Scotch Plains Campus, located at 1776 Raritan Road. This is also the site of the Evening Session registrations to take place Friday, September 4, through Tuesday, September 11, from 3 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

The Day Session can be reached by phone at (908) 889-2999 and the Evening Session at (908) 889-2922 or 2914.

Paul Nazzaro Music Studio Begins Enrollment for Season

WESTFIELD - Enrollment for the 1998-1999 year has begun at the Paul Nazzaro Music Studio in Westfield.

According to Mr. Nazzaro, the piano studio helps to develop a wide variety of styles and sounds from Bach and blues, to popular and jazz. Private lessons are scheduled once a week for half an hour.

Teaching, which is personalized, aimed at developing an understanding of the piano and building an enhanced sense of self-confidence, self-reliance, and self-respect. Special care is taken to ensure musical selections are enjoyable and something new is learned with each selection.

The studio uses electronic keyboards, computers, and Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) to enhance each student's understanding, creativity, and skills. Students will learn music composition while inputting notation directly into the computer from the digital keyboard.

They play back and save their composition, and are able to take home a printed copy of their song.

The Paul Nazzaro Music Studio is



Paul Nazzaro

the only musical school in the Westfield area that offers hands-on computer composition along with piano training.

Several holiday related performance-parties are scheduled throughout the year to enable the children to showcase their musical growth. Each parent is invited to hear his/her child perform at one of the three recitals in June, which are short and festive, Mr. Navarro said.

There are many other attributes of the studio such as a newsletter called "The Soundboard" and piano tapes.

Mr. Nazzaro has been teaching private and group piano classes in Westfield since 1985, and has been on the staff of the Springfield and Milltown school systems. He graduated with a degree in piano from The Catholic University Of America in Washington, D.C. He is a state certified music teacher, a licensed Kindermusik teacher, a member of the National Music Teachers Association, and a member of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce.

He has also taught at the Carolyn Klinger-Kueter Piano Studio for over 10 years, is a state certified music teacher, and teaches electronic keyboards at the Westfield Summer Workshop for the Arts.

Mr. Nazzaro continues to expand his own musical development by writing and arranging music on computers, performing locally, enrolling in further musical studies at Westminster Choir College in Princeton and has been an active member of the St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church Community Music Ministry in Westfield.

For an informal get-together or a free brochure, please call 232-3310, email pnazzaro@att.net, or visit the studio website at home.att.net/~pnazzaro/pnazzaro.musicstudio.html.

Retired Professor Discovers Joy in Listening to Others

WESTFIELD — He is a very learned man. A retired university professor, chemist and corporate consultant, with multiple degrees in business and chemistry. But Dr. Elmer Waters' motto for finding happiness is simple: "The more you can forget about yourself and concentrate on others, the happier you can be."

Dr. Waters took his own advice and became a CONTACT We Care telephone volunteer five years ago. "I was looking for something to do upon retiring, and had always been interested in psychology and counseling," said the 70-year-old former Westfield resident.

Now, after countless hours offering the gift of listening to callers in need, Dr. Waters remarked, "If I help one person during each shift on the phone lines, I am happy. It's time well spent."

Dr. Waters, who is a Professor



Dr. Elmer Waters

Emeritus at Montclair State University in Upper Montclair, where he taught for more than 20 years, has very specific goals when he works the phone lines at the Union County-based telephone hot line.

"I want to make the caller laugh once or twice during our conversation," he explained. "I believe laughter is a healer. I'd also like to get some commitment to action."

A graduate of Columbia University, Rutgers University and New York University, Dr. Waters was born and raised in Budapest, Hungary. He moved to the United States 50 years ago.

"I went to night school for 15 years in order to earn my master's and Doctoral degrees," said Dr. Waters, who has been married for 47 years.

Now that he is retired, the father of two and grandfather of one said he also enjoys reading, playing chess, and day trips to New York City.

"By being here for the callers, having the willingness to help, I am improving my character," he revealed. "It increases my skill and allows me to do something creative... I guess most people help others partly for selfish reasons — it makes you feel good!"

For more information about volunteering for CONTACT We Care, please call (908) 889-4140. The next volunteer training sessions will be held on Monday evenings, September 28 through December 14.

Elizabethtown Water Warns Customers To Check Workers ID's

To promote safety in the communities it serves, Elizabethtown Water Company and its subsidiaries are reminding customers to insist on seeing proper identification of anyone who comes to their home claiming to be a water company employee.

All company employees carry identification and should be asked to show it if they are on a customer's property or if they ask permission to enter a customer's home.

All meter readers must wear their identification badges on their uniforms. The badge displays the employee's name, photograph, signature, Social Security number and an expiration date.

If customers have any doubt about the identity of a person claiming to be a water company employee, they should call the Elizabethtown Water Company customer service department at (800) 272-1325.

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