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Council Candidates Gear Up for Races In Four Wards

By LAUREN S. PASS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

As Election Day draws closer, Westfield residents will be having their doorbells rung by candidates running for Town Council.

There are eight candidates in total, two for each of the town's four wards. For the Democrats, Maureen Kehoe-Rothfelder is running in the First Ward, David Owens is running in the Second Ward, David Haas is running in the Third Ward and Susan Jacobson is running in the Fourth Ward.

On the Republican ticket, Councilman Peter Echausse is running in the First Ward, JoAnn Neylan in the Second Ward, Mark Ciarrocca in the Third Ward and James Foerst in the Fourth Ward.

Westfield Democratic Party Chairman Kenneth Rotter told *The Westfield Leader* the Democrats have a "very balanced slate" this year. He said, "The candidates bring experience, diversity, energy and new ideas."

Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, Westfield Republican Party Chairman, told *The Westfield Leader*, "it doesn't get much better than this," in regards to the GOP slate. Of the candidates, Mr. Bramnick stated, "These are the kinds of people you want to be friends with."

Mr. Rotter said the "hallmark of what the Democrats bring to council members is that the candidates and council members 'bring their office hours to the neighborhoods.'"

He added that since Democrats have been elected to the town council, residents of Westfield have seen a "more responsive level of government" and that it's "what people like about the Democratic Party in Westfield."

Mr. Rotter also said the initiatives and level of responsiveness brought forth by the Democratic party have "caused the whole council to work harder."

Councilman Echausse was first appointed to the council in 2001 to fill the seat vacated by then-Councilman Gregory McDermott upon his election as mayor. Prior to serving on the council, Mr. Echausse was a member of the Recreation Commission.

Councilman Echausse has been a

credit analyst for his entire career. He spent the first 10 years of his working life in public finance for Standard and Poors and Merrill Lynch, where he analyzed municipal bonds backed by property taxes. Currently, he is Chairman of the governing body's Laws and Rules Committee.

Councilman Echausse and his wife, Colleen, have four children.

Ms. Rothfelder is an attorney in the practice of Public Utility and Telecommunications law with the firm of Rothfelder Stern, L.L.C. in Westfield.

She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and earned her Juris Doctorate from the Franklin Pierce Law Center.

Ms. Rothfelder was previously employed as an Assistant Counsel to the Governor of New Jersey, and as a staff attorney for the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

A member of the Unitarian Church in Summit, she serves on the Children's Religious Education Committee and the Safety Task Force there. She is also an organizer of the benefit concert series Second Saturdays Coffee House.

She and her husband, Martin, have lived in Westfield for six years with their three children, Marissa, Alex and Claire.

Currently a stay-at-home mom, Mrs. Neylan graduated from Brooklyn Law School with a Juris Doctorate.

She and her husband, Kevin, moved to Westfield with their three children in 1991.

Mrs. Neylan served as a prosecutor in Brooklyn, and has volunteered as a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teacher. She also works with the Interfaith Council for the Homeless and has served on the Westfield Housing Commission.

This will be Mr. Owens' second try for the Second Ward council seat. He ran unsuccessfully last year against incumbent Councilman Rafael Betancourt.

Mr. Owens and his wife, Cathy, have three sons. He is a trustee of the Westfield Foundation and a volunteer with CONTACT We Care.

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District Senate Position Sought by Westfielders

By STEVE KRAKAUER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

This November's District 21 election will be a race featuring many familiar faces. Some will be running for reelection, while others will attempt to gain a seat after an unsuccessful prior effort.

Assemblymen Jon Bramnick and Eric Muñoz, M.D., both Republican incumbents, will vie for reelection against Democrat candidates Norman Albert of Cranford and Ellen Steinberg of Chatham.

Assemblyman Bramnick is a Westfield resident and an attorney with a practice in Scotch Plains. He was appointed earlier this year to fill the Assembly seat of Thomas Kean, Jr., after the latter was named a state Senator.

"Fortunately, I've had the advantage of sharing an office with Tom Kean, Jr.," Assemblyman Bramnick said.

In his six-month tenure in office, Mr. Bramnick has already begun to introduce legislation. The first piece was the school endowment bill, which would give public schools the same opportunity as private schools to receive donations.

Senator Kean will introduce a similar bill in the Senate.

Prior to his appointment to the state Assembly, Mr. Bramnick was a member of the Plainfield City Council. He then moved to Westfield, where he currently serves as the Republican Municipal Chairman.

He and his wife have two children.

Although Assemblyman Bramnick has yet to complete a full term, he has already defeated more than 17 opponents in primaries within the town, county and district. "I'm hoping that people see me as someone who takes this seriously, and doesn't do this for personal gain," he said.

Assemblyman Muñoz is a trauma surgeon at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) in Newark. He is a resident of Summit, where he previously served on the Summit Council.

He and his wife have five children.

Senator Kean, who shares a Westfield office with both Assemblymen Bramnick and Muñoz, found their viewpoints beneficial.

"Assemblyman Bramnick and Muñoz are highly respected by their peers in Trenton and by the people they serve," he said.

Mr. Albert, an attorney, earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He served on the Cranford Township Committee from 1993 to 1995, and as mayor in 1995. He also previously ran for an Assembly seat in 1999.

The candidate's focus during the election will be on what Mr. Albert calls "smart growth."

"There are a lot of areas in need of redevelopment," Mr. Albert said.

"The focus should be on redevelopment and not new development."

Mr. Albert currently serves on the planning board and the board of directors of the Cranford Housing Board. He is also a trustee for the Cranford United Way.

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District 21 Senate GOP
Thomas Kean, Jr.



District 21 Senate DEM
Frank McIntyre



District 21 Assembly GOP
Eric Muñoz, MD



District 21 Assembly DEM
Norman Albert



District 21 Assembly GOP
Jon Bramnick



District 21 Assembly DEM
Ellen Steinberg

Citizens Polled Concerning Scheduled Plans For Redevelopment in Downtown Westfield

By STEVE KRAKAUER and
MICHAEL POLLACK
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Many areas locally and throughout the State of New Jersey are considering municipal redevelopment initiatives of significant scale under the New Jersey Urban Redevelopment Act (NJURA).

Fanwood and Westfield redevelopment plans are scheduled to be clear in scope, cost and detail for announcing to the public by the respective municipalities in the early fall.

The Westfield Leader took a random survey regarding downtown Westfield redevelopment proposals and parking opinions last week. Eighty-six citizens in downtown Westfield responded when approached by filling out the survey form during the two-day period of August 10-11.

The survey form created by *The Leader* asked nine questions with choices, as below. (The results are included in parentheses next to each item).

1. How long have you lived in Westfield? A. 1-3 years (9); B. 4-10 years (15); C. 11-20 years (13); D. 21 years or more (9); E. I don't live in Westfield (35).

2. Your association with Westfield is? (Note: all that apply): A. Resident (51); B. Business (12); C. Frequent shopper (47); D. Parent of school age Westfielder (13); E. Commuter (9).

3. How familiar are you with the current parking deck situation? A. Very familiar (32); B. Somewhat familiar (29); C. Not very familiar (14); D. Unfamiliar (7).

4. Do you think Westfield has a need for more parking? A. Yes (73); B. No (11).

5. Out of the proposed South Avenue and Prospect Street deck locations, which should be built? A. Both South and Prospect (34); B. Just the South Avenue deck (21); C. Just the Prospect Street deck (13); D. Neither deck should be built (14).

6. How much would you be willing to pay (as an addition to your yearly property tax) to solve the parking solution? A. Nothing (53); B. \$500-1000 (23); C. \$1000-\$2000 (1); D. \$2000-\$4000 (0).

7. Besides just parking in the proposed decks, what else would you like to see? A. Retail space (19); B. Residential apartments (13); C. Both retail and residential (13); D. Neither retail nor residential (30).

8. What do you consider to be the drawbacks, if any, of a parking structure? A. Extra traffic (30); B. Unappealing exterior (30); C. Loss of "small town feel" (29); D. Financial concerns (23); E. Other; F. No drawbacks (21).

9. I'd describe the actions of the Westfield Town Council in regards to the parking structure/redevelopment project as: (indicate all that apply): A. Fair (15); B. Unaccommodating (12); C. Cooperative (3); D. Dishonest (1); E. Open (11); F. Careless (4); G. Careful (7); H. Political (18); I. Purposeful (7); J. Indecisive (19); K. Valuable (4); L. Hopeless (7).

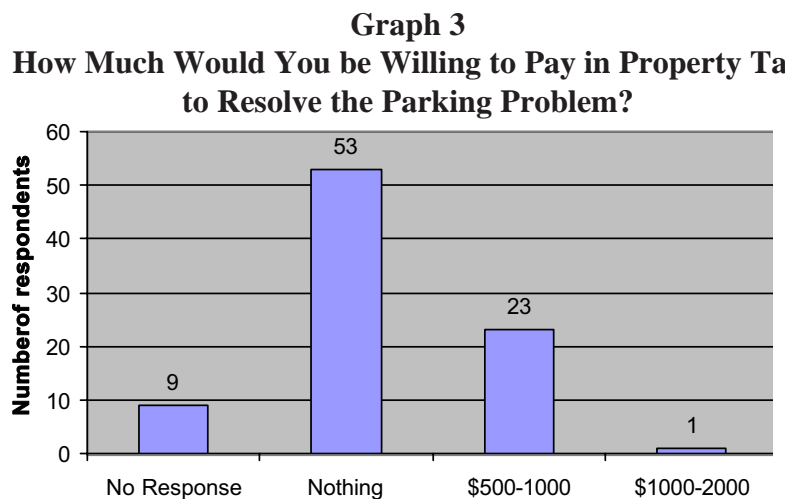
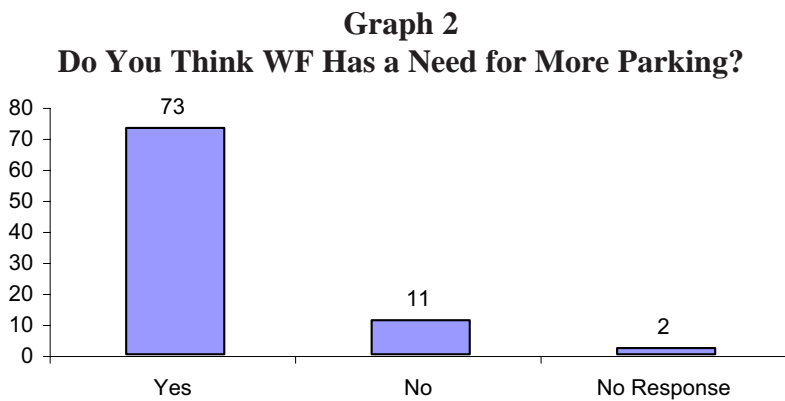
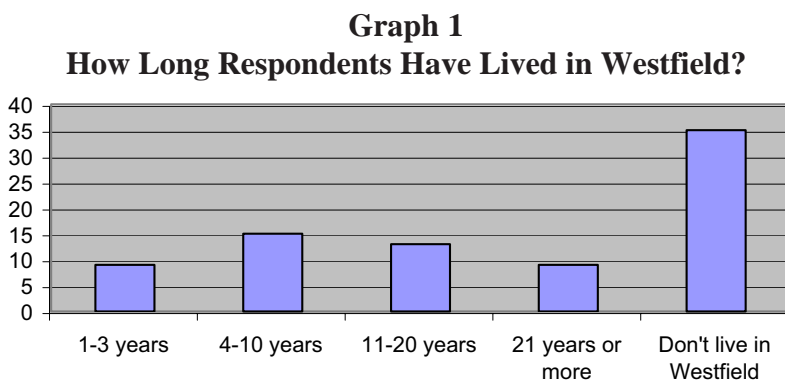
Of those taking the survey, 53 percent reported they were from Westfield, 41 percent said they were not and 6 percent didn't respond to this question.

Graph 1 shows the distribution of how long people surveyed lived in Westfield.

Most of those surveyed feel that Westfield is in need more parking as illustrated in Graph 2.

However, Graph 3 shows that very

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Mayor Marks, Suliga Prepare for Senate Race

By MICHAEL POLLACK
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

DISTRICT 22 -- Republican Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks will face off against incumbent Democrat Joseph Suliga of Linden in the November State Senate race.

Incumbent Democrats Gerald "Jerry" Green of Plainfield and Linda Stender of Fanwood will face Republicans George Gore of Plainfield and Kevin Retcho of Linden in the November Assembly election.

Elected to the Senate in 2001, Mr. Suliga previously served as an assemblyman in the 20th District since 1994.

Senator Suliga told *The Westfield Leader* that he is opposed to the "big map," the new New Jersey redevelopment plan calling for full growth in District 22.

"We need to protect our district against sprawl to lessen traffic," said Senator Suliga. "The number one issue for me is maintaining open space. I want to stop congestion and ease the infrastructure concerns. Why add more development to an already congested area?"

Senator Suliga described himself as an "aggressive campaigner" who will begin soliciting the vote mostly after Labor Day. He called his opponent, Mayor Marks, a "credible candidate, and a credible challenge for my candidacy."

Senator Suliga also complimented Mayor Marks' campaign strategy of sticking to the issues — something he said he will emulate.

As Co-Chairman of the Senate Environment Committee, Senator Suliga said he is in favor of Green Acres funding to promote open space and will use his position on that committee and on the Budget and Appropriations Committee to help shape policy specifically to "stop outrageous growth that isn't good for the district."

Senator Suliga also currently serves as the City of Linden's Chief Financial Officer. He has been married to Annmarie Pakulski since 1994.

He is a member of the American Society for Public Administration; Chairman of the Linden City Democratic Committee and a Past President of the Linden Jaycees.

"I have a good chance, and I enjoy representing the 22nd district," he said.

Mayor Marks is serving his fourth year as Scotch Plains mayor and his seventh year on the Township Council.

A dentist practicing in Scotch Plains, Summit, Roselle Park and Union, he has lived in Union County all his life. He and his wife, Lori, have two children, Casey and Jeffrey.

Mayor Marks concurred with Senator Suliga's comments on open space, saying, "In our district, there

is not a lot of open space left. We need to make sure we have our share of the open space funding. There is too much emphasis sometimes on other areas of New Jersey, like the Pine Barrens and Sussex County.

"We need to acquire land and turn it into pristine wooded areas or parklands to make sure there isn't extra development. We need to streamline the process for municipalities to get at funds for open space.

"My number one concern, however, is property tax reform," said Mayor Marks. "New Jersey has the dubious distinction of having the highest property taxes in the nation. Many have had the opportunity to reform the system and haven't. Democrats and Republicans alike have failed to act.

"We don't want to spend less. We don't want to limit police and fire. The idea of spending less in a bad economy is a Democratic copout," he continued.

"People like Mr. Suliga in Trenton have made sure that the heat stays on the municipalities. They sit in their ivory tower and it's an easy thing to say — spend less.

"Limiting the property tax means we need a shift to either a sales or income tax increase. Mr. Suliga didn't have the guts to make that shift. I have those guts," Mayor Marks stated.

"There are many issues to differentiate me as a Trenton outsider," said the Mayor. "I've begun going to coffees, knocking on doors, and meeting people to begin the campaign process.

"I'm at a disadvantage because I'm not the incumbent and it's difficult to raise money. Lobbyists give to who they feel has the best shot. But, I have the background in municipal government and I am sensitive to the needs of small municipalities," he continued.

"I see myself running against the entire Legislature. Since Democrats and Republicans have failed to act in the past, I feel like I'm taking on 120 people," Mayor Marks stated.

Assemblyman Green served as a Union County Freeholder, prior to being elected to the Assembly in 1992. He is currently Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

He is a self-employed businessman and lives in Plainfield with his wife, Wanda.

Assemblywoman Stender holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Communications from American University in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Stender and her husband, Richard, have three children. The candidate served as Mayor of Fanwood and then as a Union County Freeholder, before being elected to the Assembly.

As of press time, Mr. Gore and Mr. Retcho could not be contacted.

Two Westfield Residents Vie For District 21 Senate Seat

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Mr. Albert and his wife have three children.

Ms. Steinberg grew up in Hillside and graduated from the University of Michigan. She earned her law degree from Seton Hall Law School, and has her own legal practice in Union.

She ran unsuccessfully for State Senate in 2001 against Richard Bagger, her first campaign. In 2000, she spent time working on Bill Bradley's campaign for president.

Ms. Steinberg considers property taxes to be the most important issue in the campaign.

"There are tremendous concerns over the continual rise of property taxes," she said. "We're also talking about a plan to defer taxes for seniors."

Ms. Steinberg is also seeking to boost the arts economy in the area, having worked to put together a collaborative guide to the arts institutions in the 21st district.

She is involved in the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey, the Women's Political Caucus and the Women Lawyers of Union County.

She will hold a Sunday, September 7 kickoff event, entitled "On the Road to Trenton" in Chatham.

In the 21st District Senate race, Senator Kean will face off against Democrat and fellow Westfielder Frank McIntyre.

First elected to the assembly in 2001, Mr. Kean was unanimously chosen by the Republican Party to fill Mr. Bagger's Senate seat earlier this year.

Senator Kean is in the initial stages of his campaign. "We're using every opportunity we can to go out and meet our constituents and talk about the issues," he remarked.

One area with which Senator Kean is concerned is government integrity, an issue he has fought for in the state Senate.

"We need to make sure that the decisions being made are based on merit and nothing else," he said.

Council Candidates Gear Up For Races In Four Wards

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Mr. Owens is a public relations and cross-cultural communications consultant. He founded Compass Advisory Services in 1994 after serving for eight years as Vice President and Manager of Editorial and Creative Services for a joint venture of the American public relations firm Burson-Marsteller and the Japanese advertising agency Dentsu.

Councilman Haas was appointed in January to fill the seat vacated by Kevin Walsh. He and his wife, Dana Stevens, have two children.

Councilman Haas was born in Detroit, Mich. and has lived in Westfield for over 11 years. He earned his graduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

Councilman Haas is an engineer working in development for an electronics manufacturer. Prior to being on the council, he served six years on the Board of Adjustment.

He has also volunteered as an assistant coach and teaches Sunday school at the Unitarian Church in Summit.

Mr. Ciarrocca is a lifelong resident of Westfield and a graduate of Westfield High School. He is a Principal in the Union law firm of Ciarrocca and Ciarrocca and currently serves as Westfield's Public Defender.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Fund of Westfield, a member of Westfield UNICO, and a coach with Westfield PAL Football, Westfield Wrestling, and the Westfield Baseball League.

Mr. Ciarrocca earned his Juris Doctorate at Washington and Lee University School of Law. He and his wife, Janet, have two children.

First elected in 2001, Councilwoman Jacobson is a 35-year resident of Westfield and served on the

Besides government integrity, Senator Kean will focus on economic, education and environmental issues.

Senator Kean serves on the Health, Human Services and Senior Citizen Committee in the state Senate. He is also currently the Republican Deputy Whip.

Sharing offices with Assemblymen Brannick and Muñoz has been a positive experience for Senator Kean, he revealed.

"We're three people who work very well with each other," he said. "It is a tremendous benefit to the district, as well as to the state."

Senator Kean earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Dartmouth College and his Doctoral degree in International Political Economy and International Security Studies at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

The son of former Governor Thomas Kean, he and his wife, Rhonda, have two daughters.

Mr. McIntyre is an attorney with the law offices of Lane M. Ferdinand in Springfield. He plans to make taxes a major issue in his campaign platform.

"We need to help people know where our taxes are going to," he said. "I don't think I'm any different than most people when I say 'Why are our taxes so high?'"

Mr. McIntyre also plans to focus on rent control, tort reform and senior citizens' economic rights.

"They gave to our country already, and now it's time to give to them a little," he said.

Mr. McIntyre is a member of the Union County Bar Association and formerly was a certified agent for the NBA and NFL.

He and his wife, Carol, have four children.

A graduate of Providence College in Rhode Island, Mr. McIntyre received his Juris Doctorate in 1991 from Columbus Law School, Catholic University, in Washington, D.C.

local school board for 12 years. She and her husband, Ron, have two children, Irene and Monica.

The candidate, who holds a degree in accounting from Rutgers University, worked for the State of New Jersey Department of Education from 1987 to 1992.

Councilwoman Jacobson is currently Chairwoman of the Solid Waste Committee and one of the council's liaisons to the Board of Education.

She is a member of the Boards of Directors for the Westfield "Y" and the United Fund, and is also Vice-President of the Westfield Community Center.

Councilwoman Jacobson currently serves as Co-Chairwoman of the "I Have A Dream" program at Temple Emanu-El, which in 1999 adopted a class at Clinton School in Plainfield. The program offers the students, now in fourth grade, academic enrichment programs, which will continue through high school, and will also assist with higher education.

She was Vice President of the Union County Chamber of Commerce until last year, and is currently employed at Curves for Women.

A graduate of Seton Hall University and Seton Hall University School of Law, Mr. Foerst and his wife, Cara, have resided in Westfield since 1999. He is an attorney in Millburn.

Mr. Foerst serves as Chairman of the Board of the Jaycees, while also assisting with the Child Shield Program. He also is a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and works with the New Jersey Superior Court to assist indigent and infirm seniors in procuring appropriate medical care and financial protection.

Mr. Foerst is also the first council candidate to take his campaign to the Internet, with www.jamesmfoerst.net.



Horace Corbin for The Westfield Leader

POWER WASH...The Sturcke Building on Quimby Street in Westfield receives a washdown last Sunday in preparation for an upcoming signage facelift for the businesses by RC Signs of Scotch Plains. The Sturcke Building has been family owned since its construction in the late 1940's. Building owner Ed Wilkinson, bottom left, is shown next to Christopher Bird as they look up to supervise the work.

Citizens Polled Concerning Downtown Redevelopment

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few people are willing to pay for it.

Most of those surveyed believe that building a parking deck(s) has drawbacks as shown in Graph 4.

Graph 5 illustrates the opinions for location, if parking deck(s) were built.

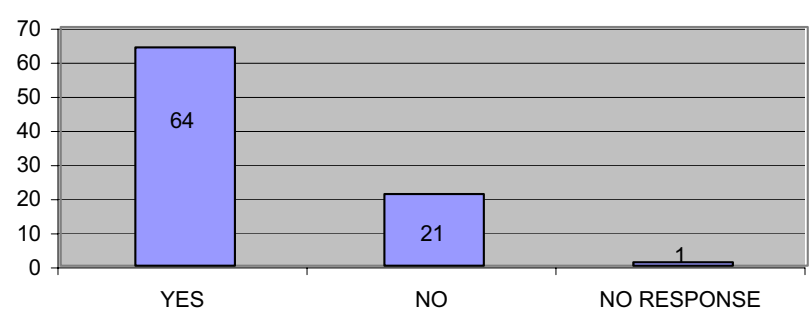
About 40 percent of those surveyed reported to be very familiar

with the redevelopment matters. About a quarter of those surveyed professed little or no familiarity of the issues.

The plurality of those surveyed responded that they did not feel that retail and apartments should be included in the redevelopment plans.

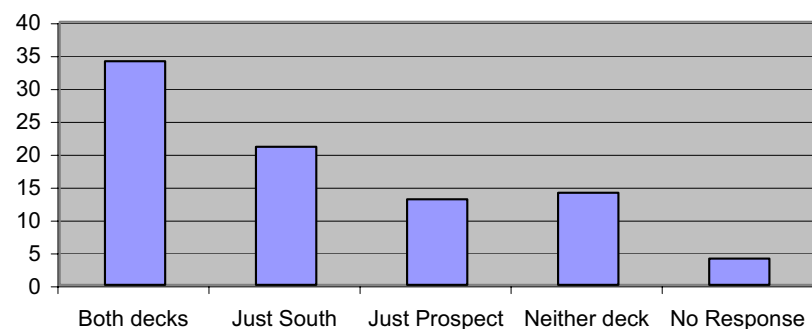
Graph 4

Would Proposed Deck Have Any Drawbacks?



Graph 5

Of Proposed Deck Locations, Which Should Be Built?



Elizabeth Correll for The Westfield Leader

SEE ERIC RUN...Eric Riedell and his expectant wife Lisa, who live in Fanwood with their 8 month old son David, prepare for Dad's run in the 'Contact We Care' race last Saturday at La Grande Park in Fanwood. Eric's parents from Cape Cod, Lisa's parents from Westfield and neighbors cheered him on. Eric beat the time he wanted to achieve in the race by one minute by finishing in 24 minutes and 58 seconds.



WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

• Toby Hershkovitz, 18, and William Steinfeld, 19, both of Westfield, were arrested in the 400 block of Boulevard and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. Both were released on their own recognizance.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

• Thomas Roche, 18, Patrick Daly, 18, and Scott Villa, 18, along with a 17-year-old female, were arrested on Central Avenue and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. All four are from Westfield.

The three men were released on their own recognizance, while the juvenile was released to the custody of her mother.

• Cynthia Thomas, 43, of Westfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting merchandise from a Quimby Street store. She was held on \$500 bail.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

• A South Avenue business owner reported the theft of an 18-foot by 18-foot canvas tarp from his establishment,

along with \$40 in cash.

• Two computers, with a total value of \$2,000, were reported stolen from a second floor teacher prep room at Westfield High School on Dorian Road.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

• A burglary was reported at a residence in the 600 block of North Avenue, West, in which forced entry was used to gain access to the premises. A jewelry box containing an unknown amount of jewelry was taken.

• A Minisink Way resident reported that damage was done to a lamppost in her front yard.

• An attempted burglary was reported at a Sandra Circle residence. The suspect, who did not gain entry, fled the scene when the homeowner returned to the residence.

The suspect is described as a white male, age unknown, between five feet and eight inches and five feet and 11 inches tall, with a medium build. He was wearing a dark blue T-shirt and jeans and a blue baseball cap.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

• Jesse Tucker, 22, of Roselle was arrested at South Avenue and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was released on his own recognizance to a responsible adult.

• Franca Caballero, 28, of Ansonia, Conn. was arrested in the 200 block of East Broad Street and charged with two counts of shoplifting clothing from two local stores. She was released after posting \$2,500 cash bail.

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FW Planning Board Adverse To Placement of Antennas

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An application by AT&T proposing the installation of 12 telecommunications antennas was heard by the Fanwood Planning Board on Monday.

The applicant recommended installing the antennas on an existing PSE&G tower, located off of LaGrande Avenue, adjacent to residential neighborhoods on Brohm Place, Staggard Place and Craig Terrace.

Because this technology is not a permitted use in residential neighborhoods, AT&T is seeking a use variance as well as two other, minor variances.

According to Frank Pazden, a civil engineer for AT&T, the antennas would be placed 118 feet high on the 126-foot PSE&G tower. A fenced-in area, approximately 10 feet by 25 feet, would be placed at the foot of the tower, where four equipment cabinets would be housed, he said.

Board members and residents expressed their concerns during the meeting about the proposal, citing the negative visual impact that the antennas and equipment would have on the surrounding community.

The cabinets would have self-monitoring devices, which would alert AT&T of any problems, such as fire, intrusion or malfunction. AT&T's service personnel would use the existing PSE&G access driveway approximately once a month, Mr. Pazden told the board.

Board members were concerned that this dirt driveway would become rutted by trucks in inclement, wet weather.

The antennas would emit radio frequencies well below the allowable levels established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which have been determined by the FCC to be non-harmful to people living in the area, AT&T's radio frequency engineer, Edwin Ortega, told the board.

Other AT&T antenna have already been installed in many of the surrounding municipalities, but cannot extend coverage to the Fanwood area, he stated. Because these antennas have low radio frequency output, they are limited in their coverage capacity and antenna placements are required ev-

ery few miles to cover all areas.

Mr. Ortega told the board that there was a considerable gap in coverage in Fanwood and in parts of other surrounding municipalities, resulting in poor quality of transmission or dropped calls. The dropped call rate, determined by software technology was estimated to be about 40 percent,



Seth Augenstein for The Times

ANTENNA TESTIMONY... Civil Engineer Frank Pazden and Attorney Judith Ann Babinski presented testimony on behalf of AT&T for a proposed cellular antenna in Fanwood at Monday's planning board meeting.

he said.

Board members questioned the engineers at length regarding the validity of the data they used to support this proposal, and the software's margin for error.

Mr. Ortega admitted to the board that the exact number of lost calls or lost customers could not be measured and that his figures were based on computer estimates.

Brohm Place resident Dean Talcott asked Mr. Ortega if AT&T had calculated how many lost customers lived in the Fanwood area.

"It's not about how many customers live in this area or how many calls are lost," Mr. Ortega replied. "It's about fulfilling our obligation to provide coverage in the entire area to anyone passing through Fanwood."

Judith Ann Babinski, an attorney for AT&T, with the firm Pitney, Hardin, Kipp and Szuch, explained that AT&T's FCC license required

the company to provide coverage to all areas and permitted AT&T to place their antennas as a benefit to the public welfare.

Board members stated that PSE&G seemed to have inconsistent policies regarding the placement of landscape buffering around its towers, after Mr. Pazden told the board that PSE&G

was restricting the landscaping to two sides of the fenced-in equipment area.

However, he said that the applicant would be willing to install decorative fencing, which simulated natural landscaping, or more natural looking board on board fencing.

Board Chairman Gregory Cummings suggested that the antennas could be placed in other areas in Fanwood, as well as on top of tall apartment buildings in Plainfield, to provide coverage to the areas deemed to have a gap.

Ms. Babinski pointed out that this would still be imposing the antennas on a residential neighborhood, and that it would require four to five placement sites, rather than one, to achieve the same coverage.

"The search ring showed that this location was the best suited to providing coverage for the gap area," Mr. Ortega said.

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Borough Ballot Includes Choices For Mayoral, Council Positions

By STEVE KRAKAUER

Specially Written for The Times

This November, residents of Fanwood will elect a mayor for a four-year term and two council members for three years each. Republican Mayor Louis Jung will seek his second term as mayor, against Democrat Colleen Mahr.

Mayor Jung is retired from Exxon. He has served on the governing body since he was appointed to fill a vacancy in 1993.

"It has been an honor and a pleasure to (be mayor)," Mayor Jung said. "I do like being on a governing body because I can serve the community and I get to give something back."

Mayor Jung's top priority is to finish the downtown redevelopment project. Currently, the town is in final negotiations of an agreement with the redeveloper.

Also, the council is awaiting a traffic and parking study of the proposed area, that would show how the parking issue would be managed.

If reelected Mayor Jung also wishes to continue in the shared services council, which is a joint council of Fanwood and Scotch Plains council members, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education members, and the business administrators from each town. So far, the council has dealt with issues such as field maintenance, grant applications and scheduling the use of buildings and fields.

Mayor Jung spent 13 years on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, including three years as president. He also serves on the governing board of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains.

He is married with two children.

Ms. Mahr was raised in Scotch Plains and attended Union Catholic High School. She graduated from Rosemont College and received a master's degree in public and corporate communications from Seton Hall University.

Ms. Mahr worked as the Assistant Director of Economic Development for the City of Jersey City for five years. Before that, she worked for the mayor of Jersey City, doing constituent services.

For the past five years, Ms. Mahr has worked as Director of Development for Mosaica Education, a company that manages charter schools.

"I have a background in the public and private sector which I feel are

good credentials," Ms. Mahr said. "I will bring my professional experience to Fanwood, especially during the time when there is development downtown."

Ms. Mahr began her campaigning

last June in conjunction with the two other Democrat council candidates.

"We've had an excellent response," she said. "People were interested in learning who we were and what we had to

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Colleen Mahr
Fanwood Mayor DEM



Louis Jung
Fanwood Mayor GOP



Donna Dolce
Fanwood Council DEM



Joel Whitaker
Fanwood Council GOP



Jack Molenaar
Fanwood Council DEM



Dave Trump
Fanwood Council GOP

Mayor Marks and Senator Suliga Prepare For Battle in Senate Race This November

By MICHAEL POLLACK

Specially Written for The Times

Republican Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks will face off against incumbent Democrat Joseph Suliga of Linden in the November State Senate race.

Incumbent Democrats Gerald "Jerry" Green of Plainfield and Linda Stender of Fanwood will face Republicans George Gore of Plainfield and Kevin Retcho of Linden in the November Assembly election.

Elected to the Senate in 2001, Mr. Suliga previously served as an assemblyman in the 20th District since 1994.

Senator Suliga told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that he is opposed to the "big map," the new New Jersey redevelopment plan calling for full growth in District 22.

"We need to protect our district against sprawl to lessen traffic," said Senator Suliga. "The number one issue for me is maintaining open space. I want to stop congestion and ease the infrastructure concerns. Why add more development to an already congested area?"

Senator Suliga described himself as an "aggressive campaigner" who will begin soliciting the vote mostly after Labor Day. He called his opponent, Mayor Marks, a "credible candidate, and a credible challenge for my candidacy."

Senator Suliga also complimented Mayor Marks' campaign strategy of sticking to the issues — something he said he will emulate.

As Co-Chairman of the Senate Environment Committee, Senator Suliga said he is in favor of Green Acres funding to promote open space and will use his position on that committee and on the Budget and Appro-

priations Committee to help shape policy specifically to "stop outrageous growth that isn't good for the district."

Senator Suliga also currently serves as the City of Linden's Chief Financial Officer. He has been married to Annmarie Pakulski since 1994.

He is a member of the American

Lt. Todd Turner Of Mountainside Critically Hurt

On Friday at about 4:30 p.m., Mountainside police responded to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Wyoming Drive and Cherry Hill Road. Involved in the accident was off-duty Mountainside Police Lieutenant Todd Turner and Mountainside resident Ivan Andrick. Turner, 42, is also a Mountainside resident who lives on Knollwood Drive. Ivan Andrick lives on Iris Drive.

Lt. Turner was traveling east on Wyoming Drive while Mr. Andrick was traveling north on Cherry Hill Road and allegedly did not stop for the stop sign.

Lt. Turner was taken by helicopter to the University Hospital Trauma Center in Newark, and is in critical condition. Mr. Andrick was taken to Overlook Hospital by the Mountainside Rescue Squad and was released a short time later.

The accident is being investigated by the Union County police department and Scotch Plains police department with the assistance of the Mountainside Police Department.

Society for Public Administration; Chairman of the Linden City Democratic Committee and a Past President of the Linden Jaycees.

"I have a good chance, and I enjoy representing the 22nd district," he said.

Mayor Marks is serving his fourth year as Scotch Plains mayor and his seventh year on the Township Council.

A dentist practicing in Scotch Plains, Summit, Roselle Park and Union, he has lived in Union County all his life. He and his wife, Lori, have

two children, Casey and Jeffrey.

Mayor Marks concurred with Senator Suliga's comments on open space, saying, "In our district, there is not a lot of open space left. We need to make sure we have our share of the open space funding. There is too much emphasis sometimes on other areas of New Jersey, like the Pine Barrens and Sussex County."

"We need to acquire land and turn it into pristine wooded areas or parklands to make sure there isn't extra development. We need to stream-

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Seth Augenstein for The Times

SHARED SERVICES... Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks, left, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education President Lance Porter, center, and Fanwood Mayor Louis Jung, were all together on Monday to receive the new multiple use lawn maintenance equipment, which will be shared by the three governing bodies.

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Citizens Polled Concerning Scheduled Plans For Redevelopment in Downtown Westfield

By STEVE KRAKAUER and
MICHAEL POLLACK
Specially Written for The Times

WESTFIELD -- Many areas locally and throughout the State of New Jersey are considering municipal redevelopment initiatives of significant scale under the New Jersey Urban Redevelopment Act (NJURA).

Fanwood and Westfield redevelopment plans are scheduled to be clear in scope, cost and detail for announcing to the public by the respective municipalities in the early fall.

The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood took a random survey regarding downtown Westfield redevelopment proposals and parking opinions last week. Eighty-six citizens in downtown Westfield responded when approached by filling out the survey form during the two-day period of August 10-11.

The survey form created by The Times asked nine questions with choices, as below. (The results are included in parentheses next to each item).

1. How long have you lived in Westfield? A. 1-3 years (9); B. 4-10 years (15); C. 11-20 years (13); D. 21 years or more (9); E. I don't live in Westfield (35).

2. Your association with Westfield is? (Note: all that apply): A. Resident (51); B. Business (12); C. Frequent shopper (47); D. Parent of school age Westfielder (13); E. Commuter (9).

3. How familiar are you with the current parking deck situation? A. Very familiar (32); B. Somewhat familiar (29); C. Not very familiar (14); D. Unfamiliar (7).

4. Do you think Westfield has a need for more parking? A. Yes (73); B. No (11).

5. Out of the proposed South Avenue and Prospect Street deck locations, which should be built? A. Both South and Prospect (34); B. Just the South Avenue deck (21); C. Just the Prospect Street deck (13); D. Neither deck should be built (14).

6. How much would you be willing to pay (as an addition to your yearly prop-

erty tax) to solve the parking solution? A. Nothing (\$3); B. \$500-1000 (23); C. \$1000-\$2000 (1); D. \$2000-\$4000 (0).

7. Besides just parking in the proposed decks, what else would you like to see? A. Retail space (19); B. Residential apartments (13); C. Both retail and residential (13); D. Neither retail nor residential (30).

8. What do you consider to be the drawbacks, if any, of a parking structure? A. Extra traffic (30); B. Unappealing exterior (30); C. Loss of "small town feel" (29); D. Financial concerns (23); E. Other: F. No drawbacks (21).

9. I'd describe the actions of the Westfield Town Council in regards to the parking structure/redevelopment project as: (indicate all that apply): A. Fair (15); B. Unaccommodating (12); C. Cooperative (3); D. Dishonest (1); E. Open (11); F. Careless (4); G. Careful (7); H. Political (18); I. Purposeful (7); J. Indecisive (19); K. Valuable (4); L. Hopeless (7).

Of those taking the survey, 53 percent reported they were from Westfield, 41 percent said they were not and 6 percent didn't respond to this question.

Graph 1 shows the distribution of how long people surveyed lived in Westfield. Most of those surveyed feel that Westfield is in need more parking as illustrated in Graph 2.

However, Graph 3 shows that very few people are willing to pay for it.

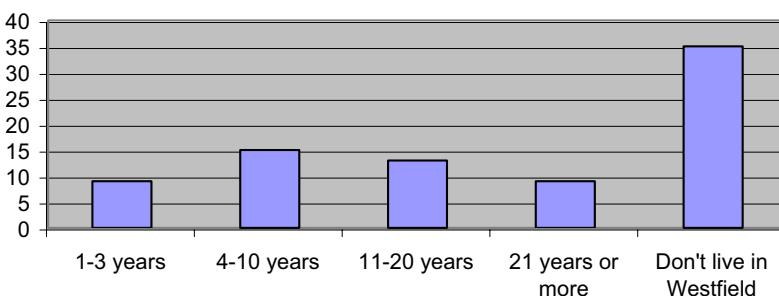
Most of those surveyed believe that building a parking deck(s) has drawbacks as shown in Graph 4.

Graph 5 illustrates the opinions for location, if parking deck(s) were built.

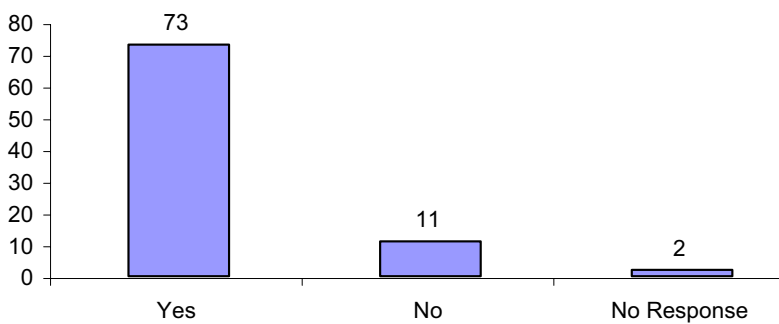
About 40 percent of those surveyed reported to be very familiar with the redevelopment matters. About a quarter of those surveyed professed little or no familiarity of the issues.

The plurality of those surveyed responded that they did not feel that retail and apartments should be included in the redevelopment plans.

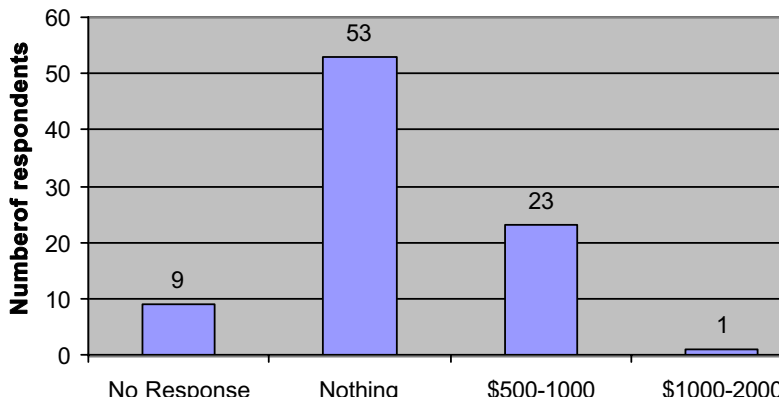
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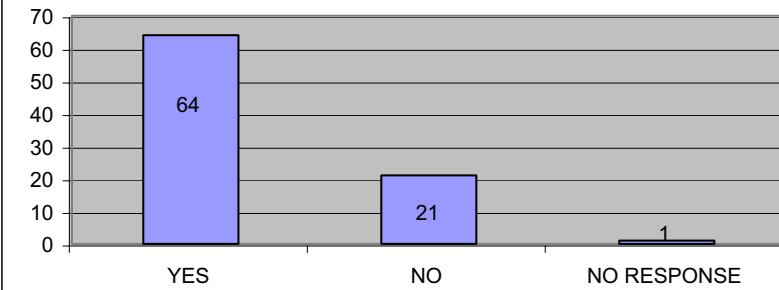
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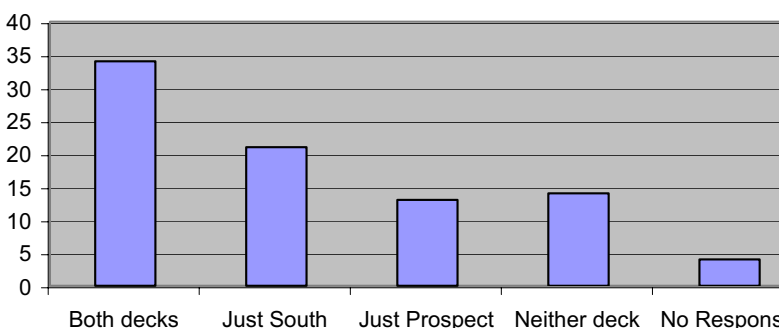
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Graph 5
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District Senate Position Sought by Westfielders

By STEVE KRAKAUER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

DISTRICT 21 -- This November's District 21 election will be a race featuring many familiar faces. Some will be running for reelection, while others will attempt to gain a seat after an unsuccessful prior effort.

Assemblymen Jon Bramnick and Eric Muñoz, M.D., both Republican incumbents, will vie for reelection against Democrat candidates Norman Albert of Cranford and Ellen Steinberg of Chatham.

Assemblyman Bramnick is a Westfield resident and an attorney with a practice in Scotch Plains. He was appointed earlier this year to fill the Assembly seat of Thomas Kean, Jr., after the latter was named a state Senator.

"Fortunately, I've had the advantage of sharing an office with Tom Kean, Jr.," Assemblyman Bramnick said.

In his six-month tenure in office, Mr. Bramnick has already begun to introduce legislation. The first piece was the school endowment bill, which would give public schools the same opportunity as private schools to receive donations.

Senator Kean will introduce a similar bill in the Senate.

Prior to his appointment to the state Assembly, Mr. Bramnick was a member of the Plainfield City Council. He then moved to Westfield, where he currently serves as the Republican Municipal Chairman.

He and his wife have two children.

Although Assemblyman Bramnick has yet to complete a full term, he has already defeated more than 17 opponents in primaries within the town, county and district. "I'm hoping that people see me as someone who takes this seriously, and doesn't do this for personal gain," he said.

Assemblyman Muñoz is a trauma surgeon at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) in Newark. He is a resident of Summit, where he previously served on the Summit Council.

He and his wife have five children.

Senator Kean, who shares a Westfield office with both Assemblymen Bramnick and Muñoz, found their viewpoints beneficial.

"Assemblyman Bramnick and Muñoz are highly respected by their peers in Trenton and by the people they serve," he said.

Mr. Albert, an attorney, earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He served on the Cranford Township Committee from 1993 to 1995, and as mayor in 1995. He also previously ran for an Assembly seat in 1999.

The candidate's focus during the election will be on what Mr. Albert calls "smart growth."

"There are a lot of areas in need of redevelopment," Mr. Albert said. "The focus should be on redevelopment and not new development."

Mr. Albert currently serves on the planning board and the board of directors of the Cranford Housing Commission. He is also a trustee for the Cranford United Way.

Mr. Albert and his wife have three children.

Ms. Steinberg grew up in Hillside and graduated from the University of Michigan. She earned her law degree from Seton Hall Law School, and has her own legal practice in Union.

She ran unsuccessfully for State Senate in 2001 against Richard Bagger, her first campaign. In 2000, she spent time work-

ing on Bill Bradley's campaign for president.

Ms. Steinberg considers property taxes to be the most important issue in the campaign.

"There are tremendous concerns over the continual rise of property taxes," she said. "We're also talking about a plan to defer taxes for seniors."

Ms. Steinberg is also seeking to boost the arts economy in the area, having worked to put together a collaborative guide to the arts institutions in the 21st district.

She is involved in the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey, the Women's Political Caucus and the Women Lawyers of Union County.

She will hold a Sunday, September 7 kickoff event, entitled "On the Road to Trenton" in Chatham.

In the 21st District Senate race, Senator Kean will face off against Democrat and fellow Westfielder Frank McIntyre.

First elected to the assembly in 2001, Mr. Kean was unanimously chosen by the Republican Party to fill Mr. Bagger's Senate seat earlier this year.

Senator Kean is in the initial stages of his campaign. "We're using every opportunity we can to go out and meet our constituents and talk about the issues," he remarked.

One area with which Senator Kean is concerned is government integrity, an issue he has fought for in the state Senate.

"We need to make sure that the decisions being made are based on merit and nothing else," he said.

Besides government integrity, Senator Kean will focus on economic, education and environmental issues.

Senator Kean serves on the Health, Human Services and Senior Citizen Committee in the state Senate. He is also currently the Republican Deputy Whip.

Sharing offices with Assemblymen Bramnick and Muñoz has been a positive experience for Senator Kean, he revealed.

"We're three people who work very well with each other," he said. "It is a tremendous benefit to the district, as well as to the state."

Senator Kean earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Dartmouth College and his Doctoral degree in International Political Economy and International Security Studies at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

The son of former Governor Thomas Kean, he and his wife, Rhonda, have two daughters.

Mr. McIntyre is an attorney with the law offices of Lane M. Ferdinand in Springfield. He plans to make taxes a major issue in his campaign platform.

"We need to help people know where our taxes are going to," he said. "I don't think I'm any different than most people when I say 'Why are our taxes so high?'"

Mr. McIntyre also plans to focus on rent control, tort reform and senior citizens' economic rights.

"They gave to our country already, and now it's time to give to them a little," he said.

Mr. McIntyre is a member of the Union County Bar Association and formerly was a certified agent for the NBA and NFL.

He and his wife, Carol, have four children.

A graduate of Providence College in Rhode Island, Mr. McIntyre received his Juris Doctorate in 1991 from Columbus Law School, Catholic University, in Washington, D.C.

Marks, Senator Suliga Prepare for Senate Race

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line the process for municipalities to get at funds for open space.

"My number one concern, however, is property tax reform," said Mayor Marks. "New Jersey has the dubious distinction of having the highest property taxes in the nation. Many have had the opportunity to reform the system and haven't. Democrats and Republicans alike have failed to act."

"We don't want to spend less. We don't want to limit police and fire. The idea of spending less in a bad economy is a Democratic copout," he continued.

"People like Mr. Suliga in Trenton have made sure that the heat stays on the municipalities. They sit in their ivory tower and it's an easy thing to say -- spend less."

"Limiting the property tax means we need a shift to either a sales or income tax increase. Mr. Suliga didn't have the guts to make that shift. I have those guts," Mayor Marks stated.

"There are many issues to differentiate me as a Trenton outsider," said the Mayor. "I've begun going to coffees, knocking on doors, and meeting people to begin the campaign process."

"I'm at a disadvantage because I'm not the incumbent and it's difficult to raise

money. Lobbyists give to who they feel has the best shot. But, I have the background in municipal government and I am sensitive to the needs of small municipalities," he continued.

"I see myself running against the entire Legislature. Since Democrats and Republicans have failed to act in the past, I feel like I'm taking on 120 people," Mayor Marks stated.

Assemblyman Green served as a Union County Freeholder, prior to being elected to the Assembly in 1992. He is currently Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

He is a self-employed businessman and lives in Plainfield with his wife, Wanda.

Assemblywoman Stender holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Communications from American University in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Stender and her husband, Richard, have three children. The candidate served as Mayor of Fanwood and then as a Union County Freeholder, before being elected to the Assembly.

As of press time, Mr. Gore and Mr. Retcho could not be contacted.

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SEE ERIC RUN...Eric Riedell and his expectant wife Lisa, who live in Fanwood with their eight-month old son, David, prepare for Dad's run in the 'CONTACT We Care' race last Saturday at LaGrande Park in Fanwood. Eric's parents from Cape Cod, Lisa's parents from Westfield, and neighbors cheered him on. Eric beat the time he wanted to achieve in the race by one minute, finishing at 24 minutes and 58 seconds.

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offer."

Ms. Mahr is married and has one child.

Republicans David Trumpp and Borough Council President Joel Whitaker will seek re-election. Democrats Donna Dolce and Jack Molenaar will challenge the two incumbents.

Mr. Trumpp is a lifelong resident of Fanwood. His father, Ted Trumpp, was Mayor of Fanwood.

Mr. Trumpp is a graduate of Alfred University, and is currently employed by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

Mr. Whitaker is the owner and operator of Whitaker Newsletters in Fanwood.

Mr. Whitaker said he feels that being the incumbent is crucial to the campaign.

"The overriding theme in the election is one of experience and proven results," he said. "We did everything that we set out to do."

He also noted that property taxes are a major issue in the election, and the Fanwood Council worked hard to keep them low.

"Our property taxes are far below that of the school district and surrounding towns," he said.

Councilman Whitaker also serves on the Fanwood Planning Board, as well as the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club and Fanwood Community Foundation.

He is married with two children.

Ms. Dolce is Director of the Volunteer Center for the United Way of Essex and West Hudson County in Newark. She has more than 20 years of experience in management of nonprofit organizations.

Ms. Dolce sees taxes as an important matter in the election.

"Taxes are always an issue in this economy, especially for seniors," she said.

An active community volunteer, Ms. Dolce has served on multiple borough committees. She chaired both the Fanwood Strategic Planning Committee and the Fanwood Strategic Assessment Committee and also was a member of the Fanwood Sign Ordinance Task Force.

Ms. Dolce also serves on the board of the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock

Council.

A Fanwood resident for 14 years, she lives with her partner, Lynn Sorf, a Fanwood native.

Mr. Molenaar, who has lived in Fanwood for nine years, is a licensed professional planner and the transportation planner for Plainsboro Township. He has been a member of the Fanwood Planning Board since 1995 and also served on the Fanwood Downtown Revitalization Committee.

Mr. Molenaar said he feels the council has not done enough to gain additional funding.

"They are not actively pursuing grants as much as before, and that makes taxes go up," he said.

Mr. Molenaar served as President of the New Jersey chapter of the American Planning Association from 1997 to 2001.

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AT&T's licensed professional planner, John Leoncavallo, discussed the standards required to justify approval of the variances requested. He stated that this proposal met the tests by being particularly suited to this site, without imposing a substantial detriment to the public good or to the borough's zoning.

By virtue of being placed on pre-existing towers and by virtue of their FCC license to provide coverage, this proposal promoted the general welfare of the community, he said.

"The benefits clearly outweigh the detriments, in my opinion," Mr. Leoncavallo stated.

Borough Engineer Richard Marsden suggested to Mr. Ortega that he drive around Fanwood to seek out other possible locations better suited to placement.

Mr. Leoncavallo will continue his testimony on behalf of AT&T at the continuation of the hearing scheduled for Wednesday, September 24.



Elizabeth Correll for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*
HONORING JACK RUH... Mayor Louis Jung presented Trudy Ruh, the wife of the late Jack Ruh, with a resolution honoring her husband, "a volunteer fireman for 48 years, husband for 53 years, father, veteran, carpenter and resident for 50 years." The resolution recognized the "extraordinary contributions" of Mr. Ruh, including serving "the residents of Fanwood as a volunteer fireman, exposing himself to rigorous training and potential danger," and serving in the Coast Guard during World War II.

County Prosecutor's Office To Honor Retired Attorneys

UNION COUNTY - The Union County Prosecutor's Office will honor five veteran lawyers and a deputy chief at a gala retirement reception on September 25, 2003 at The Chanticleer, 500 Millburn Avenue in Short Hills.

James Keefe, Richard Rodbart, Kenneth Siegel, James Hart, III, Harold Knox and James Durkin all completed their many years of service to the Union County Prosecutor's Office, law enforcement and the citizens of Union County on July 1.

"These gentlemen, who collectively represent more than 150 years of experience and contributions to citizens, police officers, crime victims and colleagues, have more than earned their well-deserved retirements and deserve this night of recognition," said Prosecutor Theodore Romankow.

A number of dignitaries and law enforcement officials are expected to join the honorees and their friends and relatives at the retirement party, which will begin at 6 p.m. Some brief tributes will be part of a night of fun that includes a gourmet cocktail reception, specialty dishes and a deluxe parisienne table.

For further information or questions about tickets, priced at \$75, please contact David Hancock at the Union County Prosecutor's Office (908) 527-4661. Reservations must be received by August 29, 2003.

"This promises to be a great night filled with fun, food, memories and chances to see many colleagues from throughout the criminal justice system," said Executive Assistant Prosecutor Robert O'Leary. "The committee has put together a tremendous tribute event."

DEM Freeholders Duel With GOP Candidates On Open Space, Taxes

By MICHAEL POLLACK
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Union County Democratic Freeholders are up for re-election in November, as Deborah Scanlon, Alexander Mirabella, and Chester Holmes will oppose Republican candidates Bob Reilly, Stuart Kline, and Ken Haynes.

Current Freeholder Chairwoman Scanlon is a paralegal in family law, specializing in custody issues and domestic violence.

Freeholder Scanlon and her husband, Patrick, a Union Township Committeeman, have three children, Tammie, Lisa and Patrick, 4th.

Elected to the freeholder board in 1997, Freeholder Scanlon began her career in elected office as a member of the Union Township Board of Education, where she served as Finance Committee Chairwoman.

She is a member of the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, a founding member of the Irish-American Society of Union and Vice President of the Connecticut Farms Civic Association.

Freeholder Mirabella is a former Roselle Park Councilman, employed by the Chubb Group Insurance Companies in Warren as a member of the Systems Implementation Team in Field Technology.

He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Hobart College in Geneva, N.Y.

The candidate and his wife, Phyllis, a Councilwoman in Roselle Park, have a son, Alexander, and daughter, Mickeyla.

Freeholder Mirabella was elected to his first term on the freeholder board in 1997 and currently serves as Vice Chairman. His first position in elected office was as a member of the Roselle Park Borough Council from 1992 to 1996.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Union County Democratic Committee.

A graduate of Rahway High School, Freeholder Holmes is a retired Rahway Police Detective, served as Rahway City Councilman from 1989 to 1997, and held the post of Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) Commissioner. He is also President of Home Security and Investigations in Rahway.

The candidate is the father of six adult children: Chester, Jr., Raymond, David, Cheryl, Jackie, and Harold.

Freeholder Holmes is serving his second term as freeholder. He is a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Rahway.

The Democratic team's platform for re-election states, "planning for our future, caring for our residents and keeping our families safe."

In a prepared statement issued by the Democratic contingent, they say they

are, "preparing the next generation of workers with the Freeholders Scholars Program that helps working families pay for college, and making major infrastructure improvements to our county roads and bridges."

The release continued, "we have started an early retirement plan projected to save Union County taxpayers over \$1,000,000 a year over the next 10 years, and installed new internet-ready computers in every public school classroom in the county."

The Democratic team stated in their release that it will work on, "ensuring Runnells Specialized Hospital provides quality, low cost nursing care, rehabilitation and psychiatric services."

The statement indicated that the Democratic Freeholders have, "awarded the nation's first federal grant to assist workers impacted by the World Trade Center attacks, utilized the \$3,200,000 grant to open the Star Opportunity Center, and have created the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Trust Fund that is improving our parks, protecting open space, and preserving our past."

The statement goes on to say that keeping Union County safe is also a primary initiative of the Democratic Freeholders. They have, "created the Freeholder Committee on Homeland Security to better prevent and react to security threats. The committee takes advantage of new technology to better coordinate all public safety and emergency management efforts."

The release concluded with saying the Freeholders have, "helped Sheriff Froehlich create the Municipal Transport system so our towns cut costs and keep more local police on our streets, and have introduced safety initiatives that helped cut the crime rate by an amazing 34 percent."

Opposing the current Democratic group are Republicans Reilly, Kline, and Haynes who are hoping for "New Leadership" for a better Union County.

Mr. Reilly has served on the Winfield Township Committee from 1993 to 1995 as Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Commissioner of Finance and Public Safety.

He has been a part of the Winfield Mutual Housing Corporation Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2003, was a past District Deputy and Past State Vice President Union Elks No. 1583, and Director/Printing Operation Manager for Union County from 1972 to 2002.

Mr. Reilly attended Thomas Edison Vocational & Technical School in Elizabeth and is a lifelong Union County resident. He is married with four children and four grandchildren.

Mr. Reilly told *The Westfield Leader and The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*, "The county needs a watchdog group looking out for voters." Referring to the reactivation of the Morristown & Erie

(M&E) rail line, an issue that has caused countywide distress, Mr. Reilly said, "The county needed to discuss this with the mayors and councils of the towns affected. They failed miserably to inform the towns."

Citing property tax relief as the focal point of the Republican campaign, Mr. Kline said, "If you keep raising taxes, businesses are going to leave soon. You can only stabilize taxes by stopping spending across the board."

A veteran of county government for 30 years, Mr. Kline believes, "We don't have an easy task. We don't have a lot of money and there is a lot of work ahead of us. But we have as good a shot as anybody."

Mr. Kline of Fanwood has been elected for three terms to the Borough Council and served as Chairman of Administration & Finance. He is a former Fire Commissioner and served on the Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Kline is a member of the Fanwood Memorial Library Board of Trustees, League of Municipalities Legislative Committee, and Fanwood Lions Club.

He is an assistant coach of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball. Mr. Kline is a practicing attorney for the Union County insurance defense firm. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree at LaSalle University, his Master of Business Administration at Cornell University, and his Juris Doctor at Rutgers University Law School.

He is married with three children, ages 11, 8, and 5.

Mr. Kline told *The Leader/Times* that he "hopes to end Union County's burgeoning tax burden."

"We need to stop double digit tax increases," he said, referring to the county's 10 percent tax increase.

"It's difficult for seniors to afford homes. It's unconscionable."

When asked about the accountability of government and his belief in a two-party system, Mr. Kline stated, "I can't think of anywhere where one party rule benefits citizens. I don't think it's healthy to have one party. You need some balance, and I feel a minority party plays a key role by preventing a sense of complacency that hinders innovation."

The reactivation of the M & E rail line, an issue that has been debated between the freeholder board and county residents, Mr. Kline is "not convinced of any economic benefit to the towns involved."

More importantly, Mr. Kline stated the issue displays, "an arrogance on the part of the Freeholder board and a lack of candor," as an integral part of their campaign platform calls for open, honest government.

Mr. Haynes is a member of the NAACP in Roselle. He is an assistant Athletic Director at Roselle Pop Warner Football. He is a member of the Black Progressive Alliance in Roselle.

Mr. Haynes attended Manhattan College in Business Administration and is a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He is a deacon of the Second Baptist Church in Roselle and works in management at the United Parcel Service.

Mr. Haynes is married with five children and one grandchild.



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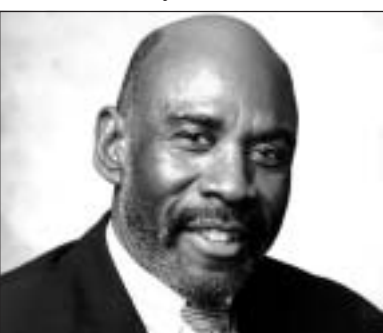
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PARTY POLITICS...The O'Keefe's of Standish Avenue in Westfield held a lawn party last Friday evening to help raise funds for Jim Foerst's campaign in seeking election to the Westfield Town Council representing the Fourth Ward. Dozens of supporters attended, including Senator Thomas Kean, Jr. (R-21), Asm. Jon Bramnick (R-21) and Mr. Foerst's parents from Belvidere, NJ. Pictured above, from the left: Mr. Foerst's wife Cara and Aileen O'Keefe entice Neal Bradley with their offerings.

Surrogate LaCorte Advises Seniors on Estate Planning

AREA – The importance of having an up-to-date last will and testament cannot be overstated, Union County Surrogate James LaCorte recently told groups of senior citizens in Rahway and Plainfield.

"Everyone, no matter their age or financial circumstances, should have a valid will in order to properly dispose of their assets and look after their heirs," Surrogate LaCorte said. "Having a proper will can avoid conflict and family turmoil between one's heirs and loved ones – as well as prevent money being wasted on court costs and attorney's fees," he continued.

"Get a will, get it verified properly and keep it safe," Surrogate LaCorte told a meeting of residents at the Rahway Housing Authority Enrichment Center. He also spoke to about 50 local seniors at the Plainfield Senior Center.

Union County Freeholder Chester Holmes, a Rahway resident, joined Surrogate LaCorte at the Rahway event.

"I commend Surrogate LaCorte for all he does to reach out to the community and educate people about the importance of wills and estate planning. These issues are

too important to be left to chance or to the courts," Freeholder Holmes said.

Surrogate LaCorte answered questions about a range of subjects, including how to make changes in wills, the process of admitting a will into probate, how estates are handled in the absence of a last will and testament, trusts, living wills and powers of attorney.

"In New Jersey probate is not an expensive process," Surrogate LaCorte noted, saying the cost is generally a fraction of what it is in other states. "With a proper last will and testament, it does not have to be complicated or time-consuming either."

The Surrogate, who was an attorney in private practice before being elected in 1999, also addressed some misunderstandings about inheritance taxes. "For most people, there is no federal or state estate tax. If your estate is less than \$1.3 million, you do not pay estate taxes," he said.

Surrogate LaCorte regularly speaks with community groups and civic organizations as part of an initiative to better educate the public about wills and estates. To contact the Surrogate's office call (908) 527-4280.

Options Added for Passport Information And Applications

UNIONCOUNTY – The U.S. State Department will add a toll-free service and e-mail access so members of the public can track passport applications and related information, Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi announced.

Effective Tuesday, August 19, the State Department's National Passport Information Center will end its 1-900 fee-for-service information line in favor of a toll-free number, 1-877-4USA-PPT (For TDD/TTY users, the number will be 1-888-874-7793.)

Live operators will be available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Eastern Time. Automated information will continue to be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People calling the old 1-900-number will be directed to the new number at no charge.

"Passport applications can sometimes take up to six weeks to process. Those needing fast, expedited passports can still wait up to two weeks.

This service will allow members of the public to track their applications and seek further information," Rajoppi said.

Also, the National Passport Information Center can now be contacted by e-mail. Inquiries made to npic@state.gov will be responded to within 24-hours on normal business days. This service complements the extensive information available at the web site of the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs, <http://travel.state.gov>.

Also, there are plans to add facsimile communication options in the future. Passport application forms may be obtained at the County Clerk's main office in the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth and the Annex at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield. The main office in Elizabeth is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; the phone number is (908) 527-4966.

The Westfield annex is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; the phone number is (908) 654-9859.

New Jersey Newspapers Overcome Power Blackout

AREA – New Jersey newspapers were able to go to press even though faced with severe obstacles during the major electric power blackout that affected the Northeast corridor on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 14.

The New Jersey Press Association (NJPA) reported that member newspapers responded with ingenuity and determination.

In the blackout hours, the Commercial Printing Division in Rockaway came to the rescue for North Jersey Media Group. Backup generators provided enough power to transmit pages for *The Record* and *Herald News* to the commercial plant, which had power. *The Record* and *Herald News* were successfully printed as a combined edition, full draw, for Friday, Aug. 15.

Staff at the Rockaway printing plant worked tirelessly through both Thursday and Friday nights. *USA Today* increased its normal draw from Rockaway by 60,000 copies because their Westchester facility was down, and also increased their pre-print draw. Rockaway put *Investor's Business Daily* onto the press early for 55,000 copies, and also ran 180,000 copies of the *New York Post*.

The Jersey Journal was unable to transmit its pages for Friday, and didn't print until Saturday.

Power was restored to the Hackensack area at dawn on Friday morning enabling *The Record* and *Herald News* to get back to normal as separate editions for the week-end.

The *New York Post* was still disabled, however, and asked the Rockaway staff to produce a run of 455,000 Friday night for Saturday.

The Star-Ledger was also successful in publishing a product on Friday. While the business and sports sections were combined, one final edition was printed.

IRS Grants Tax Blackout Relief

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service announced tax relief for those hit by the power blackout in the Northeastern United States. The IRS will consider as timely tax returns or payments due from today through Friday, Aug. 22, if they are completed by Aug. 22, 2003.

Individuals or businesses affected by the power blackout - should contact the IRS if they receive penalties for filing returns or paying taxes late.

See www.irs.gov for details. The IRS toll-free number for general tax questions is 1-800-829-1040.

Sheriff Froehlich Holds Homeland Security Forum

COUNTY – Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich recently brought together U.S. Senator Jon Corzine and other officials with law enforcement agencies to discuss Union County's homeland security at a forum in Elizabeth. The forum addressed concerns about infrastructure, security and funding.

The forum included federal, state and county officials at the Union County Administration Building on Monday. Representatives of private industry also attended.

"It is essential that elected officials and law enforcement work together in order to plan a controlled, effective response to any emergency or incident," Sheriff Froehlich said.

Also present were Freeholders Rick Proctor and Chester Holmes; state officials; Representatives of Congressmen Robert Menendez (Hoboken) and Donald Payne (Newark), who each represent parts of Union County.

Freeholder Holmes, chairman of the Union County Committee on Homeland Security, said, "The Free-

holder Board and our public safety agencies have formed a plan of action to enable us to respond to any incident. By continuing to meet with law enforcement, private industry and other elected officials, we will continue to work to ensure that Union County is prepared."

Senator Corzine said federal action is necessary to address a clear and present concern in homeland security for Union County and the nation in general.

"Chemical plants are obvious targets for terrorism. We need a national assessment of the vulnerability of the thousands of chemical facilities around the country and in New Jersey and we need federal standards to ensure that the threat is addressed sufficiently and consistently across the country. We can't afford to wait for another strategy before we take serious steps to secure our infrastructure. Lives of New Jerseyans will be saved or lost based on the decisions we make now in regards to securing our chemical plants against attack," Senator Corzine said.



21st District News

Sen. Thomas Kean, Jr., Westfield
Asm. Jon Bramnick, Westfield
Asm. Eric Munoz, Summit



Munoz, Bramnick Support Elimination of Parkway Tolls

AREA — Assemblyman Eric Munoz, M.D. (R-21) and Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick (R-21) are co-sponsoring legislation to eliminate the Garden State Parkway tolls within one year of the merger of the New Jersey Highway Authority into the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

"Governor McGreevey promised to eliminate Parkway tolls during the 2001 Gubernatorial campaign. His administration has instead moved ahead with spending an additional \$8 million to install new toll equipment on the parkway," added Munoz. "It is obvious that the Governor has no intention of removing the tolls."

The legislation, A-3785, will create a 'Parkway Tolls Equivalency Fund' where money from the savings generated by the merger of the parkway and turnpike authorities, estimated by the McGreevey Administration at \$26.4 million in the first three years of the merger, will be placed. These funds will be used to pay off Parkway outstanding bonds. The remaining monies will be used to pay Turnpike costs and expenses, including Parkway maintenance. The legislation prohibits the issuance of bonds or notes that rely on toll collection.

"The merger of these two toll roads is the perfect opportunity to eliminate the Parkway tolls. Eliminating the toll plazas will provide a significant savings to New Jersey residents, reduce traffic congestion and remove highway safety hazards presented by

the toll plazas," said Bramnick.

The legislation, introduced June 16, has been referred to the Assembly Transportation Committee for consideration.

WF Old Guard Holds Weekly Meetings

WESTFIELD – The Merry-men of Westfield, a division of the Old Guard of Westfield, held their annual Summer Luncheon at B.G. Fields on August 13. The highlight of the event was the arrival of their two oldest members, Joe Harco, 98 years old, and Harold Brennan, 99. Both have been active members for many years.

In September, the Merry-men will resume their singing and instrumental performances at Old Guard meetings and at Sing-outs in nursing homes and for senior groups. At each regular weekly meeting, a different speaker lectures on an interesting topic.

The Old Guard offers good fellowship, activities and lots of fun. All retired men are invited to attend at 10 a.m., on Thursdays mornings, in the WMCA, Clark Street, in Westfield.

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State Was Spared As Millions Suffered; Yet Something's Wrong

Even the President can't believe this one—50 million people from Detroit up through Canada and down to New York City without electricity within a few seconds. Many people were without water and raw sewage spewed into the bays and lakes. More than 80 fossil fuel power plants and 22 nuclear reactors in the United States and in Canada shut down.

Sounds like a Stephen King novel? The marvel is how well the population coped, and how well local authorities assisted during the crisis. We would say more about the plight of the straphangers caught in the NYC subways were it not in consideration for those in Cleveland without even water.

Most of our commuters made it home okay, even if a day late. And our area suffered little power loss with only

station with a financial operating plan that must span 20-30 years, long-term stability and commitment are essential to assure the reliability of our nation's electric power system. During such a timeframe, presidents and commission heads come and go.

Our nation must return to a policy of building and managing the electric power system from the "bottom up." It doesn't matter how many rules come from the top down if there is no foundation. Let's get back to basics.

The benefits of a bottom-up system that can maintain itself despite the constant changes at the helm seem to be overlooked in favor of glad-handing top-down systems that come with elaborate, yet ineffectual, websites and ambitious schematics to run a company. However, without knowing the foundation, the people at the top don't

North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) - Map of Districts



spurious, perhaps incidental, outages of a few minutes in duration.

So, why weren't we affected? Maybe, it's because New Jersey is a member of MAAC, a subdivision of NERC; while NYC is a member of NPCC.

In the electric power business, there are a lot of initials — FERC, NERC and DOE; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, North American Electric Reliability Council and Department of Energy, respectively. These are just a few.

Surprisingly, NERC is a voluntary council:

"NERC's mission is to ensure that the bulk electric system in North America is reliable, adequate and secure. Since its formation in 1968, NERC has operated successfully as a voluntary organization, relying on reciprocity, peer pressure and the mutual self-interest of all those involved. Through this voluntary approach, NERC has helped to make the North American bulk electric system the most reliable system in the world."

NERC's headquarters is in Princeton.

The map of NERC districts on this page shows that New Jersey is part of the sub-district labeled MAAC (Mid-Atlantic Area Council, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., Norristown, PA, tel. 610-666-8800) while New York is part of the NPCC (Northeast Power Coordinating Council, New York, NY, tel. 212-840-1070).

But, the blackout trouble seemed to have started in ECAR (East Central Area Reliability, Canton, Ohio, tel. 330-580-8000). Then surges spread to NPCC, knocking out 80 percent of Canada and looping down to NYC. We in MAAC were bypassed. Sound confusing? Maybe we'll really never know the full story.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission tries to lay down operating rules for NERC. But international members, including Canada and Mexico, are involved. And many of the FERC initiatives seem to involve commercial and market areas that overshadow reliability realities. The top down market rules have not been able to stop the likes of Enron — and in our opinion, we're still paying for that fraud.

The once vertically integrated and conservative utility industry has been mutating for more than a decade — divesting of capital assets such as generating stations, dropping away from direct operations, becoming power traders on the commodity markets and pressing on as derivative investors. It's certainly hard to find out who's now accountable for what.

In that it might take seven years and more than a billion dollars to build just one electric generating

station with a financial operating plan that must span 20-30 years, long-term stability and commitment are essential to assure the reliability of our nation's electric power system. During such a timeframe, presidents and commission heads come and go.

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Was There Too Much Press During The Blackout?

In our area, the blackout last week was nothing more than a power surge. Considering the plight of people in New York City, we were lucky.

Many people jumped to the conclusion that the outage was an act of terrorism. It was eerie to watch the broadcasts of the happenings, as it was a bit reminiscent of September 11th watching the throngs of people taking to the streets and bridges to get out of New York City.

The NYPD was out in force, and people seemed to keep their calm, amidst the stifling heat. There were many reports of people helping each other out of tall office buildings, and then ultimately in getting home. People headed in the same direction banded together in groups and walked or waited in traffic to get home. There were no incidents reported of looting or riots as there were in the 1977 blackout in New York City.

Many people from our area who commute into New York everyday faced trouble getting home, some not getting off the train until early Friday morning. They all seemed tired and glad to be home finally.

Those with electricity had nothing to do but watch the news. The media picked up on the story instantly. While the news seemed saturated with coverage of the blackout, the free press did its job in a time of crisis. For any news medium to function efficiently, it must report in a timely fashion the situation at hand while allowing for breathing room by being admittedly hesitant. News broadcasts were cautious and confessed to not knowing the whole truth; but gave the American people, albeit in large doses, what they knew to be the truth.

Some may feel that too much news coverage compromises America's security by pointing out our nation's flaws. It doesn't, however, compromise one of our nation's greatest strengths — the right to a free press.

Will Beechwood School Project Ever Get Done?

By LAUREN PASS

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Crossway Place, the South Avenue Circle, Mountinside's Beechwood School, the Hedge Property in Scotch Plains and Westfield Parking... what do these five things have in common? These are stories that take forever to die, projects that take years to complete, if ever.

Closed in October of 1999, and scheduled to reopen in December, the roadway at Crossway Place was not completely open until August of 2000. New Jersey Transit fell some four months behind schedule in replacing the bridge. Gas lines that had to be installed then held up the project. Each week, there seemed to be another wrench thrown into the works.

For as long as we can remember, the state has been discussing either eliminating or changing the traffic flow at the South Avenue Circle in Westfield. Plans

have been presented on multiple occasions, most recently last summer. Funding for the project was put in place in the State Department of Transportation's three-year plan. Will it happen? Hard to say; but, I think we all agree the circle was easier to navigate before the yield signs were installed.

The construction at the Beechwood School in Mountinside is still, yet to be completed. In April of 2001, the voters approved the bond to go ahead with the project. Construction was supposed to be complete for the fall 2002 school opening. Delays were so severe that the construction company was fired. The bonding company stepped in after the entire school opening was delayed for weeks. Now, there are more delays with mold and roof problems.

The Beechwood School construction story is one that needs to end soon and successfully.

Letters to the Editor

F-SP YMCA Director Thanks Emergency Teams for Assistance

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA wishes to thank all of the Emergency Units who responded to the bus/car collision involving our campers on Thursday, August 7, 2003.

These professional and compassionate teams did everything they could to make what could have been a traumatic experience for the children much less so.

Our thanks goes to the Berkeley Heights Rescue Squad, Fanwood Rescue Squad, Mountinside Rescue Squad, Muhlenberg Hospital MICU, Overlook Hospital MICU, Rahway Hospital MICU, Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, Springfield First Aid Squad, St. Elizabeth Hospital MICU, Summit First Aid Squad, Union Hospital MICU, and Westfield Rescue Squad. Special recognition should go to Gareth Williams, Communications Manager at Atlantic Health Systems, who coordinated the

response teams.

We also wish to thank the Scotch Plains Police Department and the Union County Police Department for their presence and coordination.

We wish to commend the two hospitals to which our campers were transported, Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center and Overlook Hospital. From the minute we arrived, the nurses and doctors did everything they could, not only to treat, but to comfort the children. In addition to the excellent medical care that they received, the children were fed and entertained.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA is blessed that none of our campers or staff was seriously injured in the accident. Thank you to all who helped, including the bystanders and witnesses who are too numerous to list.

Karin Dreixler
Executive Director

The Taking of the Redevelopment Website Is a Childish Prank

My name is Richard Fromkin. I am the owner of Westfield Interiors, at 305 South Avenue West. I am also a member of the board of directors of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and co-director of the Farm-

ers market. I have owned my business in Westfield since March of 2001. I grew up in Huntington, L.I. a beautiful and historic town very similar in size and demographics to Westfield. My father opened a furniture store in Huntington in 1964 and it is still operated by my brother. I have always had a great deal of pride in being an involved member of the community in which I live, particularly when in a wonderful town such as Huntington, and now Westfield.

Obviously you also are proud of your town. However, since you chose not to give your name, and in my opinion, chose to pull what I consider a childish prank in hijacking this domain name right after the last meeting of the town council I felt an obligation to respond. You state that you do not believe Sean Davis intended to deceive the public when he said this domain name was being registered to solicit comments from all members of the community who chose to respond. Yet you took (stole) this forum—Why? You, like all members of the community, had the right to express your opinions on the website, in the editorial pages of *The Westfield Leader*, the *Star-Ledger*, the *Courier News*, and public meetings of the town council. I feel hijacking this domain name discourages the honest and open forum which you say you want.

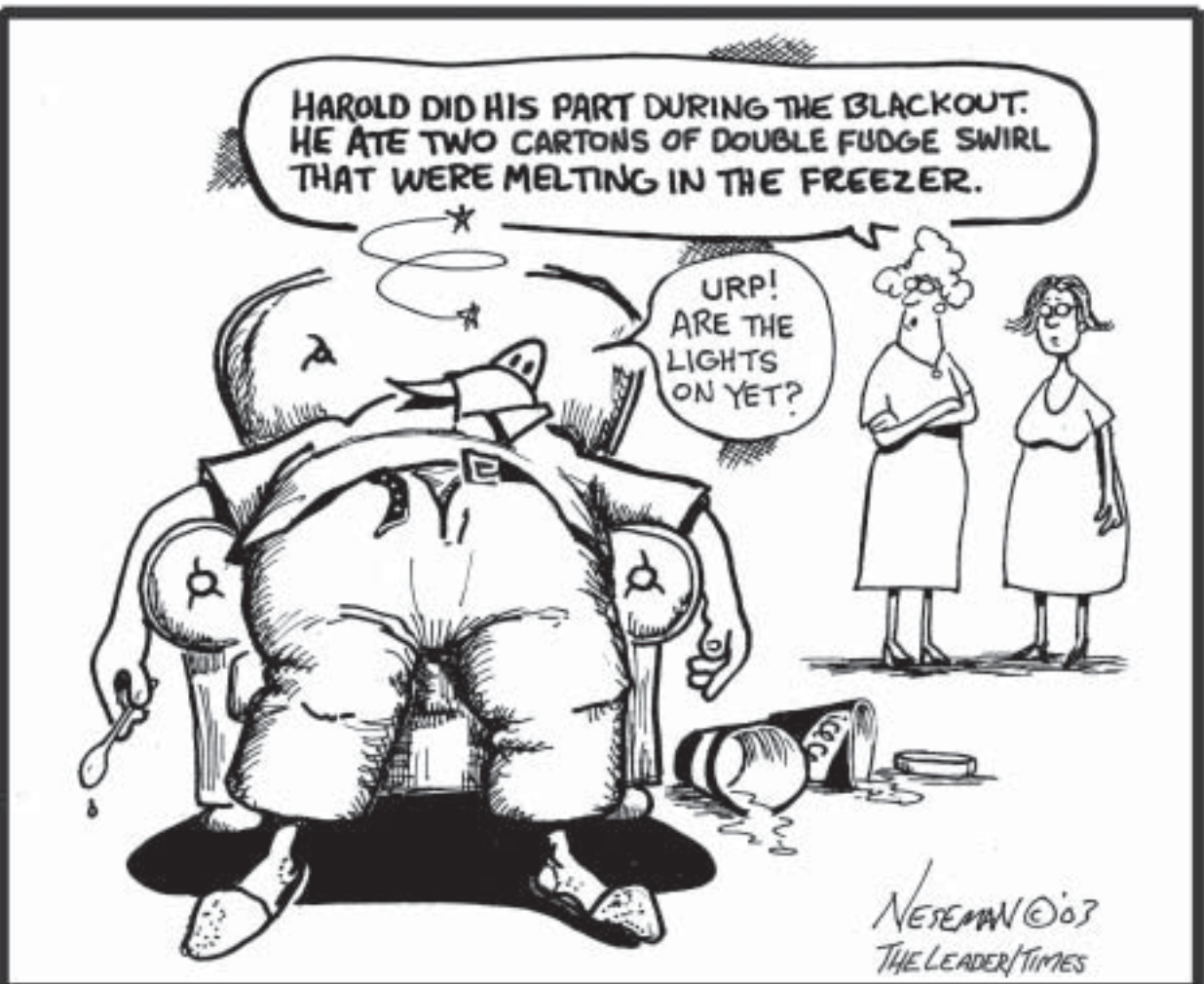
Being a merchant on the south side of town, and an active member of the business community I can state with a great deal of certainty that redevelopment on the South side of town would greatly help the merchants and property owners, including area homeowners.

There is a parking shortage in Westfield. There is a need for redevelopment on the south side. Now, please be an active part of the process. Please be involved. Do not try and control the dialogue through methods such as these.

Horace Corbin
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LOVE THAT JAZZ... The very popular Jazz Nights in downtown Westfield concluded its summer season Tuesday night in beautiful weather and with a large turnout of all ages.

County Provides Grants To Fight Litter Problem

COUNTY – Union County invites non-profit groups to combat litter in parks and playgrounds, along stream banks and on community streets by participating in the Union County Clean Communities Program.

"Funds are available to non-profit groups of 10 or more volunteers who are willing to clean up targeted Union County parks, streams and roadways," said Freeholder Chester Holmes.

"This is a great way for young scouts or church groups to serve the larger community and raise funds for their organizations," he said.

Each non-profit group must agree to provide a minimum of 10 workers.

The Union County mini-grants will be based on the number of volunteers, with the grants ranging from \$100 for the smallest group to \$300 for a group of 40 or more volunteers.

The Clean Communities Program will determine which areas will be targeted for clean up. Gloves, garbage bags and safety vests will be available for the volunteers.

To request a mini-grant application or for more information about the Clean Communities Program, please contact the Union County Bureau of Environmental Services, 300 North Avenue, East, Second Floor, Westfield 07090 or call (908) 654-9890.

Town Meeting Slated On Bills Impacting Medicare

COUNTY – The Senior Council of Union County, Senior Legislative Issues Coalition of Union County and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will sponsor a town meeting regarding Medicare prescription drug coverage.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 27, at The Westwood, located at 438 North Avenue in Garwood.

Registration and breakfast will take place between 8:30 and 10 a.m., with the forum to be held between 10 a.m. and noon. The AARP is also underwriting the cost of the breakfast.

Invited guests include United States Senators Jon Corzine and Frank Lautenberg, along with Con-

gressmen Michael Ferguson, Robert Menendez and Donald Payne. Senator Corzine has already confirmed his plans to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to give Medicare beneficiaries an opportunity to question their Union County Congressional representatives regarding bills that have been proposed by the Senate and the House of Representatives that would provide America's retirees and people with disabilities with a Medicare prescription drug benefit, and how this would impact their health coverage.

For reservations and further information, please call (908) 527-4872 or (908) 272-5671.



The Scotch PLAINVIEW

State Senate Wrongly Ducks Property Tax Reform

By Fred Rossi for *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*

Once again, the powers that be in Trenton deemed the issue of property taxes to be one that was too hot to handle this year. After the State Assembly passed legislation earlier this summer that would place on this November's ballot a referendum question on whether to convene a constitutional convention to address property tax reform, Senate leaders refused to consider the question. As a result, the legislation, which has gained a bit more momentum and support over the past few years, died and will have to be considered anew next year.

We've argued for a few years that voters — many of whom pay local property taxes and, according to some polls, feel reform should be a top priority — deserve a chance at expressing themselves on an issue that affects nearly everyone. Property taxes, one of those levies that is based not on a person's income but on the almost-never decreasing value of their property, continue to increase — significantly in some cases — in most communities this year as local costs continue to increase, state assistance remains frozen and rising education budgets continue to be funded with little state assistance. As a result, towns find themselves strapped as they seek ways to fund services and, even more so, their boards of education.

And yet, Trenton hasn't bothered to act. Apparently, it is easier for the state to pass the buck to municipalities rather than take the heat themselves. Despite Trenton's failure to act this summer, the property tax issue isn't going to go away. All 120 members of the State Legislature will soon begin their campaigns for election, and what better time to conduct a detailed and intelligent discussion of New Jersey's antiquated property tax system than during the fall campaign?

There are, of course, other issues to be discussed this fall, but property taxes should be at or near the top of the list of major campaign issues. Our local state legislative teams are split on the issue of whether a consti-

tutional convention is a good idea. Two of our local legislators — Democrats Linda Stender and Jerry Green from the 22nd District — voted in favor of A-540 while Republicans Eric Munoz and Jon Bramnick from the 21st voted against it. State Sen. Thomas Kean of the 21st District has stated his opposition to a constitutional convention while Sen. Joseph Suliga of the 22nd hasn't yet stated his position.

Candidates for the state legislature owe it to the voters to fully discuss the property tax issue, whether they favor reforming the present system and what their ideas for reforms are — whether it's the constitutional convention route or some other way. Just because the convention idea is dead for this year doesn't mean the issue is going to disappear. Property tax bills are being mailed out this month, so the issue should be fresh in voters' minds as the fall campaign gets underway.

Voters should not allow any of the candidates to duck the issue. The property tax system in our state is antiquated and inequitable. It needs to be fixed. It's time for our leaders — and those who aspire to state office — to stand up and take a stand.

Underground Storage Tank Law Provides Incentives And Grants

TRENTON — Governor James McGreevey signed legislation into law that provides more time and additional grant monies for the upgrade, closure and remediation of underground storage tanks.

The new law (A-3287/3024) provides several incentives for the safe and expeditious removal of underground storage tanks.

"No one wants to build on property that could have environmental problems due to underground storage tanks," said Asm. Neil Cohen of Union. "These properties have remained vacant for too long. It's time to dig up the tanks, clean up the land, and spur reinvestment in our cities."

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HOME WITH THE BEARS... Honored guests Bob Brewster Sr. (left) and Horace Corbin, Publisher of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* (right) discuss strategy on tossing "The first pitch." Nelson Constantino Group Sales Executive, Fred Lecomte Advertising & Marketing Director and David Corbin, Assistant Publisher and Sports Editor await the countdown at Bears & Eagles Riverfront Stadium in Newark.

FCC Reviews "Do-Not-Fax" And Extends Effective Date

By MICHAEL POLLACK
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

In last week's newspaper, *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* published an editorial condemning the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for attempting to stop all unsolicited faxes. According to the original FCC ruling, on August 25 the "Do-Not-Fax" initiative would have made it necessary for one to have the permission in writing with a signature and phone number of the individual to whom a fax is addressed before sending any fax advertisement. According to www.FCC.gov, the FCC has since amended the ruling by extending the effective date to January 1, 2005.

Last week's editorial wrote of the confusion that would be caused by the ruling because it forced companies that had prior business relationships with fax recipients to reestablish an agreement to send faxes — a decision *The Leader/Times* had deemed dimwitted, because it seemed to take a good concept too far.

In addition, local businesses

wouldn't be able to conduct normal business with other potential customers by faxing their menus, specials, deals, and other advertisements. Even if two businesses had been in agreement over fax advertising, they would have to go through the formalities imposed by the rule, perhaps hire an attorney to draw up a contract, or face the ramifications of fines.

The FCC Fax rule is on hold for the time being. This gives time for the public to adjust to the new rule, gives the FCC an opportunity to reflect on it and allows for revisions.

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell can be contacted by emailing mpowell@fcc.gov or by calling 1-888-225-5322 (1-888-CALL FCC) Voice: toll-free or by Faxing (202) 418-0710.

For more information, see www.fcc.gov.

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Union County Hiking Club Posts Upcoming Activities

COUNTY — The Union County Hiking Club has announced several hiking activities that will take place during the last weekend of this month.

A visit to Jockey Hollow in Morristown is planned for Saturday, August 30. Mary Doyle will lead a four- to five-mile hike at a moderate pace in this historic national park. She may be reached at (908) 580-1778.

Participants will meet at 10 a.m. at the Jockey Hollow Visitors Center. There is a \$4 per person admission fee charged to those without park passes.

On Sunday, August 31, a moderate hike will take place at Lewis Morris Park in Morristown. Some sections of the trail are rough, with ups and downs.

Participants will meet at 10 a.m. at Lewis Morris Park, Sunrise Lake, upper parking lot. The group leaders will be Lynn Gale, who may be reached at (973) 763-7230 and Louise White, who may be reached at (973) 746-4319.

A Delaware Canal Towpath Bike Ride is also planned for that Sunday, led by Mary Doyle. Interested individuals are asked to call (908) 580-1778 to register.

Participants will meet at 10 a.m. at Prailles Mills parking lot, Route 29, in Stockton. This activity is described as a leisurely ride on the New Jersey and Pennsylvania towpaths, comprising 21 to 26 miles. Rain will cancel the event. Individuals are asked to bring lunch and helmets are required.

Seniors Announce Trip To Duke Farm Gardens

SCOTCH PLAINS — With support from the Township of Scotch Plains, the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a tour of the Duke Farm Gardens in Hillsborough on Wednesday, October 8.

Participants will have an opportunity to view 11 thematic gardens. Italian, English, French, Chinese, Japanese and Indo-Persian designs are "juxtaposed" near semi-tropical and jungle environments.

The gardens, personally designed by the late Doris Duke, were first opened to the public in 1964. All are exquisitely maintained and presented to visitors at their peak.

The gardens are handicapped accessible, but some areas may be difficult for those using a wheelchair. Individuals requiring assistance should arrange for someone to accompany them on the trip.

The bus will leave at 9:30 a.m. from the rear of the Municipal Building, located at 430 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The cost is \$8 for senior residents of Scotch Plains and \$9 for non-residents. Registration will begin on Monday, August 25, for Scotch Plains residents and on Tuesday, September 2, for non-residents. All registrations are to be made in Room 113 of the Municipal Building.

For further information, please call (908) 322-6700, extension no. 220, or (908) 889-2084.



Ms. Julie Lynn Lovell and Michael Edwin Dunlap

Ms. Julie Lynn Lovell To Wed Michael E. Dunlap

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lovell of Columbia, Md. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Julie Lynn Lovell, to Michael Edwin Dunlap. He is the son of Mrs. Nancy Craker of Bedford, Tex. and Robert Dunlap of Westfield.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Colby College in Waterville, Me. After working in Florida as a marine biologist and environmental educator, she recently completed the accelerated nursing program at Johns Hopkins University. She presently works as a registered nurse at Baptist Hospital in Miami, Fla.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and the University of Rhode Island, where he majored in animal science and played Division I soccer.

He is a Master Scuba Diver Trainer, as well as a licensed United States Coast Guard Captain, with Sea Dwellers Dive Center in Key Largo, Fla. Mr. Dunlap is also an Emergency Medical Technician.

The couple plans to be married in September in Maryland.

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Municipal Alliance and SAGE To Present Program on Titanic

BERKELEY HEIGHTS -- The Berkeley Heights Municipal Alliance, in conjunction with SAGE, will present a program entitled "What You Didn't Know About the Titanic" on Tuesday, September 9, at 11 a.m. at the Berkeley Heights Senior Citizens Club, Mount Carmel Hall, located at 56 River Road in Berkeley Heights.

Old Guard to Resume Meetings in September

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Old Guard will resume its meetings in the Kellogg Room of the Westfield "Y," located at 220 Clark Street, on Thursday, September 4.

Meetings start with coffee at 9:30 a.m. and the business meeting at 10 a.m., followed by a speaker at 11 a.m. Scheduled speakers for September are as follows:

September 4 — Donna Farrell, Supervisor of Senior Citizen Activities for Union County.

September 11 — Robert Downes, President of The Town Bank of Westfield.

September 18 — Dr. David D. Bullek, Center for Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine.

September 25 — John McCloskey, Telephone Competition.

The Merryman and the Bowlers groups will resume their activities in September, while the Duplicate Bridge and Golfers will continue their activities, with the Golfers playing matches against Summit and Milburn in September.

Retired and semi-retired men are welcome to attend Old Guard meetings. Interested individuals may also call George Ryan at (908) 232-8094 or Jack McHugh at (908) 233-1539.

cated at 56 River Road in Berkeley Heights.

The speaker will be Robert Ferraro, a member of Titanic International and a councilman in Plainfield. Titanic International is a volunteer organization formed to recover and preserve historical artifacts from the ship.

Admission will be free and the event is open to all interested individuals. For more information, please call Suzanne Lyon, Director of Special Events at SAGE, at (908) 273-5550, extension no. 22.

SAGE is a private, not-for-profit organization that acts as a major community resource in the establishment and delivery of services for older adults and their caregivers. It serves more than 5,000 older adults and their families annually in Union, Morris, Somerset and Essex Counties.

Service League Salutes Member Anniversaries

WESTFIELD — During its annual meeting in June, the Westfield Service League honored 10 of its members as they celebrated volunteer service anniversaries with the organization.

A non-profit volunteer organization, the league owns and operates the Thrift and Consignment Shops at 114 Elmer Street in Westfield.

Service Award recipients included Debbie Hecht and Patti O'Connor, seven years; Charlotte Clevenger, Amy DiGiovanni, Mary Levine, Joyce Luker and Ann Ribardo, 10 years; Mary Lou Carter and Chris Molloy, 15 years, and Carol Posyton, 25 years.

Recreation Activities Offered To Special Needs Youth

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Recreational Therapy Department of Children's Specialized Hospital has announced its fall community recreation programs, which are designed to provide leisure opportunities for children with special needs.

All programs will be held at Children's Specialized Hospital, located at 150 New Providence Road.

Martial Arts will be offered on Mondays, October 6 to November 17, from 5 to 6 p.m. for ages five to eight and from 6 to 7 p.m. for ages nine to 13. They will take place in Auditorium A.

Instructed by Dr. Steve Mermiri and Child Life Specialist Christy Johnson, the class is designed for children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), neurological impairments and/or problems with balance, coordination and

body awareness.

The class will provide instruction in basic martial arts techniques and listening skills. Coordination of movement, balance and thought will be incorporated. The registration fee is \$75.

Adaptive Aquatics will be available on Fridays and Saturdays, September 26 to November 15, at the Physical Therapy Pool.

It will be offered on Fridays from 6:15 to 7 p.m. for ages seven to nine, and on Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. for ages four to six, and from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. for ages seven to nine.

Certified Therapeutic Recreation Therapist Linde Loubet coordinates a beginner instructional swim program for children with physical and/or developmental disabilities.

Parent participation in the pool will be encouraged. Classes will not be held on Friday, October 31, or Saturday, November 1. The registration fee is \$75.

On Tuesdays, October 7 to November 11, an Arts and Crafts Workshop will be presented from 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 10 to 15 in the Recreation Teen Room.

These six workshops are designed for children who have mild neurological, physical or social challenges that prohibit them from participating in similar community programs.

Certified Recreational Therapist Rayna Correia will offer instruction and assistance in making crafts such as mosaics, sponge painting, tie-dyeing, mask making, sculpey clay and bead and sand art.

This is an informal program where peers will be encouraged to interact with one another while they are busy creating. Siblings are welcome. The registration fee is \$65.

The registration deadline for all of these programs is Monday, September 22. Class sizes are limited. To register, please call (908) 233-3720, extension no. 5104.

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Community and Religious News

We Need to be Observant of Life's Complexities and Opportunities

By REV. DR. DARLA DEE TURLINGTON

In the relative quiet of summer, I turn our attention to the constant need for citizens to be observant, to pay attention to the multi-dimensional nature of community issues, and expect that social leaders will do so as well.

Take, for example, the war on terrorism waged for nearly two years now, and its expression in the occupation of Iraq. News reports focus on the continued threat to American soldiers as resistance breaks out randomly. Analysts and politicians speak partial truths as they question the validity of the war in the first place, and the chances now of succeeding in establishing an Iraqi government concerned with human rights.

These are part of the picture, worthy of response, discussion and prayer. But observant citizens also notice the reactions of Muslims in surrounding countries and the hesitancy of other free nations to give unquestioned support to a United States plan. They see the multi-dimensional nature of the international leadership role of our country.

The observant citizen raises the questions hidden in the shadows, asking why a nation that champions democracy and individual rights should be so hated by some and held suspect by others. Observant citizens do not adopt the slogan, "my country, right or wrong!" Instead, with equal love for country, they operate on the principle of, "my coun-

try — God, make her right!"

Another example: the rising unemployment rate among the middle class in America. Observant citizens notice that too many businesses are closing their doors for good, with no equivalent industry taking up the slack. Collateral damage to families and communities, as consumer power decreases and illness and addictions increase, is immense.

And has anyone thought ahead to the fact that both social security for the aging population and welfare for the unskilled population are largely dependent on the tax base of the middle class?

A third example, in our own backyard: the loss of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families. Observant citizens take note of the current opportunity for a thoughtful community response to this easily-overlooked trend. We can include an affordable housing piece in the parking lot projects planned by the town.

Don't let summer make you drowsy and unobservant. Be citizens on the watch, aware of complexities, alert to opportunities. Demand that community leaders, at every level of public service, be aware and responsive as well. For what we need for such a time as this is not slogans, but wisdom.

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Reverend Turlington is Senior Pastor at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, located at 170 Elm Street.

DEATH NOTICE

Joan M. Beisser, Volunteered Time To Civic and Religious Organizations

Joan Marie Beisser, a resident of Scotch Plains for 38 years and a Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, N.Y. native, died on Friday, August 15, following a short illness.

Mrs. Beisser was a teacher at Elizabeth High School for the past 17 years. Prior to her years of service in Elizabeth, she was a teacher at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit and Our Lady of Lourdes School in Mountainside.

Long active in the Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Westfield communities, Mrs. Beisser was a former President of the Rosary Altar Society at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Extraordinarily passionate in all that she did, one of the many ways she demonstrated her compassion was by serving in the Center for Hope Hospice Program in connection with St. Helen's Church in Westfield, tending to the needs of the terminally ill.

Mrs. Beisser also volunteered her time to many civic and religious organizations, including the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains, and was also active within the Republican Party.

Blessed with an engaging, outgoing personality and keen sense of humor, she was a voracious reader and a lover of the arts. Mrs. Beisser was a long-time season ticket subscriber at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn and often attended Broadway plays, symphonies and movies with any one of her countless number of friends.

Her energetic, fast-paced lifestyle included extensive traveling, having made trips to her ancestral homeland in Italy, other parts of Europe, the Caribbean and all across the United States.

In the mid-1990s, Mrs. Beisser confounded the medical profession by making a full, against-the-odds recovery from a life-threatening illness.

Viola 'Vi' Masluck, 88

Viola "Vi" Masluck, 88, of Seaside Heights died on Wednesday, August 13, at her home.

Born in Orange, she had lived in Fanwood for 35 years before moving to Seaside Heights in 1989.

Mrs. Masluck had worked as a beautician at Manna's Beauty Parlor in Newark and later for the Martucci Bus Company in West Orange. While raising her own children, she cared for many other children in her home.

She was a communicant of St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church in Seaside Park and St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

She also volunteered as a Girl Scout leader and was a member of the Parent Teacher Association.

She was predeceased by her husband, Stanley, in 1987, along with three brothers and two sisters.

Surviving are four daughters, Maryalice Powell, Nancy Reeve, Susan Masluck and Mary Rooney; a sister, a sister, Audrey "Peggy" Oldock, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Monday, August 18, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Mass followed at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to Vandyke Hospice, 99 Route 37 W, Toms River 08755.

August 21, 2003



HAPPY CAMPERS...Sixty-four children with cancer or blood disorders recently enjoyed a week of camping at Sister Pat's Camp in Esopus, N.Y. The camp is supported and staffed by members of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Pictured with some of the campers are, in the back row, Bryan McDermott, far left, Deirdre Lynn, center, and Vicky Nusse, far right, along with Jack Kane, seated second from right.

Kids Offered Help to Cope With Parents' Breakups

SCOTCH PLAINS — Registration is now open for the fall session of Children Helping Children, a support program offered to youngsters ages five to 17 by the Center for Women and Families in Scotch Plains.

Created and directed by Family Life Educator Susan Koslowsky, the program addresses the needs of children impacted by the breakup of their parents' marriage or subsequent remarriage.

Small, age-appropriate groups of children engage in artwork, story telling, and group discussion as they learn to understand and deal with their emotions and changing family circumstances.

Parental involvement is considered to be a key element. The center offers guidance and support for separated, divorced, single or remarried parents.

Groups of children meet after school for one hour per week for a six-week period. The cost of the six-week program is \$70 for center members and \$85 for non-members. Limited partial scholarships are available to low-income families.

The next series of workshops will begin in September, with the exact dates and time to be determined by enrollment.

The Center for Women and Families provides a full range of support services to men, women and families in the midst of relationship problems or other life transitions.

To register a youngster for Children Helping Children, or for more information about this program and others, as well as volunteer opportunities, please call the Center for Women and Families at (908) 322-6007. The center is located at 1801 East Second Street.

— Obituaries —

DEATH NOTICE

Xavier Zeitounian, 62, Owned Salon; Enjoyed Spending Time With Family

Xavier Zeitounian, 62, of Westfield passed away at his home on Monday, August 11.

Mr. Zeitounian, an Armenian Catholic, was born in Bourg Hommond, Lebanon. Orphaned at the young age of 13, he spent many years traveling and working abroad. He had lived in Belgium and Paris before moving to New York in his early 20s. He made Westfield his

Westfield; his children, Chloé and Kyle, both of Westfield, and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Billy and Kim O'Connor of England.

A Funeral Liturgy was said for the repose of his soul on Thursday, August 14, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

August 21, 2003

DEATH NOTICE

Marion Scholl Slocum

Marion Scholl Slocum died in Pompano Beach, Fla. on Friday, August 15.

She was born in Elizabeth, N.J. on November 20, 1914, the daughter and youngest child of Minerva "Billie" C. Scholl and Clarence G. Scholl. Marion's husband of 61 years, Merchant D. Slocum, died in 1993.

Marion and Merch lived for many years in Fanwood, N.J. They were active members of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, and Marion was a Girl Scout leader and community volunteer for a number of years.

In the 1970s they retired to Cary, N.C., where they were avid golfers and active members of the McGregor Downs Country Club. They relocated to John Knox Village in Pompano Beach, Fla. in 1988.

Marion is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Allen Holden of Los Angeles, and her granddaughter, Mariah Sparks, of San Francisco.

August 21, 2003



Xavier Zeitounian

home for the past 10 years.

A hair stylist for 30 years, Mr. Zeitounian had owned his own salon in New York for many years.

Mr. Zeitounian loved videotaping his children. He would video his daughter, Chloé's dance and singing performances and his son, Kyle's sporting events.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Dee (nee Aagre) Zeitounian of

Wisdom's Light to Present Session on God and Ecology

WESTFIELD — The public is invited to the first session of a series on God and Ecology at the First Congregational Church of Westfield on Thursday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m.

This series of discussions, to be held in September, October and November, will offer participants an opportunity to discuss environmental concerns through the perception of faith.

The first session will discuss how God and creation relate, covering such ideas as God separate from cre-

ation, God infused in creation, and what God expects of humans in the care of creation.

The emphasis will be from a Christian perspective, but participants from other faiths are invited to share their views.

The goal of the series is for individuals to consider how religion can productively and positively set the technological agenda for the environment.

This program is a project of the Wisdom's Light ministry of the First Congregational Church of Closter. It will be facilitated by the Reverend John A. Mills, Pastor of that church.

Participants of all faiths, or no faith at all, are welcome to attend. Attendees are encouraged to raise issues and questions.

The First Congregational Church of Westfield is located at 125 Elmer Street. To reach the church, please call (908) 233-2494.

JCC Slates Registration

For Fall Programs

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey in Scotch Plains has announced that registration will soon be underway for its fall classes.

JCC member registration will begin on Tuesday, September 2, at 9 a.m. Non-member registration will take place starting the following Tuesday, September 9.

The JCC Fall Program Guide details each department's new offerings. Individuals who have not received a copy are invited to stop by the Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Avenue, and pick one up at the reception desk.

For further information, please call (908) 889-8800 or visit www.jccnj.org. The JCC of Central New Jersey is a constituent agency of the United Way and the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey.

St. Bart's Rosarians

Reveal First Meeting

SCOTCH PLAINS — St. Bartholomew's Rosary Altar Society will hold its first meeting for 2003-2004 on Monday, September 8, following the 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Plans for upcoming meetings and events will be discussed. Additionally, tickets for the annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 5, will be available at the meeting.

The meeting is open to all women of the parish. Refreshments will be served and guests are welcome. St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church is located at 2032 Westfield Avenue.

Valentina Roman, 74, Avid Volunteer; Fashion Consultant For Casual Corner

Valentina Maceikonis Roman, 74, of Westfield died on Wednesday, August 13, at Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield.

Born in Kybarti, Lithuania, she came to the United States in 1949, settling in Elizabeth. She also lived in Allentown, Pa. and in Lakewood, coming to Westfield two months ago.

Mrs. Roman had been a fashion consultant with Casual Corner in Pennsylvania for 16 years before retiring in 1991.

She belonged to St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Allentown, Pa. and the National Orchid Society.

Mrs. Roman also volunteered with

the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, Little League and as a teacher's aide while her children were growing up.

She was predeceased by her husband, Lionel Roman, in 1972, and by a grandson, Dustin Roman, in 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Linus Roman and Vitas Roman; a daughter, Renee Roman; two brothers, Juozas Maceikonis and Vytautas Maceikonis, and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, August 16, at the Gray Memorial Funeral Home, 12 Springfield Avenue in Cranford. Interment took place at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

August 21, 2003

George Mueller, 64, Sales Representative; Active Parishioner at St. Helen's Church

George W. Mueller, 64, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, August 8, at his home.

Born in Chicago, Ill., he had resided in Westfield before relocating to Scotch Plains.

Mr. Mueller had worked for the Holman Label Company in Morris Plains from 1985 until retiring in 2002.

He was previously employed with the Ace Comb Company division of Amerace Corporation, serving as a regional sales representative for the Midwest area and later the northeastern states. He also was a customer service manager.

A communicant of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, he taught religious education and was a RENEW program leader there.

Mr. Mueller, who served in the United States Army from 1962 to

1964, belonged to the American Legion and the Monsignor Watterson Council of the Knights of Columbus, both in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Mueller; a daughter, Aileen Mueller; two sons, George Mueller, 3rd and Charles Mueller; two stepchildren, Melissa Fleming and Gregory Fleming, and a grandson.

A memorial Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, August 13, at St. Helen's Church.

Arrangements were by the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.

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Westfield Police Men Tune Up For Police League Showdown

By FRED LECOMTE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Both Westfield Police softball forces appear heavily armed and defensively well prepared to do battle in the second round of the Union County Police League playoff championship. Westfield 1, champions in the National Division and runner-up in 2002,

received a first-round bye and will host the Elizabeth Sheriff Department. Westfield 2, of the American Division also receiving a bye, will confront the Union County Jailers.

In a scrimmage game held on Memorial Field in Westfield on August 13, Westfield 1 proved its dominance with an 11-3 decision on 12

hits while the defense rose to every occasion. Frank Padovano cracked two doubles and scored two runs. Barney Tracy tallied three RBI, Ed Smalls scored two runs and Ed Belford, Tom Ostrander, Steve Peterpaul and Paul Ferry swatted in one run each.

"Our guns are loaded and ready to go," announced Westfield 1 team captain Padovano. "A lot of guys haven't played for weeks, so it was good to get our bats rejuvenated. The game started off sloppy, but we got our hits to do what we had to do. Jeff Johnson showed a great glove at first. He did a great job. Everyone can replace anyone. We have a great first baseman in Dave Wayman who will return for the playoffs. We're losing Ostrander to the National Guard, but we're having Pat Brady back who now is off the injured list. Today, we hit well but not as well as we would like to, so we have to get the little cracks out of it."

Westfield 2, banged 10 hits including an RBI triple and a single by walk-on, "I don't play for Westfield 1," Pat Brady. Greg Kasko accounted for a run and singled twice. Todd Earl and Mitch Harris contributed with two hits.

"We've been off for the past three weeks, so we came here today to get in a much needed scrimmage," said

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Fred K. Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times
ALMOST HAD 'EM...An outstanding toss from Westfield PD-1 second baseman Paul Ferry to catcher Tom Ostrander falls short as Westfield PD-2 rightfielder "Cat" Tony Vastano bounces in to score a run in a scrimmage game held at Memorial Field in Westfield on August 13.

McKENNA CRACKS HOMER, P. MARTORANO GOES 4-4

Mojave Grillers Duel Trinity To, 5-5, Tie in Aborted Game 3

By FRED LECOMTE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Theresa's Mojave Grille and Trinity Electric confronted each other in Game 3 to determine the championship in the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League B Division at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 12. Unfortunately, no champion was crowned at that time as both teams left the battleground frustrated when the game was suspended after seven innings of a tremendously well-

played game with the score deadlocked, 5-5.

Before the game, Griller team captain Steve Barba explained, "Trinity Electric won Game 1, 7-6 on August 10. We got rained out in the fourth inning in Game 2 on August 11, so today we are continuing to play the last five innings of that nine inning game, then play Game 3 right after that; a seven inning game that will determine the champion."

The Grillers responded with a, 8-

5, victory in Game 2. "We came out on fire the remainder of that second game and that carried us into Game 3," added Barba. "Then in Game 3, we just didn't have enough hits, too much air and not enough on the ground, but, no champ yet."

Offensively, Mojave fired off 13 hits. Paul Martorano created the most sparks amassing four singles and scored two runs. Dave Kirsch whipped up three singles and John Campanella plunked two hits and scored two runs. Barba added an RBI.

Although Mojave pitcher Jack Kerr limited Trinity to 10 hits, Electrician Mike McKenna provided plenty of juice with a crushing solo home run, a two-run triple and two singles. Neil Leitner sparked two hits and Jerry Riporti powered an RBI single.

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Fred K. Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times
TURNING UP THE HEAT...Griller team captain Steve Barba stokes up a run just in time despite the excellent effort by Trinity Electric catcher John Campanella. Game 3 ended, 5-5, due to darkness and was later declared "aborted" by both teams on August 12. In a replay, The Grillers captured their second consecutive championship with a 9-5 victory.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
ST. SHEEHAN FIRING TO THIRD BASE...St. Patrick first baseman Jim Sheehan grabs a grounder hit by St. Jude's Paul Morello, left, tags first for the out and fires to third in hopes of nailing the runner.

DECHIARO GETS 3 RBI; WUSTEFELD GETS 3 HITS, 3 RBI

St. Jude Softballers Slip Past Scrappy St. Patrick Men, 8-7

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

St. Jude capitalized on seven walks and pulled off some crafty defensive plays to slip past scrappy St. Patrick, 8-7, in St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action at Farley Field in Scotch Plains on August 13. Jude shortstop Joe DeChiaro used his bat and his glove to make the difference.

St. Jude managed to get just nine hits off St. Pat pitcher Tony Williams, but the seven walks helped to set up

six of Jude's eight runs. Jude pitcher Joe Matuska gave up 10 hits and yielded three walks – one intentional – but none figured in the scoring.

DeChiaro initiated two double plays and made an outstanding running, over the shoulder catch in shallow centerfield in the fifth inning. At the plate, he had an RBI single and a two-run sacrifice fly to deep rightfield. Teammates Bob Pielhau went 2-for-2 and Matuska had a two-run single. Second baseman Joe Shea made a fine diving play in the second inning.

Rick Wustefeld was the most dangerous Pat at the plate, pounding a two-run double and two singles, scoring twice and finishing with three RBI. Bill Irovando whacked two hits, including a two-run triple, and scored once. Williams and Joe Metzger each tapped two hits and Matt Hoelzel singled and scored twice.

The Pats plated three runs in the top of the first inning. Metzger beat out an infield single, Hoelzel hopped a single over second and Wustefeld

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NIES CRASHES 3-RUN HOMER, WARD RACKS UP RUNS

PEP Holds Back Checchio's Charge, Wins Game 2, 15-12

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

Rain-soaked fields prevented top-seeded PEP Again and second-seeded Checchio Chiropractic from completing Game 2 of the A Division championship series in the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League on August 11. PEP Again held a 9-5 lead with runners on first and second and one out in the top of the third inning when the game was called.

On August 12 at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains, the two teams faced off again where they left off and PEP warded off a bases-loaded, ninth-inning scare by Checchio's to win, 15-12. In Game 1, PEP, the defending champions, took advantage of a vacation-riddled Checchio's and won easily, 19-1.

In those final seven innings, Checchio slugger Mark Nies, who scored twice, crushed a colossal two-run homer and teammate Jon Crowley used his last-three at bats to rip three singles, score twice and knock in a run. PEP leadoff hitter Joe Ward contributed three RBI in that time span while Doug Fischer, Curtis Gilmore and Jayson Hoynowski each went 2-for-3 with a run scored and

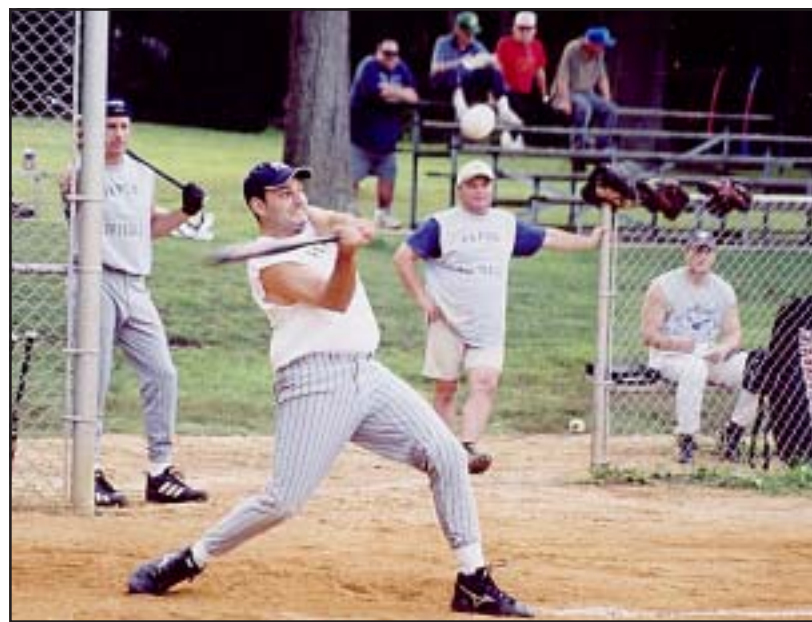
Pat Peterpaul knocked in two runs.

Since the league has traditionally played fast-paced games, especially since the introduction of a 1-1 starting count, a doubleheader was sched-

uled for the evening in order to make up for the lost field availability.

"The 1-1 count was the best thing that happened. It's a hitter's game. I

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CONNECTING FOR A TWO-RUN SINGLE...PEP's Pat Peterpaul plopped a two-run single into shallow left in the fourth inning against Checchio Chiropractic.

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WEAPONS AT THE READY...Westfield Police 2 team captain Greg Kasko takes aim in preparation for an upcoming battle with the U.C. Jail in the second round of the Union County Police League playoffs. Kasko's men defeated the Jailers, 12-11, in an early season confrontation

Westfield Police Teams Tune Up For Police League Showdown

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team captain Kasko. "It's always good to get out here, especially when it's an inter-departmental game. This is our fourth year in the league. This year, we're more of a team than before because guys know each other as far as their playing habits and it's just a matter of putting it together. We played this season really well and came out with a decent record. As far as the pitching is concerned, I'm just a washed up, back-up pitcher. I have a good pitcher in Manny Perez who pitches regularly for us. The bats were a little rusty tonight without Greg Hobson and Jeff Battaloro because they're the meat of our order."

Westfield 2 bagged a run in the bottom of the first on singles by Mitch Harris, Todd Earl and Kasko (RBI). In the top of the second, Padovano's men put five runs on the board. Frank Martinez doubled. Peterpaul (RBI), Jim McCullough and Mike Smalls (2 RBI) singled. Jeff Johnson triggered a double. Ostrander and Ferry each banged an RBI sacrifice.

Westfield 1 added three runs in the fifth. Ostrander and Ferry singled and

Padovano doubled in a run. Tracy and Belford each added an RBI sacrifice.

Westfield 2 immediately responded with two runs. Outstanding hustle earned Tony Vastano first base. Brady then ripped an RBI triple and Chambliss lofted an RBI sacrifice.

Westfield 1 added three runs in the seventh. Ostrander and Ferry singled. Padovano poked an RBI double and Tracy rapped a two-run sacrifice.

"The main thing is to get the bats going next week against the Jail," concluded Kasko. "Most definitely our defense is our major weapon. The infield, with Jerry Lipschitz at shortstop, he's got a gun. He also has a vacuum just like Eddie Belford. Also, I have a solid outfield in Eric Lieberman, Battaloro, Chambliss and Hobson. We can come away with the same outcome we had the first game of the season when we beat them fair and square in seven innings. We do have home field advantage and we're looking to take advantage of that. The regular season is over. The playoffs start and it's a new season."

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Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Results:

The Union County Senior Softball League (50+ Division) has completed its regular-season schedule and awaits the playoffs. Two league champions were crowned, Comcast Cablevision (Division I) and Northwestern Mutual Network (Division II).

The 60+ Division will finish its regular-season schedule this week and then begin the playoffs.

(As of August 17)			
TEAM	W	L	
Comcast Cablevision	18	3	
Nilsen Detective Agency	15	6	
Irish Pub	13	8	
Antone's Pub & Grill	11	10	
Awnings Galore	6	15	

50+ DIVISION 2:			
TEAM	W	L	
Northwestern Mutual	12	9	
The Office	12	9	
M & J Roofing	10	11	
Union Center National Bank	8	13	
Crest Refrigeration	0	21	

SUPER SENIORS 60+ DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Creative Industries	18	1	
L.A. Law	10	7	
Il Giordino's Restaurant	8	8	
Legg Mason	8	10	
Haven Savings	0	18	

Nilsen Detective Agency 19, Irish Pub 8

In a battle for second-place, the Pub jumped out to an 8-1 lead after three innings. Nilsen rebounded with seven runs in the fourth inning and seven runs in the fifth, paced by Bruce Bilotti with four hits. Joe Salerno slapped three hits, including two triples. Jerry Barrett, Al

Fiengenbaum and Ron Ivory hit homeruns for Nilsen.

Marion & Jacobson Roofing 19, The Office 8

The Roofers knocked The Office out of first place, highlighted by a 10-run explosion in the fourth inning. The Office received four hits from Tony Zarvos (two triples) and three hits from Chip Weiss.

Union Center National Bank 29, Crest Refrigeration 8

The Bankers scored in every inning and were led by Tom Connolly, Dan D'Arcy, Dave Goodman, Bill Koegel, Sal LaBella, Len Ladistan, Steve Lemanowicz and Alan Schachman with multiple hits.

The Office 28, Crest Refrigeration 15
The winners exploded for 15 runs in the fifth. Bill Hinkle and Ken Dunbar drilled five hits apiece. Hinkle homered and tripled, and Tony Zarvos added two triples.

Union Center National Bank 13, Marion & Jacobson Roofing 12

The game was called after five innings, due to darkness. Bankers Steve Lemanowicz had three hits and Len Ladistan produced two hits.

L. A. Law 16, IL Giardino Ristorante 14

The losers scored nine runs in their final at-bat. Carmen Coppola, Walt Englehardt and Tony Orlando led the Law with three hits each. Coppola hammered a three-run homerun.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

POWER HITTER...Antone's slugger Ron Kulik blasts a three-run homer against Union Center National Bank earlier this season.



Fred K. Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times

NO WHERE TO HIDE...Gutsy Griller Ollie Androsko slides face down just in time as Mojave Griller third baseman Mike Tenten makes an excellent block on the ball during the third game of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League B Division playoffs at Jerseyland in Scotch Plains.

Mojave Grillers Duel Trinity To, 5-5, Tie in Aborted Game 3

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McKenna shocked the Grillers immediately with his solo jolt in the top of the first.

"I finally started hitting the ball down," said McKenna. "In the earlier game I kept popping up, trying to go to right field, which is not my game. I need to hit line drives between second and short, and they finally started falling in."

Mojave turned the heat to high with four runs in the bottom of the third. Jim Nolan and Kirsch both singled, Dave Martorano worked a walk to load them up. Paul Martorano scorched a two-run single. Barba knocked in a run and Campanella smacked an RBI single.

Electric shocked back with a run in the fourth. McKenna legged out a single and scored on an infield miscue. Trailing, 4-2, Electric turned up the amps with three runs in the fifth.

Scotch Hills Women Tell Golf Results

A spokeswoman for the Scotch Hills Women's Golf Association of Scotch Plains announced the results of the "9 hole 100% Handicap Stroke Play" tournament held August 12.

FLIGHT A:

Low gross: Marge Grimmer 46
Low net: Maureen Wetzel 31
Second: Grimmer and Ronnie Boub 33

FLIGHT B:

Low gross: Pat Herring and Carol Katz 55
Low net: Herring and Jane Lausten 35
Third: Kathy Blatt and Katz 36

FLIGHT C:

Low gross: Francis Gibbons 62
Low net: Gibbons and Betts Sutman 35
Third: Nettie Maguire 38
Low Putts: Katz and Wetzel
Chip in: Hole 2 - Mary Pearsal, hole 4 - Marge Ruff, hole 5 - Evelyn Hecker

Anthony DePinto singled, swiped second and scored on Mike Bernardo's single. Leitner slapped a single, McKenna jolted a two-run triple and Ripoti zapped an RBI single.

"Attack the ball, let's get three and we're the champs," advised the Griller dugout in the bottom of the seventh. With one out, Paul Martorano and Barba each cooked up singles and Campanella served up a run with a single to center, knotting the score at five.

Frustration was quite evident on the faces of the Electricians. "The whole softball season has been a total wash," said Trinity team captain Frank Mastroicola. "It was not just the weather, but cancelled games, not playing enough games, make-ups, playing with just nine, 10 or 11 guys, who can make it. We tied Theresa twice this year and lost to them once by a single run. But here we go again with the championship at stake, the game tied and at a total standstill and no one knowing what to do next. As far as the game was concerned, it was very similar to the first game, tight defense and timely hitting. They made their bad mistakes count for our runs."

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Mojave Grille 004 000 1 5

Mojave Grille Captures League Championship

The Scotch Plains Men's Softball League B Division has a champ! Mojave Grille and Trinity Electric played Game 3 to a 5-5, tie after seven innings, then suspended play due to darkness and walked off without crowning a champ. Both teams agreed to throw Game 3 out and replayed a nine-inning game on August 13. After the dust settled, The Mojave Grille came out on top, 9-5, to capture both the League and playoff championship trophy. This was the second consecutive championship year for the Grillers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Estate of: PIERRE E. PETERSON, Deceased
Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 15TH day of AUGUST, A.D. 2003, 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.

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QUITE A DANCER...PEP catcher Curtis Gilmore looks in amazement at the umpire's fancy dance steps – perhaps the hustle of the mid 1970s – in the fifth inning in the game against Checchio Chiropractic.

PEP Holds Back Checchio's Charge, Wins Game 2, 15-12

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don't come here to walk," emphasized Checchio team Captain Joe Cepparulo.

After the resumption of play, PEP added another run in the third inning when Joe DaRosa singled, moving Matt Hoynowski to third, and Ward lofted an RBI sacrifice fly to leftfield. In the fourth, PEP extended its lead to 13-5 by adding three runs. Gilmore, Jayson Hoynowski and Mike Parkhill singled to load the bases and Peterpaul plooped a two-run single into shallow left-center. Matt Hoynowski followed with an RBI single to right.

The Chiropractors began cracking the ball in the fifth and massaged home plate with four runs. Joe DeFabio and Ed Gutierrez singled and Crowley slapped an RBI single. Neil Kauffman lifted a long RBI sac fly to right and Nies launched his two-run shot deep into the trees in left.

Feeling the pressure, PEP pushed across two runs in the top of the seventh. Joe Tremarco and Fischer both singled and Ward drilled a two-run, lined single over the third baseman's head.

"That a boy, Joey Ward! That's a big hit," shouted Parkhill, acting as third base coach.

In the bottom of the eighth, Checchio's trampled the plate three times to make the score, 15-12. Crowley and Kauffman singled and Nies walked to load the bases. Emdio

Monaco and Dave Eckert each hit an RBI sac fly to left for the first and second outs, respectively.

As Kevin Sicola marched to the plate, teammate Gutierrez shouted, "We go with two kid."

Sicola responded with an RBI single to left and Brian Dayton followed with a hopping single to third, but PEP's Parkhill snared Joe Cunha's scorching line drive to center.

In the bottom of the ninth, Tim Laspe singled, DeFabio walked and Crowley singled to load the bases with two men out. The classic stage was set for Checchio's to win the game with a grand slam home run. Kauffman, one of the men who could definitely do just that, stepped to the plate and whacked a shot to deep center but Parkhill hauled it in to preserve PEP's victory.

PEP Again	23	456	789	Total
Checchio's	91	300	200	15
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PEP Again Captures SPSL A Division Title

PEP Again successfully defended its title by defeating Checchio Chiropractic in Game 3 of the Scotch Plains Softball League A Division championship best of five series.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

An Amendment to Ordinance No. 03-16-R

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 184 OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD REGARDING SIGNS POSTED ON UTILITY POLES

was introduced and passed on first reading by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood at a meeting held on August 12, 2003. Copies of this amendment to Ordinance No. 03-16-R can be obtained without cost at the Fanwood Borough Hall, Municipal Clerk's Office, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4 P.M., Monday through Friday.

This ordinance prohibits signs posted on utility poles and establishes fines for violating this ordinance.

A public hearing on this amendment will be held on September 9, 2003 at 8 P.M.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk

1 T - 08/21/03, The Times Fee: \$23.46

St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League Nostalgia:

(The Middle Years 1989-1992)

In 1989, a major management change had John Nolan (St. Michael), Larry Szeny (St. Charles), Steve Mihansky (St. Anthony), John Hughes (St. Paul) and Marty Lillis (St. Louis) take over as captains and the emergence of St. Anne and Joe McEvoy.

ANGELS DIVISION (1989):

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Paul	19	3	.864
St. Anne	13	9	.591
St. Louis	13	9	.591
St. Henry	11	10	.524
St. Lawrence	9	12	.429

SAINTS DIVISION (1989):

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Michael	12	9	.571
St. Charles	11	9	.555
St. Edward	10	12	.455
St. John	6	14	.300
St. Anthony	2	19	.095

St. Paul whipped St. John, 12-3.

1990 observed the emergence of

ANGELS DIVISION (1991):

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Anne	11	11	.500
St. Henry	10	12	.455
St. Paul	10	12	.455
St. Louis	8	14	.364
St. Michael	8	14	.364

SAINTS DIVISION (1991):

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Steven	17	5	.773
St. Lawrence	15	7	.681
St. James	11	11	.500
St. Peter	11	11	.500
St. Thomas	9	13	.409

St. Anne toppled the mighty St. Steven, 8-0, to record the first and only shutout in St. Bart's championship history.

In 1992, St. James displayed that it had terrorizing tendencies on the diamond.

ANGELS DIVISION (1992):

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Henry	15	7	.681
St. Louis	15	7	.681
St. Paul	9	13	.409
St. Michael	8	13	.381
St. Anne	5	16	.238



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF WHIFFLE BALL...St. Patrick slugger Tony Williams celebrates the 50th anniversary of whiffle ball by taking a big whiff at the softball. Williams did, however, connect for two hits against St. Jude.

Tom Henderson as captain of St. Michael and St. Anthony changed to St. Steven.

ANGELS DIVISION (1990):

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Louis (1 tie)	16	5	.762
St. Anne	12	10	.545
St. Henry	11	11	.500
St. Paul	7	15	.319
St. Lawrence	4	18	.182

SAINTS DIVISION (1990):

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Charles (1 tie)	17	4	.810
St. Steven	14	8	.636
St. John	13	9	.591
St. Michael	12	10	.545
St. Edward	3	19	.136

St. Louis laid waste to St. Steven, 14-3.

In 1991, the emergence of St. James – pre James Gang – rode onto the scene under the leadership of Jim Malfetti. Also, several teams switched divisions. Tom Henderson revealed St. Thomas and Pete DeChristofaro controlled the gates for St. Peter.

UC Organization Seeks Women's Rugby Players

A Women's Rugby team is being organized in Union County. Women, as young as 18 into the 30s, in the Union County area who would like to play the competitive and enduring sport of rugby should contact Angela Viso for any questions at (908) 347-9382.



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
PREPARING TO FIRE HOME...St. Jude second baseman Joe Shea prepares to throw home as St. Patrick's Rick Wustfeld slides safely into second for a two-run double.

St. Jude Softballers Slip Past Scrappy St. Patrick Men, 8-7

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whacked his two-run double to rightfield. Wustfeld later scored on a throwing error.

Jude matched Pats' runs in the bottom of the first. Shea slipped a single past the shortstop's glove and Frank Pepe deflected a single off the third baseman's glove. Bob Guy floated an RBI sacrifice fly and Tom Reade reached base on a throwing error while Pepe putted home. Ken Larson walked and DeChiaro followed with an RBI single.

Jude took a 5-3 lead in the second. Mark Alexander walked, Paul Morrello looped a single over first, Bill Lawrence walked and Matuska lined a two-run single.

In the third, Hoelzel reached on an error, Williams skid a single up the middle and Wustfeld plooped an RBI single into center. DeChiaro pulled off a 6-4 (Shea)-3 (Larson) double play to get St. Jude out of the inning.

In the bottom of the third, Williams sat Jude down with a snappy 1-2-3 inning, finishing with a snag of a steaming line drive back to the mound.

"Way to rock and roll guys. I got them off balance. They want to kill the ball," explained Williams.

Lawrence led off the fifth inning for Jude with a single to right, Tony Pefilio walked and Shea grounded out to short to bring home Lawrence. However, the Pats had a big, three-run sixth inning to take a 7-6 lead. Wustfeld singled to left, Jim Sheehan reached base on an error and Irovando thumped his two-run triple to right to tie the score.

"It's a new day," shouted Williams.

Irovando later scored on Nate Mangiris' sacrifice fly to center.

Jude used patience in the bottom of the inning after Guy chopped a single to center. Reade and Larson both drew walks.

"Waite 'em out Joe," shouted Pielhau to DeChiaro as he stepped to the plate. DeChiaro got a good pitch and sent it deep to right where Marv Sherb hauled it in. Guy tagged from third and Reade tagged from second and both scored.

In the seventh, after Metzger flied out to right, Hoelzel walked and Williams singled. Wustfeld burned a grounder to DeChiaro who, in turn, grabbed it, stepped on second and fired to first to end the game.

St. Patrick	301	003	0	7
St. Jude	320	012	x	8

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David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* Publisher Horace Corbin, left, and Westfield High School Athletic Hall of Fame Board of Trustees member Bob Brewster, Sr. share duties of throwing out the first ball at the Newark Bears baseball game against the Camden Riversharks during Westfield Night at Riverfront Stadium in Newark on August 18.

SP-F 11/12s Finish Fourth In Union Baseball Tourney

The Scotch Plains Fanwood Raiders 11/12 Travel baseball team lost its opening round game of the Union Tournament, 5-3, to North Brunswick then fell, 4-0, to Long Hill in the consolation game to finish fourth.

Will Hubbard started on the mound and matched 0s with the North Brunswick pitcher for the first two innings. However, in the third inning,

an error and a controversial "safe" call spotted Brunswick to a 4-0 lead.

The Raiders battled back in the fourth. Hubbard and Tom Holt singled. Joe Sebolao smacked a two-run single to cut the deficit to 5-2. With one out in the fifth, Joseph Del Prete and Saxony Nielsen each reached base and Kyle Fitzgerald drove in Del Prete making the score 5-3. Connor Viglianti led off the sixth with a single but was stranded at second.

Hubbard and Fitzgerald shared the pitching duties and combined for five K's while only allowing one walk. Defensively, outfielders Del Prete, Billy Johnston and Jeff Sirdashney turned in a stellar performance. Jonathan Kosenick and Blake Van Buskirk collected five putouts collectively at first base.

Against Long Hill, Del Prete got the only hit with a leadoff single. With two outs in that first inning, the Raiders had loaded the bases but could not capitalize. The Raiders did the same in the sixth as Sebolao, Hubbard and Holt all reached base safely with two outs, but came up short.

Kosenick and Kyle pitched and combined for five K's, but the Raiders committed several costly errors. Johnston did well at first base. Eddie Heavey made a spectacular diving catch of a sinking line drive in leftfield.

Westfield PAL to Begin Flag Football Season

The Westfield PAL Flag Football program will be starting up on Saturday, September 6 at 9 a.m. at Tamaques Park. For applications and information please go to www.wetfieldpal.com.

Annual Joyce Kilmer 5K Race Set for September 7

EDISON –The 78th Division cordially invites all runners to participate in the 14th annual 5K race/walk and one-mile fun run. The event is scheduled for September 7 at 9:30 a.m. at the Sgt. Joyce Kilmer U.S. Army Reserve Center located at 91 Truman Drive in Edison.

Runners will leave the center and continue through the scenic section of the Livingston Campus of Rutgers University, finishing at the Kilmer Center. The one-mile fun run will start at 9 a.m.

Runners can pay an entrance fee of \$14 (\$12 USATF-NJ) before September 3 and \$16 from September 3 through September 5. The fee on race day will be \$20.

Awards will be given to the top civilian female and male finishers, the top female and male military finishers, and the top civilian, military, high school and coed teams. There will also be various age-group awards. Every participant will receive a finisher's medal. Complimentary refreshments will be available.

The racecourse is certified by USATF and the race is part of the New Jersey Grand Prix series. Applications and information are available on the web at <http://www.runningpage.com/edison5k> or at the center by contacting LTC Richard Miller at 1-800-575-9073 extension no. 1833 or Carl Chigas at (732) 867-2046.



Anonymous Canoe Brook member for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* Coach Steve Ciccotelli and Westfield High School Head football Coach/Athletic Director Ed Tranchina enjoy a round of golf at Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit before the football season begins. Pictured, left to right, are: Ciccotelli, *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* Assistant Publisher Dave Corbin, Tranchina and *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* Publisher Horace Corbin.

Registration Set For County Youth Baseball Fall League

ELIZABETH –The Union County Baseball Association (UCBA), in cooperation with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, announce the start of the fall 2003 Youth Baseball League for players 15 through 18 years of age.

The league will begin play on Friday, September 5, with all games played in Warinanco Park in Roselle. The format consists of Friday evening and Saturday games, which will continue for approximately six weeks. This should allow for each team to play at least 12 games.

Players must reach their 15th birth-

day on or before September 6 and may not reach age 19 prior to November 1. The association is a wooden bat league and each team will be required to pay a \$100 registration fee to help offset the cost of umpires and other expenses. In addition, each player is required to pay a \$35 fee. All fees are due September 5.

Registration forms can be obtained by calling the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4910, or by accessing the UCBA website at www.ucba-nj.org. Rosters must be submitted by August 22 and each team must have an adult coach. For more information, please call Ed Jackus, league director, at (908) 351-1256, or John Langan at (908) 925-7641.



BABE RUTH CHAMPIONS...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood 10-year-old baseball team recently won the Babe Ruth District Championship. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Nick Sebalao, Mike Spaeth, Patrick Dougher, Blake DeJohn and Nick Galasso; middle row, Ryan Laguna, Sean Reilly, Joe Carroll, Brian Dempsey, Marcus Rivera and Jordan Bayroff; back row, coaches Mike Dempsey, Gene Laguna, Hector Rivera and Paul Galasso.

SP-F 10s Capture Babe Ruth Crown

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SP-F) 10-year-old tournament baseball team won its second Babe Ruth District Tournament on July 5 by defeating the Westfield Blue team in North Elizabeth. SP-F also defeated Warren and Westfield White en route to the championship.

The team, coached by Gene Laguna, Paul Galasso, Mike Dempsey and Hector Rivera, relied heavily on its pitching staff consisting of Marcus Rivera, Brian Dempsey, Anthony Scalfaro and Joe Carroll.

Sean Rielly played first base, Nick Galasso and Nick Sebalao played second, Patrick Dougher played shortstop, Dempsey also played third and Ryan Laguna was the catcher. Michael Spaeth, Jordan Bayroff, Carroll and Blake DeJohn occupied the outfield.

SP-F placed third in the state tournament held in Union City, losing in nine innings to Manalapan.

FSP Y to Offer Fall Children's Programs

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA will be offering a variety of programs for its fall session, which begins on September 8.

Youth Basketball: Designed for boys and girls in kindergarten through second grade. Boys and Girls Traveling Basketball, grades third through seventh, begins in November. Coed Basketball Clinic will be offered for children grades third through seventh.

Youth Roller Hockey: Open for grades kindergarten through third.

Youth Sports or Tae Kwon Do: Open for ages six through 13 depending on particular sport.

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For details, please call the Y at (908) 889-8880.



Erica Ammermuller

Erica Ammermuller Places 2nd In National Jr. Lifeguard Event

CAPE MAY –Erica Ammermuller, an incoming Westfield High School freshman, placed second in the beach flags event at the National Junior Lifeguard Championships held in Cape May on August 7. It was Ammermuller's first defeat in beach flags competitions this year, her first year competing in the sport.

Ammermuller placed first in several Monmouth County events, and at the Mid-Atlantic Regional contest held in Avon-by-the-Sea last month.

She is a member of the Belmar Junior Lifeguards team.

In Cape May, the field consisted of 14- and 15-year old girls from California, Chicago, Florida and throughout the East Coast, who raced a series of 20-meter double-elimination sprints on sand. Gabriela Betancourt of Deerfield Beach, Fla., won the event.

"It was great to compete on a national level and meet kids from all over the country," said Ammermuller.



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RESOLUTION 03-08-140

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NATURE OF SERVICE: Architectural Services

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AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$3,500.00

A Copy of the Resolution and Contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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County Hosts Recycling Event September 13 at Lucent Tech.

NEW PROVIDENCE — The County of Union will sponsor a recycling event on Saturday, September 13, so that Union County residents can get rid of unwanted computers and electronic equipment, household special waste, and old automobile tires in an environmentally proper manner. The collection will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Lucent Technologies, located at 600 Mountain Avenue in New Providence.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost. Pre-registration is not required for this special Saturday collection.

All that residents need to do is drive to the site with their household special waste, computers and other electronic equipment, and automobile tires (without rims) per household. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles.

There is a limit of eight automobile tires (without rims) per household. This is a household recycling event. No businesses, please.

“Household special waste” includes oil-based paint and varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil and oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs (unbroken), and mercury switches.

Only materials in original or labeled containers will be accepted.

Latex (water-based) paint and empty cans will not be accepted. They should be disposed of in with the regular garbage. Leftover latex paint can be air-dried or, to hasten the drying process, kitty litter and/or newspaper can be added to hasten the drying.

Electronic equipment that will be accepted on Saturday, September 13 includes computer monitors, hard drives, modems, keyboards, CPU's, mice, printers, scanners, speakers,

televisions, VCR's, fax machines, telephones, and circuit boards.

Refrigerators, washers and dryers, microwaves, and air conditioners will not be accepted.

A complete list of the materials that will be accepted on Sept. 13 is available at the Union County Bureau of Environmental Services website at: www.ucnj.org/oem.

The household special waste collection will be held rain or shine, for Union County residents only and not for businesses. Proof of Union County residency is required. For more information, please call the Bureau of Environmental Services Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

Westfield Library Lists Earlier Opening Time

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library has announced that, starting Tuesday, September 2, the library will have an earlier opening time of 9:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday.

“We were finding that our book drop was always full and cars were coming in and out of the parking lot way before our 10 o'clock opening time,” noted Carol Ann Wilson, Interim Library Director.

“We decided that in order to meet our customers’ needs, opening one half hour earlier would allow the community to have even more access to our services.”

The library will return to its regularly scheduled hours for the fall, winter and spring beginning Sunday, September 28. Those hours are Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Committee members include event committee chair Mildred Orlando, co-chairwoman Barbara Rothman and Lorraine Ciemnicki, all of Westfield; Fran Boccella of Morristown, Susan Gross of Chatham and Roxanne Boyle of Basking Ridge.

Key sponsors for this year's event include Smith Barney, NJ Monthly

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Benjamin B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
Assistant Publisher/Sports Editor, swings for the fences. The event took place at Riverfront Stadium in Newark after the second inning during the game between the Newark Bears and the Camden Riversharks on August 18. Corbin just missed putting the tennis ball out with the peeewee bat that he had to use.

People For Animals Seeks Homes For Cats and Dogs

AREA – People for Animals will sponsor pet adoption events this Saturday and Sunday, August 23 and 24.

Cats and kittens will be available both days from noon to 4 p.m. at the PETsMART stores at the Watchung Square Mall on Route 22 and at Bridgewater's Promenade Mall at the intersection of Routes 28 and 287.

Among the many pets for adoption will be “Thai,” a silver gray tabby cat. Thai is one year old, spayed, has tested

“Kailee,” a three-year-old, spayed female. According to People for Animals, she is well-behaved, walks well on a leash, loves to play and go for walks, rides well in a car and is housebroken. She would be best as an only pet in a home with adults and is described as being protective of her family and one who would be a loyal pet and companion.

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“Kailee”



“Thai”

negative for feline leukemia and is current with her vaccinations. She is described as sweet, gentle and one who loves human companionship.

People for Animals will also sponsor a dog adoption event on Sunday, August 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the PETsMART store in the Watchung Square Mall.

One of the dogs seeking a home is

8 for cat adoption and 1 for dog adoption to leave a message. Other pets needing homes can be seen on the Internet at www.pfa.petfinder.org.

For low cost spay/neuter information, please call the People for Animals Clinic at (908) 964-6887. Spay/neuter surgery costs range from \$40 to \$65 and include rabies and distemper vaccinations.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

INVITATION TO BID

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY, ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 AT 10:00 A.M. PREVAILING TIME AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 425 EAST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY FOR THE RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT USED IN THE COLLECTION OF LEAVES FROM THE STREETS, WALKWAYS, AND PARKING LOTS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD.

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SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE SEEN OR OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS CENTER, 959 NORTH AVENUE, W., WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND WAIVE ANY INFORMALITY, IF IN THE INTEREST OF THE TOWN, IT IS DEEMED ADVISABLE TO DO SO.

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TOWN ENGINEER
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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

CHANCERY DIVISION

UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-13145-03

FILE NO. XCZ-57480

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

BLUEVIEW CORPORATION;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ESQs., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountinside, New Jersey, 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment To Foreclosure Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Household Financial Services, Inc. is plaintiff and BRIANT, BOATWRIGHT, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-13145-03 within thirty-five (35) days after August 21, 2003 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment To Foreclosure Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, together with your check in the sum of \$135.00 representing the filing fee in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 7/15/1998, made by Brian T. Boatwright & Vida L. Boatwright, h/w as mortgagors, to Source One Mortgage Services Corporation recorded on 07/17/1998 in Book 6771 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 12 which Mortgage was assigned on 07/20/1998 to the plaintiff, Household Financial Services, Inc. by Assignment Of Mortgage recorded on 03/07/2000 in Book 1148 of Assignments Of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0115; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 232 Emerson Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07062.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling (609) 394-1101. You may also contact the lawyer referral service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of Venue by calling 908-354-4340.

Blue View Corporation is made a party defendant to this foreclosure action by reason of a mortgage dated 2/23/99, which was made by Brian T. Boatwright & Vida L. Boatwright, h/w to NU-LOOK Distributors, to secure the sum of \$19,500.00 and recorded on 3/25/99 in Book 7134 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 214, and which mortgage was assigned, inter alia, to you, Blue View Corporation by Assignment of Mortgage dated 7/19/02, and recorded 9/5/02 in Book 1307 of Assignments of Mortgages for Union County, Page 200, and for any lien claim or interest you may have, in to or against the mortgaged premises.

DONALD F. PHELAN, Clerk

Superior Court of New Jersey
Attorneys At Law
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Governor Livingston Class Sets Homecoming Reunion

BERKELEY HEIGHTS – Governor Livingston (GL) Regional High School's Class of 1978 will attend "A Special Homecoming: The 25-Year Reunion" on Thanksgiving Day weekend.

The homecoming will begin with a tailgate breakfast before the annual Thanksgiving Day football game on Thursday, November 27, followed by tours of GL. The events will culminate on Friday, November 28, from 7 to 11 p.m. with a 25-year reunion at The Alley at King's Plaza in Berkeley Heights.

This culmination will be open only to members of the Class of 1978 and their guests. However, after 11 p.m., the establishment will open to all GL alumni, with a special welcome to

College of New Jersey Tells Dean's List Pupils

AREA – The College of New Jersey in Ewing has announced its spring 2003 semester Dean's List students.

To obtain Dean's List status, students must be matriculating full time and earn at least a 3.5 grade average for the semester.

Westfield residents Daniel Deserio, Jonathan Bender, Abigail Speck, Timothy Kelman, Maire Abraham, and Ines Wu were placed on the Dean's List, along with Mountainside resident Chester King. Jennifer Curren of Fanwood joined Scotch Plains residents David Bell, Jill Buoincontri, Jarret Crawford and Amanda Heffler in earning the Dean's List distinction.

the Classes of 1975 to 1981. Arrangements have also been made at an area hotel to accommodate alumni visiting from out of town.

A website, www.techmarcom.com/GL1978, has been developed for alumni to keep in touch with one another. The site also maintains up-to-the-minute reunion information, a list of lost and found classmates, and both old and new photographs.

The reunion team is lead by Janice Sampson and Craig Bruening.

"Twenty-five years after leaving high school, I figured that it would be a lot of fun to be in contact with some of my classmates. In fact, it has been better than what I imagined," said Mr. Bruening, a father of twin boys.

"This reunion will be a little bit different than just the typical dinner/dance event of most high school reunions," he added. With the addition of tailgating before the Thanksgiving Day football game, being able to roam the school halls and having the actual evening event at a local establishment where so many of us hung out. These activities will help bring back many fond and wonderful memories from the child-to-adult period of our lives."

In addition to contacting classmates, the reunion team is also trying to find relatives of lost classmates in order to find every member of the class in time for the gathering.

Those related to members of the Class of 1978 should visit the website, write Mr. Bruening at 2736 East Lake Road, Skaneateles, N.Y. 13152 or call (315) 446-9120.

Concepts & Thought

Two WF Seniors Receive Foundation Scholarships

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Foundation recently awarded two graduating Westfield seniors, Eileen Gessner and Diane Park, the Clarence H. and Florence Horn Van Dellen memorial scholarship.

Each student will receive a \$2500, renewable four-year scholarship.

Scholarship winners are selected on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, character, community service and leadership.

Eileen is a Bloustein Scholar and received a National Merit Letter of Commendation. During her high school career, she was a member of the National Honor Society, the National Spanish Honor Society and the National French Honor Society.

She also was a member of the Spanish Club, serving as Vice President; the French Club, Women's Studies, and the Westfield High Action Corps.

Much of Eileen's extracurricular involvement focused on St. Helen's Youth Group, where she served as a Peer Minister. She has also been a volunteer in a church-sponsored program serving the homeless, and a staff member at Sister Pat's Camp for Kids with Cancer.

Eileen stated that this experience was "one of the most enriching experiences of my life."

She also was employed part-time throughout her high school years.



Eileen Gessner



Diane Park

sometimes holding two jobs at once. In addition, she found time to study piano and ballet.

In the fall, she will attend Dickinson College, where she will pursue her interest in languages.

Diane is a Presidential Classroom Scholar, a New Jersey Governor's School Scholar and an Advanced Placement Scholar. She received a \$5000 academic scholarship to the 2000 Future Korean World Leaders Conference in Seoul, Korea, and was also a member of the National Student Leadership Conference.

Diane's school activities have included Student Council, class representative; National Honor Society; peer-tutor; Spanish National Honor Society, vice president and secretary, and Multi-Cultural Club, secretary and treasurer.

As a violinist, Diane has performed with the New Jersey Youth Symphony from grades 3 through 12 and served as Concert-mistress. She was a member of All State Orchestra, grades 11 and 12, and served as associate concert mistress, third seat.

She was principal violinist of CJMEA Region II High School Orchestra during grades 10 and 11. As a member of the Junior Musical Club of Westfield, she served as vice-president and treasurer.

Diane has additionally been a weekly volunteer at Children's Specialized Hospital. Over two summers, she has participated in a church sponsored Mission trip to Mexico and Russia, helping to build houses, distribute food and teach vacation bible school.

"This experience has forced me to re-evaluate the way I live my life," she said.

For the last two years, Diane has been self-employed as a tutor by parents who have children in the English as a Second Language program. In addition, she has been employed by the Kumon Enrichment Center as a teacher for reading and mathematics.

Diane will attend Cornell University, where she will major in pre-law/political science.



DEVOTED SCIENTIST, TEACHER...Susan Agresta, a seventh grade science teacher at Roosevelt Intermediate School and Westfield resident, garnered hands-on experience at the Summer Institute for Teachers in Kenilworth, which will transform her classroom. One of eight Union County teachers selected from a pool of 45 applicants to the institute, which was launched by the Schering-Plough Research Institute (SPRI), Ms. Agresta spent four weeks at the facilities in order to update her science experience and reeducate herself in new technologies and discoveries.

Seton Hall Prep Announces Third Trimester Honor Roll

WEST ORANGE – Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange has reported the Third Trimester Honor Roll, which includes the names of students in the Westfield and Scotch Plains area.

To qualify for First Honors, students must receive a grade point average above 4.0. Second Honors recognition is given to pupils with grade point averages between 3.5 and 4.0. Commendations are granted to students with grade point averages between 3.0 and 3.49.

Westfield 10th graders Nicholas

Colucci and Kevin Smith joined 11th grader Andrew Pular in achieving First Honors. Patrick Muldoon, a 10th grader from Westfield, earned Second Honors, while 12th grader Brandon Pantano of Westfield was Commended.

Scotch Plains 10th graders Matthew Anderson and Juan-Anton Velarde were First Honors recipients, along with fellow township resident and 11th grader Mark Zabel.

Colby College Honors Edward Smith of WF

WESTFIELD – Colby College in Waterville, Me. has reported that Edward Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith of Westfield, was placed on the spring 2003 Dean's List.

A member of the Class of 2004, Edward graduated from Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange. He is majoring in philosophy and English at Colby.

McMahon Graduates Wisconsin-Madison

WESTFIELD – The University of Wisconsin-Madison has announced that Westfield resident Meghann Erin McMahon received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Spanish during spring commencement exercises.

Area Students Earn Top Marks at Pingry School

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP – Headmaster John Neiswender of The Pingry School in Bernards Township has announced the names of local Upper School students who were recently appointed to the year-end Honor Roll.

To qualify for the Honor Roll, students must achieve a "B+" average or better with no individual grade lower than a "B-".

Westfield:

Grade 9: Sam Blum, Caitlin Jennings and Kelly Peeler; Grade 10: Rita Biagioli, Elizabeth

Encarnacion, Alexander Meder and Christopher Svoboda; Grade 11: Alexander Bregman, David Spett and Gwen Tobert; Grade 12: Nicholas Dovidio and Eric Meder.

Scotch Plains:

Grade 9: Rachel Van Wert

Mountainside:

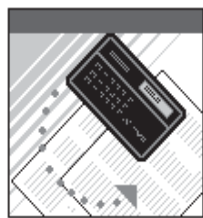
Grade 12: Jason Kurz

Berkeley Heights:

Grade 9: Jennifer Soo Hoo; Grade 10: Kristen Brodgesell and Allison Seebald; Grade 12: Kara Brodgesell and Pailin Nitibhon.



SPECIAL MEETING...During its last meeting of the season, The Woman's Club of Fanwood convened at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church to meet its scholarship recipient Malina Milonnet and her mother, Donna Milonnet of Fanwood. Malina, who was awarded a \$500 grant, will attend the University of Delaware in the fall. The scholarship committee consisted of Joan Kirner, Helen Lindsay and Dolores Shunk. Malina was selected for her outstanding academic record and her many honors, awards and activities. Pictured, left to right, are: Club President Margery Palmer, Malina and Mrs. Milonnet.



Talking Business

Westfield Resident Invents Hair Blending Strand

ENGELWOOD — A Blending Strand created by Dino Dondiego, the owner of Sequence, has taken the hair supplementation industry to new heights. It allows human hair, one at a time, spread apart and evenly dispersed, to be blended-in between existing growth for a flexible, safe, virtually undetectable and very natural look.

"I call it Hair Blending because the hairs that are added, get lost or blended into the client's own hair," said Mr. Dondiego, a Westfield resident. "We do not glue, fuse or bond hair to the head. Instead, the Blending Strand enables me to blend the hair and keep it evenly dispersed – duplicating the way hair grows naturally out of the scalp."

More than 20 million American women experience some form of hair thinning. Mr. Dondiego had numerous clients who were looking for a way to add volume to their hair that looked natural and gave them flexibility.

"I knew the solution was in adding hair in the same manner in which it grows out of the human head, one hair at a time, evenly dispersed," said Mr. Dondiego. "With the Blending Strand, it's a true blending, which

means the added human hair actually gets lost in between the existing hair."

Since the added hairs get lost, added Dondiego, most creative effects can be created. In addition to matching the texture and colors you can create outrageous highlighting and hair texture effects. Hair Blending will also reduce or eliminate the need to color, highlight or perm hair.

"Hair Blending is the only procedure that truly blends hair, without interruptions in which the scalp is 100 percent open and the client's own hair is totally utilized," said Mr. Dondiego. "Because we invented this procedure, we have a factory that works exclusively for us and we use 100 percent high quality real hair – creating any texture and color effects imaginable."

Mr. Dondiego is the founder of Sequence, located in Englewood.

"I've been in this business for nearly 30 years and I know that full flowing hair gives a woman a special kind of allure," said Dondiego. "It gives me great satisfaction knowing that I have helped so many people look and feel more confident, more feminine and more beautiful."

Mr. Dondiego lives in Westfield with his wife and two daughters.

Nicole's Yoga Center to Offer Open House for Seniors

GARWOOD – Since 1988, Nicole's Yoga Center, located in Garwood at 94 North Avenue, has offered special Yoga Restorative classes for Senior Citizens.

Yoga is a form of exercise especially beneficial for most of the conditions associated with aging such as arthritis, back pain, stiffness of the joints, muscle spasms, asthma, digestion and elimination problems, poor sleep, depression, etc.

The Restorative Yoga class consists of exercises done on the floor or a chair for those with disabilities. It provides a series of gentle movements performed with great attention without pain. This class will utilize Asanas (posture) to develop balance, limberness and strength. Benefits are proper alignment, increasing circulation and flexibility,

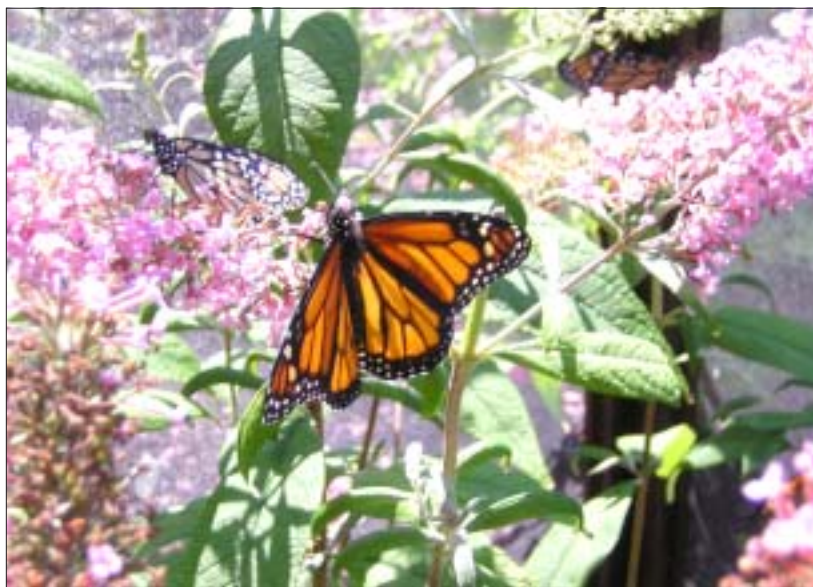
reduce stiffness in joints (hand, wrist, knee, ankle) muscle spasm; improve digestion, elimination, etc. Special props are utilized to stabilize the spine and open the body to meet the outlines of Asanas.

An Open House is scheduled on the following days: Tuesday, September 2 from 1 to 5 p.m.; Thursday, September 4 from 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday, September 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Monday, September 8 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Free Yoga introductory classes are offered on Saturday, August 30 at 12:10 p.m. and on Wednesday, September 3 at 8:30 p.m.

Please call or e-mail for an appointment.

For more information, call (908) 789-6426 or visit the web site at www.nicolesyogacenter.com.



NATURE SHOT...Pictured is a Monarch butterfly from Williams Nursery's new butterfly house. Inside the butterfly house are over 100 Monarch butterflies, caterpillars, flowering Milkweed, Butterfly bushes, and other nectar producing plants. You can stop by and visit the Butterfly house anytime during normal business hours for free. Williams Nursery is located at 524 Springfield Avenue, Westfield.

Westfield Area Vets Invited To Share Their Experiences

WESTFIELD — Calling it "more important than ever," Faith Weiner of Stop & Shop Supermarkets has announced that the company is honoring Westfield area veterans and defense workers by asking them to recall their military experiences and participate in the "Flight of Aces" program that will give them an opportunity to fly in vintage World War II bombers this Labor Day weekend.

The "Flight of Aces" program asks participants to submit a first person essay to Stop & Shop, or allows a family member to offer an essay, about the military experiences of the veteran or defense worker.

An essay review committee will then select a dozen individuals who will be invited to fly in either a B-17 or a B-24 bomber over the Labor Day weekend, while the planes are visiting the tri-state region at the American Airpower Museum at Republic Airport in Long Island.

Congressman Christopher Smith of Hamilton Township said, "The Flight of Aces program pays homage to the legacy of our military men and women, and all those who worked in the defense factories throughout the region."

"Regardless of where you served, or when, or how, we encourage people

to write about their experiences. This program also welcomes essays from family members who have researched the role of those, either living or deceased, who have been active in the defense of our nation's freedom," he continued. "This is an exciting opportunity to honor the heroes in our own families."

Participants are asked to submit their essay to Stop & Shop Flight of Aces program, in care of the American Airpower Museum, 1230 New Highway, Farmingdale, N.Y., 11735.

If selected, the ability to fly will be based on weather and aircraft availability. In addition, the selection committee reserves the right to shift Flight of Aces participants to other vintage aircraft if necessary.

"We see this essay program as an appropriate means of ensuring that the legacy of our American veteran is protected for generations to come," explained Ms. Weiner, of Stop & Shop.

"There is far more to their sacrifices than battle ribbons in the dresser and aging photo albums. Living next door to virtually every one of us is a hero," she said.

"Before the colors fade we want the community to know more about their courage and the legacy they have created for us."

Arts & Entertainment



WATERCOLOR IN BLOOM...The New American Gallery in Princeton will present artwork from its recent "Watercolors from the Garden State" competition through Monday, September 15. The contest was open to watercolorists throughout the state over 18 years of age. Pictured, above, is "Glorious" by Annette Novoa.

Theater Society, Dignitaries To Honor Manya Ungar

SCOTCH PLAINS – A celebration of the life of the late Manya Ungar, who died earlier this summer, will be held this Sunday, August 24, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

The program is under the auspices of the Manya Ungar Scholarship Fund, which aids high school seniors who plan to attend college and/or pursue careers in music, drama and the arts.

The former President of the National Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), Ungar was involved with several causes and organizations.

With Judy Cole, she co-founded and directed the SP-F Summer Theater Workshop, which was available to the public, free of charge. Ungar and Cole produced musicals for 13 years, from 1967 to 1979. Many alumni who appeared in these musicals will return to sing and appear in Sunday's celebration.

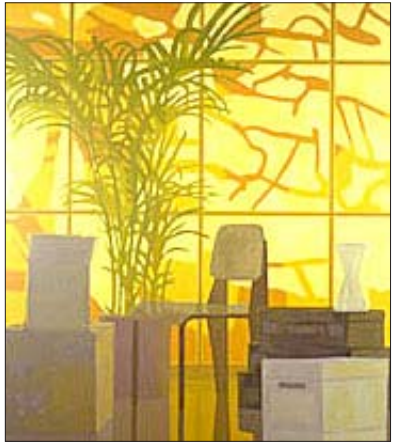
Performers will include film and Broadway composer Marc Shaiman, 2003 Tony Award winner for "Best

Score" for *Hairspray*, filmmaker and production designer Robert Thayer of NBC's "Law & Order" and Cynthia Sayer, who performs regularly with Woody Allen's Dixieland Ensemble at New York's Carlisle Hotel.

Several other individuals, who attended the theater workshop and pursued careers in the performing arts, will attend Sunday's event.

Dignitaries who will participate include former Governor Donald DiFrancesco, former State Senator Jack Ewing, Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks, Fanwood Mayor Louis Jung, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol Choye, former National PTA President Ann Lynch, and composer Charles Strouse, who wrote the scores for *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, (the workshop's first production), *Annie, Rags*, and the Tony Award-winning *Applause*.

No admission will be charged. Donations will be accepted and envelopes will be made available for those who wish to contribute to the scholarship fund.



ESCAPING GOTHAM...Beginning on Sunday, September 7, and running through Sunday, November 2, The Palmer Gallery at The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit will present the work of 12 artists portraying how they physically disconnect with Manhattan. Artists will use photography, sculpture, paintings and other mixed media to express the theme in "Escape From New York: New Work From the Outer Boroughs." An opening reception will be held on September 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. The piece, pictured above, offers a preview of the exhibition.

Y Squares Sets Open House, Dance in Clark

CLARK – Y-Squares, a local non-profit square dance club, will host a free introductory dance on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Frank K. Hehnly School, 590 Raritan Road in Clark.

The public is welcome to attend. No square dancing experience is necessary.

At this dance, the club's caller will explain some basic square dancing steps to music such as, "promenade," "grand right and left," "circle to the left," "do-sa-do" and more.

Regular classes are held every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the school in Clark, beginning on September 23. Each lesson costs \$4 per person.

Registration for classes will also be open on September 30 and October 7.

For more information, please call Club Presidents George and Louellen Stoms at (908) 298-1851 or Class Officers Janice Uhlig at (732) 381-2535 or Don Madden at (908) 241-9492.



Registration for WYACT's Performing Arts Classes Set

WESTFIELD – The 13th season of professional classes in the performing arts has been revealed by Cynthia Meryl, Broadway performer and Artistic Director of the Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre (WYACT) and stage director of this summer's production of *West Side Story* at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the Algonquin Arts Theatre.

The Union County Educational Services Commission and Superintendent Ed Hartnett has made it possible for WYACT to continue offering acting, musical theatre and dance classes at Centennial High School, 728 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

Registration will be held in the school's gymnasium from Monday to Wednesday, September 8 to 10, from 4 to 8 p.m.

WYACT's Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced Acting classes concentrate on improvisation, character development and scene study. Three levels of Musical Theatre focus on song selection and interpretation, ensemble work, voice and musical theatre movement.

Meryl, a professional actress in the New York and national theatre arena for over 25 years, will oversee all classes and instruct Advanced Acting. All Musical Theatre Classes and private voice.

New additions to the WYACT facility include Radio City Rockette Michelle Tolson, who has been dancing for 19 years and teaching for 13 years. She will teach Tap and Funk, a combination of hip-hop and jazz.

When she is not performing at Radio City Music Hall, she teaches the Rockette Experience in New York and across the country, judges dance competitions and is an adjunct professor in the musical theatre department at Wagner College in Staten Island.

She also coaches young women in the Miss New York, Miss New Hampshire and Miss Massachusetts pageant system for Miss America. Tolson is a pageant winner and was crowned Miss New Hampshire in 1996 and competed in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City.

Actress, singer and pianist Blair Brown will teach Beginners I & II Acting and will be Musical Director of the Musical Theatre classes.

Brown began studying music and piano at an early age and drama and musical theatre with Meryl at 11. That year, she played an original composition at Carnegie Hall before composing a musical score for WYACT's first full production, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, in which she played "Philstrate." She also played "Terry" in WYACT's production of *Stage Door* at the Union County Arts Center.

A graduate of Montclair State University (MSU), Brown holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Acting and a minor in Musical Theatre. She received the first Musical Theater Award from MSU.

Having performed beside Kim Zimmer of CBS' "Guiding Light," and Leslie Uggams, Brown has been seen on stage and has played the keyboard throughout the state in *High Spirits*, *Master Class*, *Nunsense*, *Fiddler On The Roof*,

The Mystery of Edwin Drood, *An Empty Plate In The Café Du Grand Boeuf*, *Titanic*, and *Bourgeois Gentleman*.

Jonathon Ponder will teach Stretch/Aerobics, a class designed to stretch the bodyline, strengthen and tone the muscles, combined with a low-impact cardiovascular



Michelle Tolson

workout.

Ponder dances with the Hudson Repertory Dance Theatre (HRDT) and has toured with HRDT in New Jersey, Washington, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and The Caribbean. Besides his performances with HRDT, he is currently teaching West African, tap and modern dance at the school to children and adults. He is the first recipient of the school's Teacher of the Year Award.

Dan Barris will share the Tap and Funk responsibilities with Tolson. In addition to teaching for WYACT and judging dance and talent competitions nationwide, he will host the New York Dance Experience, a company designed to send choreographers and dance educators around the country, providing all-day workshops to students nationwide in the most current styles of dance.

Barris' students have performed and studied with Ann Reinking, the late Gregory Hines, the Alvin Ailey Company, the Joffrey Ballet and the Governor's School for the Arts.

Currently performing on tour in South Africa, Kimani Fowlin, professional dancer and choreographer and African Dance instructor at Rutgers, will return to teach the Tuesday Hip-Hop class.

Heather Bialiy, choreographer and ballet instructor for the Performing Arts Program at Somerset County Vocational-Technical School, will teach WYACT's Jazz and Ballet classes.

Elaine Molinaro, director and professor at the Mason Gross School of the Arts, will teach Intermediate I Acting.

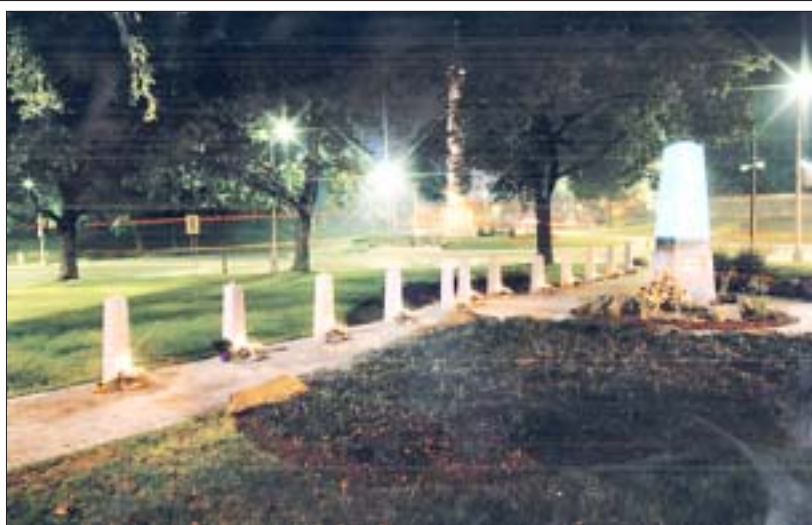
Meryl stage-directed and, with her husband, Ted Agress, WYACT Executive Director and Broadway veteran, produced the troupe's 27 productions, including *Carousel*, *Oliver!*, *Brigadoon*, *Once On This Island*, *South Pacific*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Crimes of the Heart*, *The Children's Hour*, *The Threepenny Opera*, and *The Gay Divorce*.

Meryl designs the WYACT classes to prepare the young performer for auditions and the professional stage. She said that she would like to see young performers develop the commitment and discipline to learn an artform well, whether it be in music, dance, or drama; and in doing so, build the confidence they need not only for a career in theatre, but to face any challenge in life.

For more information about WYACT's performing arts program and registration, please call (908) 233-3200 or e-mail wyact@erols.com.



IN THEATERS...This fall, the Filmmaker's Symposium, which is available at Loews Mountaintop, will include the screening of *In America*, with director Jim Sheridan (*My Left Foot*, *In the Name of the Father*) as a guest speaker. Pictured, left to right, are: Paddy Considine, Emma Bolger, Samantha Morton and Sarah Bolger in *In America*. For more information about the Symposium, please call (800) 531-9416.



GRAND WINNER...Joey and Ali Quintero of Westfield captured Grand Prize in the Downtown Westfield Corporation Photography Contest for their entry, pictured, above, entitled "9/11 Monument."

Winners Named in DWC Photography Competition

WESTFIELD – The winners of the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) Photography Contest have been announced.

The winning entries will be published in a new book entitled, "Westfield, A Celebration of Community," which will be available in November.

Photographer Walter Choroszewski and Aesthetic Press, Inc. will publish a coffee table book filled with over 100 color photographs and supplemental historical snapshots of Westfield.

The Education Fund of Westfield has sponsored the publication of "Westfield, A Celebration of Community." Proceeds from the sale of the book will enable the fund to provide resources to enhance its programs for students in the Westfield public school district.

The DWC contest was judged by Choroszewski and was open to all Westfield residents during the month of June. Participants entered their favorite Westfield photos in three categories: "Events in Westfield," "Holidays and Seasons," and "Details of Westfield."

Ten winners were selected for first, second and third place in each category, with an overall grand prize winner. Each winning entry will be published in the aforementioned book. Winners will also receive prizes and a

complimentary copy of the volume.

Winners included:
• **Grand Prize:** Joey and Ali Quintero for "9/11 Monument," (\$150 gift basket);

• **"Events in Westfield"** category: First Place to Gerry Cleaves for "Westfield Community Band," (\$100 gift basket); Second Place to Anthony Riccio for "The Parade" (\$50 gift basket); Third Place to The Buoscio Family for "Downtown Halloween" (\$25 gift basket);

• **"Holidays and Seasons"** category: First Place to Karen Clarkson for "Blizzard of 2003 (2/17)" (\$100 gift basket); Second Place to Chris Forno for "Fall in Mindowaskin" (\$50 gift basket); Third Place to Millicent Brody for "Fairview Blossoms" (\$25 gift certificate);

• **"Details of Westfield"** category: First Place to Evan Falk for "Turtle at Tamaques Lake" (\$100 gift basket); Second Place to David Verchick for "Westfield Fire Department" (\$50 gift basket); Third Place to Cheri Rogowsky for "TV Show, 'Ed'" (\$25 gift basket).

The photography contest entries are currently displayed at MotoPhoto in Westfield.

For more information about the contest, please contact the DWC at (908) 789-9444 or contact (908) 654-3144 for information regarding the upcoming book.

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Freaky Friday: Strangely Familiar



By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
2 & 1/2 popcorns

Actually, this happened to me once. So I can relate. I refer to the plot of *Freaky Friday*, a remake of the 1975 original wherein hardworking, stressed-out mother and peer pressure-driven, teenaged daughter exchange bodies and thus life experiences.

The movie's predictable, PG-rated result is nothing less than profound enlightenment and an instant conquering of the generation gap.

In my case, the exaggerated experience of walking in someone else's moccasins occurred between Muffin, my pet Yorkshire terrier, and me. Anyone could have seen the phenomenon coming.

Of late, just like Jamie Lee Curtis as successful psychologist Tess Coleman and Lindsay Lohan as rock 'n' rolling high-schooler Annabell in director Mark Walter's second coming of *Freaky Friday*, Muffin and I were at loggerheads. I just wasn't seeing the dog point of view. And if he understood life from the master's reference, you sure couldn't tell it.

Well, if you've ever been to the movies you know what inevitably happens in such circumstances. The Epiphanies 'R' Us division of Providence intervenes and, poof! You're the person, or in my case, the dog, who you were intolerant of...and vice versa. I still get a little itchy when I think about it. Though, admittedly, there is something to be said for being able to scratch behind one's ear with a foot.

Muffin's first piece of business after the transposition was the kitchen, where he proved that you don't have to be a French poodle to make a mean chicken cordon bleu. He was really something...especially when he started imitating Emeril Lagasse. "Bam!"

Already getting with the program insofar as understanding the other fellow's needs, he made sure to dump a very generous portion of the gourmet creation into his bowl, which, alas, had become my bowl. Suffice it to note, chicken cordon bleu sans utensils is an acquired taste.

Interestingly, in a testament to the character that I always had a hunch resided beneath that black and tan coat, Muffin in my body was hardly the glutton that I was. I thanked him for only putting five more pounds on me. Granted, to this day when he's snoozing it sometimes sounds like he's mumbling "Love that Foreman grill." But the food thing actually got old quickly for the human Muffin.

'Twas the family wheels that held his interest next. The power to go "bye-bye in the car" of his own volition was, as Muffin so aptly put it, an alluremost equal to the call of the wild. Of course he had his own touch. Baring his teeth to especially aggressive drivers put a whole new face on road rage. He gave us a few rough nights as we waited up to make sure he got home all right. As he was responsible for my last walk of the day, I was particularly anxious for his return. Boy, the things you take for granted as a human.

But of all the gadgetry that could understandably give the Yorkshire terrier a case of opposable thumb envy, it was the computer that held his greatest curiosity. What was it in that screen, he thought, night after night, that had us eyes glazed over and so completely mesmerized?

However, after traversing extensively through its silicon-boasted environs, including a stint as the acknowledged pundit of the pet owner's chat room, he eventually gave his opinion of the gizmo. Quoting Peggy Lee, he sonorously asked the musical question, "Is that all there is?"

Sometime later, after we had turned back into ourselves, Muffin confided that of all the diversions that were available to him, whether in my body or his, few attractions could compete with taking a walk in the park with me.

Touched by his altruism, I was moved to observe: "You're a better man than I, Gunga Din."

With that, a pained expression on his face, Muffin looked up and said, "Hey Kipling, how's about a Milk Bone to go with the literary compliment?"

Of course the moralisms taught in *Freaky Friday* aren't quite as deep as the ones I learned from Muffin. But there are nonetheless striking similarities in our mutual tales, if you'll pardon the pun. For instance, just as it happened with Muffin and me, it's the opening of identical, magical fortune cookies that switches mom and daughter.

It couldn't come at a more crucial time — it's only a few days before Tess, a widow of three years, is to be wed to Ryan, portrayed nicely by Mark Harmon. Playing straight man to fiancée and future stepdaughter's seemingly outlandish antics, Ryan needs no great awakening. He is perhaps the most tolerant man on Earth.

But while Tess probably already knows that, daughter dearest isn't having any of it. Though she has trouble verbalizing her emotions, Annabell feels that Dad's memory is being betrayed...that it's too soon since his death for Mom to go marching down the aisle.

The teen also has her own pair of crises to address. For one thing, there's the much too important audition her band has been invited to, which just so happens to fall on the same night as Mom's wedding rehearsal.

And then there's the matter of Jake (Chad Michael Murray), the high school heartthrob Annabell's been trying to woo for the longest time. He's finally noticed her.

Thus the comedic stage is set. After some initial resistance on both their parts, mother and daughter reach an entente cordiale. They realize that, until they figure out a way to become themselves again, it is in their mutual interests to play each other's role to the best of their abilities.

Hence, Annabell must see Tess' patients whilst doing no harm, and Tess must attend Annabell's classes while trying, despite her motherly instincts, not to alienate motorcycle Jake.

While laugh inducement is doubtlessly its main goal, in this respect *Freaky Friday* rarely makes it above sitcom level quality.

You will experience a steady flow of giggles, about seven hearty chuckles, three cackles you could stifle if you really wanted to, and between six and eight titters. Expect no guffaw.

However, probably more important, there's something to be said for the often-charming lilt and feeling of well-being director Waters' film engenders. A pleasant wholesomeness stylishly veers from being mawkish by virtue of the very genuine insights being gleaned...about parents beleaguered by the endless stream of details and teens beset by a whirlwind of uncertainty and boundless competition.

The heartwarming lessons are there. And, just as I remarked after my own adventure with Muffin, it's enough to give you paws.

Freaky Friday, rated PG, is a Walt Disney Pictures release directed by Mark Waters and stars Jamie Lee Curtis, Lindsay Lohan and Mark Harmon. Running time: 96 minutes.

Nature Crafts

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from berries, flower petals and vegetables is an age-old tradition.

Amulet bags, handbags, sachets and specialty fabrics can be dyed when clothes are soaked in dye baths colored from marigold petals and spinach leaves. These daring craft methods are techniques we have been "dying" to learn.

So, instead of limiting oneself to wrapping colored yarns around twigs to make "God's eyes" or using long twigs for the next marshmallow roast, there are hundreds of gifts and projects to be made from objects found off the beaten path which will fill rainy and wintry days to come.

Get Outta...

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from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Dress to be outside and bring your own binoculars. Although there is no fee for this informational event, pre-registration is required. Call the Interpretive Center at (201) 915-3409. Study upon your shorebirds, so you sound like you know what you are looking for.

What could be more fun than being chosen for a part in *The Wild Party*? If you have the talent to do dialogue, dancing, and singing, come to the auditions prepared to give them a song that shows your vocal range. They'll supply the accompanist. There are seven female and eight male roles, with a range of ages and ethnicities. The story takes place in 1920s Manhattan, during prohibition, and the auditions take place this weekend, on Saturday, August 23, from noon to 2 p.m., and on Sunday, August 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Circle Players, 416 Victoria Avenue in Piscataway. Call (732) 968-7555.

The works of Henry Gasser, John Curch's mentor (Curch was featured in the August 14 A&E section), will be on display until the end of this month at the Morris Museum. *Henry Gasser: Beyond the City Limits*, contains 65 original works by this watercolor artist who was a native of Newark, some of which have not been seen in over 50 years. Although Gasser died in 1981, his renowned status as an important figure in 20th century American art lives on.

Pen & Ink

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whether or not the promos for "Whoopi" and commercials, respectively, could be deemed offensive or racist. They did not respond.

I wonder what Archie Bunker would say...or Al Sharpton.

It Was Never Too Late For Pell's Art to Be Great

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Westfield resident, Fay Pell, gives new meaning to the expression "late bloomer." Three years ago, at the age of 87, Pell joined her first-ever art class at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Scotch Plains. Each year since then she has exhibited her artwork at the Union County Senior Citizen Art Contest and Exhibition. Most of these years, she has won an award.

An artist who works in many media, Pell won First Place in 1999 for her mixed media creation entitled "Collage 1." In 2001, her pastel snow scene entitled "Sleigh Ride" garnered Pell another ribbon for First Place, and this year's exhibit saw Pell awarded Second Place for "Happiness" an ink creation that resembles Chinese writing.

Pell credits JCC Art Instructor, Lillie Bryen, for getting her interested in art.

"I've always liked art, but I never tried it until I attended the class at JCC," Pell explained. "Lilly got me started."

The Newark-born artist also lived in Elizabeth prior to moving to the senior citizen apartments at Boynton Avenue eight years ago. Born July 25, 1913, Pell celebrated her 90th birthday on July 25.

Pell has traveled twice to Israel, a country that proves to be for her, a source of inspiration. She has completed a pastel titled "Mt. Gilboa" after the Israeli mountain believed to be the Biblical site of Saul's battle with the Philistines.

The events of her childhood are



Fay Pell

another source of ideas for Pell's artistic expression. Her award-winning, "Sleigh Ride" is one such example.

"Sleigh Ride is modeled after the sleighs we used to ride when I was a child," said Pell, who added that the old-fashioned sleigh is something we don't see that much anymore.

Before her retirement, Pell worked as an insurance rater in Newark. While raising her children — daughter who currently lives in Florida, and a son in Bergen County — Pell indulged in such past times as sewing, crocheting, knitting and embroidery. She also enjoys reading, especially short stories.

Pell is currently not at work on a piece of art, pending this fall's resumption of the JCC's art classes. Much of her free time, however, is still spent at the JCC where she meets her friends for lunch and attends "interesting meetings."

"The JCC sure keeps me busy," said Pell.



Queen of Arts

Craft Projects, Books, and Patterns
For All the Year 'Round

Reaping Craft Benefits From Nature's Trails

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

At first glance, using simplistic materials like berries, flowers, twigs and potatoes might seem like a crafter's recipe for disaster, yet amazingly handbags, dolls, picture frames and jewelry can be spun from those very items discovered along the Jersey Shore or a wooden path at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

For example, local crafters vend artwork created from such basic objects every December at the Annual Holiday Nature Craft Show, tempting shoppers with gift items woven, pressed, beaded and carved from nature's most precious found objects.

However, everyday people might consider sprigs of evergreen, vegetable pods and pinecones as items worth discarding instead of embellishing. Most do not recognize that dipping a pinecone in glue and glitter during the holidays is not the only craft project worthy of the tree's fruit.

With a little glue, markers and ordinary tools lying around the house, some of the following projects and ideas just might be worthy of gift-wrapping and display.

First, a hardcover copy of "Nature's Art Box" by Laura Martin (Storey Kids, \$23.95) can provide eager beaver crafters of every age with 65 projects, which range from T-shirts to baskets.

This volume takes readers on a historical journey, unearthing one of the first marriages between nature and art, when the Lascaux cave paintings were discovered in 1940 in the South of France. Before listing some of the basic ingredients used in the suggested projects, the author stresses the importance of nature preservation, as well as safety measures while using tools such as glue guns.

Most kitchens should have cabinets stocked with flour, water, salt, vegetable oil and cream of tartar — the sole components needed for making your own batch of clay, which is the basis for many nature projects.

Learning this simple recipe, according to "Nature's Art Box," is the key to making pottery, rustic-looking necklace beads, and ornaments. However handy and fun to learn, a batch of clay is not required for all of the projects.

For example, an adorable angel ornament requires the simplest as-

sembly of cornhusks, moss, raffia (which can be found in a craft supply store), and can be embellished with ribbons and colored markers.

A large- or medium-sized conch shell found during a day at the beach can become a decorative candle once beeswax is carefully melted, and a wick from a craft shop is inserted. Children will need the help of a guardian to complete this project.

Flowers that are pressed between books can sometimes be long forgotten and few craft enthusiasts know what to do with the flattened flora once they are dried out. Yet, adding the blooms to handcrafted birthday cards or book-marks beats out most Hallmark greetings.

Above all, "Nature's Art Box" provides readers with a most challenging project — turning your favorite pressed flower or fern into a T-shirt everyone will be talking about (in a positive way, of course).

Dating back to the art of Egyptians and Native Americans, who used henna and plants to bring colors to cave walls, pottery, fabric and cosmetics, the creation of dyes

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Project Resources:

- The paperback version of "Creative Kids: Nature Crafts" by Joy Williams;
- "365 Nature Crafts and Activities" by Karen Bledsoe and Candace Norvell.
- Gather ye pinecones at the Trailside Nature and Science Center at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For more information, please call (908) 789-3670.

The Arts & Entertainment section of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* brings readers exclusive profiles about residents with exceptional creative talent, critiques on productions by local theater groups, reviews of concerts by area musicians, and art show coverage. Every week, editorial columns address the latest issues facing our community, which is rich in culture, while mothers and young readers turn to the Book Nook column to learn about literature to fill their libraries and expand their minds. As a member of our area's creative community, your advertisements would be widely noticed by a readership of almost 10,000 subscribers and a vast Internet audience.

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Arts & Entertainment

Canadian Painter Minimizes Classic Westfield Structures, But Each Detail Remains Flawless

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

WESTFIELD — Mister Roger's miniature television village, "The Land of Make Believe" looms larger than the enchanting microcosmic Westfield structures painted by Holland native and Canadian artist Ingrid Hunt.

In 1990, the artist, who had been commissioned to paint horses and other themes in various proportions since her high school years, found creativity more refreshing once she turned her talent over to miniature canvases.

"I enjoy painting detail. It is very peaceful and meditative work. I am drawn right into the subject that I am working on, and I know that because of this intensity which I apply to my paintings, the viewer is also inspirationally drawn into my work," Hunt shared.

Unbeknownst to her, Hunt's attention to minute details would soon fill a need for Juxtapose Gallery Owner Gerri Gildea, whose first contact with

Hunt's work arose upon a trip to a Stowe, Vt. gallery. Gildea noticed Hunt's small painting of a white church, similar to that of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Then, upon a visit to ArtExpo New York at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in 1995, Hunt's miniatures caught Gildea's attention once again.

Her customers had been searching for small keepsake paintings of landscapes and scenes indicative of Westfield, which they could collect or give to friends or residents moving out of town.

Gildea thought of the Toronto-Canadian painter and sent her some photographs of the Monument to Veterans of World War I, hoping she could capture its stately beauty. Customers' response to Hunt's tiny, intricate depiction of the statue was so profound that the original piece was swiftly sold, along with 250 replicas.

In 1997, Gildea sent Hunt snapshots of the Gazebo at Mindowaskin



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Arcanum Hall, September of 2001, Ingrid Hunt

Park, and soon realized that her gallery's collaboration with the artist had given birth to a series of original town paintings. Hunt also created a striking miniature of The Presbyterian Church.

Half of those church editions, as well as the original, are sold out. When 9/11 disastrously arrived on the doorsteps of Americans, the Canadian artist felt the tragedy so deeply that she cleared away her packed schedule to paint an American flag - draped Arcanum Hall for the gallery just in time for Christmas.

More than half of the Arcanum Hall paintings have been vended, including the original piece.

All of Hunt's paintings are sent as "proofs" to Gildea, who puts her official seal of approval on the design or requests small alterations or tweaking to be done before completion.

Last Christmas, when Westfield was blanketed in snow and ice skaters took to Mindowaskin Pond's glassy surface for a Currier & Ives-like experience, Gildea snapped some photos and sent them to Hunt.

While the artist expects to send the miniature edition of the Westfield ice skaters to the gallery by the beginning of October, Gildea reported that one male customer has already purchased the original painting, sight unseen.

Collectors of everything miniature adore Hunt's petite 2-inch by 2-inch paintings, which are \$35 unframed or \$65 with the complimenting suede mat and gold

frame, prompting the artist to produce work solely on the diminutive scale in limited editions.

Hunt, who garnered the "Canadian Artist of the Year" award from



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The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, spring of 1999, Ingrid Hunt

Insight of Collectable magazine, as well as prizes from several miniature exhibitions, includes her work in approximately 10 shows per year.

She does not limit her subject matter to landscapes, but allows her paintbrush and imagination to pursue the details of Black Labrador Retrievers, Jack Russell Terriers, German Shepherds, bears, owls and meadows filled with cows, never neglecting the smallest detail.

One of the most regal and renowned owners of an "Ingrid Hunt Miniature is Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain.



Get Outta The House

By CAROL F. DAVIS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a *Classic Car Show* in downtown Westfield on Tuesday, August 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The show takes place on Quimby and Elm Streets. If you missed last month's display, be sure to check out the cars in this one. Trophies will be awarded.

A smoke-free night of fun and laughter at Rascals in Ocean Township, on Sunday, August 24, will also provide funding to *Rescue Ridge*, a non-profit animal rescue organization located in Wall. Entertainers include Mike Eagan, Rob Falcone and Marion Grodin. Tickets are \$10, and the show begins at 8 p.m. The mission of Rescue Ridge is simply to help animals in need with spaying, neutering, fostering and rehoming when possible. They work closely with several assisted living facilities in New Jersey helping to provide hard to place, senior companions as residents in the homes. Certainly, they deserve your support. For tickets, please call (732) 974-0138 or (732) 681-2151. Rascals is easy to find — it's located at 1500 Highway 35.

The next *Summer Shorebird Walk* at Liberty State Park will take place on August 24,

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Local Musicians Welcomed Into Youth Symphony

NEW PROVIDENCE —

Karen Bao and Albert Wu of Scotch Plains, as well as Berkeley Heights residents Nathaniel Benzmira, Jonathan Chen, Emily Grosse, Andrew Lee, Ivan Lee, Chandler Sy and Felicia Yau, have all been accepted into the New Jersey Youth Symphony for the 2003-2004 season.

These students are matriculating at the Suburban Community Music Center in New Providence.

Light-Hearted Music Planned At WF Church

WESTFIELD — The Celebration Singers, directed by Sean Berg, will present an evening of music, including Broadway and cabaret tunes, tomorrow, Friday, August 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield.

Composers such as George Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim and Cole Porter will be spotlighted.

The concert is free. Donations are suggested. For more information, please call (908) 233-4211.



Red Stripe Beer's "Ambassador"



Whoopi Goldberg

Let's reverse the scenario for a second and imagine that the adjective, "white," was replaced with "black" or "Jews." Would NBC have expected viewers to chuckle instead of gnashing their teeth in frustration? Hardly. I believe that those labels would have provoked a blizzard of angry letters from offended audiences. Not mass pandemonium, but enough grumbling to curtail Whoopi's blatant prejudice.

Although she pulls back in a few shorter promotional ads, she introduces the bulk of the cast in the most recent commercial involving Sassy Elizabeth Regan is Rita, the girlfriend of Whoopi's African-American brother, Courtney. With brassy ghetto slang and a "don't go there" attitude, Rita comes across as a Caucasian woman trying to be black. Picture one of "Jerry Springer's" guests rising to her feet in the audience, arms flapping, acrylic dragonlady airbrushed nails pointing, yelling, "Yo, you kick 'im to da curb, girlfriend" while she is restrained by Springer's overly muscular bodyguards. After Rita rants on the "Whoopi" promo, Goldberg grins to the viewer, "And, she's white!"

So what? Why must Goldberg take potshots at white people or any race for that matter? If she can't be funny without labeling people by the color of their skin, what kind of comedienne is she? Produced by the same folks who favorably altered the climate of television in the 80s with "The Cosby Show," by not "playing the race card" and trying to get viewers to move past racial stereotypes, I am befuddled by the producers' allowing their renowned skill to be tainted by such obvious biases.

Red Stripe Beer commercials go one further. Calling their ad spots "very decent commercials," the company's Jamaican "Ambassador" actually ushers into the viewer's living room very indecent humor. Though he might be slightly klutzy looking, a white man tries to dance to some music next to the Ambassador while drinking one of their beers. The hook? Red Stripe Beer, says the narrator, "teaches the white man how to dance." Does this go along with the same premise that white men can't jump?

Mocking white people is just as inexcusable as mocking black people, and though it seems like reverse discrimination, the issue remains as black and white as can be. There are no gray areas that make this behavior acceptable, only deplorable. In the 70s, producer Norman Lear forced viewers to take giant leaps of conscience in the ratings dynamo, "All in the Family," when the character of bigoted character, Archie Bunker, made himself the butt of the joke each time he showed his true colors. We tolerated his intolerance because his ignorance shamefully brought our own to light.

Decades later, shows like "Whoopi" and commercials by Red Stripe

Beer might contribute to the regression of a seemingly more racially tolerant society. Should we allow ourselves to slip backward instead of pressing forward?

When I began writing this editorial, I contacted Carsey-Werner-Mandalbach Company, LLC, the company that produces "Whoopi," NBC, and Red Stripe Beer for their opinion as to

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