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ON TRACK WITH REPAIRS...The NJ Transit steel girder railroad bridge that runs above Crossway Place near Westfield's Public Works Building is undergoing a \$1.4 million renovation.

NJ Transit Aims to Replace RR Bridge Before Year's End

By KIM KINTER Specially Written for The Westfield Leader The railroad bridge that goes over Crossway Place near the town's Public Works Building is undergoing a \$1.4 million renovation...

The NJ Transit project, which got under way in the spring, is expected to be completed during the winter. Upon completion of that project, the Town of Westfield will widen Crossway Place, which runs between North and South Avenues...

The current bridge was built in 1915. It predates NJ Transit and may have been built before Central Railroad of New Jersey operated the railway that previously ran on the Raritan Valley track...

It is used daily by NJ Transit's Raritan Valley Line as the trains travel from Westfield to the line's end in High Bridge. NJ Transit annually targets bridges, in particular, for refurbishment or replacement based on their condition.

"Some have been around for quite a bit of time," commented Mr. Miller. Although he said none have been deemed unsafe, some are better candidates for replacement than others.

Six other railroad bridges in New Jersey are being refurbished. The Crossway Place bridge is a steel girder structure and is low and narrow.

The project includes removal of the old bridge and stone abutments. A new foundation will be dug and a wider, higher concrete bridge will be constructed, Mr. Miller said.

The project is being completed by Marquis Construction and Electrical, of Augusta in Sussex County. It is being paid for by funds from the federal Transit Administration, an arm of the United States Department of Transportation.

Mr. Miller said Marquis Construction works mainly during the off-peak hours of daily rail travel and has the option of working weekends as well. The contract calls for the project to be completed in February of 2000, but Mr. Miller said NJ Transit officials are hoping that the new bridge will be in place before that,

possibly before the end of the year. The transit agency has been working with Westfield Town Engineer Kenneth B. Marsh, in discussing time elements and what the town would like to do with the road.

Earlier this summer, Mr. Marsh had said the town was working on plans concerning what to do with the road and hoped to begin work on Crossway Place before winter. The estimated cost of the road project to the town is \$125,000 and money has been set aside to fund it, according to the Town Engineer.

But, Mr. Marsh noted this week, it is now unlikely the project will be tackled until next spring since the bridge will not be completed until December.

The town's plans are done, but the job has not been advertised for bid. In accordance with the plans, the town will widen the road, which is now 18 feet wide at the bridge, to 40 feet wide at the new structure. A bend in the roadway also will be constructed so that it will align with Edgewood Avenue and eliminate a somewhat dangerous intersection, Mr. Marsh said.

Until the town can begin work in the spring, a temporary stone shoulder will be used at the widened bridge

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Curriculum, Technology Changes Greet Westfield School Students

By RUSS WATKINS Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

When Jessica Celine asked Christina Carswell's second-grade students to follow some simple instructions in Spanish last November, she was impressed.

"They only had to hear me once or twice before they remembered what to do," said Miss Celine, who was piloting an experimental language program at Tamaques Elementary School in Westfield. Students in two of the school's second-grade classes met twice a week for 30 minutes to learn simple Spanish words and phrases.

The program, which will become an official part of the curriculum when school resumes next Wednesday, September 8, was developed in response to a state mandate that requires all New Jersey students to be proficient in a foreign language by fifth grade.

Miss Celine, who has a master's degree in Spanish, will teach the program under the supervision of Foreign Language Supervisor Robert Roth. Gonzo Vasquez, a native of Spain, will also teach several classes. Together they will rotate a schedule of teaching Spanish to all second

graders throughout the district twice a week for 30 minutes each.

The new program uses a combination of music, drama and conversation to teach students everyday phrases and commands.

"A lot of people say they can't speak a word of a foreign language even if they've studied it for five years," Miss Celine said, "but that can't happen with this program, because it's based entirely on speaking."

Westfield Board of Education member and Curriculum Committee Chairwoman Annmarie Puleio believes Miss Celine's type of enthusiasm guarantees success for the curriculum change.

"The driving force behind education in Westfield is a commitment to translate the will of the community into a vibrant, challenging education for its children," she said. "We draw on a highly experienced, professional staff to develop a cutting edge curriculum."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley said the ready availability of Spanish-language resources drove the board's decision to choose Spanish over other languages. The state mandate requires only that stu-

dents be proficient in a language. It leaves the choice up to the district as to which language will be taught.

Mr. Roth said he initially thought the program might detract from the enthusiasm among students in the experimental program ran so high, it wound up exceeding his expectations.

Learning any foreign language at an early age will make it easier for Westfield students to do well with this area of study in the sixth grade, when they must choose between French and Spanish, he added.

"The way the brain learns a foreign language before puberty is completely different than how it learns after," he said. "You can still learn a language, but it's much more difficult."

In addition to the new language program, Westfield schools will receive a revised Language Arts curriculum for grades 6 through 8 and nearly 200 new computers.

Revisions to the intermediate Language Arts curriculum are part of an effort to align Westfield with state mandatory standards in that field. Mrs. Puleio said she hopes the revisions will help ease the transition between elementary, intermediate and

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Downtown Westfield Corp. Hopes To Fund Variety of Town Projects

By DEBORAH MADISON Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) has created plans to revitalize numerous locations in and around the downtown area of Westfield.

The DWC applied to the county for \$1.2 million as part of the "Downtown Union County" grant program to fund some of these projects, while other projects will be paid for through the town's capital improvements fund.

Westfield is one of the 14 municipalities which will share grants totaling \$5 million to be distributed in September by the county.

The plan includes two projects to replace trash receptacles and add signage throughout the entire downtown area, as well as revitalization projects earmarked for 10 specific site locations.

The projects have been designed "to transform the town center into a more pedestrian-friendly, safer and

more attractive environment," according to the grant application submitted by the DWC to Union County. Of the \$1.2 million applied for by the DWC, \$450,000 has been approved by the county for improvements to the Central Avenue corridor - one of the 10 locations eyed for improvements. This money will fund new sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting, signage and shade trees from the north to the south sides of town.

Improvements at nine other locations will also include new sidewalks, ornamental lighting, shade trees and planters. Some sites will receive special amenities, such as bicycle racks, information kiosks, decorative benches and red brick crosswalk pavers.

Approximately 100 new, decorative trash receptacles will replace the 65 existing "obsolete and unsightly" models to make the downtown more attractive and keep the area free of litter, according to the plan.

Twelve "Westfield - 1720" signs

will be posted at locations along major routes leading into Westfield. The signage project and the trash receptacles will be funded by money from the town's capital budget.

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HELPING THE NEW TEACHERS...Assistant Principal Bob Eyre, center, is busy preparing for the upcoming school year by holding orientations and informational meetings with the new Westfield High School teachers.

Mrs. Riegel's Selection Culminates Search for Newest BOE Member

By KIM KINTER Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Darielle Walsh has been faced with the same situation several times in the eight years she has served on the Westfield Board of Education.

A publicly-elected board member unexpectedly leaves the board before a term has expired, leaving the rest of the public body with the task of appointing a replacement.

The state of New Jersey's only requirement in the process is that a replacement be named within 65 days of the time the member vacated the

Board of Education. However, the process for deciding who that replacement will be is up to each individual school board, Mrs. Walsh pointed out.

And for the Westfield Board of Education, each time a vacancy occurred in the last several years, that selection process has varied.

In 1995, for instance, when Robert Flast resigned from the board, members called on only one person, former member John Toriello, to take his place, Mrs. Walsh said. In other instances, however, board members

gathered a list of people to consider and to contact to fill the opening.

So, when the Westfield Board of Education talked during the summer about who should replace veteran board member Ginger Hardwick, who announced her retirement effective August 1, board members knew there were several ways to approach the problem.

During a board meeting early in the summer, members decided to follow the process of coming up with a list of names that represented a cross section of the Westfield community, Mrs. Walsh said.

A total of 30 to 40 names were brought before the board. Following a discussion among the nine members, that list was narrowed to 20 people.

Mrs. Walsh said the 20 candidates included parents, other community members and some former school board members.

The Board President added that anyone from the community who was

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Planning Board Green Lights Applications For Embree Crescent Subdiv.; Elm Street Café

By LILLIANDUGGAN Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Planning Board approved two applications during a special meeting August 25, including one requesting the subdivision of the property at 847 Embree Crescent, and another to open a café-style restaurant at 35-39 Elm Street.

Michael Mahoney, the owner of 847 Embree Crescent, located in the northwest side of town near the Scotch Plains border, plans to level the existing home there and divide the property into two plots on which he will

develop Colonial-style houses. The houses will individually measure approximately 3,000 and 3,500 square feet.

In his testimony, Mr. Mahoney cited reasons for replacing the existing home with two new ones. He said he feels that the home is not suitable for renovation because the layout is "not conducive to family needs" and alterations to the original home were not done correctly. Because of its poor condition, Mr. Mahoney stated, he believes renovation of the home is not financially worthwhile.

Mr. Mahoney's plans to demolish the home have met with some opposition from the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and area residents.

The Planning Board had requested the input of the HPC regarding Mr. Mahoney's application. Commission Chairwoman Bonnie L. Danser testified at last week's meeting that the home, a Queen Anne variant built in the 1890s, "is not in magnificent condition." She maintained, however, that the property serves as a link between two nearby "exceptionally mixed neighborhoods."

Ms. Danser said she feels that it's "always a loss to lose something that's been in Westfield so long." Because

the home is not on any list of historical landmarks, it is not protected by the HPC.

According to Ms. Danser, the HPC wants the developer to ensure that the two new homes are "compatible" with the surroundings, rather than adding yet another architectural style to the already varied neighborhood.

Planning Board members agreed with Ms. Danser, and a motion was passed that the owner's building plans be approved by the Architectural Review Board prior to construction. The motion was made by Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, who is a member of the Planning Board.

According to Planning Board Chairman Martin Robins, "under

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Roof Repair Under Way At Jefferson

By MICHELLE H. LePOIDEVIN Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Editor's Note: The following is the final installment of a summer series of articles regarding improvements under way at Westfield's public schools as a result of the bond referendum passed by voters last December.

WESTFIELD - The replacement of the entire roof at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield is



Jefferson Elementary School

well under way. The Westfield Board of Education anticipates that the project, which began on June 28, will be completed by the beginning of the school year.

Board members estimated that the repairs would cost \$392,025. However, a bid was awarded to S.J. Carney Roofing, Inc. for \$306,600.

Completion of the fascia and other cleanup work for the roofing project can be completed while school is in session.

Renovation to the first floor lavatories near the multipurpose room is expected to begin in October and end before the new millennium. The project was estimated to cost \$150,000. The bid will go out in less than two weeks for the renovations.

The final project at Jefferson School calls for the computer cabling and integration of approximately 163 work stations. Elcom Services Group of Edison and Pennsylvania was awarded the bid for \$66,841. Originally, board members expected the project to cost \$98,700.

The computer cabling and integration will be done in November and December at Jefferson.

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MUSIC FOR A SUMMER NIGHT...The Voodudes, a band specializing in creole, folk and island music, entertain area residents during an August 19 performance on the Village Green in Scotch Plains. Pictured, left to right, are: Jim Beckerman, Mike Flynn, Dave Ambrosy, Andy Bernstein and Gary Ambrosy.

### SP Republicans Present Views on the Past Year; Discuss Campaign Issues

By FRED ROSSI  
Specially Written for The Times

*Editor's Note:* This week, *The Times* interviewed Republicans on the Scotch Plains Township Council to discuss the last eight months in office and what they expect for the fall, including the General Election. Last week, *The Times* talked with Democratic Scotch Plains Mayor Geri M. Samuel about her view of the first eight months of this year and the future.

The two Republicans on the Scotch Plains Township Council have promised that this year's 5 percent property tax increase will be a significant issue in the fall campaign to fill the unexpired term of Democrat Franklin P. Donatelli, who died in May. Control of the five-member governing body will go to the party that is victorious in the balloting during the General Election on Tuesday, November 2. Councilman Martin Marks, the Campaign Co-Chairman for Republican candidate Frank Rossi, has vowed that the Democratic candidate, Phillip Wiener, will be chal-

lenged to explain his earlier backing of the 5 percent property tax increase that was strongly opposed by the Republicans during the council's discussions on the matter in April and May. Mr. Marks told *The Times* this week that Mr. Wiener "publicly supported the Democrats' tax increase proposals, and even supported the initial 6 percent proposal that was rejected. We intend to remind him, and to remind voters in Scotch Plains, of his comments."

Mr. Marks responded to remarks made in last week's *Times* by Democratic Mayor Geri M. Samuel that when the GOP controlled the council, Republicans, too, had proposed similar tax increases. "You can go back and find considerable tax increases," Mr. Marks admitted, "but you never had a surplus of more than \$3 million at the same time." Mr. Marks and fellow Republican Councilman William F. McClintock, Jr. both urged the council in April to pare back the proposed tax increase by using more of what they said was

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### Appeal for Deal Oil Property Continues As Board Faces Deadline for Decision

By SUZETTE F. STALKER  
Specially Written for The Times

The Fanwood Planning Board's hearing of a controversial application for apartments at the Dean Oil site entered its third round August 25, this time focusing on traffic issues, as well as additional concerns over how the facility would impact the community.

Once again, the appeal by LaGrande Realty Associates, LLC drew more than 100 people to the Park Middle School auditorium in Scotch Plains for continuing testimony regarding the development group's bid to construct a two-story, 25-unit complex on the lot at LaGrande Avenue and Second Street. Borough residents have steadfastly opposed the project, arguing it would be an inappropriate use of the 1.3-acre property, which is presently zoned as general-commercial. The lot, which underwent an environmental cleanup several years ago, has been vacant for a decade.

Opponents, who have banded together as Fanwood Citizens for Responsible Development (FCRD), have claimed the multi-family dwelling would put a strain on local school enrollment, services and facilities; increase traffic and create parking problems in the area. They have also maintained that the project would remove a sizeable chunk of available land from the downtown area, which the borough is attempting to revitalize. LaGrande Realty Associates' proposal calls for 23 two-bedroom and two one-bedroom apartments to be housed within a brick-and-glass

building with a peaked roof. Four of the dwellings have been earmarked for affordable housing. The building would provide two parking spaces for each rental unit. The applicants have a contract to purchase the site from its current owner, identified in Fanwood tax records as Savers' Shares of Morristown.

During his testimony last week, William Denzler, an urban planner for the applicant, reiterated his argument that the planned apartment building, with a density of 21 units per acre, would represent "the minimal feasible development of this site." He noted that the borough's revised Master Plan, adopted by the Planning Board last November, contains a recommendation that the entire half block of Second Street between LaGrande and South Avenues, including the Dean Oil site, be rezoned as central-commercial. The Borough Council is expected to adopt its revised zoning ordinance by the end of this year.

Mr. Denzler argued that apartments are a permitted use in a central-commercial zone, and that such use of the property would be less intense than if it were developed for retail. He projected that 50 people, including half a dozen children, would live in the building. The planner said the proposed 226-foot building length would be "compatible with the neighborhood," noting that a stretch of Martine Avenue stores between Eckerd Drugs and Bagel America are linked by a solid facade spanning more than 300 feet. He also cited several other communities, including Westfield, Fair

Lawn, Boonton and Somerville, which he said were home to apartment complexes with similar numbers of units per acre. Mr. Denzler said these facilities were also adjacent to commercial districts and near single-family residences.

These towns, however, vary in size and population in comparison to Fanwood, which has 7,108 residents living within 1.3 square miles. Mr. Denzler maintained that the planned apartment complex would provide housing for seniors and others seeking apartments, while also helping Fanwood to meet its affordable housing obligation, which he placed at 45 units.

Borough Engineer Richard Marsden disputed Mr. Denzler's assessment of Fanwood's affordable housing obligation, however, saying no such figure had yet been received from the state Council On Affordable Housing.

With the board under pressure to reach a decision in the case before Friday, October 1, Board Chairman Gregory Cummings proposed that questions from the public be limited to two minutes each, in order to allow sufficient time for all witnesses to be heard.

The suggestion drew reactions of protest from some members of the audience, however, who had been waiting to address issues with Mr. Denzler. The planner had also testified before the board regarding the application on July 28. "We have a right to talk to this man," said Thomas P. Ryan, Jr. of Marian Avenue, currently a Republican candidate for Borough Council and a mem-

ber of FCRD, who called the applicant's planner "the most important witness."

After two other board members spoke in favor of allowing extended time for public questions, Mr. Cummings and his colleagues decided not to impose the two-minute limit.

The Board Chairman reminded the audience, however, that if the board does not render a verdict within 120 days after the application was completed, it will automatically be approved under state law.

LaGrande Realty Associates, which had originally proposed a three-story building with 36 units last February, completed its present application on June 3, according to Planning Board records.

Mr. Denzler spent much of the evening fielding questions from members of the audience — none of whom appeared to be in favor of the apartments project. Many residents have advocated commercial development of the property, which would generate more substantial tax ratables for the community. One resident observed that the borough's revised Master Plan actually recommends a blend of commercial and residential development for the proposed central-commercial zone.

Mr. Ryan quizzed the planner on such matters as whether the latter felt the Dean Oil site could accommodate the proposed scope of the project; how much it would cost to add children living in the complex to the public school rolls and if there would be sufficient recreation space for the apartments' residents. Mr. Denzler said he believed the site was appropriate for the proposed project, but said he did not have knowledge

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### Scotch Plains-Fanwood Schools Open Doors To About 4,400 Students on Wednesday, Sept. 8

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN  
Specially Written for The Times

Barring a natural disaster similar to the tornado that ripped through area towns a year ago, the doors of Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools will open Wednesday, September 8, to welcome approximately 4,400 stu-

dents for the new school year. As in the past, schools will start with a half-day on Wednesday, and move quickly into full-day sessions for Thursday and Friday of next week. Through the summer, district officials hired approximately 40 new teachers, bringing the total number

of in-class educators to approximately 382. In preparation for the 1999-2000 school year, administrators expanded the New Teacher Orientation Program to a full five days, beginning August 30. District officials appear commit-

ted to minimizing teacher time out of the classroom for training and meetings. While there are some experienced teachers among the incoming group, most seemed to be new to the classroom, it appeared during an orientation at Board of Education office's on Monday that *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* also attended. All were enthusiastic, full of questions and eager to learn successful classroom management skills.

Concerns from new teachers included: how to structure an elementary school day most effectively; how to manage the "black holes, which are various times of the day when it is difficult to hold students' attention; how to construct an effective discipline plan; how to manage block scheduling; how to deal with the subjectivity of grading at the elementary level, and how to deal with parents at Back to School Night and on an ongoing basis.

District orientation directors Andrea Karanik, Susan Laffey and Rita Selsner repeatedly emphasized the need for new teachers to feel comfortable asking their mentors, teaching buddies and grade-level colleagues for assistance. "Don't be shy. Ask for what you need," stated Mrs. Selsner, who teaches seventh-grade History at Terrill Middle School. She encouraged teachers to go to their supervisors and principals for additional support and information.

Through the summer months, ServiceMaster Management Services Company of Downers Grove, Ill. took the helm with respect to custodial and maintenance activities in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district.

Guy Harn, who manages ServiceMaster's activities locally, outlined the major projects, which the company undertook this summer. At Terrill Middle School, a new Media Center computer room has been under construction and is scheduled for completion before September 8. Workers also constructed a new office and art room at the school.

At Park Middle School, workers continue construction of a computer instruction room within the Media Center. It is scheduled for completion by late September-early October.

At Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS), crews removed the floor-level bleachers in the main gym,

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### Roosting Birds Continue to Plague Golf Street, Wood Road Residents

By FRED ROSSI  
Specially Written for The Times

Maybe it was the cool late August weather, or perhaps the worst has already passed. Whatever the reason, the thousands of birds that usually make the Golf Street-Wood Road neighborhood of Scotch Plains their annual summer roost were few and far between this past Monday evening. "I don't know where they are," confessed Jeff Downing of Wood Road, a leader in the effort of some in the area to prod the Scotch Plains Township Council to take action to disperse the flock, which, some complain, is preventing them from enjoying the outdoors during the three-and-a-half months the grackles, blackbirds and starlings make the neighborhood their nighttime home.

Beginning in late winter, a group of neighborhood residents met with the Council to urge action similar to, if not stronger than, last summer's pyrotechnics effort, which was partially successful in dispersing the birds — at least temporarily.

The Council heard stories of residents fearful of exposing their children to the numerous bird droppings in their yards and on their driveways and sidewalks.

One Wood Road homeowner told of barbecuing in his backyard while holding an umbrella to shield himself and his food from the birds.

In the spring, the Council began discussing the use of a fruit-based fog that would be sprayed into the large trees in which the birds roost.

Such a method is used at large airports to keep birds away from runways and airplane hangars.

But after hearing some residents express concerns about the potential health hazards of such a solution, the Township Council voted in July not to employ a fogging solution.

In early August, Mr. Downing wrote to Mayor Geri Samuel and the Council, stating that "the problem will continue without active involvement," and urged a 10-day pyrotechnics and bird distress sounds effort recommended by an expert with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"The Council didn't do what we asked them to do," Mr. Downing told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* earlier this week.

He said if nothing is ultimately done this year, then he will begin

making plans to consult with the Council again next year.

In an interview last month, Mayor Samuel told *The Times* that the bird problem was not as bad this summer as it was last year.

But Jim O'Connor of Gallagher Avenue differed with the Mayor. "I can't use my deck," he told *The Times*, adding that he had left his car outside one night last week and had to take it to the car wash the following day due to the bird droppings.

Another area resident, Barbara Russ of Duncan Drive, told *The Times* she wasn't directly affected by the birds, but did have concerns about any potential fogging efforts undertaken by the Township.

### Consultants on Growing Enrollment Impact Appear Before Scotch Plains-Fanwood BOE

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN  
Specially Written for The Times

The consulting firm that will help guide the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education's plan of action with respect to burgeoning enrollment made its first appearance before the board at the August 26 business meeting.

Gary O'Connor of The Thomas Group in Princeton, and Judy Ferguson, the firm's educational consultant, promised the board would receive a report from them on October 18.

The report will include information on the buildings' health and safety code issues, compliance with

the Americans With Disabilities Act and the issue of "life-cycle" costs, which is the expense of maintaining buildings. The report will also analyze the capacity of individual facilities, and identify what the most effective scenario (such as renovation, new construction, re-districting or a combination of all three) would be to meet the students' needs.

The board asked The Thomas Group to consider three district-generated options in its assessment and subsequent development of a potential capital spending plan.

They include: • Move administrative offices out of Evergreen School to free up classroom space. This would require major re-districting of students because much of the school space problem exists on the south side and Evergreen School is located on the north

side of town. • Reconfigure district grade levels to Kindergarten through fourth; fifth through eighth; and ninth through twelfth. This option would necessitate construction of new classrooms at Terrill Middle School and some re-districting. • Add on to Brunner School.

The board also gave the consultants license to present their own recommendation.

In other business, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Principal Dr. David Heisey presented the proposed high school curriculum changes for the 2000-2001 school year. Changes are reviewed at this time to give the high school time to produce the Program of Studies from which students will select courses in January 2000 for the following September.

Whereas some recommendations

were as simple as a name change (such as "Elementary Functions") will be called "Pre-calculus"), the proposal to drop "Algebra I" at the high school — given that the course will be taken by all eighth-grade students — sparked some concern, primarily with respect to transfer students.

Dr. Heisey will appear before the board in September to respond to questions posed at last week's meeting and seek approval on the revised curriculum.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye reviewed five Focus Areas, which will likely drive the district's budget planning for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002. These include: Learning Needs of Students; Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction; Supervision and Professional Development; Technology, and Facilities.

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UPGRADING THE COMPUTERS...David Hall, a Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district employee, is pictured upgrading some of the new I-Mac computers being installed at Park Middle School. About 40 computers were allotted to Park School, 30 to Terrill Middle School and several to Coles Elementary.

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## Children & Parents Together To Hold Open House Event

CRANFORD — Children & Parents Together is a new program which was created in order to meet the specific needs of children and families coping with Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD) and related learning and behavior disorders.

Children & Parents Together is located at Elizabeth General Medical Center/Family Resource Center at 300 North Avenue, Cranford.

Children & Parents Together will hold an Open House for parents on Thursday, October 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Center, 300 North Avenue, 2nd Floor, Cranford.

Leslie S. Tsukroff, the Program Coordinator, will present a lecture on "The Effects of ADD/ADHD on the Family." Refreshments will be served. For more information, or to register for the Open House, please call (800) 982-7212 by Friday, September 30.

Children & Parents Together offers comprehensive psycho-educational and support services for children and their families. Through individual, family and group counseling, parents, children and adolescents learn practical skills to cope with the symptoms of ADD/ADHD and related disorders.

Children and adolescents diagnosed with ADD/ADHD are more likely to suffer from learning disabilities, behavior disorders, anxiety and depression. As a result, they are at an increased risk of experiencing school failure, social isolation, drug/alcohol involvement and violence.

The program offers several specialized forums for children, adolescents and their families. Structured groups for children and adolescents use a peer-group support model to promote positive peer interaction. The groups are designed to address the child's/adolescent's biological, educational, behavioral and social needs.

The program focuses on improving the child's self-esteem through anger and stress management, behavior modification techniques, and social skills training. Parent groups offer tools to assist parents in maximizing their child's potential for success and overall well-being.

UCPC serves children and adults in three locations throughout Union County, plus North Plainfield. The main office, located at 117-119 Roosevelt Avenue in Plainfield, offers a continuum of Outpatient Mental Health Services to adults including an Intensive Outpatient Program and a Partial Care Program.

In addition, the main office provides individual, family, group and couple's counseling to children, adolescents and adults. The Union office, located at 2204 Morris Avenue, provides individual, family group and couples counseling to adults.

For more information on any program or service offered by UCPC Behavioral Healthcare, please contact the main office at (908) 756-6870.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
UNDERGROUND REPAIRS... The on-again, off-again work that continues to take place below the road surface at the corner of Elm and East Broad Streets in downtown Westfield since late spring will continue for the next four weeks. Bell Atlantic is repairing a large cable and the time-consuming job has been hindered by tight space and, on two occasions, leaking sewer water.

## Repairs at Intersection In Westfield to Continue During Next Four Weeks

By KIM KINTER  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Motorists will have another four weeks to maneuver around the on-again, off-again work that has been going on below the road surface at the corner of Elm and East Broad Streets since late this spring.

The work, which began when Bell Atlantic had to dig up the street to repair a cable line, has caused the busy intersection to be partially blocked to traffic at numerous times throughout the summer.

A portion of Elm Street also was completely closed to traffic in both directions several times during the summer as a result of the work.

On-duty Westfield police have been stationed at the street off and on when work has been done to help direct traffic and make it safe for the underground workers, pedestrians and motorists. Bell Atlantic reimburses the town for any time the police have spent at the site, Edward A. Gottko, Town Administrator, pointed out.

"The good news is that within four weeks, the cable will be replaced and the work will be completed and everything will be done," said Soraya Rodriguez, a spokeswoman for Bell Atlantic.

Ms. Rodriguez explained that Bell Atlantic regularly monitors its underground cables and sometime last spring a fluctuation in air pressure surrounding the cable underneath the street at Elm and East Broad Streets indicated something was wrong.

The street was dug up and, upon

inspection, it became clear that the cable needed to be entirely replaced, she said. In the interim, a temporary repair was made and the street was patched. Meanwhile, Bell Atlantic ordered the materials needed to make a permanent replacement.

Complicating the situation, however, and adding to the time that the intersection needed to be partially blocked off and, at various times, closed was when sewer water leaked into the area on two separate occasions.

"It created a dangerous situation for our workers," Ms. Rodriguez said.

On those two occasions, special workers were dispatched to find the source of the leaking sewer water and to professionally remove the tainted water, she said.

Both Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority officials and Kenneth B. Marsh, Westfield Town Engineer, commented that they were unaware of any sewer water leakage problems and did not know of any cleanup that was necessary as a result.

Ms. Rodriguez said that Bell Atlantic responded to various complaints by residents that the steel plates the company had used to cover the work area created too much noise, and put in cement blocks that muffled the sound.

The materials needed to replace the cable are now ready to be put in place. But Ms. Rodriguez said that in itself is time consuming and labor intensive and because of the confined underground space only a few workers at a time can work on the project.

## Councilman Sullivan Not Giving Up Hope On Game Show Spot

By KIM KINTER  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Neil F. Sullivan, Jr. may have missed his chance to become a millionaire last week, but the Westfield Councilman is not giving up.

If the hit trial ABC game show, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?," comes back to the network in the fall, Mr. Sullivan plans to try again for a shot as a guest.

Mr. Sullivan, who represents Westfield's Third Ward, qualified August 22 to try winning \$1 million on the prime time show. But while sitting in the New York City hotel room that ABC had rented for qualifiers such as Mr. Sullivan that Sunday, the Councilman realized he might have a problem.

Small-print rules stipulated that anyone running for a public office needed to get a waiver from any opponents vying for the same post.

And even though Mr. Sullivan represents only 4,500 voters in his ward and gets paid only \$1 a year, ABC attorneys decided after hours of deliberation that the Councilman did need that waiver from his opponent before he could appear on the show.

The trouble was that Mr. Sullivan's opponent, Claire Lazarowitz, was in Australia on vacation with her family. And when she did get back, Ms. Lazarowitz found out her mother was in intensive care in California. She turned her full attention to her mother and did not sign the waiver in time for Mr. Sullivan to appear on the game show.

When the attorneys determined that Mr. Sullivan would not be able to get the waiver, he had the choice of withdrawing from the council race or turning down the chance to compete for the \$1 million prize.

"I thought about it, I talked to my family about it and I finally felt there were priorities and that I had made a commitment to the office," Mr. Sullivan said, adding that after he had made the decision he slept "very well" for the first time in a few days.

"For days I had very nervous energy," he said. "The adrenaline was flowing." The Councilman has been unemployed since last spring, when the company he worked for moved to Chicago.

When the media caught on to the story that the Councilman needed the waiver, questions began about whether politics was involved. Mr. Sullivan is a Republican and Ms. Lazarowitz is a Democrat.

Was it politics?

Both sides say "no." "I don't know how anyone could think it would be political," Mr. Sullivan said. "I take it (not signing the waiver) at face value. Only they can decide what is right for them. It is not in my nature to foist a political spin on this. I hope that wouldn't happen here in Westfield."

Lawrence A. Goldman, a Westfield Fourth Ward Councilman and Chairman of the Westfield Democratic Town Committee, also insisted that that there was no politics involved.

"It needs to be made clear that the Democratic party did not direct her not to sign a waiver," he said. "She was dealing with a serious family problem."

He charged, however, that "the decision to make it political was on Mr. Sullivan's part." He added that Mr. Sullivan always had the option of

withdrawing from the race. As for Ms. Lazarowitz, she did sign the waiver on August 28 and faxed it to ABC in New York.

In a statement released to The Westfield Leader on Monday, Ms. Lazarowitz said: "Of course I would have been willing to sign Mr. Sullivan's legal waiver, as long as I had enough time to fully understand what I was signing. Frankly, until I learned that my mother had been stabilized, her health was my first and only concern during the 48 hours following my return to Westfield."

"My dear husband was stepping forward to help and speak for me, but it was I who needed to be able to deal with this and I just couldn't in the time frame they allowed...I hope that Mr. Sullivan understands that my concern over my mother's health had to take priority over his request to appear in a game show."

Mr. Sullivan is philosophical about the situation.

"It was just bad luck, but I'll try again if the show comes back," he told The Westfield Leader. "I asked the producers if I could come back without going through the qualifying stages, but they just don't know yet because they are still trying to figure out what to do with the show."

ABC acquired the rights to "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" a successful British quiz show that has consistently garnered large audiences in England. It was a big success in the American market also, with four episodes ranking among Nielsen Media Research's top 10 shows during the week of August 15.

Mr. Sullivan said he started watching the show on television and said to himself: "Hey, I know the answers to these questions."

He said he tried four times to qualify to appear on television through a unique telephone quiz that ranks people on their ability to answer a series of questions in the shortest period of time — less than 10 seconds. The fifth time around Mr. Sullivan qualified, and the rest is history — for now, at least.

## Summer Reading Club At SP Public Library Deemed a Success

SCOTCH PLAINS — The 1999 Summer Reading Club at the Children's Department of the Scotch Plains Public Library was a success, according to library officials.

Of the 150 children registered, 110 completed their reading contracts. To say "Congratulations" to all of its summer readers, a party for the children was held on August 10 in the Library Meeting Room.

Kathryn Weidener entertained the children with a blend of imagination and storytelling.

After the program, refreshments were served. Each child received a packet with a certificate from the Children's Department.

A special thanks was given to all the mothers and fathers and Children's Librarian Ann Luerssen, Library Assistant Mary Schank and the entire library staff.

Certificates will be available until Friday, September 10, for anyone who participated in the club but was unable to attend the party.

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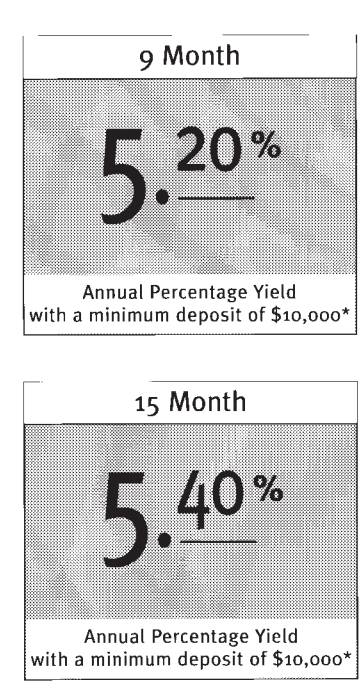
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## New Italian Restaurant is Proposed In Former Paprika Grille Location

**By KIM KINTER**  
*Specialy Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

WESTFIELD—Westfield may soon have a new Italian restaurant.

Ken Marcotte, who operated a restaurant at 115 Elm Street for the last 10 years, told *The Westfield Leader* that he has sold his former operation to a man who intends to open a northern Italian style eatery at the downtown Westfield location.

Mr. Marcotte said he has sold the restaurant's equipment and the restricted liquor license he held for his former establishment to Faruq Ghebuka for about \$200,000.

The closing of the sale is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, Mr. Marcotte said.

He added that he had been dealing with two interested buyers for his operation, one of whom had come to him directly. Mr. Ghebuka, however,

had directly contacted the new owners of the Elm Street building, former Westfield Councilman Norman Greco and a partner.

"He (Mr. Ghebuka) offered a better price," Mr. Marcotte commented.

Mr. Marcotte operated restaurants in downtown Westfield for the last 11 years.

His most recent endeavor, Paprika Grille, situated at the Elm Street location, closed on July 26.

Prior to that, he and his wife, Nancy, operated Ken Marcotte International Delicacies — commonly known as Ken Marcotte — in the same location for 10 years.

When he closed Paprika Grille, Mr. Marcotte commented that the restaurant business had exhausted him and his wife and that he wanted to spend more time with his family.

Since he closed the business, Mr. Marcotte has become executive chef at the Old Mill Inn, a restaurant located on the shore in Spring Lake. He has been there about a month, cooking the restaurant's current offerings, and has created some menu specials.

In the fall, however, Mr. Marcotte will revamp the entire menu for the restaurant at the request of the owner, Joe Amiel. Mr. Marcotte said that he will be bringing some of his specialties used in his Westfield restaurants to the Old Mill Inn and will also be developing some new creations.

He added that he eventually will enhance the restaurant's menu with some of the homemade ice cream for which he became so well known in Westfield.

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### Area Residents Among Yeshiva Graduates

Jeffrey Weisslitz of Westfield and Jeffrey Kohn of Scotch Plains were among the more than 2,000 members of the Class of 1999 receiving degrees at Yeshiva University's 68th annual commencement held May 26 in The Theater at Madison Square Garden.

Jeffrey Kohn received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Yeshiva College and Jeffrey Weisslitz earned a Master of Arts Degree from Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology.

### Decorative Workshops Set At Westfield Y This Fall

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Y will hold a series of Decorative Arts workshops this fall.

Beginning with "Introduction to Decorative Painted Finishes," which serves as a prerequisite for the other classes in the series, participants can learn the basics of marbling, stenciling or wood-graining.

Taught by local decorative painter Lynne Applebaum, whose work ranges from tromp-l'oeil wall treatments to custom furniture painting, these workshops will enable the student to understand how to approach a project from start to finish. Ms. Applebaum has studied this art form at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts and the Old Church Cultural Center in Demarest with noted decorative artist Sandra Holzoen.

"Introduction to Decorative Painted Finishes," which will be held on Saturday, September 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., is a four-hour workshop that will teach the student how to create glazes, mix colors and use a variety of brushes and tools to paint a textured finish on a wall or piece of furniture. There will be a one-hour break for lunch.

Preparation for walls and furniture prior to painting, as well as some basic faux techniques, such as ragging, marbling and sponging will be covered.

The fee for this course is \$90 for Westfield Y members and \$110 for non-members. All materials will be included.

After completing the prerequisite course, students can choose to learn

## Deerfield Students Head Back To Classrooms Wednesday, Sept. 8

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

MOUNTAINSIDE — As summer recess draws to a close, students from Deerfield School and Governor Livingston High School will be trading in their beach passes for hall passes.

According to school officials, students from both schools will discover new procedures, programs, curriculum, equipment and staff upon their return.

Dr. Gerard Schaller, Chief School Administrator for Deerfield School, said the school will reopen its doors to over 600 students next Wednesday, September 8.

Dr. Schaller stated that a new policy has been implemented for security reasons regarding access to Deerfield School. He pointed out that entry to the school this year will only be possible through the main door of the building, located by the flag pole.

He also stated that all other doors will be locked at 8:40 a.m. and that visitors will have to ring the bell and wait for an office staff member to admit them.

"Once our visitors have been admitted, they will be escorted to the office, required to sign in and issued a visitor's badge, which must be worn while in the school and must

be returned prior to leaving the building," said Dr. Schaller.

He noted that a newly-appointed Assistant Principal has recently been added to the Deerfield staff.

"Dr. Elizabeth Keshish started working for the district on July 1," said Dr. Schaller. He remarked that Dr. Keshish, who was formerly the Kindergarten through 12th Grade Language Arts Supervisor in Old Bridge for the last couple of years, "brings expertise in the area of curriculum development and implementation."

Dr. Schaller observed that "Dr. Keshish has spent her first two months at Deerfield becoming very familiar with the Mountainside school district, and has already begun working with curriculum committees and myself in establishing guidelines and procedures to ensure a smooth school year."

He noted that the district's mathematics program has been re-written, and new textbooks have been selected and approved by the Board of Education. He stated that parents will receive an outline of all new mathematics programs and that training sessions will be offered to parents, as well as a parent resource center.

Dr. Schaller also revealed that the Social Studies and Language Arts Literacy Committees met over the summer to "continue their tasks in aligning the curriculum with the (New Jersey Department of Education) Core Content Standards."

According to Dr. Schaller, the industrial arts classroom has been updated with more current materials to enable the students to develop a more hands-on approach to team and individual projects. In addition, he said other classrooms have had carpeting or tile replaced.

Dr. Benjamin Jones, Principal of Governor Livingston High School, noted that the school will open today, Thursday, September 2, at 8 a.m. Dismissal will be at 2:40 p.m.

Governor Livingston, which enrolls Mountainside students, will welcome 785 pupils this year — up from last year's total enrollment of 750. Freshmen began with a half day yesterday, Wednesday, September 1.

Dr. Jones, who has been with the Berkeley Heights school system for almost 30 years, stated that Governor Livingston was in the process of revising its curriculum to align with the New Jersey State Core Content Standards. The high school is also molding the former regional district curriculum into a format specifically for Berkeley Heights.

Dr. Jones also stated that for the upcoming school year, Governor Livingston received two grants to upgrade school equipment.

The first of these, a \$15,000 grant received from Lucent Technologies, has been allocated to upgrade the school's digital photography equipment for students taking Advanced Photography.

The grant has also funded "The Buddy Project," a year-round offering for students taking Photography II in which participants take pictures of all facets of school life.

According to Mary Ann Kjetsaa, District Supervisor for Industrial Arts, World Languages and the Media Center in Berkeley Heights, the Lucent grant will be used to purchase two computers, software, scanners, printers and digital cameras for the project, which will depict "a day in the life of a student attending Governor Livingston High School."

Mrs. Kjetsaa added that the photography program will include sharing the pictures via e-mail with schools in Italy and Spain, as well as some other schools in New Jersey.

"The project will let students see what a typical day in their school looks like, as well as give them a chance to make a portfolio of their work," stated Mrs. Kjetsaa.

She added that part of the project will involve students critiquing their own work in their portfolio and said the work will be displayed on the school's web page, [www.bhs.k12.nj.us/](http://www.bhs.k12.nj.us/).

The second grant is an Access 2000 matching grant from the state in the amount of \$500 that will be used for computer software in the World Language Department.

Reflecting on other areas of high school life, Dr. Jones stated that many of the school's sports teams were doing well because of increased enrollment in extra curricular athletic programs.

He noted that the Girls' field hockey team, led by newly-appointed Head Coach Linda Allocco and newly-appointed Assistant Coach Allison Greene, had an enrollment of 47 students.

"I am optimistic that our athletic teams are going to do very well this year because of our increased enrollment, and am happy to see more students getting involved on our teams and therefore getting more involved in their school," he said.



SHARING HIS EXPERIENCE...Town Administrator and Westfield Rotary Club member Edward A. Gottko, center, is flanked by Rotarian Jane Sentivan, this year's Program Chairwoman, and Dr. William B. Bonsall, Westfield Rotary Club President. Mr. Gottko served as guest speaker at a recent organization meeting, where he discussed his position and the functions of municipal government.

### Mr. Gottko Tells Rotarians About Town Government

WESTFIELD — Westfield Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko addressed fellow members of the Rotary Club of Westfield at a recent meeting of the organization.

Rotarian Gottko described his duties as Town Administrator, and told how the Town of Westfield operated on a budget of \$23 million with 210 employees, 140 part-time employees and 140 seasonal work people.

He explained the system whereby many of the functions of government are under statutory departments.

After 29 years in municipal government, including 20 years in Westfield, Mr. Gottko will be retiring from government service at the end of this year. He does, however, plan to continue to live in Westfield and maintain his membership in the Westfield Rotary Club.

### County Rape Crisis Center Seeks Community Volunteers

WESTFIELD — The Union County Rape Crisis Center, 300 North Avenue East in Westfield, is looking for volunteers to assist sexual assault survivors, their families and significant others.

Volunteer trainees will receive approximately 40 hours of training, which will address the different types of sexual assault and traumatic reactions of survivors and family members. The legal and medical aspect of sexual assault will also be covered.

Volunteer training classes will be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 28 and 30, October 5 and 7, 12 and 14, 19 and 21, 26 and 28 and November 4, 9, 16 and 18.

The Rape Crisis Center, a program under the Department of Human Services, Division of Planning, provides free and confidential services for survivors of sexual assault, their friends and family members in Union County. These services include individual and group therapy, a 24-hour crisis hotline, a speakers bureau, in-service training for hospital personnel, law enforcement, mental health professionals and educators, and consultations with professionals who work with survivors.

The Center also provides information and referral services to professionals and the general public.

Volunteers may serve on the hotline, accompany a victim to a hospital or through the court pro-

cess, or work on the Speakers Bureau to provide educational programs on sexual assault topics to schools, groups and organizations. Volunteers may also distribute information to the community.

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#### Mountainside School Times Listed

MOUNTAINSIDE — Mountainside students attending the Deerfield School, which contains the district's Kindergarten through 8th grade classes, should be in their classrooms by 8:40 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 3 p.m.

Extended-day kindergartners will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

At Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, where Mountainside students attend 9th through 12th grade, classes begin at 8 a.m. Dismissal is 2:40 p.m.

Governor Livingston students actually began school today, September 2, with freshmen having had a half-day of school yesterday, Wednesday, September 1.

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## Arlington Ave. to Hold 25th Year Block Party

By DEBORAH MADISON  
Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — The 25-year tradition began in 1975, when previous Arlington Avenue resident Sally Lafferty hosted a welcoming party for then new residents Robert and Anne Wischus and the Zicchino family.

Since that time, both the Wischus and the Zicchinos have moved on, but the block party tradition has continued.

The Arlington Avenue Block Party Association is holding its 25th annual Silver Anniversary Block Party on Saturday, September 4, from noon until 10 p.m. For the first time, the party will be expanded to include a variety of streets located behind the Westfield Memorial Library in the northern part of town.

The block party coordinators have maintained a scrapbook detailing all of the previous block parties, as well as some neighborhood history.

Mary Jo Rice, co-coordinator of this year's party, said that this is a very special celebration because it not only is the group's 25th anniversary, but also the group's last block party of the century.

In honor of this event, Mayor Thomas C. Jardim sent a letter to Ms. Rice saying that he will attend the party to present the Arlington Avenue Block Party Association with an honorary proclamation.

Ms. Rice has been researching the history of the neighborhood and will be displaying an exhibit of her research at the party.

Other events slated for the day will include a clown and magician show from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and keyboard entertainment for the adults.

There will also be games for both children and adults, as well as plenty of food and drink, according to Ms. Rice. The block will be closed to traffic so that the kids can roller blade and ride bikes.

Attendance is open only to the residents of Arlington Avenue, the 100-231 block of Benson Place, all of Archbold Place, and the 500-600 block of East Broad Street and the 500-600 block of Lenox Avenue.

Invitations have also been extended to more than 20 previous Arlington Avenue residents, called "alumni."

Because of the special anniversary, the party is being opened up to residents of these other blocks for the first time.

Karen Muller is Co-Chairwoman of the block party for this year, along with Ms. Rice.

Anyone who is a resident of these blocks or an alumnus (previous resident), and is interested in participating may call Ms. Rice at (908) 789-0210.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
GIVING THE PROPER DIRECTIONS...Jon Sauer, a Traffic Enforcement Officer in the Westfield Police Department and a former Westfield resident, is doing a fine job of making sure that motorists and pedestrians stay safe at the intersection at Central Avenue and Broad Street.

## Magnet HS Debating Team Wins Novice Championship

SCOTCH PLAINS — The debating team from the Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology, making its debut appearance, captured the Novice Tier Championship in the statewide 1999 Lincoln Douglas Debates for public high school students.

Sponsored by the Chase Manhattan Bank and the New Jersey Department of Education, the finals were

held and taped at the New Jersey Network Studios in Trenton where the Magnet team defeated North Brunswick for the State title.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders later hosted the winners and adopted a congratulatory resolution in their honor.

The Magnet High School is located at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.



DEBATING CHAMPIONS...The debating team from the Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology, located in Scotch Plains, recently received a congratulatory resolution from Union County for capturing the Novice Tier Championship in the statewide 1999 Lincoln Douglas Debates. Pictured, from left to right, are: Jennifer Phillips of Westfield; IK Ekanwe of Hillside; Meredith Beam, an English teacher and coach of the team; Raj Mukherji of Scotch Plains, Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr. and Dr. Thomas Bistoch, Superintendent of the county Vocational-Technical and Magnet High Schools.

## Jaycees Mark 33rd Year Of Child Shield Program

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Jaycees are celebrating the 33rd year of the Child Shield Program with the introduction of a new shield designed for the 1999-2000 school year by Jaycee member Charles Anthony of Design Sense.

The purpose of the Child Shield Program is to designate at least two homes on every block in Westfield where children may go to seek the assistance of a responsible adult in emergency situations.

The children are taught in school by Safety Officer Mark Cierpial of the Westfield Police Department to recognize the brightly-colored red, white and blue Colonial shield and to understand its meaning.

The Jaycees are principally concerned with the protection of children during school hours, according to spokesman Dr. Timothy P. McCabe. The shield applications are distributed to all elementary school students

to bring home to their parents.

In order to be designated as a Child Shield Home, residents must return the applications and then must go through a background check by the Westfield Police Department.

Qualifying families will be mailed the shields to be placed in one of their windows.

This program is endorsed by Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, the Westfield Board of Education, the Westfield Parent-Teacher Organization and the police department. For further information, please call Dr. McCabe at (908) 654-5632.

The Jaycees are a national organization of young men and women in local chapters who raise money for various charitable causes in their communities. Over the past years, the Westfield Chapter has raised funds through their concerts and BMW car raffles for a variety of school programs and local organizations.



KEEPING KIDS SAFE...The Westfield Jaycees mark the 33rd year of the Child Shield Program at a gathering in the Town Council Chambers recently. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Peter Foltz, Elizabeth Foltz, William Foltz and Haley Mustard, representing Franklin Elementary School in Westfield; back row, Dr. Timothy P. McCabe, Jaycees President David Foltz, Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and Safety Officer Mark Cierpial.

## County's Program Travels To Watchung Reservation

MOUNTAINSIDE — Union County's "Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee" recently appeared at the Watchung Reservation.

The last of three scheduled stops throughout Union County, "Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee" is held rain or shine and provides entertainment such as the Mystic Vision Players School House Rock Program, pie-eating contests, M'Zume Mardi Gras Parade and an arts and craft tent where children made their own musical instrument.

In addition, clowns, jugglers and court jesters, pony rides, a hole-in-one golf challenge, a nature center scavenger hunt, temporary tattoos, yo-yo demonstrations, amusement rides, refreshments and much more were available at

little or no cost.

The first "Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee" was held on June 13 in Warinanco Park in Roselle and the second was held in Rahway River Park on July 18.

The traveling program is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Elizabethtown Gas, United Way of Union County, IKEA, Toys "R" Us and Tosco.

Open year-around, the Watchung Reservation offers a variety of family oriented events including a Harvest Festival, Autumn Hay Rides, a Trailside Museum, stables, hiking trails and programs geared to children.

For more information on "Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee" or Union County Parks and Recreation, call (908) 527-4900.



PIE IN YOUR FACE...Shannon Reimeres of Scotch Plains still has strawberry cream pie on her face after Union County Manager Michael Lapolla declared her winner of one of the two pie eating contests recently held at the Watchung Reservation as part of the "Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee."

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## Free College Courses Offered To County's Senior Citizens

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, in conjunction with the Westfield Foundation and the Learning Is Forever (LIFE) Center of Union County College, will be sponsoring

### Community Center Reports Sponsorship Of Meals for Kids

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Community Center announces 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.

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Family Size	Free	Yearly Income	Yearly Income
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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.)

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two classes during the fall semester of 1999.

"American Experience in the 20th Century" will be taught by Dr. Christopher Gibbs. This three-credit course will continue with modern U.S. history and current national life. This course will be held at 1133 Boynton Avenue on Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon, beginning Friday, September 3.

The second three-credit course being offered, "Intro to Criminal Justice," will be taught by Don Palmer, an expert criminologist who has worked on many cases. He will include what is happening in society today and discuss current cases. The class will be held at 1129 Boynton Avenue on Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m., beginning on September 13.

Both courses are free of charge to Union County residents who are 62 or older. Registration will take place the first session of each class. Parking is available in designated visitor parking areas and along Boynton Avenue, or the access road between the two buildings.

For further information or directions to the facilities, please call Susan Lampert at (908) 233-1733.



REOPENING FOR FALL... Barbara Brown, left, and Joyce Luker, Co-Chairwomen of the Westfield Service League Thrift Shop, prepare for its fall opening on Wednesday, September 8. Clothing, books, toys and jewelry will be among the merchandise available for sale.

## Thrift and Consignment Shop In Westfield to Reopen for Fall

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Service League's Thrift Shop and Consignment Shop, located at 114 Elmer Street, will reopen for business on Wednesday, September 8, at 9 a.m.

In addition to offering clothes for the whole family, books, toys and jewelry will be available. Visitors are invited to browse through the newly stocked shelves. Donations to the Thrift Shop will also be accepted starting on September 8.

On opening day, the Consignment Shop will register consignors and accept and sell merchandise.

The shops are open Tuesday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information, please call the Thrift Shop at (908) 233-2530 and the Consignment Shop at (908) 232-1223.

## Area Residents Named To Spring Dean's List At Providence College

Five area residents have been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the spring 1999 semester.

Jessica Rodino, Thomas Klock, Kathryn Gurske and Kristy Feil, all of Scotch Plains have earned this recognition.

Jessica is a business economics major. Thomas is an accounting major while Kathryn is majoring in English.

Westfield resident Laura Wischusen, a math secondary education major, was also named to the Dean's List.

## Nicholas R. Stefiuk Named to Dean's List At Plymouth State

WESTFIELD — Nicholas R. Stefiuk of Westfield has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Plymouth State College in Plymouth, N.H.

## Westfield AARP Schedules Meeting for September 7

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet on Tuesday, September 7, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

The social hour will begin at 1 p.m., with the meeting starting at 1:30 p.m.

David Freyman of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be the

guest speaker. His topic will be, "The Scope of the FBI Today."

He will present the roles of this governmental agency in investigating and protecting national interests.

Members are reminded to voluntarily bring non-perishable grocery items such as canned, boxed and paper products for the Food Pantry to be donated to the poor, homeless and temporarily unemployed persons.

In other business, the Trips and Tours Committee still has a few seats available for its trip to explore the Hudson Valley, September 20 through September 23.

This is a "stay-put" vacation in which participants will stay in one hotel while making side trips each day in the adjacent area. A hot breakfast will be served each morning, plus lunches; dinners will include live entertainment each night.

The cost is \$392 (double) and \$482 (single). The all-inclusive price covers bus transportation, lodging, meals and entrance fees. For further information, call (908) 232-7153.

Anyone interested in joining the Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the AARP must be at least 50 years of age and be a member of the National American Association of Retired Persons.

Chapter meetings usually are held on the first Monday of each month.

## Playground Programs Conclude; Called Successful

WESTFIELD — Westfield Recreation's summer playgrounds officially closed for the 1999 season on August 12.

The last two weeks of the program were busy for all playgrounds.

Those attending the Jefferson playground traveled to McKinley Elementary School to experience a new playground for the day.

Many playgrounds used money raised during their summer fair for a trip to the Rialto Theatre.

The Westfield Neighborhood Council (WNC) held a talent show in which all those who attended area playgrounds were able to participate.

August 9 marked the last playground swim for the summer.

The "All Parks Picnic" held at Tamaques Park on Wednesday, August 11, was the last celebration for the summer that brought each playground to-

gether for the day. More than 250 children from all eight playgrounds attended.

Events at the picnic included tetherball, nok hockey, connect four and foursquare contests in the morning and, in the afternoon, kids could play football, basketball or use the playground area.

A highlight of the morning was the annual water balloon toss. The tetherball and nok hockey contests were the most popular.

Under Whitfield of the WNC was awarded first place in the 10-12-tetherball tournament. Anthony Baskerville came in first for the 8 to 9-year-olds also from WNC and Joseph Greenspan of the playground at Wilson Elementary School won for the 6 to 7-year-olds. Nok hockey winners included Greg Mitchell for the 6 to 7-year-olds, Patrick Menta for the 8 to 9 age group and Matt Amato for the 10 to 12-year-olds.

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## Cancer Society's Shop To Hold Seasonal Bag Sale

WESTFIELD — The American Cancer Society will be having an end of season Bag Sale at its Discovery Shop, which is located at 311 South Avenue in Westfield, on Wednesday and Thursday, September 8, and 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The purchase of a bag is \$5 and

will include everything in the store — clothing, bric-a-brac, jewelry and shoes.

No merchandise will be accepted for donations on sale days.

The rules of the bag sale are as follows: purchase a bag for \$5 and fill it to the top, not overflowing, with merchandise.

Starting Friday, September 10, the Discover Shop will be accepting fall and winter clothing.

For further information, please call the American Cancer Society at (908) 354-7373 and ask for Susan or Liz.

## Toastmasters to Meet Tonight in Westfield

WESTFIELD — Toastmasters of Westfield, which has planned its roster of speakers for September, will meet tonight, September 2, from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. at Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield, located at 240 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

The group convenes on the first, second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Anyone who is interested in improving his or her public speaking and leadership skills is invited to attend club meetings.

Tonight's Toastmaster will be Jim Van de Water of Union. Fontaine Gatti of Mountainside will give the Opeener and the Topics Master will be Gino Merendino of Linden. Master Evaluator will be Noel Crawford of Mountainside.

Speakers will be Debbie Krajcik of Cranford, Anne Baker of Westfield and Bill Hetfield of Plainfield. Phil Muncasy of South Bound Brook will be in the "Hot Seat".

Evaluators will be Karen Sciaraffa of Plainfield, Steve Bacque of Linden and Ed Cruikshank of Westfield.

Timer will be Sandy Aptecker of Mountainside. Grammarian will be Mark Spencer of Cranford and the "Ah" Counter will be Todd Schwartz of Scotch Plains.

For additional information about Toastmasters of Westfield, please access [www.westfieldnj.com/toastor](http://www.westfieldnj.com/toastor) call (908) 654-9757.

## Sierra Club to Hold Meeting on Sept. 8

CHATHAM — Dave West, Bureau Chief of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Loantaka Group of the New Jersey Sierra Club on Wednesday, September 8, meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the Chathams, Main Street, Chatham.

Members of the Loantaka Group reside in Morris and Union Counties.

Mr. West's area of interest within the DEP is Air Quality Management. He is responsible for regulatory development to control air pollutants from mobile sources such as cars, trucks and buses. His responsibilities also include fuels regulations and advanced technology vehicles.

Mr. West will discuss the enhanced inspection and maintenance program and reformulated fuel, among other items of interest to New Jersey residents.

The meeting is free and the public is invited to attend. For more information, please call (908) 771-9676 or (973) 895-2143 after 5 p.m.

## Quilt Crafter to Address Fanwood Woman's Club

FANWOOD — The Woman's Club of Fanwood, Inc. will feature Marion Koates at its opening meeting of the season on Wednesday, September 8, at 12:30 p.m.

A Denville resident, Ms. Koates will exhibit and explain the design and intricacy of a number of quilts that she has crafted.

The meeting will be held at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, located at 74 South Martine Avenue in Fanwood. The public is invited to attend. For further information, please call Faye Monroe, Program Chairwoman, at (908) 889-4095.

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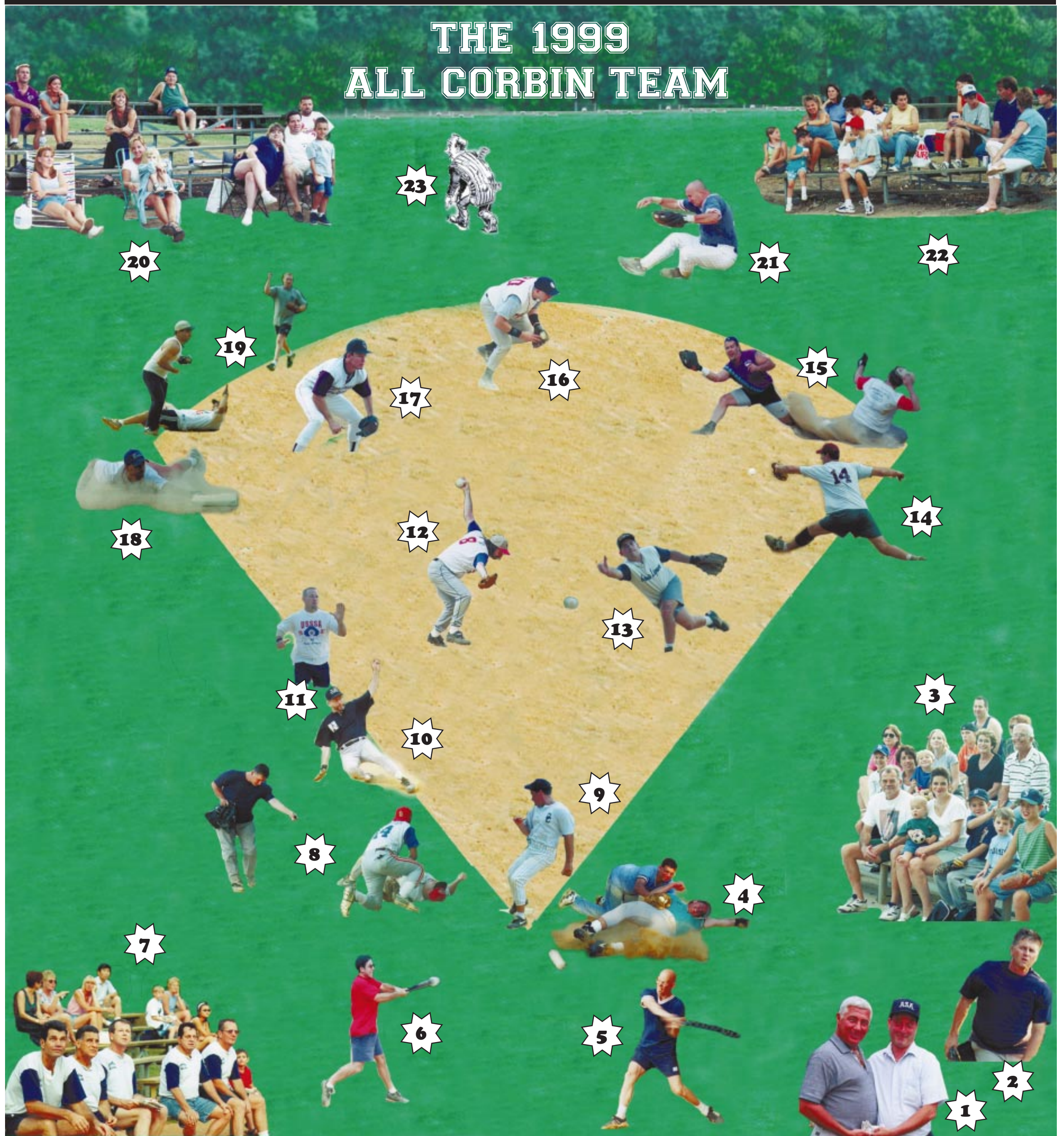
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## The 1999 All Corbin Team:

The All Corbin Team is dedicated to all of the players in all of the seven softball leagues which have been covered this summer. Special thanks is given to these players who had been so gracious, so competitive and so entertaining. *The selections were made on a variety of photos only!* Special consideration is given to John Madden who originated the concept of the All Madden Team.

1. Most Easily Influenced Umpire and Most Diplomatic St. Bart's League Player? (All in Jest!) Umpire Mark Kaplan and Player Ed Hayeck
2. Most Valuable Umpire Who is Wondering What #1 is Doing, Bob Brelinsky (Fanwood Old Men's Softball League)
3. Most Neatly Assembled Fans. (St. Bart's League at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains)
4. Most Crucial Out in a St. Bart's League Game. Catcher Bill Lawrence of the St. James "Gang" and Pat Luongo of St. Patrick
5. Most Terrorizing Expression While Using the "Thunder Stick." Dave Rothenberg ( St. Joseph of the St. Bart's League)
6. Best Point of Contact. Eric Weiss of Red Thunder (JCC League)
7. Most Concerned Expressions from the Bench. Comcast Cablevision of the Union County 50+ League
8. Most Definite Out Call at Home. Umpire Bob Brelinsky, Poplar Catcher Carlos Vasquez and Jordan Scher of Russell Road (Fanwood League)
9. Most Gentle Touch of Home Plate. Brian Wanat of the Depth Chargers (Scotch Plains League)
10. Most Overt Slide at Home and Overt Attempt to Make the All-Corbin Team. Old Star Ronnie Brachman (JCC League)
11. Most Frequently Photographed Home Run Trot. Tim Walsh of the Mattress Factory (Westfield Men's League)
12. Wildest Windup and Rawley Fingers Impersonation. Tony Cedola of A. J. Jersey (Westfield League)
13. Most Photogenic Delivery and Follow Through. Danny Pasquariello of Sun Valley (Fanwood League)
14. Longest Stretch at First to Record the Out. Ron Shovlin of the Mattress Factory (Westfield League)
15. Neatest Expression by a First Baseman After a Rare Slide. First Baseman Paul Gosdick of J. M. Quick With Mike Petersen of Ferraro's Auto Body (Scotch Plains League)
16. Best Defensive Player During Height of Drought. Jerry Lipshitz of A. J. Jersey (Westfield League)
17. Absolutely the Cleanest Uniform in All of Softball.\* Joe Walsh of the Mattress Factory (Westfield League) \*Walsh Always finished With a Dirty Uniform.
18. Most Amount of Dust Consumed. Jay White of A. J. Jersey (Westfield League)
19. Most Definitely Out! Out! at Third. Slider Doug Heintz of Chrono's Tavern and Dan Lemorges of the Unit (Mountainside League)
20. Most Definitely Relaxed Fans. Rooting Section for J. M. Quick (Scotch Plains League)
21. Coolest Stumble. Howie Jones of St. Joseph (St. Bart's League)
22. Most Easily Distracted Fans. Taken Between Innings (St. Bart's League)
23. Most Exhausted Fan and Sponsor. Mattress Factory Logo After Thriller With Checchio Chiropractic (Westfield League)

## THE CLINT FACTOR FACTOR MANUFACTURES TWO RUNS IN SEVENTH

# Russell Road "Kings" Grab 6th Crown; Skid Past Willoughby Road in Thriller

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

Wow! It turned out to be a game of inches indeed when Russell Road grabbed its sixth-straight Fanwood

Old Men's Softball Association crown by skidding past Willoughby Road, 3-1, at LaGrande Park in Fanwood on August 25. Russell hitter Clint Factor ripped a two-run double in the top of

the seventh to make the difference. An inch could have made a difference in the bottom of the first inning when Russell shortstop Tim Walsh stretched as far as he could to his

right to grasp a grounder off the bat of Matt DePalma. Walsh recovered just in time to throw DePalma out at first. Directly afterward, Ralph Russo crashed a double into the left field screen, then Matt Mahoney rapped an RBI double to right-center to give Willoughby a 1-0 lead.

The "inch" factor came up again in the top of the second. Mahoney, the Willoughby shortstop, made a diving leap to knock down a grounder, but Russell batter Dave Buchwald barely legged out the infield single. Two plays later, third baseman Chris McAlindin initiated a fine second-to-first double play to close the inning.

Russell Road tied the game in the third but "inches" came into play once again. Mike Wechstein whacked a double to left field, then DePalma robbed Kurt Staeudle of at least a single by making a great diving snag in left. Next, Wechstein scampered to third on a passed ball then scored on Dennis O'Connor's looping single to shallow right. The inning concluded when Maloney initiated a second-to-first double play.

Russell Road pitcher Tom Culinane hushed Willoughby in the bottom of the third and Willoughby pitcher Fred Walz silenced the Russell Road "Crew" in the fourth.

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SIX CHAMPIONSHIPS IN A ROW... Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Dennis O'Connor, Rob Rowland, Tim Walsh, Tom Culinane, Eric Birnbaum, Kurt Staeudle and Don Weber; back row, Paul LaMastra, Mike Wechstein, Jordan Scher, Dave Buchwald, Chris Masterson, Clint Factor and Bob Pikarsky. Missing is Joe Walsh.

WALSH SLAMS 2 HRS; WECHSTEIN, BUCHWALD GET 1

Russell Road "Crew" Stops Willoughby Roadsters, 11-6

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Second-seeded Russell Road came alive early and rolled to an 11-6 victory over top-seeded Willoughby in game two of the Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association Championship...

second brought home McAlindin. The Road "Crew" got rolling and took a 2-1 lead in the lower half of the inning. Don Weber hopped a single to left, then Walsh whacked his first two-run homer over the left field screen...

grabbed a steaming line drive off the bat of Kevin Sicola. The rumbling of the Road "Crew" was clearly heard in the third. After Gamboa, the Willoughby left fielder, made a brilliant running catch in left the noise began...



ON A HOT HITTING STREAK... Willoughby Road batter Chris McAlindin was on a hot hitting streak in game two. "Big Mac" went four-for-four, scored three runs and drove in two against the Russell Road "Crew".

Buchwald blasted one home run each. Chris McAlindin sparked the Willoughby squad in the top of the first with a single to left. Matt Maloney responded with a single to right-center, then Fred Gamboa's ground out to

two-run homer to right-center. A leaping snag by Willoughby second baseman Chris Park impeded additional Russell Road "Crew" momentum in the inning.

Willoughby hitter Matt DePalma ripped a single off the shortstop's glove in the third. McAlindin singled to left and Maloney bounced an RBI single past short. Gamboa narrowed the score to 4-3 with an RBI sacrifice fly to center. The rally ended when Russell pitcher Tom Culinane

WTA Mixed Doubles Tennis Ladder Told:

Below are the standings of the WTA Mixed Doubles Ladder based on matches played through Sunday, August 22. Teams not recording a match during this reporting period have been dropped three positions on the ladder.

- 1. Shineman/Shineman (11)
2. Page/Aliche (8)
3. Brito/Brito (9)
4. Bond/Bender (18)
5. Myers/Darmanin (11)
6. Karnish/Karnish (9)
7. Buckman/Augis (5)
8. Thompson/Klingerhoffer (7)
9. Mitchell/Mitchell (7)
10. Clevenger/Clevenger (3)
11. Veres/Veres (7)
12. Freundlich/Freundlich (2)
13. Bernstein/Bernstein (8)
14. Hudelson/Zurlo (1)
15. Brown/Brown (5)



LASHING AT THE SOFTBALL... Chris Masterson of Russell Road lashes at the softball during the championship game against Willoughby Road on August 25. Russell Road won a thriller, 3-1.

Russell Grabs Sixth Crown; Skids Past Willoughby Road

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Willoughby acted up in the fourth when Russo sizzled a single to left and Fred Gamboa walked, but Culinane cleverly escaped the inning. Walz yielded only a single to Factor in the fifth, then Willoughby returned to the plate with high hopes of regaining the lead...

out an infield single by an inch. A sizzling grounder to third was seized by Jordan Scher for the third out. The fateful seventh inning began with a leadoff strikeout. Culinane chopped a single by the second baseman, then Tim Walsh whammed a shot over the left field screen...



NOT REALLY GOING TO BUNT... Russell Road hitter Kurt Staeudle fakes a bunt during the championship game with Willoughby Road. Russell Road won its sixth-straight Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association title on August 25.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-16586-98. IRWIN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. SEBASTIAO A. SOARES, DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 28, 1999 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF AGNES K. STRENKERT, Deceased. Pursuant to the order of MARY M. TROWBRIDGE, Acting Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 27th day of August, A.D., 1999, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-3408-98. CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. JAVIER LEJARDI, ET AL, DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 1, 1999 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-10928-98. MIDSTATES RESOURCES CORP., SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO SUMMIT BANK (NEW JERSEY), AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO UNITED JERSEY BANK/CENTRAL, N.A., PLAINTIFF vs. AVRAHAM SHKEDI, A/K/A AVI SHKEDI, BROAD NATIONAL BANK, ET ALS., DEFENDANT.

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: PAULINE MEYERS; ALISON HENDRICKS
YOU ARE HEREBY summoned and required to serve upon ALLOCCA & PELLEGRINO, P.C., Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4 Century Drive, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, an Answer to the Amended Complaint and Amendment to Amended Complaint filed in a Civil Action in which FUNB Cust. for D.H. & Assoc. is plaintiff and William Meyers, et als. are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within 35 days after September 2, 1999 exclusive of such date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-20601-98. CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. WILLIE E. JACKSON, ET ALS., DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 13, 1999 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-10928-98. MIDSTATES RESOURCES CORP., SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO SUMMIT BANK (NEW JERSEY), AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO UNITED JERSEY BANK/CENTRAL, N.A., PLAINTIFF vs. AVRAHAM SHKEDI, A/K/A AVI SHKEDI, BROAD NATIONAL BANK, ET ALS., DEFENDANT.

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Scotch Hills Women Tell Golf Results

A spokeswoman for the Scotch Hills Women's Golf Association of Scotch Plains announced the winners of the 9 hole "100% Handicap" tournament held on August 24.

FLIGHT A:
Low Gross: Linda Moncur 38
First: Moncur, Mary Shea and Laura Botto 30

FLIGHT B:
Low Gross: Gert Simons 46
First: Simons and Drina Erhard 28
Third: Martha McCaskie and Alice Yorks 31

FLIGHT C:
Low Gross: Dot Rastelli 59
First: Dolores Veghte and Barbara Laguna 33
Third: Rastelli 34

Low Putts: Natalie Pines, Simons and Pat Kelk 13
Chip-ins: Terry Sidun #2, Pines #8, Kathy Sjonell #7, Birdies: Moncur #2







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## First Night Westfield to Offer Sampling of Savory Fare At Annual Taste of Westfield

WESTFIELD — First Night Westfield 2000 will be holding its second annual "Taste of Westfield," on Sunday, October 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

This will be First Night Westfield's major fundraiser. "A Taste of Westfield" will feature a sampling of foods from local restaurants. Tickets are \$35 per person if purchased in advance, and \$50 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark Street, Westfield.

In conjunction with the Taste of Westfield, the Westfield Y will be hosting a "Kids Night Out." This program will enable parents to drop their children, ages 3-12, at the Y while they attend "A Taste of Westfield."

Children will have a pizza dinner and participate in activities such as sports, arts and crafts, and movies, for a fee of \$20 per child. To register, please visit the Y. Advanced registration is required. For more information on "A Taste of Westfield" or First Night Westfield 2000, please call (908) 518-2983.

## Filmmakers Symposium To Begin New Sessions

MOUNTAINSIDE — Filmmakers Symposium, which has hosted 267 movie premieres during the past eight years, will begin two sessions at local theatres beginning on Monday, September 27.

The first session at Loews Theaters in Mountainside will be held on Monday evenings, beginning September 27. The second session will begin on November 8. Sony Monmouth Mall sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings, beginning on September 28. The second session will start on November 9.

Both sessions will be sponsored by Monmouth University. For information, please call (800) 222-7719. The series is open to the public. However, seating is limited and early enrollment is advised. Subscription is \$103 for six weeks or \$194 for 12 weeks plus \$20 registration fee.

Films under consideration for viewing during the fall sessions include: *Any Given Sunday* with Al Pacino and Dennis Quaid; *The Cradle Will Rock* with John Cusack; *End of the Affair* with Ralph Fiennes; *Hanging Up* with Meg Ryan, and others.

Guest speakers who have come to share their insights with Symposium participants include: Danny Aiello, Gil Bellows, Ethan Hawke,

Helen Mirren and Bruno Barreto. Symposium Director Chuck Rose promised: "The series will always be flexible in order to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. Wonderful surprises can pop up out of nowhere, so I try to keep the schedule as fluid as possible. Last fall, we premiered 23 movies which later won a total of 21 Oscar nominations."

## POPCORN™ Bowfinger: Flimflam Film Man Has Comic Touch

By Michael S. Goldberg  
 One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent

The plot is as old as show business itself: Let's put on a play! Only with *Bowfinger* it's a movie. But the tradition is deep. Directed with generosity and good will by Frank Oz, writer-star Steve Martin's smart and bubbly update about a Hollywood mogul wannabe provides a classy way to conclude the 20th century's contributions to this genre.

Coming on the recent heels of *Shakespeare In Love*, arguably the best show-biz satire since Mel Brooks' *The Producers*, *Bowfinger* is sophisticated but not obscure. Completely full of good cheer, it is wisely content to play its nicely conceived hand. While there are some sidesplitting moments, a consistently buoyant nature is what really keeps it in good stead. Just reflecting back on the screwy premise and the steady stream of little jokes will give you a laugh.

Meet Bobby Bowfinger (Martin), lo these many years in Hollywood and, as suggested by a "Yugo Story" poster on his apartment-office wall, little more than a promo piece about that automotive lemon to show for it. His fondest wish, he confides to the group of would-be players and stars he has accumulated like so many stray pups, is to someday receive a FedEx package.

Unfortunately, it looks like said event won't be happening anytime soon. But Bobby has the next best thing to money and looks in Hollywood: a harebrained scheme and a case of denial. He mimics the walk and fakes the talk.

Shopping a sci-fi adventure script by Afrim (Adam Alexi-Malle), his Iranian accountant and part-time receptionist, a ridiculously fake cell phone at his ear, Bowfinger leads a producer

(Robert Downey, Jr.) to believe that action star Kit Ramsey (Eddie Murphy) is interested in the treatment, entitled "Chubby Rain" (chubby, because the raindrops are populated with aliens). Says the real-live producer, "You get Kit Ramsey and you have a go movie."

"A go movie," an ebullient Bobby muses to himself, exulting in the moment as a great career success. There's only one fly in this ointment. No way is box office bigwig Ramsey going to make a film with this nobody. And since the hysterically paranoid movie star is certain that a white people's conspiracy will get him if the aliens don't, it is doubtful our small potatoes producer will be able to change his mind.

One attempt, wherein the title character tries to inveigle his way into Kit's good graces by apprising that he, too, is a member of MindHead, a religious cult, gets him tossed out of a limousine.

Not to worry. Having just begun to fight, Bowfinger nevertheless informs the motley crew of starstruck followers that Kit has agreed to star in "Chubby Rain." Absolute joy. They can't believe it. Stardom cannot be far behind. Hail the conquering hero. But hold on, the scam artist adds. There is one caveat. The movie star's relationship with the rest of the cast won't be conventional.

You guessed it. Bobby plans to use Kit without his knowing it. The witty entrepreneur posts lookouts throughout Hollywood. Rapidly deploying the cast and crew whenever and wherever they locate their unwitting star, they'll virtually smuggle Ramsey into the film. As-tute editing will take care of the rest. The results of this experiment in parallel filmmaking are riotous.

When is the last time someone alerted you not to miss the parking garage scene with the dog in high heels? Murphy's handling of the inexplicable situations that are suddenly foisted upon Kit provides the comedian with a virtual field day to strut his stuff. He seizes the opportunity. When out of the blue Kit's "Chubby Rain" co-star, Carol (Christine Baranski), dashes up to him and starts ranting about "alien love," the great comic actor's facial expressions alone are worth the price of admission.

And though MindHead, headed by a demagogic Terence Stamp, has its manipulating tentacles deep into Murphy's egocentric bag of phobias, one suspects that the great amounts of extra ministering Kit needs to keep him a happy tither may not be worth the effort.

*Bowfinger's* look at the pretensions of filmmaking on all levels is endearing. Humorously theatrical Carol, who might someday become a grand dame of the screen if only she could finally make a movie, is deeply impressed with Mr. Ramsey's acting ability: "Amazing. So natural. It really seems like he doesn't know he's making a movie."

But Carol wonders why she still hasn't been introduced to her male lead. She'd welcome a chance to talk shop. Out of the question, Bowfinger warns, explaining that they are all involved in a groundbreaking form of filmmaking known as cinema nouveau. Suddenly it is clear.

"Oh, cinema nouveau," the thespian speculates with revelatory satisfaction. Miss Baranski is a sheer comic joy.

Also involved in this making of a movie within a movie is Heather Graham as Daisy, the attractive ingenue just off the bus from Ohio who isn't quite the hayseed she pretends to be. Rather aggressive when it comes to her movie career, Daisy makes like a one-woman crusade to reinstate the casting couch's glory days. Once the aspiring actress maneuvers her way up the moviemaking chain to Bowfinger — she, trying to gain a larger role; he, in search of a grubstake — the meeting of charlatans is droll with truth.

And then there's the time-honored role of the rube that no film celebrating this theme can be without. In Mervyn LeRoy's *Gold Diggers of 1933*, the classic innocent was Brad Roberts (Dick Powell), a Boston Brahmin with Broadway song writing aspirations.

This go-round, once again proving he's the best multi-role movie comic since Peter Sellers, Murphy also plays Jiff Ramsey, Kit's goofy and uncorrupted twin. Perennially in the shadow of his famous brother, the anxious neophyte would like to be accepted for himself.

Now, Bobby wouldn't take advantage of the kid, would he? Hold off judgment until you see the highway crossing scene, wherein Bowfinger assures a skeptical Jiff that the hundreds of speeding cars are being driven by stunt drivers.

A cross between schlockmeister Ed Wood and Zero Mostel's Max Bialystock (*The Producers*), Mr. Martin's crafty conniver speaks to the hopeful dreamer in us all. Undaunted by the odds, he justifies often questionable means by consecrating his entire being to that one romantically immutable end: *The Show Must Go On*.

He may be a con man. But if you go backstage with *Bowfinger*, you certainly won't be cheated out of any laughter.

## Poets in Union County Sought For Fanny Wood Day Contest

FANWOOD — Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly and Cultural Arts Director Adele Kenny have invited Union County poets to participate in the first Fanny Wood poetry competition to be held in conjunction with the borough's annual Fanny Wood Day on Sunday, September 26.

According to the legend of the borough, Fanny Wood, for whom the town was named, was a writer and poet who often traveled to Fanwood to enjoy the atmosphere and compose various styles of writing. Although none of her works have been discovered, the legend continues.

Poets who are residents of Union County are eligible to enter. Submissions must be typed in duplicate on 8 1/2-by-11-inch paper. The entrant's full name, address and telephone number must appear in the upper left corner on only one of the two copies in order to facilitate anonymous judging.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, September 15. There is no entry fee and entrants may submit up to five poems, which will not be returned. Only unpublished poems will be considered.

Please send entries to: Fanny Wood Poetry Competition, c/o Fanwood Cultural Arts Committee, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, 07023.

First, second and third place awards will be given and announcement of winners will be made during the Fanny Wood Day celebration. Winners will be invited to read their winning poems in the Carriage House Poetry Reading Series at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center in Fanwood.

For further information, please contact Adele Kenny at (908) 889-7223.

## Barbara Zlebek Named Winner Of First Night Button Contest



WINNING DESIGNER...The First Night Committee has announced that Barbara Zlebek of Colonia has been named the winning designer of this year's admission button. Pictured, left to right, are: Co-Chairs of the First Night Arts and Events Committee, Arlene Bertrand and Barbara Karp, and center, Mrs. Zlebek.

## Yo-Yo Ma to Attend Gala Event of State Symphony

NEWARK — The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO) will commence its 1999-2000 season with a special Opening Night Celebration on Wednesday, September 15, at 7 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark.

Music Director Zdenek Macal and the NJSO will be joined by cellist and 12-time Grammy Award winning artist, Yo-Yo Ma, who will perform his rendition of Elgar's Cello Concerto in E. minor, Op. 85. The program will also include Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 in E

minor, Op. 95, "From the New World" and Smetana's Overture to *The Bartered Bride*.

Tickets to this performance are \$500, \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$35. The \$500 tickets will include a pre-concert VIP reception, premium concert seating and a post-concert dinner. Corporate packages are also available.

For more information, please contact the NJSO Ticket Office at 1-800-ALLEGRO or (800) 255-3476 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For corporate packages, please call (973) 624-3713, Extension No. 213.



Yo-Yo Ma, Cellist



# Arts & Entertainment

## The Dining Table



### Brunch at the Metro Hilton Woodbridge New Jersey

By Dr. JOSEPH P. DeALESSANDRO  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

It is the intent of the writer to periodically review brunches in New Jersey. Most of them begin the season after Labor Day.

The Metro Hilton serves brunch every Sunday in the LeCafé until 2 p.m. The Hilton itself is a fine building in the Metro Park area among many very modern commercial structures.

The dining room is very elegant in the style of the fine Hilton hotels. One enters the main lobby and is found immersed in Sunday brunch.

Within 10 feet of the main entrance is an enormous table of cold salads and other foods. To the right is a series of tables featuring hot offerings and to the left one can find an omelet, waffle and pancake station. Desserts are produced in a different room. The hostess is most gracious and assists seating in every way.

Now to the brunch. The Prima Tavalo, or first course, is comprised of cold offerings. There is an extensive series of salads, most with mayonnaise or dressings, featuring vegetables and some fish. There was an underlying taste that was common to all, which made it difficult to differentiate one salad from another. Cucumbers were used in a great number of the

#### New Jersey Author Scheduled to Appear At Town Book Store

WESTFIELD — New Jersey author Lawrence Cirelli will be available to sign copies of his new book "Harvesting Ice" on Saturday, September 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Town Book Store of Westfield.

Woven through the backdrop of turn-of-the-century ice harvests, "Harvesting Ice" presents a story of a man searching for his place in the world.

"Harvesting Ice" is the first novel printed by Town Book Press, the publishing arm of The Town Book Store.

For more information, please call The Town Book Store, (908) 233-3535.

### Professional Actor, Teacher Joins WYACT Faculty

WESTFIELD — WYACT, the Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre, has added to its faculty Marc Moritz, an accomplished professional actor and acting teacher.

"Acting students should be exposed to many teaching methods and acting techniques," said Cynthia Meryl, WYACT's artistic director. "We hope to accomplish this by inviting many experienced and well-versed professionals, such as Mr. Moritz, to teach class, further enhancing the learning experience throughout the year."



Marc Moritz

Mr. Moritz originated the role of Talk Show Host in the Broadway production of the Stephen Sondheim/Hal Prince musical, "Merrily We Roll Along." He most recently appeared as Jerry Cruncher in "Tale of Two Cities-The Musical" at the Mint Theatre in New York City.

Mr. Moritz has worked extensively Off-Broadway, regionally, and in Stock in theatres, such as the Long Wharf, Goodman, Cleveland Playhouse and Lamb's Theatre. He also has appeared in numerous commercials, industrials and voice-overs.

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### Musical, Mame, Opens Season At Paper Mill Playhouse

MILLBURN — Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn has announced that it will open its 1999-2000 millennium season with the musical comedy, *Mame*, on Wednesday, September 8, with performances running through Sunday, October 24.

Christine Ebersole will perform in the starring role.

*Mame* is based on the novel, "Auntie Mame" by Patrick Dennis and the play by Lawrence and Lee. The adventures of a madcap flapper who suddenly inherits the guardianship of her 10-year-old nephew are explored.

#### Enter the Guardsman To be Performed At Shakespeare Festival

MADISON — The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival will present its premiere musical, *Enter the Guardsman*, from Tuesday, September 7, to Sunday, October 3, at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre in Madison.

*Enter the Guardsman* is based on the book by Scott Wentworth, music by Craig Bohmler and lyrics by Marion Adler.

Ticket prices range from \$21 to \$38, depending upon the night of the performance. For ticket or performance information, please contact the Box Office at (973) 408-5600.

### Chansonettes to Commence Rehearsals in Two Weeks

WESTFIELD — The Chansonettes of Westfield, a women's singing group, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 15, at 8 p.m. in The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

The Chansonettes sing in four-part harmony. The music is primarily classical to pop tunes.

The theme for the program, "The Gift of the Season," will feature songs such as "The Christmas Waltz," "Lights of Hanukkah" and

Productions will be held Wednesday to Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Thursday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. and Saturday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

Ticket prices range from \$36 to \$60. Student tickets are \$10. To order tickets, please call the Box Office at (973) 376-4343 or order online at [www.papermill.org](http://www.papermill.org).

#### Y-Squares Dance Club To Host Open House

CLARK — Y-Squares, a local square dance club which introduces non-dancers to square dancing, will sponsor its free open house on Friday, September 10, at 8 p.m. at Carl Kumpf School, Mildred Terrace, Clark.

Weekly classes will be held each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Frank K. Hehnlly School, Raritan Road, Clark, beginning on Tuesday, September 14. Registration will be held on Tuesdays, September 21 and 28.

For more information, please call Janice Uhlrig at (732) 381-2535 or Dianne Cooper at (732) 381-1898.

"Slow Dancing in the Snow."

To book a performance for the upcoming holiday season, please contact Vice President Louise Loffredo at (908) 232-8213.

For membership information, please call Co-President Nancy Lau at (908) 654-5130 or Co-President Ginny Bucci at (908) 232-1750.

The Chansonettes are under the direction of Jean Schork of Westfield. The accompanist for the group is Mary Ellen Freda of Cranford.

### Carolyn Klinger-Kueter Plans Early Music Education Classes

WESTFIELD — Carolyn Klinger-Kueter, a piano teacher in Westfield for over 40 years, has recently initiated a program for infants to six years of age. The courses will include rhythms, folk songs, movement and an appreciation of musical instruments from around the world.

Ms. Klinger-Kueter has also been a pre-school teacher at several Montessori schools for nearly 40 years. Presently, she is Music Facilitator at St. Paul's Day School in Westfield.

"The first years of a child's development are the most enriching and long-lasting, guaranteeing that the individual will develop a lifetime love of music far beyond any expectations," stated Ms. Klinger-Kueter. She added that this program has brought her a new perspective to her piano instruction of older children.

For more information, please call the Carolyn Klinger-Kueter Music Studio at (908) 233-9094 or e-mail [ckkms@att.net](mailto:ckkms@att.net).

### Paul Nazzaro Music Studio Begins Season Enrollment

WESTFIELD — Enrollment for the 1999-2000 year has begun at the Paul Nazzaro Music Studio in Westfield.

Private lessons are scheduled once a week for half an hour.

The piano studio helps to develop a wide variety of styles and sounds, from Bach and blues to popular and jazz.

Teaching is personalized and special care is taken to ensure musical selections are enjoyable and something new is learned with each selection.

In addition to traditional piano lessons on a baby grand piano, the studio incorporates electronic keyboards, computers and Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) into each student's lesson to enhance understanding, creativity and skills.

Students also are able to digitally record pieces they have completed and take home Compact Disc quality cassette tapes of their performances.

Several holiday related performance parties are scheduled throughout the year to enable the children to showcase their musical growth.

Paul 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.

Mr. Nazzaro 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 taught at the Carolyn Klinger-Kueter Piano Studio for over 10 years and also taught electronic keyboards at the Westfield Summer Workshop for the Arts for 14 years.

For information, please call (908) 232-3310 or e-mail [paul@nazzaromusic.com](mailto:paul@nazzaromusic.com). Mr. Nazzaro also maintains a Web site at: [www.NazzaroMusic.com](http://www.NazzaroMusic.com).



Paul Nazzaro

### Arts Center to Present Exhibit With Watercolor

WATCHUNG — The Watchung Arts Center (WAC) in Watchung will host an exhibition of watercolor paintings by artist Dan Hsu from Tuesday, September 7, to Saturday, October 2. A reception will be held on Sunday, September 12.

Mr. Hsu has blended Eastern and Western approaches to formulate his own style of watercolor painting. His works have been exhibited in China, California, Texas, Hong Kong and New Jersey.

For more information, please contact the Watchung Arts Center at (908) 753-0190.

### Irish Music Under the Stars To Include Eammon Ryan Band

ELIZABETH — A night of spirited Irish music under the stars will be offered on Friday, September 10, from 8 to 11 p.m. outside of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 253 on Union Avenue in Elizabeth.

Music will be provided by the Eammon Ryan Band, which plays throughout the Tri-State area and is known for its special brand of Irish music.

The evening will be co-sponsored by the Union County Emerald Society, an organization that represents police and fire person-

nel in the Union County and the Joseph Nugent, Sr. Association that is the oldest Independent Irish-American organization in New Jersey.

The cost of the festivities is \$15, which includes soda and beer. Please bring a lawn chair. The event will be held rain or shine. However, in the event of rain, the music will be held inside of the Knights of Columbus Hall.

For further information, please contact Kevin Dowling at (732) 594-1763 or the Knights of Columbus at (908) 355-2253.



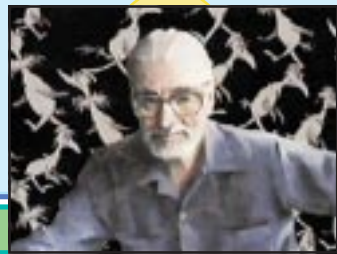
Cheri Rogosky for The Westfield Leader and The Times

**BRASS TACKS...** The Brass Tacks Big Band recently performed in concert at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. "Stormy Weather," "I Get A Kick Out of You" and "Salute to the Bands" were some of the selections that kept audiences entertained. Pictured above, is Jim Maccioli and Christine Kephart. Mr. Maccioli performed with a style reminiscent of Frank Sinatra.

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# Arts & Entertainment

"A verbal art like poetry is reflective; it stops to think. Music is immediate. It goes on to become."  
-W.H. Auden, Poet

## ARTIST OF THE WEEK

**Theodore Geisel  
Dr. Seuss  
(1904-1991)**

"Children want the same things we want. To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained and delighted," Theodore Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss) once stated.

This children's author and elaborate illustrator possessed one of the most phenomenal imaginations of his time - challenging children with rhyme, while provoking thought and change.

In 1904 in Springfield, Mass., Dr. Seuss was born. He started a career in advertising after studying at Dartmouth College and Oxford University.

While his innovative ideas left their mark in the advertising world, his creations were the most effective on the young minds of children. Dr. Seuss hit the jackpot when "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street" arrived at bookstores and libraries.

Soon, children and parents were craving "The Cat in the Hat," "Green Eggs and Ham" and "Oh, The Place's You'll Go!"

Most importantly, however, the works of Dr. Seuss made reading interesting and appealing by combining outrageous images with silly rhymes, encouraging children to develop a love for literacy.

Before his death in 1991, Dr. Seuss was awarded the Pulitzer Prize and he won three Academy Awards. In total, he illustrated and authored over 44 children's books.

## Artist to Teach Adults Basics in Painting

SCOTCH PLAINS — Donn Lesniak, a professional artist working in the area, will offer two-hour painting lessons for interested adults at the Scotch Hills Clubhouse, located off Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

Mr. Lesniak will teach oil painting and color blending, among other techniques, on Fridays from October 8 to November 12 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Students will purchase their own materials, and there is a registration fee. Registration is already under way for residents, who may take the course for a nominal fee of \$40 for six classes. Non-residents may register beginning Tuesday, September 7, for a fee of \$45.

For further information, please call the Scotch Plains Department of Parks at (908) 322-6700.



## Color Yourself Creative: Create a Keepsake At Color Me Mine

By MICHELLE H. LePOIDEVIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SUMMIT — The skies may be charcoal gray and the streets slick with rain, but beyond the doors of Color Me Mine on Springfield Avenue in Summit, children are dipping their brushes into swirls of purple and turquoise paint and a mother is adorning an unfinished ceramic pasta bowl with a bright orange tomato.

In any type of weather, experimenting with colors, young and old, find themselves spending their leisure time at Color Me Mine, painting a teapot with flowers, a chubby pink piggy bank or a pair of elegant candlesticks. And, there are shelves filled to the brim with over 400 items to adorn.

"This is a place where people come to relax in a creative sense," explained Owner Alicia "Lili" Avery. "It's not a rushed environment, although it can get very busy. It's low-key. It's a place where people can produce a piece that they are really proud of."

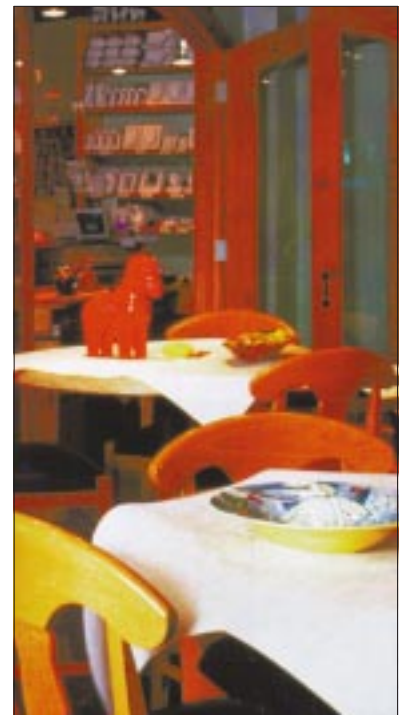
Daring crafters may select a soup mug for \$8, a salad plate or treasure boxes for \$10, a piglet salt and pepper set for \$15 or teapots for \$22. Other bisque items include birdhouses for the garden, serving platters, knobs for drawers and doors, adornments for the bath, frames and switchplate covers. Pieces range from \$3.50 to \$50 and the options are endless.



computer will walk crafters through a world of different pattern choices, styles and motifs. The designs are then printed from the computer to be traced onto the ceramic piece.

"It's a learning experience," Ms. Avery revealed when describing the creative process at Color Me Mine. "People should come in with an experimental attitude. There is an element of surprise as to what comes out of the kiln."

She added that ceramics is different from other art forms because "what you see is not necessarily what you'll get." Ms. Avery said crafters are educated by Color Me Mine representatives, who are



The atmosphere at Color Me Mine is always inviting and inspiring creative minds.

teachers or artists themselves, as to the effects of kilning and firing on the color and techniques used on a piece.

Selecting a ceramic piece is the beginning of your adventure. Clearly labeled shelves at Color Me Mine provide the description and price of each item. Then, it is time to sketch out a design on your piece based upon the computer graphics, a stencil or your own imagination.

Eager artisans then select their own underglaze from an assortment of 60 colors. Painting technique guides or Color Me Mine representatives will assist the artist in painting your ceramic piece. When completed, the representatives will fire the piece in the Color Me Mine kilns. In approximately 48 hours, the piece is ready to go home.

Aside from the cost of the ceramic piece, studio time costs \$7 per hour. Children can paint for \$5 per hour with a one hour minimum. This fee entitles the artist to unlimited access of supplies, glazing and firing.

Birthday parties and Mommy & Me classes are available for crafters at Color Me Mine. If you're in the mood for a little girl talk and kicking back with some wine and cheese, Thursday's Girls' Night Out is up your alley. Ms. Avery said that fall classes will be added to the Color Me Mine schedule.

"That's beautiful!" Ms. Avery told one young artist in the making during her interview with *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*. "Go show Mommy!"

Color me curious. That Tea for One piece has my name on it!



Couples can collaborate to create their own special pieces.

One of the most unique choices is Tea for One (\$16) in which a small tea cup rests atop a teapot which might hold enough tea for one tea enthusiast.

But, what if you're stuck for ideas and it's tough to get those creative juices flowing? Chunk stamps and stencils fill baskets to the brim with decorative choices. Ms. Avery noted that a graphic

## Pen and Ink

By MICHELLE H. LePOIDEVIN

### A New Look for Arts & Entertainment: Why Everything Deserves a Face Lift

Dr. David Taylor, a former English professor at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa., taught me as much about welcoming change as creative writing. When I refused to take a hard look at a short story, which contained elements he encouraged me to scrap in order to improve the piece, he canceled class for the day. "This," he proclaimed, "is because Miss LePoidevin refuses to improve her writing."

While the rest of my classmates paid homage to the gods of Budweiser and Coors that afternoon, I sat at my dorm desk considering Dr. Taylor's harsh words. Although my story had promise, it would thrive if only I dared to take a closer look at it, accept constructive criticism and make the piece the best it could possibly be. That was six years ago.

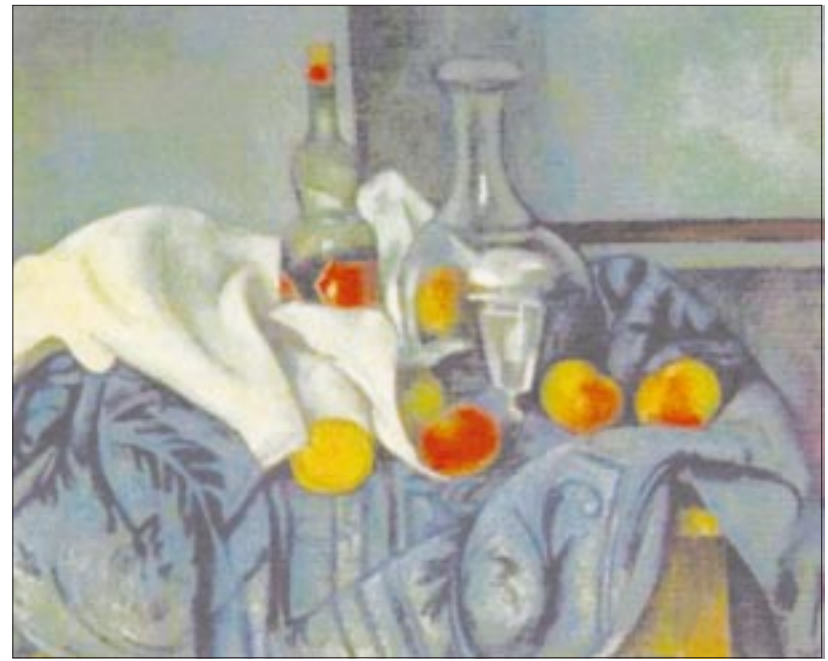
Today, I carry Dr. Taylor's words of wisdom with me while molding, shaping and improving this section. This explains the facelift you have noticed in this week's edition. This is not to say that the past format was not working. *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* have received positive feedback through letters, e-mails and telephone calls since the A&E section was launched on April 15. However, like all things, the section is a work in progress.

The A&E banner is more crisp and occupies less space, allowing for additional room for stories. The Artist of the Week blends into the banner, drawing the eye into the meat of the section. The Main Ingredient will read more as a recipe card with a smaller format, allowing readers to clip and save for future use. The Dining Table headline also received a bit of a facelift. It's less stuffy and more entertaining. State of the Art, which is a sampling of arts activities around the area, now appears to be sleeker and promises to add new venues to its list as the year goes on.

But, the old standbys will continue: editorials every other week which touch on the good, bad and in-between in the arts; concert reviews; spotlights on local artists; places to explore and escape beyond our local boundaries; quotes from inspirational artists; gallery reviews and much more.

Change can be difficult. We are sure that this A&E facelift will produce a stronger layout, innovative articles and continued feedback from our readers. As always, your input is what shapes and molds the growth of this section.

I think Dr. Taylor would be proud.



## Charity Art Auction to be Held At Mount Saint Mary Academy

WATCHUNG - Mount Saint Mary Academy Alumnae of Watchung will host a charity art auction on Saturday, September 18, at the Academy to raise funds to benefit the Alumnae Scholarship Fund. The auction preview will be held at 7:30 p.m. The auction will follow at 8 p.m.

A variety of oils, watercolors, graphics, sketches and sculptures will be available for bidding. The works of Dali, Delacroix, Boulanger, Tarkay, Neiman and Monet will be showcased.

Admission is \$5 at the door. Prizes and refreshments will be available.

Auction items are tax deductible. Credit cards will be accepted. For more information, please call the Academy at (908) 757-0108, No. 4507.

## The Main Ingredient

### DUTCH APPLE PANCAKES

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| 1 medium apple, peeled, cored, thinly sliced | 1 cup biscuit mix |
| 1/4 cup butter                               | 2/3 cup milk      |
| 2 tbsp. sugar                                | 1 egg             |
| 1/2 tsp. each cinnamon and nutmeg            | 1 tbsp. sugar     |

Melt butter in hot pan. Blend in sugar and spices. Add apple pieces and cook until tender. In a separate pan, combine biscuit mix, milk, egg and sugar until moist. Pour over apple mixture. Cook for 10-12 minutes until pancake is lightly browned.



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*FYI Fanwood* - The Mayor talks to the coalition to bring cardiac surgery to Muhlenberg

**Thursday, Sept. 2, 9:00 P.M.**  
*Freeholders' Forum*

**Saturday, Sept. 4, 8:00 P.M.**  
*Men of the USS Intrepid* with Fanwood's own Bill Sheppard

**Saturday, Sept. 4, 9:00 P.M.**  
*Freeholders' Forum* - with special guest Woodbridge Mayor James McGreevey

**Monday, Sept. 6, 8:00 P.M.**  
*Great Labor Day Storm of '98*

**Wednesday, Sept. 8, 8:00 P.M.**  
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**Wednesday, Sept. 8, 9:00 P.M.**  
*FYI Fanwood* - The Mayor talks to cultural arts director Adele Kenny