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Referendum Question Passes In 7-1 Vote by WF Council

By LAUREN S. PASS
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The Westfield Town Council approved the wording of a non-binding referendum to be placed on the ballot

asking if residents want a parking garage and mixed-use development at Prospect and Elm Streets this fall in a 7-1 vote. Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence Goldman was the only no

vote and Third Ward Councilman Andrew Skibitsky was absent.

The final version of the question reads: "Shall the Town of Westfield issue approximately \$10,000,000 of general obligation bonds to fund the construction of a parking structure on municipal parking lots 1 and 8 between Prospect and Elm Streets, which would contain approximately 500 total parking spaces and which bonds would be supported by revenue derived from parking fees and mixed use redevelopment fees resulting from approximately 19 residential units and approximately 3,000 square feet of retail space, and, if necessary, the levy of ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town of Westfield?"

A public hearing will be held on the ordinance and a final vote will be taken on Tuesday, August 3.

Councilman Goldman said that while residents are praising the mayor and council for moving forward with a referendum, "I think it's an abdication of responsibility." He said that the town has spent more than \$750,000 pursuing a fix to the parking problem. "In the end, I'm not sure what we're going to have to show for it," said Councilman Goldman.

He posed the question: If the referendum doesn't pass, what would that tell the council about the underlying issue of the parking deficit?

First Ward Councilman Peter Echausse said that while he respects Councilman Goldman's opinion, he thinks the referendum is prudent, even though he thinks Prospect and Elm Street is the wrong location. He said that residents expect to pay taxes for certain things, but he was not elected to "subsidize downtown property owners."

Second Ward Councilman Rafael Betancourt said that the "money invested has been a wise investment" and it will "lead us down the road to resolve the issue" of the parking problem. He asked that residents stay informed and ask questions on the issue.

While Mayor Gregory McDermott had told residents last month that the details of the plan for the development and the financial details would be made available before Tuesday night, he said that they would not be available for approximately two months. "I didn't get it done," he told the audience. He said that it became more important to get the question on the ballot than it was to get the plans together.

He said that the council would be working with the developer to finalize plans for the development and with the town's financial consultant to iron out the numbers and present them to the public.

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SWEET SOUNDS DOWNTOWN...Tuesday night was the first Jazz Fest in downtown Westfield. The band Phoenix Rising is pictured playing to an audience and dinner goes outside Northside Trattoria on Prospect Street.

Independent Businesses Provide Wealth Of Goods, Services on South Ave. Corridor

By MIRIAM BAMBERGER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Editor's Note: This is part two of a six-part feature on the business centers in our area that will include Downtown Westfield, Westfield's South Avenue corridor, Scotch Plains, Farwood, Mountainside and Garwood.

On the south side of the Westfield Train Station lies an eclectic mix of independent businesses that often goes unappreciated as part of Downtown Westfield.

"The Southside is really worth visiting," said Westfield Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Allison O'Hara.

One notable characteristic of South Avenue is that the "Mom & Pop" businesses still outnumber the national chains that have moved to Westfield over the past decade. Though some franchises like Subway and CVS Pharmacy have made their homes on South Avenue, the stretch does not have as many chain stores as the north side of downtown, where several clothing chain stores sit side by side with smaller businesses.

Bob Larsen, owner of Sound Station, takes pride in the fact that South Avenue's character is shaped by the many independent businesses, and hopes the district will maintain that uniqueness. "I don't want (South Avenue) to become a mall," he said.

Ms. O'Hara noted that another significant quality of South Avenue is the prevalence of "destination shops"

- stores that attract customers for a specific product or service.

R.J. Hartman, owner of Treasure Cove Divers, agrees that the specialty stores on South Avenue attract customers from outside of town, even from areas outside of Union County. He added that he feels the north and south sides of downtown compliment each other, offering shoppers different types of stores.

The newly opened Golden Age Fretted Instruments is a prime example of the destination shops of Westfield. Owner John Reynolds cited the proximity to the train station as an important strength of the South Avenue district because it enables non-local customers to reach the stores.

The South Avenue corridor extends beyond the block of stores directly across from the train station. Sandwiched between Scotch Plains and Garwood, most of South Avenue is lined with shops. On the other side of Central Avenue, an outdoor shopping center is home to several small businesses, including a pizzeria, beauty supply store, and trendy Japanese restaurant. Beyond the traffic circle in the other direction, both sides of South Avenue are dotted with independent businesses offering a wide variety of services.

Town & Country Wines and Liquors, named "Business of the Year" in 2001 by the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, is one of the more recently-renovated business properties in its shopping center. Owner Sean Weinerman said he chose the location because he found Westfield to be

"the right town for an upscale wine shop." Because South Avenue runs straight through several towns, Town & Country Wines and Liquors is accessible to patrons from Westfield, Scotch Plains, Clark, Cranford and Garwood. Mr. Weinerman identified this accessibility as a definite strength of South Avenue for merchants, noting that the cluster of stores is a "destination center" rather than a place for window-shopping.

Bogdan Bienko, owner of Tiffany Drugs, sees parts of South Avenue as strong locations for businesses because traffic is not as congested as in the town center. Many South Avenue stores, like Tiffany Drugs, have private parking lots for customers. Echoing the feeling among many independent merchants, Mr. Bienko values the personal attention that small businesses can offer over chain stores.

Divided from the rest of the downtown area by the train station, the South Avenue business district is not as visible as the rest of the downtown shopping center, and it generally does not attract the same amount of foot traffic as the center of town.

Different business owners offer several reasons why South Avenue tends to be neglected by the hordes of shoppers that flock to the businesses surrounding North Avenue and East Broad Street.

Richard Fromkin, owner of Westfield Interiors and Chairperson of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, told *The Westfield Leader* that the lack of ample parking discour-

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WESTFIELD'S BRAVEST...Promotions were given to several members of the Westfield Fire Department on July 1. Pictured, from left to right, are: Deputy Chief Daniel Kelly, Fire Fighter Michael Duels, Deputy Chief Kenneth Dannevig, Chief John Castellano, Lieutenant John Peterson and Captain David Kelly

WF Fire Dept. Holds Promotion Ceremony

By BENJAMIN B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

On July 1, the Westfield Fire Department promoted three fire fighters and named one new fire fighter in a special ceremony at Town Hall.

Captain Kenneth Dannevig was promoted to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief. Deputy Chief Dannevig started with Westfield as a volunteer in 1981. In 1985, Deputy Chief Dannevig was hired as a paid fire fighter, then in 1991 transferred to the Fire Prevention Bureau as a fire inspector. The deputy chief then was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1992 and in 2000 was promoted to Captain. In 2004, he holds the rank of Deputy Chief along with Deputy Chief Daniel Kelly.

Lieutenant David Kelly, who was promoted to the rank of Captain, received his master's degree in Fire Protection Management from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and his bachelor's degree in Science Forestry from the University of Vermont. Captain Kelly has been with the Westfield Fire Department since 1988 when he started as a

volunteer. He became a paid fire fighter in 1992, received the rank of lieutenant in 1999 and received this promotion to Captain in 2004.

In this set of promotions Westfield fire fighter John Peterson Jr. made history as the first African-American to become an officer of the Westfield Fire Department. Lieutenant Peterson has served the department for 18 years.

Lieutenant John Peterson told *The Westfield Leader*, "I want to thank a few people that made an impact my life like Westfield Fire Chief John Castellano, retired Deputy Chief Jack Duels, Deputy Chief Daniel Kelly, Captain David Kelly, and former Westfield Chief Walter Ridge. I would also like to send a special thanks to my wife Sharen who, while pregnant with my daughter, gave me nothing but support and encouragement through the hours I had to spend studying."

Fire fighter Michael Duels, son of recently retired Deputy Chief Jack Duels, was also sworn as Westfield's newest fire fighter. Fire fighter Duels began as a volunteer in 2002.



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SWEARING IN...Lieutenant John Peterson was sworn in as Westfield's first African American officer of the Westfield Fire Department. Pictured, from left to right, are: Chief John Castellano, Town Clerk Bernard Heeny, Sharen Peterson and Lt. Peterson.



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HAIL TO THE DEPUTY CHIEF...Deputy Chief Kenneth Dannevig, right, was sworn in as Deputy Chief of the Westfield Fire Department on July 1. Pictured, from left to right, are: Town Clerk Bernard Heeny, Chief John Castellano and Deputy Chief Dannevig.

Diners Favor Sidewalk Cafés in Westfield; Raise Alcoholic Beverage Service Issues

By MICHAEL POLLACK
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Downtown Westfield boasts a wide range of eateries with sidewalk dining available. To maintain outdoor dining, a business must apply for a sidewalk café license. There is a \$100 application fee. All sidewalk café licenses are issued for the eight-month period between April 1 and November 30.

Jeffrey's owner Jeff Rust said "it (outdoor café) increases business - especially at night during Jazz Fest or car shows."

"We have a lot of regulars who like to go out and have a drink or smoke cigars," he added. "I think a lot of people enjoy dining al fresco."

Under the ordinance a restaurant's furniture must be at least 50 feet from any fire hydrant, plug, or standpipe unless the fire department authorization is granted. In addition, the ordinance says that no furniture can "impede the safe and speedy ingress and egress to or from any building or structure."

Walking in town can become a slight hazard because the cafés seem to jut into walkways. When construct-

ing a sidewalk café component, a restaurant must leave "at least six feet of unobstructed walkway for access from any door or opening on the business façade to the street."

"If you abide by that it's fine," Mr. Rust said. "Otherwise, yes, you are impeding people."

The sidewalk café ordinance says that no furniture, apparatus etc. can be located in such a way "that less than six feet of paved sidewalk unobstructed by any obstructions remains for the exclusive use of pedestrians."

Twelve year owner of Theresa's Bobby Scalera said "I've never had complaints about my business being outside; we stay within our zoning laws."

Mr. Scalera dismissed suggestions that town goers are finding cramped sidewalks, focusing on what outdoor dining brings to the town.

"Outdoor dining enhances the town. Even with an empty table inside I have people waiting an hour to sit outside because it's nice out."

Under the ordinance all sidewalk cafés must have portable barriers between three and four feet in height "which shall be placed around the

sidewalk café area on the sidewalk to define the café area and the unobstructed pedestrian passageway area."

Ferraro's owner Anna Ferraro said, "We try to leave our walkway perfect and leave room for strollers. At some places it becomes uncomfortable. People are right. They shouldn't have to walk in the street."

Sidewalk cafés can operate between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Thirty minutes

after the closing of the café, the operator must have all furniture inside.

A restaurant can sell alcohol "provided that the related restaurant of which the café is a part and an extension is so licensed, and provided further that specific approval has been obtained from the Town of Westfield for the extension of the alcoholic beverage consumption license to the side-

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WET DOWN...Members of the Mountainside Fire Department prepare to celebrate the Wetdown of their new fire truck on Saturday, July 10 at 12 p.m. at Deerfield School.

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END OF AN ERA... After 37 years in the restaurant business in Westfield, the Spiridigliozzi family has closed its doors at Sorrento's Pizzeria and Restaurant in Westfield. Amerco Spiridigliozzi of Westfield, and his family, Karen, Diana, Julia and Olivia, would like to thank all the loyal friends and customers for their patronage and friendship over the years. Sorrento's will truly be missed.

Gov. Reappoints MS Doctor To Catastrophic Illness Fund

MOUNTAINSIDE - Governor James McGreevey has reappointed Mountainside resident Janice Prontnicki, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P., a Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician at Children's Specialized Hospital, to the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission. The fund was established to provide financial assistance for families whose children have experienced an illness or condition which is not otherwise covered by insurance, state or federal programs or other sources such as fundraising. New Jersey was the first state to establish such a program. "It is an honor to serve on the commission because the fund reduces the financial burden families face when dealing with a child's illness or special needs," said Dr. Prontnicki. Dr. Prontnicki has been on staff at Children's Specialized since 1999. A Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, she graduated from St. Peter's College in Jersey City and the New York University School of Medicine. She also holds a Masters in Public Health from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ). She serves as Vice-President of The American Academy of Pediatrics' New Jersey Chapter and holds a faculty appointment in the Department of Pediatrics of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School/UMDNJ. The following incurred expenses will be considered and may be eligible for payment/reimbursement if found reasonable. The categories include, but are not limited to: Specialized Pediatric Ambulatory Care, Treatment for Addictions/Mental Health Services, Care in Acute or Specialized Hospitals, Physician Care in All Settings, Pharmaceuticals, Disposable Medical Supplies/Durable Medical Equipment, Transportation for Child's Medical Care, Home Health Care, Experimental Medical Treatment or Pharmaceuticals Following Special Review. For more information on the Fund, please call 1-800-335-FUND.

Fanwood Woman Charged With Disability Fraud

FANWOOD - A 48-year-old Fanwood woman who filed an inflated claim for disability and collected \$34,453 in insurance money four years ago has been charged with theft by members of the Insurance Fraud Unit of the Union County Prosecutor's Office. Ruth Batista of Paterson Road was charged with third-degree theft in a complaint signed by Prosecutor Jamison Antonio and will have to appear in court before Judge Joan Robinson on July 17, said Prosecutor Theodore Romankow, who created the special unit a year ago. Mr. Romankow said a month long investigation revealed the defendant, who suffers from Lupus disease, allegedly filed a claim seeking short-term disability reimbursement on March 13, 2000 and collected the money over the next year in 12 payments. Batista, a facilities and building manager for a technology support firm in New York, was the subject of an investigation by the insurance carrier, which informed law enforcement authorities.

Allstate Foundation Awards Bansky Community Grant

WESTFIELD - Ronald Bansky of Westfield, an exclusive agent with Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company (Allstate New Jersey), received the Agency Hands in the Community Award for his commitment to volunteering in the community.

With this award comes a \$500 grant from The Allstate Foundation for the Westfield YMCA in support of the YMCA chapter's youth athletic initiatives. Mr. Bansky, a strong supporter of programs in Westfield and surrounding Union County communities, has also spearheaded Foundation support of Mountainside's Children Specialized Hospital through the auspices of Allstate New Jersey.

A veteran agent with the Bridgewater, New Jersey-based company, Mr. Bansky, who volunteers as an instructional basketball league coach, was awarded the honor for his tireless efforts with the group. Thanks to Mr. Bansky's help, the YMCA is providing invaluable athletic skills and life experiences to young people in the Westfield community.

In addition to his support of the Westfield YMCA, Mr. Bansky recently facilitated an Allstate donation in support of the Westfield Jaycees. Specifically, the donation supported the group's "Child Shield" Program. Through the Child Shield initiative, the Westfield Jaycees work with the Westfield Police Department and the Board of Education to designate one home in every neighborhood where a child may seek assistance in an emergency situation.

Karen Mitchell, a market business consultant with Allstate New Jersey, nominated Mr. Bansky. "Over the years, Ron has shown a great deal of community involvement and commitment through his support of the Westfield Jaycees and the Children's Specialized Hospital, and now the Westfield YMCA," Ms. Mitchell said. "He has an unwavering dedication to the youth of Westfield and Union County."

Richard Crist, Jr., President of Allstate New Jersey, said, "Allstate New Jersey believes that it is very important for corporations to take an active interest in the communities they serve. We are proud to support Ron Bansky in such a worthwhile cause through the Allstate Foundation."

Mr. Crist added, "The grant from the Allstate Foundation will provide much-needed support to the youth programs of the Westfield YMCA."

Established in 1952, The Allstate Foundation is an independent, charitable organization funded by contributions from the Allstate Insurance Company. It awards grants to non-profit organizations that seek to improve the quality of life in communities across the country.

Allstate New Jersey supports a network of agencies that serve households in the Garden State. Agents and employees of Allstate New Jersey have a long, proud history of supporting the communities where they live and do business through volunteerism and charitable contributions.

Investigation Continues in Murder of Plainfield Man

SCOTCH PLAINS - Detectives have retraced some of the final steps of a Plainfield man found fatally shot last Tuesday night in Scotch Plains.

Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow said Thursday that Scotch Plains Detective Sergeant Brian Donnelly and Detective Dean Marcantonio of the Homicide Unit have uncovered evidence that Taji Pile, 26, was in Plainfield, had been at his home and then left hours before he was found shot in the head on Rahway Road near the Plainfield border near where he lived on Highland Avenue.

Detectives canvassed the neighborhood on the block where Pile was

found near the curb shortly before 11 p.m. He died the following day after emergency surgery at University Hospital in Newark.

"This young man was gunned down in cold blood. We're really looking for any information as to who was with him, who knows about the shooting or anything that can help our detectives," said Mr. Romankow, adding the Union County Crimestoppers Program offers reward money for anonymous information in violent crime cases.

He said the tipline, (908) 654-TIPS, is operational 24 hours a day or callers can contact Sergeant Donnelly at (908) 322-7100 Ext. 111 or Detective Marcantonio at (908) 527-4699.

Scotch Plains Recreation Events

Multi Sport Camp: July 19 to 23. Experience over 15 sports in one week! Programs run by US Sports Institute. Badminton, bocce, hockey, net ball, soccer, volleyball, parachute games, cricket, handball, world cup, lacrosse, olympics and more! All abilities welcome. Programs are limited to 60 children. Ages 5-7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$142. Ages 7-14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$169. Held at Kramer Manor Park. Please bring snacks and water.

MAGLEV CARS - Levitation for Future Transportation: Grades 1-5. Build your own "Futuristic Maglev" car to race and take home. Learn about the relationship between magnetism and electricity - the two forces behind levitation in your Maglev car. You will get to race your vehicle to make it go faster. Also, see and work with a magnet that can lift 200 pounds. Work with our levitron-omega, spin the top and watch it float. Learn how motors work as well as genera-

tors. Monday through Friday, August 16 to 20 at Towne House. Registration: Until July 23, \$115.

Summer Park Program: The six-week park program runs from July 6 to August 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ages six to 12. It will be held at Brookside and Green Forest Parks. The Recreation Office is holding registrations now for the park program. The fee is \$30 per person. Trips and additional programs will be extra.

Travel on Platform 9 & 3/4 - Harry Potter Magical Mystery Tour: Grades 1-4. All aboard for hands on fun! Play Quidditch for Muggles, make invisible ink, make an edible wand, brew potions, make a magic levitation, watch chemical reactions. Also, be king or queen of the galaxy, watch a mirage appear, make cool crystals and much more! Monday through Friday, August 16 to 20, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Towne House. Registration: Until July 23, \$100 per person.



A STROKE OF SUCCESS... L'Oreal's Jon Needham, Paul DeStefano, Pat Cafaro and Dave Wagner prepare to tee off during United Way of Greater Union County's 4th Annual Golf Classic.

Mountainside Fire Dept. Sets Saturday Wetdown

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Mountainside Fire Department has invited local residents and members of surrounding communities to help commemorate the delivery of the borough's first ladder truck with a traditional fire department Wetdown this Saturday.

The celebration, to be held from noon to 5 p.m., will provide visitors with a good look at the fire department's 2003 75-foot E-One Quint, which will enhance the 94-year-old department's ability to protect people and property in the borough.

The event will take place on the grounds of Deerfield School, located at 250 Central Avenue. There is no charge to attend.

The agenda for the afternoon also includes food, beverages and games for children. EMS DJ's will provide music, and raffle tickets for home entertainment equipment, as well as firefighting gear, will be available for purchase.

More than 50 fire departments from throughout the state and beyond are expected to attend and take part in the festivities.

Firefighting apparatus from these departments will also be showcased, and awards will be given in several categories, including oldest in-service pumper, most members attending and furthest traveling department.

For more information, please call (908) 233-1047 or visit www.wetdowns.com on the Internet.

Westfield Recreation Events

Basketball Camp: Held 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on July 26-July 30 for grades 4-6 at WHS. Fee: \$60.

Roller Hockey Camp with WHS Ice Hockey Team: Held 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on July 19-July 23 for grades 4-8, and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on July 26-July 30 for grades K-3 at Tamaques Park basketball courts. Fee: \$60.

Wrestling Camp with Glen Kurz: Held 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on August 2-6, for ages 7-10 and August 9-13 for ages 11-14, at WHS Wrestling Gym. Fee: \$60/week.

Sports Squirts: A great way to introduce children aged 3-5 to a variety of sports. Held 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on August 23 through 27. Online registration available: USSportsInstitute.com, Fee: \$79

Multi Sports: Children will have the opportunity to take part in over 15 different sports from around the world. Held Aug. 23 through 27. Hours: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for ages 5-7. Fee: \$142, or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for ages 8-14. Fee: \$169. Online registration available: USSportsInstitute.com.

Soccer Camp: Professional coaches from United Soccer Academy offer a camp located at Unami Park from August 16 through 20. Hours: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. for children ages 3-7. Fee: \$99 and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for children ages 5-14. Fee: \$149. Online registration available: UnitedSoccerAcademy.com.

Strollersize Class: Finally a class for moms and babies to attend together! This program will be held on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. June 25 to September 3 at Tamaques Park. Meet near tennis courts. \$50.

Summer Concert Series: The concert series is held in Mindowaskin Park under the Gazebo on the following Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Westfield Community Concert Band will perform July 8 & July 15, Westfield Swing Band will perform on July 22, and the NJ Workshop for the Arts will perform on July 29. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and

enjoy the show! In case of rain, performances will be held in the Presbyterian Church.

Summer Playground Programs: Held until August 12. Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 a.m. and 1 to 3:45 p.m. Registration began June 1. (Proof of age required for all programs). **The Junior Playground** is for resident children completing Kindergarten through grade 5. Held at local elementary schools. Fee: \$15.

Our new **Teen Scene** is for resident teens completing grades 6 through 8. Held in the relaxed atmosphere of Tamaques Park. Fee: \$25.

The department also offers a **C.I.T. Program** for resident teens ages 14 and 15. A C.I.T. application is required from each applicant. Space is limited. Fee: \$25

(Additional fees will be charged for trips and events for all Summer Playground Programs)

Teen Nights at the Memorial Pool: Teen night swims are held throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Memorial Pool Complex. Teen Swims are open to all Westfield Teens from 6 to 12 grade. This program features swimming, music, dancing, contests, special events, etc. Upcoming tentative dates are: July 7, July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4, August 11, August 18, August 25 & September 1. Cost: \$3/person. Teen Swim is a safe and enjoyable alternative and we hope Westfield students come check it out!

Consignment Ticket Program: Discount tickets are available for the following: Great Adventure, Dorney Park, Hershey Park, Morey's Pier, Mountain Creek, Splash Zone, Camelbeach and Sesame Place. Call for details. Please register for the above programs at: The Westfield Recreation Department, 425 East Broad St. Office: (908) 789-4080. Visit us online at: westfieldnj.net/townhall/recreation.

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Atlantic Health Hospitals Score High on Report Card

FLORHAM PARK – Atlantic Health System's three hospitals have earned superior scores on the State's new Hospital Performance Report, released by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DOHSS), a further affirmation of the ongoing commitment to quality at Morristown Memorial, Overlook and Mountaintop Hospitals. The full report is posted at <http://web.doh.state.nj.us/hpr/>.

In key indicators for heart attack treatment, all three Atlantic Health System hospitals scored in the top 25 percent among New Jersey hospitals, with Overlook Hospital scoring in the top 10 percent. Morristown Memorial also scored in the top quarter in indicators based on treatment for pneumonia.

Joseph Trunfio, President and CEO of Atlantic Health System, said, "Our hospitals each provide a different mix of appropriate services and serve different communities, but an important common thread is that the data show

a commitment to clinical care across our health system."

"Further, these indicators represent a collaborative effort and are the result of the combined dedication of medical teams comprised of physicians, nurses and other health care professionals," Mr. Trunfio said.

"Patients today are increasingly informed – and want to be more so. While these quality indicators are only one set among many criteria by which patients and their families select a hospital for quality care, they provide another helpful tool for patients to make savvy health care choices. In fact, all of the key health care report cards from regulatory agencies, such as the State's cardiac report card and report cards from Medicare and the Joint Commission, indicate superior performance at Atlantic Health hospitals. We commend the State for developing this tool as part of an overall strategy to provide the very best health care throughout New Jersey."

Fanwood Recreation Events

Summer Program: The Fanwood Recreation commission will conduct a seven-week summer program for Fanwood Children at LaGrande Park. The program began on Thursday, June 24, and will end on Friday, August 6.

The programs are under the direction of Kevin Ewing, Executive Director and Tom Baylock, Assistant Director. The staff consists of the following individuals: LaGrande Park Michelle Tobier-Supervisor Amanda Wells Lauren Bianco and Ned Kipping. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weather permitting. The parks will close due to rain or extreme heat. The park will be closed on Monday, July 5.

Summer Activities: The activities include Crafts, Tournaments, Games, Sports, and Special events. There are two age groups: 5-7 year olds and 8 years and up. Each week will have different events at the park. There is also plenty of time for open play. Kids may come and play different board games or sporting events. Each week there will be a different theme that will allow counselors and campers participate in various activities.

July 6 to 9, sports tournament week; July 12 to 16, ceramics week; July 19 to 23, board games tournament week; July 26 to 30, miscellaneous games; August 2 to 6, summer luau week.

TV 35, the Fanwood Website, and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* will carry more information for us regarding the theme weeks.

To register, go to the park and fill out a registration form. Registration is open to all Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents. There is a \$5 registration fee.

Fanwood Soccer Camp: The Fanwood Soccer Camp is run by David Moser, Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach New Providence High School. The camp concentrates on

the basics. Campers must be between 5 and 10 years old. The remaining weeks of the camp are July 12 to 16, and August 9 to 13. The times are from 9 a.m. until noon. For brochures, please email fanwoodsoccercamp@yahoo.com or call (908) 451-5123.

Fanwood Baseball Camp: The Fanwood Baseball Camp is an instructional program run by Tom Baylock, a teacher in SPF High School and the Varsity Coach of the baseball team. The weeks are July 5 to 9 and July 26 to 30 for Kindergarten to fifth grade. The time is from 9 a.m. until noon. For more information call (908) 964-0639.

Fanwood Tennis Camp: The camp is run by Brian Maloney, a tennis pro who lives in Fanwood. His experience is extraordinary. The weeks and times vary. For more information, please call (908) 322-5877.

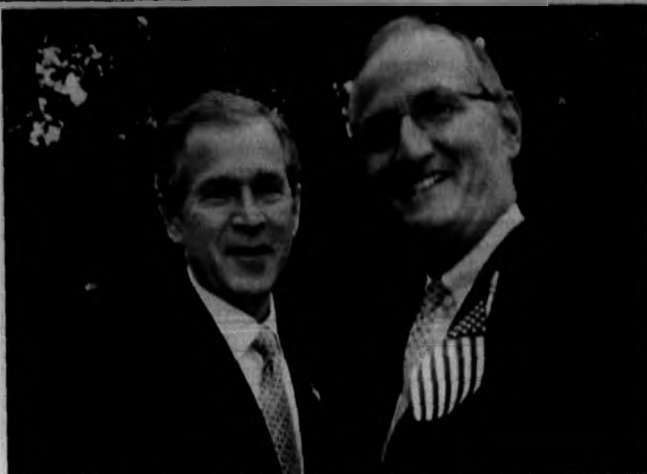
Basketball Camp: (AKA Raiders Basketball Camp) The camp is run by the SP-FHS varsity basketball coaches. The remaining camp will run July 19 to 23. For more information, please call (908) 889-2080 or (908) 964-0639.

Fanwood goes to Hollywood: Summer Movies at LaGrande Park will be held on Tuesdays at dusk. The rain date will be the following night. The remaining movies are: July 13–*Catch That Kid*; July 20–*Lion King 1 1/2*; July 27–*Cheaper By The Dozen*; August 3–*Brother Bear*; August 10–*Kangaroo Jack*; August 17–*Kim Possible*.

Refreshments will be available courtesy of the Fanwood Junior Womens Club.

Please bring small beach chairs or blankets to sit on for the movies. PLEASE REMEMBER: NO DOGS IN THE PARK

For any questions or comments, please call the Fanwood Recreation Department at (908) 889-2080.



HAIL TO THE CHIEFS...Westfield resident Edward Capano, right, is pictured with President George W. Bush. Mr. Capano was recently named CEO of *The National Review*.

Westfield's Capano Named Chief of *The National Review*

By MICHAEL POLLACK
Special Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Last week, Westfield's Edward Capano took over as C.E.O. of *The National Review* magazine after William Buckley relinquished sole ownership after 49 years as the publication's owner.

Mr. Capano has been the magazine's publisher since October of 1991 where he is in charge "of the complete business end of the magazine."

"It's been in the works for about four or five months at the behest of Mr. Buckley," Mr. Capano said. "So, I was excited, but I wasn't really surprised."

"The only thing that changes is that I don't have to report to anybody," Mr. Capano added. "If there's a disagreement between an editor and me, we used to go to Mr. Buckley as an arbiter. Now, I'll have the ability to make the final say."

Mr. Capano said the magazine will not be run in any different manner because he has fashioned himself in Mr. Buckley's mold.

"I will run the *National Review* the same way Mr. Buckley ran it," Mr. Capano told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*.

"He has been a tremendous part of my life and my political faith. When people ask me, 'Are you a conservative, a neo-conservative?' I tell them I'm a Bill Buckley conservative."

"You have Bill Buckley and you have Barry Goldwater. Bill Buckley was an icon. He was the grandfather of conservatism."

Mr. Capano told *The Leader/Times* that the journal's first battle was fought against communism and has helped develop many political figures, including Ronald Reagan.

Mr. Capano, a Brooklyn native, started small and worked his way up the magazine's ranks.

"I started working in the circulation department and the mail room," Mr. Capano said. "I was really just looking for a part time job to pay my college expenses. My dad said I could go to any school provided I could get there by train and I could pay for it myself, so I went to St. Johns (University) in Brooklyn. I worked 35-40

hours a week part time at the magazine and on the weekends to support my education habit. After I graduated, they offered me a full-time position and the rest, as they say, is history."

Mr. Capano, an English major at St. Johns, was the college sports editor and worked part time at the *Staten Island Advance*.

"I thought my sports writing ability would translate into political writing, but it never did," Mr. Capano said. "I was never up to the caliber of writing we published in *The National Review*, but I wrote advertising and marketing copy."

The National Review is a diverse paper, says Mr. Capano. They write about all facets of life from politics to culture. The latest issue is devoted to the media and its biases. The last issue focused on the legalization of marijuana. The journal currently maintains a bi-weekly paid circulation base of 155,000 subscribers, and a readership of over 310,000.

Mr. Capano moved to Westfield in 1976 and said he enjoys living there. "I love it," he said. "Everything except for the property taxes," he said jokingly.

He said the best part of his job was knowing Bill Buckley – "one of nature's finest. He's one of those genuinely good people." Also, Mr. Capano, said it was an honor to meet many great political figures including Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush, senators, and former presidents.

"It's always a great pleasure," Mr. Capano said. "You get to put a name and a voice to people."

"This president is very funny in informal situations," Mr. Capano related to *The Leader/Times*. "In front of cameras he's not at his best, but informally he's terrific. When I met him, we were wearing the same pin-stripe suit and I said, 'Mr. President, nice suit.' He turns to me and says, 'Ed, right off the rack.'"



21st District News There Is Need For Billy's Law in New Jersey

Assemblyman Eric Munoz, Summit

NEW YORK – Legislators from New York and New Jersey joined forces to help protect the developmentally disabled and traumatic brain injured. On the steps of New York City Hall, Assemblyman Eric Munoz, M.D. (R-Union) announced a new piece of legislation, "Billy's Law," that will create a registry and establish inspections of out-of-state facilities housing New Jersey developmentally disabled and traumatic brain injured residents. The bill's introduction comes two weeks after a similar bill (A.9112b/S.5681b) passed overwhelmingly in the New York State Legislature under the sponsorship of Senator Martin Golden and Assemblywoman Joan Millman.

Assemblyman Munoz said, "New York did not hesitate to pass legislation to protect their residents, and neither should we."

Governor Pataki is expected to sign the legislation into law in the near future.

Speaking on the necessity of the bill, Senator Golden said, "It is essential that New York State guarantee the safety of our children, our most vulnerable, whom we place out-of-state each year. It is for their safety, and for the families of these children who are physically distant from them, that this law is necessary in New York."

Assemblyman Munoz agreed with this necessity, and said that he sees a need for a similar bill in New Jersey: "I will continue to fight to protect our most vulnerable citizens, and am sponsoring legislation in New Jersey modeled after all of our residents

the protections that every citizen is entitled to."

Dr. Munoz added, "In a state that has recently come under national attention for child abuse problems, this bill will go a long way to demonstrate to the nation that we are serious about the rights of our children."

The bill is named for Billy Albanese, a traumatic brain injured New York resident who was placed in a New Jersey facility. While there, Billy was injured from an inappropriate use of restraints by staff at the facility. Upon further investigation, it was found that the New Jersey facility was unlicensed, among a host of other deficiencies. Assemblyman Munoz also pointed out that if the New Jersey Legislature had passed another piece of legislation he sponsored, "Matthew's Law Limiting the use of Restraints" (A1709), Billy may never have been injured.

In summary, "Billy's Law" will require an initial inspection of all out-of-state facilities, from which the Department of Education will establish an official register of approved facilities require a reevaluation of all facilities every three years, or whenever a complaint is brought against a facility cause the Department of Education to compile a report on the feasibility of bringing all New Jersey residents currently housed in out-of-state facilities back into the State. Dr. Munoz believes this a great step forward in fighting for the rights of developmentally disabled and traumatic brain injured individuals, adding that he would "do everything in [his] power to get this bill passed in New Jersey and eventually nationwide."

Dr. Munoz has already reached out to Assemblywoman Loretta Weinberg (D-District 37), Chairwoman of the Assembly Health and Human Services Committee, for bipartisan sponsorship of this legislation. The bill is expected to be introduced in early September when the legislative session reconvenes.

Assemblyman Munoz is a trauma surgeon and Professor of Surgery at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, New Jersey.

United Way Golf

Benefit Raises \$35,000

SCOTCH PLAINS – More than 100 golfers recently hit the links at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains to support United Way of Greater Union County's work in improving local lives and addressing critical community needs.

The 4th Annual Golf Classic, sponsored by L'OREAL USA, generated more than \$35,000 to support United Way. Other sponsors for the event included Schering-Plough Corporation and Commerce Bank.

United Way of Greater Union County supports more than 120 programs for local children and youth, people with disabilities, seniors, families in crisis, and the hungry and homeless. One in every five people in Greater Union County benefit from a program supported by the United Way.

For more information or to support United Way of Greater Union County, please call (908) 353-7171 or visit www.uwguc.org.

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TREE TIPS:

Mushrooms - Good on Pizzas, Bad on Trees.

By: Martin Schmiede, President
Schmiede Tree Expert Company



Mushrooms on pizzas suggest pleasant choices. On trees, however, they indicate substantial problems. Mushrooms growing on or about trees are types of fungus. They are no better for you than for the trees. So our first suggestion is not to confuse tree mushrooms with edible varieties.

Fungi and bacteria enter trees as tiny spores and begin their destructive processes before seen. One way they get inside is via wounds to the basal bark caused by lawn mowers and weed trimmers. Tree roots shattered by construction equipment in the processes of changing land contours are invaded immediately by fungi.

Dish-shaped mushrooms growing horizontally from the trunks indicate extensive decay in the trees. Do not just remove and discard them. Seek help from a tree health professional - an expert ar-

borist. The decay should be repaired to prevent spreading more damage.

In autumn, mushrooms may be noticed emerging from the ground at the bases of trees. These might make interesting photographs but they are not pretty pictures for the trees. These mushrooms are clear clues to subsurface problems. They are visibly pointing to decaying roots or buried wood.

Another fungus (amarilla mella) resembles regular shoe strings along the soil lines or decaying areas of trees. This fungus, unfortunately, indicates irreversible damage.

As with the dish-shaped mushrooms, we cannot over-emphasize needs for tree health professionals to diagnose problems and prescribe treatments. We recommend trained arborists because there are many "tree cutters" whose only damage-control procedures involve chain saws.

Tree health professionals can isolate decay, repair and save the trees. A well-established company managed by state certified tree experts is usually - in fact, always - your best choice.

When you consider the costs of removing and replacing trees, the wisest option is repairing them. Periodic feeding with time-release fertilizers enriched with major trace elements will be suggested by arborists as the primary action in caring for your trees. Decay usually affects old trees, which are large and valuable. Most often, they can be saved if treated correctly.

Keep watchful eyes on mushrooms, both in pizzerias and in backyard. On pizzas, the more mushrooms, the tastier the pie. On trees, the more mushrooms, the likelier they'll die. It's smart to know the difference!

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Editor's Note: Mary Alyce of Cranford is known in the area from her days as a bartender at the Jolly Trolley in Westfield. She is reporting on her current solo adventures in South America. See photographs on page 5.

adding a little risk factor to the game huh?

Okay, I love to exaggerate my stories, but I took the safer trail after I danced with the wind for a few minutes. There is a fine line between brave and stupid!

This is a story that needed to be told with a few photos. I am still shaking my head that I actually made it back from this place! For merely four American dollars, I took a bus from Quito, the capital of Ecuador, and made my way to Laguna Quilotoa. I had seen a photo of Quilotoa in a guidebook and it looked like a 'must see' in Ecuador.

Quilotoa is actually an enormous crater that is filled with blue-green water and sun-baked sand. It almost looks like the Caribbean Sea...except for the fact that it is a little more off the beaten path. It is located about four hours into western Cordilleras of the Andes mountains and sits at 11,483 ft. Talk about feeling light-headed!

I planned to spend the night since transportation is scarce and I had read that there are hotels situated in the 100 person indigenous community. Anyway, I managed to hike the rim of the crater for a while, but the wind was so incredibly strong at times, that I had to stand still and brace myself! I then realized that the guidebook was serious when it said that the crater's edge can be dangerous - the ground can crumble easily and hikers can get blown over the edge. Nothing like

And then there was the hotel. For a mere five American dollars, I found lodging. As you can see, my choices were limited, but hey, all three meals were included and I bought a liter of beer for one dollar later that night. On the other hand, there was no heat, but since the weather gets down to the mid 30s with the wind chill factor, they gave me three wool blankets and amazingly enough, I am still here to write this email!

That night I laid in bed telling myself that I couldn't see my breath, so I was not going to die of hypothermia! As soon as breakfast was over, I hit the road. I think I had a wave of anxiety that I needed civilization and a hot shower!

I am in Peru now - down in Lake Titicaca. It is amazing and I will report back later. It is really, really cold! I was planning on Bolivia and Chile, but now I am thinking that Venezuela might be warmer! As a New Jersey resident, I have already tolerated my six-month cold streak. Venezuela is sounding very warm!

I'm really enjoying my new digital camera and will send the photos when I can. But honestly, a USB port is almost nonexistent here. They are only located in major cities and out of the 30 Internet shops, only one had a working USB port.



Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions - only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?

If you can guess one correctly - good guess. If you get two - well-read individual. If you get three - word expert. If you get all four - You must have a lot of free time!

All words and correct definitions come from the board game **Diction Deception**.

- Answers to last week's arcane words.**
1. Pourridie - Any of various fungus growths which decay the roots of vines
 2. Requin - A shark
 3. Mische - To hide or sneak
 4. Treague - A truce

- DEACRIMATION**
1. Dehydration
 2. Wateriness of the eyes
 3. Yielding no milk
 4. Dryness of the skin

- TURPIDITY**
1. Pertaining to overindulgence in any activity
 2. The act of defiling; corruption
 3. Baseness; villainy
 4. Agitation; violence

- TEIL**
1. The lime tree
 2. A translucent quartz of leek-green color
 3. The powder of aloes
 4. A green vegetable pigment

- LANDLOPING**
1. A footprint
 2. A vagabond
 3. A trap, snare
 4. Cutting; especially with an ax or saw

Incorporate Today's Science Leaders To Help Us Keep Pace Tomorrow

Not to be confused with technology and a public offering for a dot.com, science is much more. According to the Biochem Lab at Northwestern University, "science is the study of nature, trying to understand how and why things work, using logic and experimentation." Many fields are involved such as physics, chemistry, biology and astronomy.

Science is a driving force in our society. New innovations propel our economy, create conveniences in communications, healthcare and travel and make possible our space program. Our region has been the hallmark of invention from Thomas Edison to Bell Labs and Merck. Where will it take us next - stem cell research breakthroughs? Travel to Mars? Renewable energy? Or will we be left behind as the world may be charging ahead of us in these fields?

Americans have long recognized the importance of quality education in science. In the face of world competition, are we doing enough now, and in the right way? Some educators and employers believe we are falling behind in science education, which may eventually degrade our world performance. If this is true, is it because of education methods or the priorities of society?

Our local public schools do well in science education, but what about Elizabeth, Newark or Plainfield? The answer there is clear - not so for the larger mass of our society. More emphasis needs to be placed on correcting this problem. True, poverty and social problems must be overcome, but not by deferring education. Unfortunately, good minds are making little progress with this enigma.

Most elementary and secondary teachers are relative outsiders to scientific research. They cannot be expected to perform experiments and do research in addition to creating lesson plans and grading papers. But, they can lead the learning opportunities for their students by coupling with achievers in industry today. Exposure to current scientific thoughts and innovations should allow students to think about science as a dynamic field that is not dead and written in a textbook but rather evolving in the world around them.

Westfield High School has an excellent program, that uniquely supplements classroom education in theoretical concepts run by Science Department Chair Dr. David Stoneback. Dr. Stoneback's program brings eminent scientists from all fields to the high school on Saturday mornings to give lectures and answer students' questions. The program, called "Saturday Science," has included presentations by several Nobel laureates over the years, and it fills the Westfield High School library's Multipurpose Room with students week after week.

Programs such as these are needed elsewhere in order to foster a love of discovery and an interest in pursuing science as a career. Interaction with scientists is not only memorable, but it can encourage students to question the world around them outside of school.

Then perhaps, an inspired child from any part of society could build a dream and act on it - overcoming obstacles and helping America keep pace with the world.

Westfielder Expresses Appreciation To Youth Baseball Coaches, Parents

Toward the end of January, more than 3,000 young men attended a tryout camp at the East Cobb Complex somewhere outside Atlanta, Ga. Their goal was to be selected for one of the 12-year-old traveling teams representing that section of Georgia. On May 23, 85 young men attended a tryout at Gumbert Park. Their goal was to represent Westfield. On June 27, Westfield played two of those Georgia teams in Cooperstown, NY. They lost both games.

The fact that they lost those games is irrelevant. What is relevant is that for five days parents from Westfield traveled over four hours and took considerable time off from work to support their sons playing against overmatched teams from as far away as Arizona, Utah and Canada. What is relevant is that adult coaches spent time away from their families to oversee our

sons in crowded military-like barracks, and what is relevant is that many times the games themselves were almost secondary to what these 12-year-old boys were experiencing.

Recently, the only letter in your paper concerning youth baseball focused upon whether it was the umpire who hit the coach or the coach who hit the umpire. All parties are nameless and faceless. I, for one, would like to see that change.

To that end, I applaud the parents who supported their sons and give my sincere appreciation to Messrs. Frank Fusaro, Kevin Marino and Phillip Russo for their sacrifice and selflessness in making the experience in Cooperstown memorable for both young and old alike.

Jim Johnson
Westfield

Coordinators Say Project Graduation 2004 Again a Resounding Success

The 2004 Project Graduation party enhanced the successful BASH tradition by attracting some 85 percent of Westfield High School seniors to this substance-free post-graduation event.

A total of 307 seniors enrolled and attended the annual all-night party at Ricochet Racquet Club for an exhilarating evening of sports, music and entertainment.

The class of 2004 distinguished itself as one of the better dancing classes in several years, as this throng of lively seniors enjoyed performances by two WHS bands - a BASH first - the Space Toasters and Whistlestop Jackson. Their rousing performances kept everyone's energy at a peak, even as dawn was breaking.

The event was, once again, a safe,

sober and fun way for seniors to mark the end of their high school experience.

Thank you again to all the Optimists and spouses, parents, teachers, friends, local businesses, clubs, professionals and corporations who supported this event and made it happen. Thanks also to members of the Class of 2004 who through their actions enhanced the reputation of BASH as the best party alternative for Westfield High School graduates.

Our best wishes go out to the Class of 2004 for an enjoyable summer and a rewarding new phase of life.

Russ Flinestein
Jay Boyle
President Doug Miller
Optimist Club of WF
Bruce Kaufmann, WF Recr. Dir.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You, Westfield Leader For Standing Up For Citizens' Rights

In defense of our liberty, *The Westfield Leader* has bravely stood up for the rights of Westfield's citizens for many years and is largely responsible for Westfield's taxpayers having their long-sought referendum. It is clear that the residents, by and large, do not want to turn Colonial Westfield into a rubber stamp, redevelopment concrete jungle and further increase automobile traffic counts on already-gridlocked roads.

It is regretful that self-serving commercial interests have badmouthed opposition to redevelopment and/or any "decks" (garages); but, too often, personal greed does its damage. You can be sure they will issue gobs of slick advertisements before the vote, to confuse you with inaccurate and self-serving misinformation.

Will we see a clear-cut and easily understandable referendum come forth, so the voters will not have to accept a huge dose of trouble and immense tax liability just to get alleged "relief," from the proposed decks and redevelopment?

Let's clear the decks and breathe the unpolluted air again in Westfield, and let's treasure the open space and maintain what will best serve our hometown character.

So again, we salute *The Westfield Leader*, and Publisher Horace Corbin, for telling it as it is and coming to the defense of our rights and liberty. Without a free press, the people become powerless and fall victim to out-of-control regulation and political intrigue and ineptitude.

Warren Victor
Westfield

Scotch Plains Talk Downtown Business Missed A Golden Opportunity

by Fred Rossi, *Leader/Times*



So, the status quo will be the way things will be in downtown Scotch Plains. It was apparent from the public hearings in late May and again in June that a Special Improvement District (SID), which has been used in some 70 other New Jersey communities, wasn't of interest to downtown business and property owners. While I have long believed that Scotch Plains wanted to stimulate the business district, the support and commitment for the SID approach obviously isn't there.

A well-organized and vocal group of business and property owners made it loud and clear that they were satisfied with the way things are. The township council had no choice but to reject the proposed ordinance last month after a concerted effort to organize a SID by Councilwoman Nancy Malool, who believes in this approach.

Maybe the SID concept isn't for everyone and it's just not the right time for Scotch Plains.

It's worked in Westfield, in Summit, in Cranford, in the Ironbound section of Newark, in Red Bank and several dozen other towns, large and small, in New Jersey, offering a chance to potentially revive and unify the downtown business district, bring in more shoppers and a wider variety of stores, improve the area's appearance and increase property values.

Opponents in Scotch Plains seemed most concerned with the assessments that property owners would pay to finance the SID's operations and activities and were worried that landlords would lose tenants once those costs were passed onto business owners and renters. But an examination of the proposed assessment formula shows that, of the 117 properties included in the SID's initial year of operation, almost half would be assessed \$550 annually, or about \$45 a month. Another 21 properties would have paid just \$250, or about \$20 per month. If any of these properties had multiple tenants, the cost to those tenants from bearing the passed-on costs of the SID assessment would have been no more than \$10 or \$20 per month. And that doesn't seem to be too steep an investment in the greater good of the downtown.

Opponents did bring up some good points during the public hearings. There is some validity to the perception that the East Second Street corridor is treated as a "second-class citizen" when it comes to downtown improvements. A few years ago, the township spent money to install the automatic lighting, benches and planters and make other aesthetic upgrades to the Park Avenue area but, due to funding limits, did not extend those improvements to East Second Street. Street fairs and other township and holiday activities have always been centered solely around Park Avenue. Businesses there benefit while those on East Second Street are forgotten.

Some opposing voices also felt it was unfair for downtown property owners to bear the full costs of the SID while residential property taxpayers would get to enjoy the results without having contributed. Granted, assessing every property in Scotch Plains would have resulted in a much larger SID budget and lower assessment levels, but given the way that people feel about already-high property taxes, assessing everyone would have been an impossible sell.

Some of those who spoke out against establishing a SID also seemed leery of Scotch Plains becoming "an-

other Westfield." While downtown Westfield has deservedly received numerous plaudits for its own downtown revitalization efforts, it is not necessarily the sole template for all SID-related downtown efforts in New Jersey. Its geographical layout, its history, its buildings and the choices the Downtown Westfield Corporation has made are what have made Westfield what it is today. Similarly, downtown Summit and Cranford have developed their own downtown identities that are not carbon copies of Westfield. Each downtown that has created a SID has identified its own strengths and then built on them to create vibrant downtowns.

Scotch Plains could have done the same without becoming another Westfield. Scotch Plains has its own strengths on which to build. It has its own identity and history. It has a number of established businesses that are well-known locally as well as outside of the immediate area.

So what happens now that the SID idea is dead? The township government put a great deal of effort into the SID process over the past year. It hired a consultant to advise a steering committee made up of volunteers that spent many months crafting proposals for a SID. The committee held two dozen meetings that were open to the public and, yet, sparsely attended by either proponents or opponents. It also held a larger meeting for the business community in February to explain the details of a SID. The township council was supportive of the committee and the possibilities offered by a SID.

Mayor Martin Marks last week urged the divided business community to come together to work for the betterment of the downtown business district. Despite the feeling of some SID opponents that things are just fine as they are, Park Avenue and East Second Street are basically deserted after 5 p.m. during the week and on weekends, except for certain special events, the story is the same. Scotch Plains is simply not looked upon as a destination for shopping, dining or even just window-shopping.

The township government has done what it could. Now it's the business community's turn to take the initiative if it chooses to make positive changes in the downtown business district. If most property owners are truly happy with the way things are, then nothing will be done and Scotch Plains will continue to fall behind as surrounding towns and nearby shopping malls attract more and more customers. But if the need for change is truly felt by downtown owners, then those individuals should take the lead and do something to bring about that change, whether it's reconstituting the SID steering committee and starting the process from scratch or looking seriously at the last-minute downtown proposals put forth by the Democrat mayoral and council candidates that center on voluntary efforts to revive the business district or forming a self-financed group, free of local government control and voluntary in nature, to fund downtown projects and activities.

Scotch Plains, I believe, missed a golden opportunity to breathe new life into the downtown business district by rejecting the creation of a SID. But that missed chance should not mean that the downtown area is now destined for mediocrity for years to come.

Letters to the Editor

WF Resident Calls Attention To Oil Tanks

Has anyone in authority not noticed the half-dozen rusting oil tanks that have been sitting opposite the Town Bank on South Avenue for at least the last six months? Apart from the obvious eyesore, they are right opposite Holy Trinity School and thus are a lawsuit waiting to happen.

Telly Zachariades
Westfield

FW DPW Thanked For Memorial Day Garbage Pick Up

On Memorial Day, when the Fanwood Scotch Plains parade was to travel from Park Avenue through Martine Avenue Fanwood business center, at 7 a.m., I observed overflowing waste containers in front of the Bagel Shop and Corner Store.

Anticipating a crowd of parade watchers, I thought something should be done. Thanks to the Fanwood Public Works employees setting up the reviewing stand next door, the problem was solved. They emptied all containers, eliminating a potential embarrassment.

Our community is fortunate to have such responsive employees. Thanks to all.

Robert McCarthy
Fanwood

Writer Opposes County Solid Waste Plan

Imagine caravans of infectious medical waste, all moving along accident-prone New Jersey roadways, including Route 22, South Avenue, Route 78, Morris Avenue and local connector roads, all headed for the City of Linden, all waiting for the inevitable accident.

Despite multiple deaths from mail-order anthrax, cases of plague in New York City and ongoing terrorism alerts, Union County Freeholders have never rescinded approval to site New Jersey's only commercial infectious waste handling facility in one of the most populated areas of the country.

After lying dormant for five years, plans for the facility are moving forward. Alternatively, the general population could be protected from accidental exposure to drug-resistant tuberculosis, HIV, hepatitis, Ebola, anthrax, plague and flesh-eating bacteria. Hospitals and other major generators of infectious waste could effectively and safely destroy all pathogens at source by using steam chambers. Unfortunately, Centers for Disease Control and National Institutes of Health guidelines in this area are not mandatory and are being disregarded in this case.

If you are upset at the prospect of having 60 tons of infectious waste moving along your roads each and every day, New Jersey Concern urges you to let Union County Freeholders and your local officials know that you want the regional medical waste treatment facility removed from the Union County Solid Waste Management Plan.

I am a former civilian military analyst, a former AFL-CIO local president and a retired Public Health Service investigative officer.

William Fidurski
New Jersey Concern
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Campaign Release - Quattrocchi for Freeholder County Funding Is Needed For Project Protect Program

Domestic Violence is the second most reported crime in Union County according to the county prosecutors office. Experts say that most incidents go unreported so it may be the most committed criminal offense in the county with one in every three women experiencing an incident of domestic violence in their lifetime. Domestic Violence crosses over into all socioeconomic groups without exception with children witnessing 55 percent of all incidents.

At a recent fund raising event for the YWCA of Eastern Union County, GOP Freeholder Candidate, Patricia Quattrocchi, shared her personal experience as a victim of domestic violence as well as detailing how the services of Project Protect, the Battered Women's Shelter maintained by the YWCA, assisted her.

"As a young wife and mother living in Fanwood, the maze of Social Services, Legal Services and the court system were totally unfamiliar to me, the staff at Project Protect guided me through these systems and just wouldn't let me give up. They helped me keep my resolve to move my life forward and not look back," stated Ms. Quattrocchi.

Like many victims, she was not financially able to sustain the life style she had shared with her husband and moved with her three young sons to her parent's home, in Clark.

"I was very lucky, I had a place to go, many victims don't and return to live with their batterers, only to be abused again," she said.

According to Quattrocchi, the YWCA is attempting to address the issue of where do victims go when they have outgrown the shelter environment, are ready to go it on their own but are not yet able to be finan-

cially self-sufficient. The solution is a transitional housing project in Union County to be located in a Victorian era building, which had last housed a nursing home. The plan calls for eight, two bedroom apartment units where victims and their children, will be able to live for up to 18 months at a nominal rent. Besides this proposed transitional housing and the current emergency shelter, Project Protect offers individual and group counseling, counseling for victim's children, employment assistance and other referral services.

The YWCA, a non-profit is sustained by various grants and charitable donations. One source has been an annual \$7,500 grant from Union County. However, this year Project Protect, the only shelter in Union County for women and their children in crisis, will not be receiving this small grant they will have to look elsewhere to replace this much needed funding. Ms. Quattrocchi finds this turn of events to be distressing in view of the fact that Union County officials continually talk of improving the "Quality of Life" of county residents.

"I cannot imagine that this quality of life issue is of minimal importance, there must be some funding available from the county that Project Protect would be qualified to receive. Perhaps there would be an option available from the Open Space Trust Fund under historic preservation. After all, this is a vintage Victorian building in need of extensive repairs and upgrades before it can be occupied."

The GOP candidates for Freeholder Joe Renna, Patricia Quattrocchi, Frank Arena and Bruce Paterson will be looking into this as well as other social issues within Union County.



Mary Alyon Torrey for The Westfield Leader and The Times
VOLCANO LAKE...On the rim in the Andes mountains at 12,000 feet above sea level, Laguna Quilotoa in Ecuador presents a spectacular view. Pictured below, accommodations are limited but quite affordable at Laguna Quilotoa in Ecuador, as pictured above. See story page 4.



The Nation's Low Carbohydrate Craze Goes to Extremes in New Products

By VICTORIA MCCABE
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The tendency towards extremes is a flaw off-emphasized in descriptions of the American persona. Especially in the food area, moderation and balance seem lost. The newest extreme: the attack on the carbohydrate, the target of the South Beach and Atkins diets.

Peer in the window of NJB or any other bagel establishment: "Now introducing low-carb bagels!" Wait. Bagels are carbs. Without carbohydrates, bagels cease to be bagels. Restaurant menu count carbs the same way people used to count calories (new Westfield restaurant Wild Noodles boasts a "low-carb" menu section). The phrase "low-carb" has essentially become synonymous with "healthy." And in perhaps the most groan-inducing move, Coca-Cola recently rolled out C2, a Coke variation with half the carb content.

The problem with throwing a pair of

red horns and a scorching-hot pitchfork at carbohydrates is that all the devil's garb does is give the public a nutritional nemesis so tremendous that all other sorts of dietary evils are easily masked. One of the catchphrases of carb-abolishing diets revolves around the idea that if one cuts out carbs, the sky is the limit as far as all other foods one is allowed to eat.

People may lose significant weight by eliminating carbs from their diet, but do they sacrifice their health in the process? Both low-carb and low-fat diets have been linked to heart disease, among other physical ailments.

The knowledge that society at large wants to be more health-conscious is promising. It is far better for restaurants to promote "healthy" alternatives than to follow the fast-food trend of starting serving sizes with "medium." But more important still are individuals mindful of the need for balance and moderation.

Traffic Safety WF Volunteers Sought For Advisory Committee

By Mark Ciarrocca
Westfield Councilman Ward 3

WESTFIELD - The purpose of government is to be responsive to the needs of citizens and, in part, provide for their safety and welfare. While the goal of the town council is to try to solve problems and address every concerned citizen, the reality is that our efforts as volunteer legislators alone are not enough. Westfield residents are committed and creative and have a diverse breadth of expertise. Therefore, it is wise to utilize the town's greatest asset, our citizens, to aid our ongoing efforts to make our neighborhoods safer.

With the assistance of Councilman James Foerst and the entire Public Safety Committee, we have proposed to form the Westfield Citizens' Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. This committee will consist of various residents, town representatives and a member of the town council with the goal to

"improve the overall condition of traffic in Westfield...a key quality of life concern." The committee will be charged with gathering information as to specific traffic safety problems and locations, review solutions, and make recommendations to the council's Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee. This new committee will also provide a better means of communicating with town residents on traffic safety issues.

We anticipate soliciting the names of volunteers to serve on the committee for a one-year term. If successful, this group could become a statutorily empowered body of our town government. We need our citizens to help us to make Westfield safer for all our families.

Interested volunteers should send their name, address, phone number and e-mail address (if available) for consideration to mciarrocca@westfieldnj.net.

Westfield Library Hosting Beginner Computer Classes

WESTFIELD - Are you ready to become computer knowledgeable? Join the Westfield Memorial Library for three beginner computer classes, offered free to Westfield Library cardholders.

Still puzzled by the Internet? This hands-on beginners' class will cover basic skills including how to access websites, select a search engine and print from the Internet. This two-part course will be offered on Wednesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 21 from 10-11:30 a.m. and again on Tuesday, August 24 and Wednesday, August 25 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Steps Around the Stacks Learn to search the Library's catalog by using a computer inside the Library or from home. Find out how to use e-books and how to place Interlibrary Loans from both inside the Library or from home. "Steps Around the Stacks" will be held on Wednesday, July 28 from 10-11:30 a.m.

How to Buy a Computer This lecture and demonstration will address the basics steps involved in purchasing a PC for your home. Topics include options available, upgrading and software. This seminar will be held on Monday, July 19 from 7-8:30 p.m.

All classes are free to Westfield Library cardholders; advance registration is required. To register, call the Reference Desk at 908-789-4090 or register in person at the Reference Desk on the 2nd floor of the Library. Founded in 1879, the Westfield Memorial Library strives to provide the Westfield community an environment that promotes a love of reading and ensures free access to ideas and information. For more information, please call (908) 789-4090, visit the library's website at www.wmlnj.org or stop by the Library for a copy of the quarterly newsletter.

Campaign Release - Joe Renna for Freeholder Public Services Suffer When Govt. Funds Are Misused

The public is hearing much in the news today about the misuse of public funds for political campaigning, kickbacks to contributors in the form of pay-to-play, no-bid contracts and patronage jobs.

It seems that the funds of every worthwhile program that the County of Union facilitates are misused by the Democrat Freeholders. Republican candidates for Freeholder are taking issue of this waste of your tax money. However, criticizing the waste should not be misconstrued as criticism of the programs.

For instance, the county has just closed the STAR Center in Elizabeth. This was a very admirable federal program that was created for those in the airline and related industries who lost their jobs due to the terrorist attacks on 9/11. The County of Union received federal grants totaling \$4.7 million to facilitate the statewide program.

The center was used for job fairs, assessments and training. About 300 people who completed the training were able to secure jobs. This is what the program was intended for and the success stories are commendable. What isn't commendable is how funds were diverted from the program for other uses.

One of the most common misuse of funds is in the form of campaign literature. Promoting a program has more to do with promoting the incumbent candidates than it has to do with informing the public of the service. The Freeholders up for reelection are prominently displayed on literature paid for by the program funds. The mailings and T.V. commercials are only done prior to the election and only to targeted voters.

The STAR program was meant to be statewide, yet television spots and

mailings concentrate on Union County voters. Over \$250,000 was spent the three weeks leading into the general election in last November alone.

If this does not seem outrageous, consider the story of Peter Zanetti, as reported in a Star Ledger article of June 30, 2004. Mr. Zanetti, who lost a job with American Airlines, went to the STAR Center in June of last year when, as reported in the article, "the program was close to exhausting its supply of money." The article went on to say that the county "cobbled together" \$4,000 for Mr. Zanetti to enroll in a training program in Ohio. Mr. Zanetti paid the \$2,000 balance for the three-day program.

The incumbent Freeholders are running on their record and pointing to the accomplishments of programs like the STAR Center. The accomplishments they point to are only a fraction of what could have been accomplished if funds were used for their intended purpose.

The county spends \$1 million a day.

The Republican Freeholder candidates: Joe Renna, Patricia Quattrocchi, Frank Arena and Bruce Paterson are united in bringing a balance to the "all Democratic Freeholder Board" and to stop misuse of tax dollars. We will establish accountability.

Please give me your vote in November and your support now during this campaign. Join me — and my running mates for Freeholder — Joe Renna, Bruce Paterson, Frank Arena and Pat Quattrocchi. Support Mike Panagos for Surrogate. You can make a difference.

Please contact me any time by emailing joerenna@joerenna.com. On the Internet, visit unioncountygop.org or joerenna.com.

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Senior Citizens Plan to Visit Historic Traskside Manor

SCOTCH PLAINS - The first trip subsidized by the Scotch Plains Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, August 11, when participants travel to the historic Traskside Manor in Port Jervis, N.Y. for a meal and entertainment. The cost is \$30 per person for Scotch Plains residents. Non-residents may register for the trip, if space permits, at a cost of \$32. Registration, which may be done in the Recreation Office of the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, is already underway for township residents. Others may register starting on Monday, July 12.

Individuals should indicate their choice of entrée - top round of beef, chicken marsala or broiled haddock - at the time of registration. Rich Wilson will entertain by performing the music of Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Elvis. There will also be time for shopping at area stores. The bus will leave from the rear of the Municipal Building, located at 430 Park Avenue, at 9 a.m. and return about 5:30 p.m.



BUSY BEES... The worker bees are back! Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield are shown at the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield diligently working on the Native New Jersey Plant Garden and the Children's Sensory Garden. Garden Club members, pictured left to right, are: Alice Cowell, Jill Sitzer, Clare Minick, Charles Cowell and Maryann Pietruski. The club helps to maintain the historic gardens at the museum.

Arboretum Lists July Events; Several Summer Camp Spots

SUMMIT - The Reeves-Reed Arboretum, located at 165 Hobart Avenue in Summit, will present "Moonlight Madness" on Friday, July 23, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Families, who are invited to bring a picnic dinner, will have an opportunity to learn about the night sky, nocturnal animals and glowing rocks. The evening will include crafts, games and a storytelling session. The cost is \$20 per family and includes all activities. Pre-registration is required. A Family Fun workshop entitled "Wings at Night," about moths and why they are important, will also be featured this month.

Three- to five-year-olds may take part in sessions that will be offered on Monday and Friday, July 12 and 16, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. each day. The cost is \$15 per child for members and \$20 for non-members. Several spots are still available for the Arboretum's week-long summer camp programs, for those ages six, seven and eight. The programs will be offered Monday through Friday, July 26 to 30, August 2 to 6, and August 9 to 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day. To register or to obtain more information about any of these programs, please call the Arboretum at (908) 273-8787, extension no. 15.

Newcomers Club Announces Series of Activities For July

WESTFIELD - The Newcomers Club of Westfield, a social organization for area women and their families, has revealed its slate of activities for the month of July. The Children's Committee has organized a firehouse tour on Wednesday, July 14, at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Westfield Firehouse on North Avenue. Space is limited, so interested individuals are asked to call Lauren as soon as possible at (908) 317-8438.

Additionally, the committee has planned a gathering for pizza at the Memorial Pool on Thursday, July 22, at 4 p.m. Pizza will be ordered at 5 p.m. Participants should look for the red balloons at the kiddie pool and are asked to call Michelle at (908) 389-0488 if they require a pool pass. The Membership Committee will hold a prospective member coffee event next Thursday, July 15, at 8 p.m. at a member's home. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet current and prospective members and to learn more about the club. Anyone interested in attending is asked to call Jen at (908) 317-8431.

The Activities Committee has planned a movie night on Tuesday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cranford Theatre, to see *The Stepford Wives*. Those planning to attend are asked to call Meredith at (908) 780-1887 by Sunday, July 18. This month, in lieu of a dinner, there will be a Women's Brunch on Sunday, July 25, at 10 a.m. at the Brick Oven in Westfield. The cost is \$20 per person and includes buffet breakfast and made-to-order omelets, pancakes and French toast, as well as soda, juice, coffee and dessert. Interested persons are asked to call Patricia at (908) 232-1022. Finally, a night of "golf under the stars" is slated for Saturday, July 31, at 8 p.m. Participants will have an opportunity to practice their swing at the Hyatt Hills driving range in Clark, followed by a visit to nearby Molly Maguire's pub. Individuals are asked to call Heather at (908) 928-0996 if they plan to attend. The Newcomers Club is offered to women over age 21 who are new to Westfield or surrounding communities, or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth or adoption of a baby, a marriage, a job change or a move within the town. Day and evening, weekday and weekend activities are available for women, couples and children. For more information about the Newcomers Club of Westfield, or any of the upcoming events, please call Jennifer Beke at (908) 317-8431.

Library Event to Showcase Different Types of Animals

SCOTCH PLAINS - Animal lovers of all ages are invited to come to the Scotch Plains Public Library on Monday, July 12, at 10 a.m. for a special event entitled "Touch of Nature." During this free program, sponsored by the Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library, participants will learn about various animals such as birds, rabbits, turtles and ferrets, among others. Pre-registration is optional.

Visitors may also sign up for the library's Summer Reading Club, which is currently underway and will continue through Wednesday, August 4. The theme is "Discover New Trails @ Your Library." Individuals are also invited to see all the changes to the Children's Room or relax with a book in the library's new Story Area. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue. For further information, please call (908) 322-5007.

Service League Donations Help Many Organizations

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League has announced donations made by the organization for the year 2004, totaling \$36,000.

All funds for these donations were generated by sales at the Thrift Shop that the League operates on a volunteer basis at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains. Four local students received \$12,000 through the League's Scholarship Fund. Additionally, the Center for Hope Hospice, Inc. received \$2,000; The Arc received \$1,450, and Children's Specialized Hospital was given \$1,300. Donations in the amount of \$1,500 were given to CONTACT We Care, Resolve Community Counseling Center, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad and the Fanwood Rescue Squad. A donation of \$1,000 was given to the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. Donations in the amount of \$750 were given to the Delphi Team-Student Leadership Conference; the Fanwood Memorial Library; the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, and the Scotch Plains Public Library. Youth and Family Counseling Service received \$700, while the Trailside Nature and Science Center received \$550. Each of the following received \$500: AIDS Resource Foundation for Children; the Central New Jersey Brain Tumor Group; Early Start Childhood Scholarships; the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation; Fanwood-Scotch Plains Girl Scouts; Mental Health Association of Union County; Scotch Plains Welfare Department; Union County Rape Crisis Center; Westfield Day Care Center, and YWCA Eastern Union County-Battered Wives. Mobile Meals of Westfield received \$400; the Center for Women and Families received \$350; Camp Brett-Endeavor received \$350. PAL of Scotch Plains received \$250, and Muhlenberg Adult Day Care received \$200. The Service League expressed appreciation to all patrons of the Thrift Shop who made these donations possible. The shop may be reached at (908) 322-5420.

Area Women Recognized At TWIN Awards Dinner

SCOTCH PLAINS - Karen W. McAuvic and Jill Weber, both of Scotch Plains, and Teresa Davis of Linden were among 55 women honored at the 25th Annual YWCA Tribute to Women and Industry (TWIN) Awards Dinner on May 13 at the Hilton East Brunswick. The TWIN awards are presented annually to outstanding executive, professional and managerial women who have made significant contributions to the success of their companies. Ms. McAuvic is Director of Corporate Advertising for Wakefern Food Corporation in Elizabeth. She is responsible for all advertising for ShopRite Supermarkets. In 2003, she implemented an expansion of the advertising department, moving all print advertising services from an outside agency in-house. Ms. Weber is Assistant Vice President of Finance for L'Oreal USA -

Corporate Administration in Clark. She is responsible for managing the implementation of an enterprise financial planning tool for all of L'Oreal USA, which will automate reporting and improve efficiencies. Ms. Davis is Manager of Human Resources Information Systems for L'Oreal USA - Corporate Human Resources for L'Oreal, also in Clark. She manages the Central Data Processing Group, which is responsible for receiving and auditing human resources transactional data from divisional human resources staff, and entering this information into the corporate employee database. The YWCA of Central New Jersey sponsors the TWIN program. For information on TWIN or any other YWCA-sponsored program, please call (908) 756-3500.

Applications Available For Gala Proceeds

SCOTCH PLAINS - Not-for-profit organizations are invited to apply for funds to be raised by the Scotch Plains Mayor's Charity Gala, to be held on Friday, December 3, at Snuffy's Pantagis in Scotch Plains. Organizations located within Scotch Plains or which benefit township residents will be given priority consideration. Applications are available from the Recreation Office, Room 113, in the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, located at 430 Park Avenue. Nomination information may also be sent via e-mail to ahalperin@scotchplainsnj.com.

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Dog and Cat Adoptions On Tap This Weekend

COUNTY - People for Animals will sponsor pet adoption events this Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11, at several area locations. Dog adoptions will be held on Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the main parking lot of Nomahegan Park in Cranford. In the event of rain, the adoptions will take place in the PETSMART store in the Bridgewater Promenade Mall, located at Routes 28 and 287. Among the prospective adoptees will be "Pippy," a seven-month-old Basenji and shepherd-mix female dog.

Described as a good natured, very playful dog that loves people, she is spayed, current with her vaccinations and easy to care for, according to People for Animals. Cat and kitten adoption events will be held both Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m., at the PETSMART stores in the Bridgewater Mall and the Watchung Square Mall, 1515 Route 22 in Watchung. For more information, please call (908) 964-6887, extension no. 306 for dog adoption and extension no. 307 for cat adoption.



"Pippy"

Unitarian Society to Present Lunch and Music Programs

PLAINFIELD - The First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, which includes members from Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood, will hold after-church lunch and musical performances on Sundays during the summer. Admission is \$10. Members of the public are invited to attend the 10 a.m. worship service, held at the church at 724 Park Avenue, as well as the lunch and program afterwards. The musical programs will showcase the talents of church members and friends, and will span the gamut of classical music, jazz, spoken word and family music offerings. The schedule is as follows: July 11: Words and Music - Classical selections from pianist Gail Slater and violinist Paul Caluori, with readings by poets Kathy Roberson and John Hawkins. July 18: Big Easy Jazz - Congre-

gation members and friends will play New Orleans classics and more. Among the featured performers will be Karleen Roberts on trumpet, Tom Skarzynski on saxophone, Danny Rufolo on piano, Art Lieberman on drums and Peter Vietze on double bass. July 25: Broadway and Beyond - Vocalist Sally Beckwith and pianist Harry Ailster will present show tunes and standards. August 22: Family Music - Allan Reading will present a program of fun songs for families. Other programs, for August 1 and 15, will be announced. Founded in 1889, the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield is the oldest Unitarian-Universalist congregation in New Jersey. For more information about the summer after-church programs, please call (908) 756-0750.

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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICE

Caitlin Cofer Rotchford, 48, Had Career As Publishing Executive For 25 Years

Caitlin (Cofer) Rotchford, 48, died on Wednesday, June 30, at her home in New Vernon after a long struggle with multiple system atrophy.

Caitlin attended Westfield schools, Phillips Academy and Brown University. She enjoyed a 25-year career as a publishing executive, specializing in educational books for children.

She was President of Pearson Learning and Modern Curriculum Press; Executive Vice President of Prentice Hall College, and Vice President of account management, client services and marketing at Automatic Data Processing.

Caitlin, who began her career at AT&T, retired for health reasons as President of *Weekly Reader*.

She is survived by her husband, Brian G. Rotchford; two sons, Peter

and Jamie; her mother, Dorcas Cohen of New York City and Kennebunkport, Me.; her father, Frederick J. Cofer of Westfield; her sister, Lisa Gonnella of Westfield; her brother, James H. Cofer of Old Greenwich, Conn.; her stepfather, Dr. S.J. Cohen; her stepmother, Faith M. Cofer; her mother-in-law, Joanne Rotchford of Westfield, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by the Burroughs, Kohr and Dangler Funeral Home in Madison.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Atlantic Home Care and Hospice, 33 Bleeker Street, Millburn 07041.

July 8, 2004



WOMEN HELPING WOMEN...Ellen Ramer, President of Soroptomist International of the Greater Westfield Area, left, presents a check for \$11,000 to Eileen Cumlaky, Board President of the Mental Health Association of Union County. The association's program, "Choices for Women," provides counseling to women who have been physically or emotionally abused.

Wayne A. Ortlepp, 73, Business Owner; Was Active in Church and Civic Groups

Wayne A. Ortlepp, 73, of Somerset died on Wednesday, June 30, at his home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Ortlepp spent his teenage years in Westfield and also had been a longtime Scotch Plains resident before moving to Somerset in August of 2003.

Mr. Ortlepp had been the owner and president of Ortalis Corporation, an air conditioning and heating contracting firm in North Plainfield, for many years prior to retiring.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tri-State College in Angola, Ind. in 1951.

As a resident of Scotch Plains, he was active in the Jaycees, Rotary, Kiwanis and the All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Ortlepp; a daughter, Elizabeth Taylor; a son, Mark Ortlepp; a sister, Elaine Wood; a stepdaughter, Elysa Lyons; a stepson, Seth Braunstein, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 3, at the All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains. Interment followed at Franklin Memorial Park in North Brunswick.

Arrangements were by the Bruce C. VanArsdale Funeral Home in Somerville.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, 195 Little Albany Street, New Brunswick 08903.

July 8, 2004

John Dudash, 81, Was Army Veteran; Employed By Westfield School Board

John Dudash, 81, of Fanwood died on Thursday, July 1, at his home.

Born in Boardman, Pa., he had lived in Westfield before moving to Fanwood 40 years ago.

Mr. Dudash had been employed by the Westfield Board of Education for many years prior to retiring in 1985. He subsequently worked as a school crossing guard in Fanwood.

During World War II, he served as a Sergeant in the 53rd Armored Engineer Battalion of the United States Army.

Mr. Dudash was a member of American Legion Post No. 209 in

Matthew Russo, Sr., 73

Matthew G. Russo, Sr., 73, of Westfield died on Friday, July 2, at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark.

Born in Newark, he lived the last 48 years in Westfield.

A carpenter in the Westfield area for many years, Mr. Russo earlier had worked in the family business, R. Russo & Sons Fuel Oil Company of Newark.

He was a United States Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He served as an usher at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Rose Russo; three daughters, Mary Ellen Ganz of Warren, Donna Nunez of Howell and Patricia Russo of Roselle; three sons, Matthew G. Russo, Jr. and Vincent Russo, both of Westfield, and David Russo of Matawan; nine grandsons and a granddaughter.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, July 6, at the Holy Trinity Church. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Volunteer Department of the Veterans Administration Hospital, 151 Knoll Croft Road, Lyons 07939 or to the American Heart Association, 2550 Route 1, New Brunswick 08902.

July 8, 2004

DEATH NOTICE

Dorothy Shorsher, 78

Dorothy Duff Shorsher, 78, of Westfield died on Saturday, July 3, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Rochester, Pa., she lived in Westfield since 1955 and was a winter resident of Stuart, Fla. for the past 19 years.

Mrs. Shorsher was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church of Westfield and served on its Altar Guild, and also was a member of the Mariner Sands Chapel in Stuart, Fla.

She additionally was a member of the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield and the Mariner Sands Country Club in Stuart. Mrs. Shorsher was a Past Board Member of the Westfield Hospital Association and a member of the Westfield Junior Women's Club.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Fred A. Shorsher; a daughter, Nancy Jane Shivers of Bay Head, and two grandchildren, Jane Blythe Hoffman and Mitchell Shivers, Jr.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, July 8, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, July 9, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Burial will be private.

July 8, 2004

SIGWA Supports 'Choices' To Help Battered Women

WESTFIELD — For over 20 years, Soroptomist International of the Greater Westfield Area (SIGWA) has provided support for its major service project, "The Choices Group," which addresses challenges faced by women today.

Since 1985, "Choices" has provided counseling to physically and/or emotionally battered women through support groups and telephone outreach.

Sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Union County, the program is funded primarily by two women's organizations: SIGWA and the Westfield Service League. Over 2000 women have attended the weekly open-ended group, and more than 6,000 families have received counseling information and referrals.

The average group size is eight to 10 women. A counselor, who is a domestic violence specialist, co-facilitates with a trained peer counselor. Because of increased need, "Choices" now offers individual counseling as well.

Ellen Ramer, President of SIGWA, spoke of her organization's goals at its awards evening on May 18.

"This event is always very special to us for it is what SIGWA is all about," she said. Recalling the founding of the Soroptomist organization in 1921, she explained that the name comes "from two Latin words, Soro,

for women, and Optimist, for best — the Best of Women."

"Now known as Soroptomist International of the Americas, the organization is part of Soroptomist International, with almost 100,000 members in 115 countries around the world," Ms. Ramer added.

"SIGWA carefully chose the Domestic Violence Center of MHAUC's program, 'Choices for Women,' as its continuing local project over 20 years ago," she noted. "This year, MHAUC's 60th anniversary, SIGWA is proud to mark this special event with our largest donation to date, in the form of a check for \$11,000."

MHAUC Board President Eileen Cumisky told SIGWA members, "We are so very appreciative of the ongoing support of SIGWA."

Dr. Nancy Marie Bride, Executive Director of MHAUC and founder of its "Choices" program, stated, "It is imperative for the public to know that confidentiality and safety are primary concerns when working with this population. SIGWA's donation takes us a long way towards our commitment of continual support for women in need."

For more information about "Choices," funding opportunities, counseling hours, community education and legal assistance, please call (908) 272-0300 or visit www.mhauc.com.

'Encounters With Jesus' To Spotlight Nicodemus

SCOTCH PLAINS — The next session of "Life-Transforming Encounters With Jesus" at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains will take place on Wednesday, July 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, July 15, from 10 to 11:45 a.m.

"Doctoral Work in Religion...to Pre-Kindergarten Sunday School" (John 3:1-21), will focus on Nicodemus, a man of integrity, and his search for answers to life's largest questions. It will take place in Alexander Hall. All are welcome.

This is the second study in the summer series "Work in the Word," which is being taught by the Reverend George Betz, Interim Pastor. Each week's study will be self-contained, so participants may come as often as they can.

The Wednesday and Thursday sessions will study identical content, although discussions will vary based on questions and group participation. The "Work in the Word" series will continue weekly through August 25 and 26. Materials will be available for everyone.

Babysitting and simple refreshments

will be available. Individuals are asked to let the church know in advance if childcare is needed so activities may be planned for the youngsters.

The Willow Grove Church is located at 1961 Raritan Road. Anyone interested in attending these studies, or who has questions, may call the church office during morning hours, Monday through Friday, at (908) 232-5678. e-mail wilgrv@netzero.com or visit www.scotchplains.com/wgpc.

Caregivers Group Posts Meeting For Monday

WESTFIELD — Individuals caring for an elderly or chronically ill loved one are invited to attend a support group meeting on Monday, July 12, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, located on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

Meetings of the group take place on the first non-holiday Monday of each month. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1867.

'A National Moment' of Farewell Seems to Mark End of an Era

By THE REV. ANDREW C. HAMERSLEY

My mother voted for Richard Nixon. My father voted for JFK (With a volatile relationship, it was not their most intense disagreement). One of my earlier memories is of being antsy waiting for Richard Nixon to pass by in a motorcade. This was in the Riverdale section of the Bronx which, given its liberal reputation, explains why he only passed by.

Why my mother wanted to catch a glimpse of the Vice President, I never knew. She was only in her 20s. Maybe it was just something to do. Maybe as the mother of two small boys, she needed to get out of the house.

I thought of my parents and their political leanings recently during the coverage of the national funeral for the late President Ronald Reagan. Their allegiances were hard to peg. My mom grew to distrust Richard Nixon. The lowest thing she could say about another human being was to call them "most unattractive." (Nixon grew to deserve that one from her.)

Yet, she was also a died-in-the-wool despiser of the Kennedys. In truth, I think my mother was a feminist before the label was familiar. She thought of John F. Kennedy as a playboy and a cad. And then when he was shot, she hated him for breaking her heart. Inconsistent, but true.

I think of my father as a traditional moderate Democrat. This was no small feat, given his background. A man who values practicality and fair play, he was supportive of the New Frontier and the Great Society, of Civil Rights, and thoughtful debate.

I think he must have liked Adlai Stevenson. I know he voted for both Kennedys. Their assassinations hit him hard. He was younger than both of them. I remember watching him write a handwritten note of condolence to Ethel Kennedy when Robert was assassinated. Both my parents wept real tears watching the coverage of the Kennedy funerals. I still do.

As for President Reagan, neither of my parents were likely supporters. My mother disliked true conservatives, holding a special loathing for Joseph McCarthy and Barry Goldwater. (Other "unattractive men.") My father would not have bought "trickle down" as a theory or the black and white certitude of the Reagan foreign policy. But I am quite sure my mother would have been moved by President Reagan's funeral, and I am fairly sure my dad was, too. I did not watch it. I was on my way

to a trout stream when I caught a bit of it on the radio. As a baby boomer, I was formed by the violence and turmoil of the '60s. I cast my first presidential vote in 1972 in, then, Governor Reagan's California.

I knew I would be confused by the event. As an Episcopal priest, however, I was moved and comforted by the funeral liturgy of The Book of Common Prayer. I was proud of our National Cathedral, the seat of our Presiding Bishop. I recognized as a brother priest, the officiant, the Reverend John Danforth, former senator of Missouri.

Later, on rerun, I thought George H. W. Bush, also an Episcopalian, was very moving in his tribute to his former boss. All in all, I thought the funeral showed our church in a good light. But my mother was not crazy about the church per se, and my father has evolved into a spiritual generalist over time. Their attraction to the service would not have been denominational, but more broad and instinctual.

My mother would have lost it at "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." In funerals, it is the music that sneaks up on one's tear ducts and chokes one's throat. (It did to me when my mom died at an early age).

My dad would have responded to the military images. He had been a Marine and, before that, a member of the Knickerbocker Grays, a kind of young cadet corps for New York City children. Order, precision and duty still appeal to him.

In the end, I imagine my parents' response to the Reagan funeral was shared by most of America. Initially, the funeral appeared to act as a cultural antidote to the traumas of 1963 and 1968. Much of the symbolism was similar: a body lying in state, the horse drawn caisson, the rider's boots backwards, the grieving widow.

Ultimately, however, its place in history will pale in comparison. This time it was a death, which came after a long life. And of course, nothing will take away our national traumas. Both studied and historic, the Reagan funeral seemed like a merger of Hollywood and Washington. But with Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and now Reagan gone, it seems an era is gone, and I thought of my parents. I am getting old and life is full of mystery, or so it seemed to me as I waded into the south branch of the Raritan River.

The Reverend Hamersley serves as the Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, located at 414 East Broad Street in Westfield.

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Landscape, Parking Dilemmas Plague South Avenue Proposal

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader

FANWOOD -- The continuation of an application by Messercola Brothers Building Company proposing a mixed-use development on the corner of South Avenue and First Street was heard before the Fanwood Planning Board at its June 23 meeting.

The development, which proposes commercial, retail and residential uses, would be situated on two lots currently occupied by two single-family homes. Those homes will be razed to make way for the 10,230 square-foot building and parking lot. The applicant is applying for a parking variance, as the 48 spaces proposed fall short of the number proscribed by ordinance.

At last month's meeting, landscape architect Lawrence Tencza of Tencza Associates of East Orange recommended that the site be surrounded with Hawthorne trees set at the curb. Due to concerns expressed by the board that branches overhanging into the street might interfere with large vehicles, such as buses, Mr. Tencza returned this month with a proposal that Ginkgo trees be substituted. Ginkgos, he said, were much smaller in breadth and have higher branches that would not impede the view of drivers exiting the parking lot.

In response to the board's concerns regarding tree roots tearing up the sidewalks, Mr. Tencza proposed a technology that encourages tree roots to grow under the sidewalks and reach into the soil on the other side of the concrete.

Jean Kavinski, a member of Fanwood's shade tree commission, was asked by the board to question Mr. Tencza regarding these issues.

Ms. Kavinski said that the commission preferred to have trees planted on the lawn, not near the curb, in order to avoid sidewalk problems. She also said that she had concerns regarding the choice of Ginkgo trees for the site.

Ms. Kavinski also requested to see the report on the tree-root technology proposed by Mr. Tencza. Ms. Kavinski asked if he could accompany her to the site to inspect trees marked for elimination. He said he would send his arborist to the site to address specific trees with her.

The Architect for the development, Rocco Campanella, presented

samples of the building materials that would be used to the board. The architecture and materials would be consistent with Fanwood's Victorian décor, using earth tones of beiges, browns and greens for the three-story building with five roof-peaks. The maximum height of the roof will be 28 feet.

First Street residents expressed their concerns that this height would impinge on their privacy. Mr. Tencza told First Street resident Jim Conahan that initially, the tree buffer would not block headlights from shining into his windows, but that eventually, the trees would fan out and act as a shield from parking lot headlights.

Civil engineer and traffic expert David Shropshire of Shropshire Associates LLC in Medford presented testimony to the board that in his professional opinion, the parking spaces proposed were more than adequate for a mixed-use development, as residential and retail uses peak at opposite times. The proposed 48 parking spaces are approximately 15 less than the number required for a development of this size. He also suggested that because the development was near a railroad, some residents would be more inclined to use the train rather than own a car.

Several board members disagreed, citing that most residents would need a car to access supermarkets and highway shopping.

Mr. Shropshire said that if the board was disinclined to approve the parking variance, the applicant was willing to be held to the condition of having to prove that the parking was adequate for the initial uses before being issued certificates of occupancy for subsequent areas of the development. Board Vice Chairman John Celardo told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that he had never heard of such a condition for a development.

The board also questioned the traffic engineer regarding the flow of cars entering and exiting the proposed parking lot and discussed their concerns about traffic flow on First Street. A restricted left turn out of the parking lot onto South Avenue was evaluated.

Jack Molenaar, the council representative to the planning board, asked Mr. Shropshire to look into other options, such as alternative parking lots in the area, as well as

traffic flow control measures such as striping, bump outs and a crosswalk to protect the pedestrians crossing South Avenue.

Mr. Shropshire said that the Department of Transportation will be reviewing the development for any measures needed to control the traffic in this area.

The application will be continued on Wednesday, July 28 with testimony from the applicant's professional planner and site engineer.

In other business, the board voted to change the Planning Board's meeting time from 8 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This new time will begin in September and will also apply to planning board agenda meetings. The reason, cited by board members, is to start earlier and finish earlier, avoiding late-night mistakes.

Businesses

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ages shoppers from browsing South Avenue.

Elena Ciervo, the owner of Meeker's Florist, suggested that better lighting in the evening and measures taken to beautify South Avenue would revitalize the area and make shoppers feel more comfortable.

Mr. Fromkin, who is also a board member of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, agreed and said he hopes South Avenue merchants continue to maintain and improve the appearances of their stores by keeping them clean and attractive.

South Avenue may not always be considered by shoppers to be part of 'downtown Westfield,' but the strip of businesses does lie within the borders of the Special Improvement District. Sherry Cronin, Executive Director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, maintained that South Avenue is considered to be an equally important part of downtown Westfield as the North Avenue side.

"We include South Avenue in everything we do," she said, citing current initiatives to improve façade design for several properties, including Duke's Sub & Deli, Pro-Tour Bicycle and Westfield Sleep Center.

Ms. Cronin also addressed the strengths of South Avenue, praising the uniquely individual businesses such as Classic Basket, Meeker's Florist and Westfield Seafood, which provide upscale services.

Some merchants disagree, however, saying that South Avenue often receives less attention than the center of downtown. One example noted by Mr. Bienko is that the downtown holiday decorations from the Chamber of Commerce do not extend down South Avenue. Ms. Ciervo duly noted the lack of initiative thus far to accent South Avenue with lighting or outdoor plants.

While the heart of town ranks high in popularity for local and visiting shoppers, it is important to remember that the Westfield business district on the other side of the tracks -- the South Avenue corridor -- provides a wealth of goods and services meeting a variety of consumer needs, with the individual attention of independent merchants and their diverse wares.

WF Council

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In other business, the council is referring a proposed ordinance to the planning board for their review and comment. The ordinance would establish a conditional use on Prospect Street at the former site of Statistical Research for the construction of age-restricted condominiums. The town council could approve the ordinance by late September or early October.

Elizabeth Dixon Receives Dean's List Commendation

WESTFIELD -- Westfield native and Southampton, N.Y. resident Elizabeth Dixon was placed on the Dean's List for the spring 2004 semester at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md.

A senior, Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew Dixon.

Vivian Futran Receives Dean's List Recognition

WESTFIELD -- Vivian Futran, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mauricio Futran of Westfield, was named to the Dean's List at Duke University in Durham, N.C. She is a 2003 Westfield High School graduate.

Duke University Places Kunath on Dean's List

WESTFIELD -- Shannon Kunath of Westfield has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2004 semester at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kunath of Westfield, she is a member of Duke's Class of 2006. She is majoring in economics. Shannon is a 2002 graduate of Westfield High School.

Fanwood Borough Budget Expected To Pass; DOT to Return \$300,000

By ELIZABETH CORRELL
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader

FANWOOD -- Fanwood Borough Council announced at Tuesday's budget meeting that Fanwood's 2004 budget is expected to pass at a public meeting to be held at Borough Hall on Monday, July 19, at 7 p.m.

The first readings of the capital budget and a salary ordinance will be done at next week's council meeting, and the municipal budget amendments will be discussed.

Two resolutions will be voted on: a \$35,000 temporary emergency appropriation for capital improvements and a professional services contract for the bond attorney previously used by the borough, at the same rate.

Mayor Colleen Mahr reported the results of an accounting audit performed on Fanwood's records. It was discovered that the borough had failed to submit vouchers to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT) for projects that should have been covered by DOT funds but were paid for by the borough, such as Westfield Avenue and Sheelen's Crossing.

Mayor Mahr brought the error to the attention of the DOT, and as a result \$300,000 will be coming back to Fanwood, and will be used for upcoming projects in the borough. In addition, Fanwood will apply for a 2004 DOT Municipal Aid grant.

At Tuesday's monthly agenda meeting an ordinance was discussed regarding the hours of solid waste

collection done by private companies. Many residents have complained to Borough Hall about the early morning hours that garbage trucks perform service on residential streets.

Mayor Mahr reported that a meeting was held with the collection companies requesting that they collect no earlier than 6 a.m. Since the companies did not agree to cooperate, the mayor and council are now considering passing an ordinance that would fine companies for collecting earlier.

Union County's Utilities Authority has announced an increase in fees for the disposal of solid waste from municipalities in the county. Mayor Mahr stated that she has spoken with the Utilities Authority and received confirmation that, due to the borough's collection schedule,

Fanwood will be not affected by this cost increase in 2004; however, it will take effect in 2005.

Resolutions regarding several professional contracts will be voted on at next week's council meeting. Three contracts will continue: Charles Whelan from Salient Associates as consultant on the borough's communications tower, Frank Regan's for legal services regarding the downtown redevelopment project and ELB for the borough's website maintenance. Kupper Associates is being hired to provide engineering services for the borough.

Fanwood will be applying for a Union County Children's Recreation Trust Grant. If received, the grant will provide funds for irrigation at Forest Road Park and additional Recreation Department equipment.



IN MEMORY OF...The Walter Lestarchick memorial was recently dedicated at the Fanwood Conservation Center.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

MONDAY, JUNE 28

• Richard I. Bennett, 20, of Plainfield was arrested at a local movie theater and charged with hindering apprehension. He allegedly gave police a false name when officers responded to a report of a disturbance at the theater involving Bennett and two other people.

Bennett, who also was wanted on five contempt of court warrants out of Bridgewater totaling \$2,500, was being held pending bail to be set by the Westfield Municipal Court judge.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

• George Suarez, 43, of Neshanic Station was arrested in the 900 block of South Avenue, West, and charged with obstructing the administration of law and resisting arrest.

According to authorities, Suarez interfered with a police officer's interview with the owner of a store regarding a complaint about the suspect. After being told not to interfere, police said Suarez approached

the officer with his hands raised in a threatening manner. He was later released on his own recognizance.

• Rosemary Wester, 67, of Barnegat was arrested at a business in the 600 block of North Avenue, West, and charged with shoplifting \$615 worth of merchandise. She was later released on her own recognizance.

THURSDAY, JULY 1

• Two adult videos, costing approximately \$50 in total, were reported stolen from an Elm Street business. It is believed that a man accompanied by a child took the items from the premises, but police have no further description of the suspect.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

• A resident of Sandra Circle reported finding numerous small dents and scratches along the length of the passenger side of his motor vehicle. The damage occurred while the vehicle was in a common parking area.



LOCAL GRADUATES...Five area residents are recent sixth-grade graduates of Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit. Pictured, left to right, are: Jessica Natoli, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Natoli of Scotch Plains; Alexander Russonello, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Russonello of Scotch Plains; Joseph Macri, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Macri of Westfield, Seton Hartnett, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hartnett of Westfield; and Victoria Roeck, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Roeck of Westfield. A class of 35 graduated from the Lower School on June 10.

Eric Weinberg of Westfield Graduates Newark Academy

WESTFIELD -- Eric Weinberg of Westfield graduated from Newark Academy in Livingston during the school's 230th commencement ceremony on June 13.

Eric, who was recognized as an Honors Student every term from eighth to 12th grade, was Newark Academy's Spring 2004 "Distinguished Alumni National Youth Leadership Forum" nominee in law.

He earned a varsity letter in baseball during his junior year, playing on the team from 2001 to 2004, as well as American Legion Summer

Baseball in 2002 and 2003. Eric was on the school's Minuteman Society Executive Committee, serving as Liaison to the Newark Academy Athletic Department.

He was a writer for the school paper, *The Minutemen*, for four years, a member of the Model United Nations Club from 2002 to 2004, and a two-year member of the Prom Committee, the Tech Crew for school concerts and musicals, the Ski Club and Mini Golf Club.

In the fall, Eric will attend Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jay Weinberg of Westfield.



Eric Weinberg

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SURVIVOR STORY...New York City Police Detective and Malvern, N.Y. resident Steven McDonald survived a near-fatal shooting while on duty on July 12, 1986. He was left paralyzed by the injuries he sustained. Recently, Mr. McDonald visited Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield to speak with students in grades 5 to 8 about the shooting, his recovery, faith and forgiveness. Detective McDonald is pictured, above, with Principal Dorothy Szot and some of the students he met after the assembly.

Ryan Ragoza of WF Attends Junior Nat'l Leaders Event

WESTFIELD -- Ryan Ragoza of Westfield joined 200 middle school students throughout the United States at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) themed "The Legacy of American Leadership" from June 26 to July 1 in Washington, D.C.



Ryan Ragoza

Ryan was nominated to represent Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield based on his outstanding academic achievements and demonstrated leadership potential.

He will enter the eighth grade at

Roosevelt School in the fall. He is a Distinguished Honor Roll student and participates in the Gifted & Talented pilot program. Ryan has been active in the Destination Imagination creative problem-solving tournament for three years. He also plays spring and summer baseball.

Prior to attending, Ryan anticipated learning more about leadership throughout American history. He also sought to improve his leadership skills by working with other high-achieving middle school pupils.

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

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WICHOSKI CRACKS 2 HRS. GERCKENS PICKS UP WIN

Westfield Legion 9 Crushes Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 14-3

By FRED LECOMTE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times
American Senior Legion Baseball heated up with sparks flying on June 30 in Scotch Plains as host Westfield, (7-5) met rival Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SP-F) (3-4). Superlative



pitching combined with an eight-run outburst in the first inning provided Westfield with a 14-3 win. "Like I told the guys after the game, it came down to one big play," said SP-F Head Coach Tom Baylock. "With two on and two outs, their



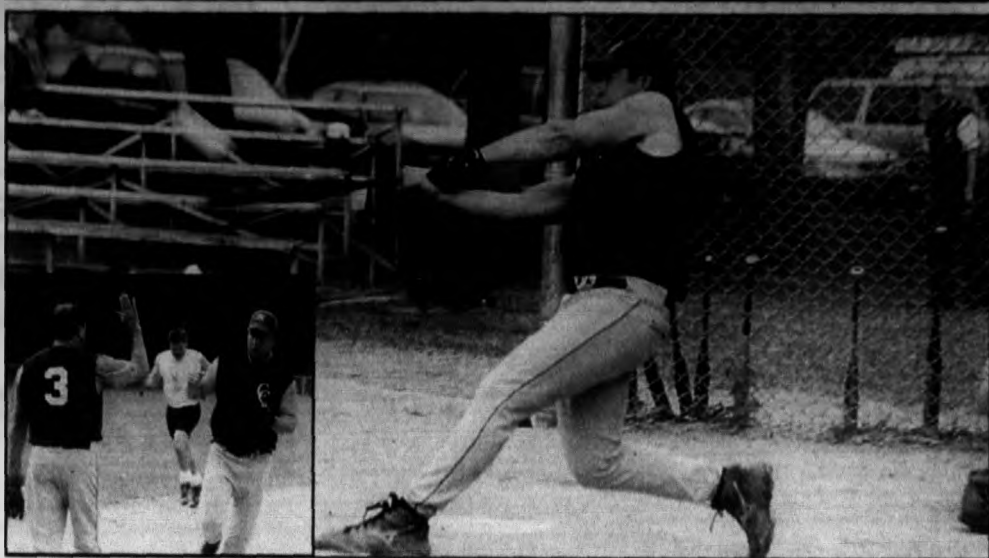
number five batter hit a pop-up foul ball and we didn't catch it with three guys on it. That would of taken us out of the inning without a score. Instead, they scored eight runs, so that was the ball game. Chris D'Annunzio threw 54 pitches in that inning, so naturally he got tired, left his pitches up and fell behind on the batters, which forced him to throw fastballs and they hit him with singles."

Westfield starting pitcher Josh Gerckens had dynamic stuff, allowed three runs on five hits and one walk in four innings. Drew Howe tossed the fifth and yielded a single to Dan Birnbaum. Ken Wichoski fired his canon with two home runs and Sam Kim muscled a three-run double.

"My goal was to stay ahead of the batters with my fastball which, by the way, was working pretty well, get two strikes on them and then follow up with my off-pitch," said Gerckens. "I had a good hitting team behind me today, two big home runs by Kenny, so I'm glad we got a good win."

Westfield catcher Mike Murray added, "His ball moved a lot, so we stayed with the fastball and tried to get ahead of the hitters. He hit his

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GAME ENDING TWO-RUN HOME RUN...Checchio slugger Mark Nies launches his second home run in Game 1 of a doubleheader against Dunellen Hotel to end the game in five innings with a 13-0 victory. As Nies rounds third, he is congratulated by teammate Ed Gutierrez.

NIES PUMMELS 2 HRS. 4 RBI: POILLON POUNDS HR

Checchio Chiropractic Levels Dunellen Hotel Men, 13-0, in 5

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

There were expectations of a real battle for supremacy in the A Division of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League when first place Dunellen Hotel faced second place Checchio Chiropractic at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on June 30. Earlier in the season, the Hotel men scorched the Chiropractors in a 13-12 thriller.

"I remember the last game they scored eight runs in one inning," recalled Checchio team captain Joe Cepparulo. "It was 8-0 then we started chipping away and went ahead 12-10. They got three runs in the last inning." Dunellen Hotel came into the game

with a 12-3 record and Checchio's had an 11-3 record. In the first game of the doubleheader, however, Checchio leveled the Hotel men, 13-0, in five innings.

Checchio pitcher Ron Germinder limited Dunellen to just two hits - Fran Maggio and Steve Campbell - and faced only 16 batters in the five-inning stretch, permitting four men to approach the plate only in the fourth inning. Third baseman Mark Nies led the 13-hit battering by pummeling two colossal home runs, scoring three times and knocking in four runs.

Prior to the game, when asked how he would pitch to the powerful Nies, Dunellen pitcher Billy Scott answered, "Can you spell ball 4?"

Checchio leadoff batter Pete Poillon, who scored twice, hammered a solo blast in the fifth. Neil Kauffman rapped two singles, scored twice and had an RBI and Nick Piscopo went 2-for-2, including a double, with three RBI and a run scored.

Checchio's "Great Wall" infield frustrated the Hotel men and the outfield attracted fly balls like magnets. Nies, playing third base, initiated a smooth second-to-first double play in the first inning and added a cool scoop in the fifth. Quick-handed shortstop Poillon pulled off several fine plays. Hotel shortstop Chris Vanderliet made a double play possible by grabbing a toss from pitcher

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CIHANOWYZ GOES 3-FOR-4. 2 RBI: STRATTON HRS

St. Aloysius Softball Men Tap Under-Stocked St. Kilian, 9-3

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

St. Kilian, as of June 25, held the top spot in the Angels Division of the St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Men's Softball League but, with an under-stocked group of just nine players, had to face a rough and ready St. Aloysius squad at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 1.

St. Aloysius, in the hunt for the top spot in the Saints Division, took advantage of St. Kilian's one-man shortage in the outfield to compile a 17-hit assault, which resulted in a 9-3 victory. Bob Cihanowyz wrecked Kilian's hopes offensively and defensively, going 3-for-4, with a two-run double, and scoring three times, while making some extraordinary catches in leftfield. Bill McKinney and Emmit O'Hara each had two hits, a run scored and an RBI, and Jack Kennedy ripped two singles and an RBI.

St. Kilian was limited to just six hits by ace pitcher Al Betau, but the

first one was a solo homer off the bat of Rob Stratton in the bottom of the first. John Gordon had a two-run single and a double.

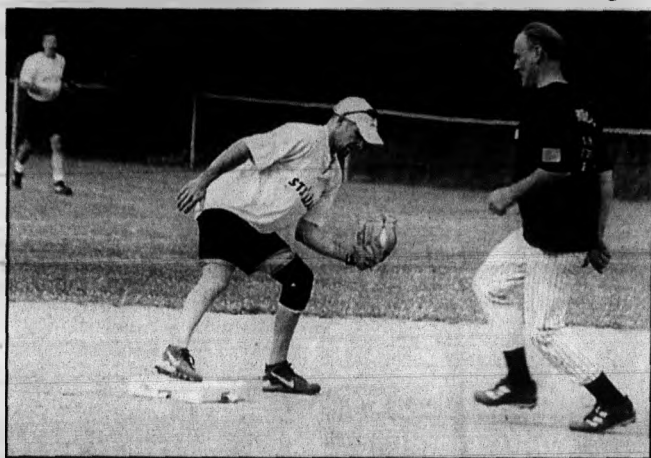
Both teams displayed sparkling defense, but St. Aloysius stole the show with amazing plays. Cihanowyz made a great grab of a foul line drive down the leftfield line in the second inning then topped that performance with a major league sliding snag in the seventh. Shortstop Kevin Woodring made a superb running catch in shallow left, second baseman Joe Romash made a startling stop to get a force play and Betau made a fine grab to get another putout.

"Our defense won this game. Our first game with them (5-4) was also defensive," said St. Aloysius' Tom Rutkowski after the game.

Kilian's John Gordon made a fine running catch in leftfield, third baseman Stan Lisniewski was responsible for two fine plays and Reilly fooled all critics with a great running

catch in right. Shortstop Stratton per-

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GETTING THE PUTOUT AT SECOND...St. Kilian shortstop Rob Stratton gets the force out on St. Aloysius base runner Tom Rutkowski.

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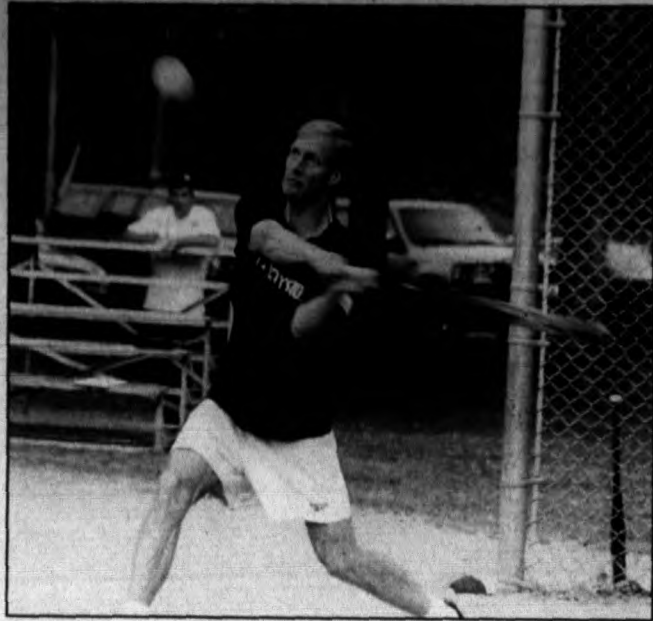
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DRILLING A DOUBLE TO RIGHT...St. Al's Scott Curtis whacks a double to right and later scores in the fourth Inning against St. Killian.

St. Aloysius Softball Men Tap Under-Stocked St. Killian, 9-3

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formed some wizardry with his glove and pitcher Howie Bialos added a nice snag of his own.

Aloysius looked tough in the top of the first and trampled the plate four times. McKinney beat out an infield single and Woodring reached base safely on an error in right. Chianowyz drilled a two-run double and Betau singled with an RBI single. After Kennedy singled, Rutkowski ripped an RBI single.

Stratton whacked his solo blast in the bottom of the first then Aloysius answered with one in the second. O'Hara, who was on second, scored on a muffed force out attempt.

In the third, Aloysius took a 6-1 lead when Cihanowyz singled then, after Tom Reade and Jim Steger both singled, was brought home by Kennedy's single to left.

"We can get back into this game," yelled Bialos.

The Kilians did just that with two runs in the bottom of the inning. Left-handed Mike Michalisin, usually a dead pull hitter, slapped a single to center but was forced out at second on Romash's dazzling play of Stratton's sizzling grounder. Reilly singled, Harry Semple walked and Gordon smacked his two-run single.

Scott Curtis doubled and scored on O'Hara's single to put Aloysius up 7-3 in the fourth then Cihanowyz singled

and scored when Betau's fly to right was dropped in the fifth.

After the Aloysius defense permitted no runs in the fifth, Betau hollered, "You guys are looking marvelous out there!"

In the seventh, Aloysius put together three singles and an error to get one runner home - Ken Broyles - and had the bases loaded with Neal LaStrange holding up at third when the notorious "Hecklers" were prodding the base runners to be more aggressive.

"It's all fun and game until someone pulls a hamstring," uttered LaStrange.

Reason prevailed and, in the bottom of the seventh, Cihanowyz ended the game when he robbed Michalisin of a hit with his magnificent sliding catch.

St. Aloysius 411 110 1 9
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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
Shackamaxon Golf Pro Michael Kierner

Shackamaxon Pro Discusses Three Types of Chip Shots

By MICHAEL KIERNER
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

When it comes to scoring on days that you don't have your "A" game, your chipping is extremely important. There is a way to hit three different chip shots with one type of technique.

The clubs you will need are your 7-iron, pitching wedge and sand wedge. The way to execute these shots is simple. It is very important that you set up to the shot correctly.

Try to set up to the golf ball as if you were going to putt. This means that you should have your eyes over the ball and the shaft of the club is almost vertical. If this is difficult because of the length of the club, choke down on the grip.

After you are comfortable in your set up, shift your weight to your left side. Now make your putting stroke. As you swing the club your weight should stay on your left side, this will enable you to brush the grass around your golf ball. Brushing the grass around your golf ball will make it go into the air and not be skulled over the green.

Finally, this type of shot should be used from a good lie not when the ball is in the thick rough. Also, once you

have practiced this shot, experiment with the different clubs. With the 7 iron, the ball will not be in the air for a long time but it will roll quite a bite. With the pitching wedge, the ball will be in the air as much as it will roll on the ground. And with the sand wedge, the ball will be in the air for a long time and will not roll much.

These shots could be used in different situations, giving you more than one option when it comes to chipping.

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Wolfpack 13/14s Whip Summit, Branchburg

The Baseball School's 13/14 Travel Team completed come-from-behind victories over Summit in the Branchburg Tournament, 20-10, and Branchburg in the New Providence League, 13-11. The victories left the Wolfpack atop the standings in the Branchburg Tournament with a 2-0 record and tied for second in their New Providence League with a 5-1-1 record.

Jackson Udelsman, John Bouck and Ethan Barnett manned the mound and pitched brilliantly in spite of some early errors in both contests. Udelsman and Bouck collected the wins while Barnett picked up the save against Branchburg. Centerfielder Joseph DelPrete, first baseman Tommy Bouck and second baseman Evan Silverman were defensive standouts.

Will Hubbard and Greg Lamparello collected five hits apiece while Silverman and Barnett added four each. Tommy Bouck and Connor Vigilanti added three hits. Billy Kurzenbenzer, Kyle Richers and Tom Holt each lashed out base hits. DelPrete swiped five bases at will in the contest and accounted for four runs.

Scotch Hills Women Tell Golf Results:

A spokeswoman for the Scotch Hills Women's Golf Association of Scotch Plains announced the results of the Chairman's Cup (First Round) held on June 22 and the 100% Handicap Tournament held June 29.

CHAIRMAN'S CUP (FLIGHT A):
Low Gross: Marge Grimmer 42.
Low Net: Grimmer, Alice Kehler 29
Second: Maureen Wetzel 30

FLIGHT B:
Low Gross: Ronnie Buob, Carole Katz, Mary Kay Danskin 50
Low Net: Nancy Phares 29
Second: Gert Simons, Katz, Danskin 30

FLIGHT C:
Low Gross: Olga Rose 61
Low Net: Rose 33
Second: Camille Hayden, Phyllis Coumbe 36

Low Putts: Danskin, Wetzel
Chip-in: Danskin #5
Birdie: Drina Erhard

100% HANDICAP (FLIGHT A):
Low Gross: Marge Grimmer 47
Low Net: Linnea Rhodes, Alice Kehler 32
Second: Grimmer, Charleen Szenyi 34

FLIGHT B:
Low Gross: Mary Kay Danskin 47
Low Net: Danskin 27
Second: Ronnie Buob 31
Third: Petie Prybylski, Nancy Phares 32

FLIGHT C:
Low Gross: Martha McCaskie 52
Low Net: McCaskie 28
Second: Delores Jennings 33
Third: Jo Miller 34

Low Putts: Prybylski 13
Chip-in: Betty Fitterer #2
Birdie: Linnea Rhodes #7

PUBLIC NOTICE

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
FEDERAL INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION
Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations for the Borough of Fanwood and the Township of Westfield, Union County, New Jersey

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency
ACTION: Proposed rule.
SUMMARY:

Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed modified base (1% annual chance) flood elevations shown in the preliminary Flood Insurance Studies and Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the communities listed in the table below. The base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that each community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES:
The period for comment will be ninety (90) days following the second publication of these proposed rules in a newspaper of local circulation.

Lessees and owners of real property in the following communities are encouraged to review the preliminary Flood Insurance Studies and Flood Insurance Rate Maps and to submit comments to the appropriate community representatives as listed below. Proposed base flood elevations along flood sources studied in detail are shown on the flood profiles in the study. The proposed modified base flood elevations are as follows:

Source of Flooding and Location of Referenced Elevation	Elevation in feet (NGVD)		Communities Affected
	Existing	Modified	
Nomahagan Brook: At the confluence with Rahway River	*73	*74	**Townships of Cranford, and Springfield.
Approximately 580 feet downstream of Springfield Avenue	*73	*74	Town of Westfield
Robinsons Branch: At the confluence with Rahway River	*15	*14	**City of Rahway, Town of Westfield.
At the confluence of Robinsons Branch 15*51	*51	*50	**Township of Clark
Cedar Brook: At Tarrill Road	None	*131	Borough of Fanwood
A point immediately upstream of Willow Avenue	None	*141	

*National Geodetic Vertical Datum
** These communities are included in separate local newspapers

ADDRESSES:

Borough of Fanwood
Maps available for inspection at the Fanwood Borough Engineer's Office, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.
Send comments to The Honorable Colleen Mahr, Mayor of the Borough of Fanwood, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023-1397.

Town of Westfield
Maps available for inspection at the Westfield Town Engineer's Office, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey.
Send comments to The Honorable Gregory McDermott, Mayor of the Town of Westfield, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

For further information please contact the Map Assistance Center toll free at: 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627)

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Scotch Hills Results Of Chairman's Cup:

A spokeswoman for the Scotch Hills Women's Golf Association of Scotch Plains announced the results of the Chairman's Cup (Final Round) held on June 29.

FLIGHT A:
First Place: Alice Kehler 61
Second Place: Marge Grimmer 63

FLIGHT B:
First Place: Mary Kay Danskin 57
Second Place: Nancy Phares 61

FLIGHT C:
First Place: Jo Miller 68
Second Place: Delores Jennings 69

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted Resolutions at its June 14, 2004 meeting for the following applications heard at its June 14, 2004 meeting:

James and Patricia Blake, 120 Wells Street, seeking permission to construct a second floor addition contrary to the requirements of Section 11.09E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum side yard of 10 feet. 9.3 feet is proposed. **Approved with conditions.**
Lori A. Boyd, Secretary
Board of Adjustment

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH

Public notice is hereby given that Ordinance #BOH 01-2004, entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR VITAL STATISTICS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF WESTFIELD AND AMENDING EXISTING BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCES" was adopted by the Westfield Board of Health at a special meeting held on June 29, 2004 at 5:00 P.M.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication as required by law.
Marylou Fashano-Solis
Board Secretary

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ACTION AT SECOND... Westfield Legion 9 player Craig Ellis makes a great slide into second and avoids the tag by shortstop SP-F Robert Moscal. Ellis later scored on a single by Josh Gerckens in the second inning.

Westfield Legion 9 Crushes Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 14-3

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spots well and got people out. We got the early lead today, so he was able to pitch a little more comfortable. Offensively, we had that big rally in the first inning. Kenny had a big day along with a lot of the younger guys. They have been getting bigger hits and that has contributed to our winning record."

Westfield marched 13 batters to the plate in the bottom of the first and scored eight runs on five hits. Mike Diaz walked, Alex Zierler zinged a two-out single and Wichoski walked. Craig Ellis ripped a two-run single to left and Gerckens trotted to first on a free pass to load the pads. Dave Kaplow rifled a two-run single, Chris Hild walked, Kim smashed a three-run double to right-center and Diaz ripped an RBI single. Defensive heroics came by way of SP-F catcher Kevin Urban who ended the inning with a superb pickoff play at second to Robert Moscal.

Westfield boosted its lead with three runs in the second. Wichoski jumped on a fastball and lifted it over the 300' plus sign in left. Ellis followed with a single, swiped second and scored on Gerckens' single. Hild scorched a double, sending Gerckens across the dish. Music came off the SP-F bats in

the fourth. John Cox plunked a single to right. John Maloney drew a base on balls and D'Annunzio rapped a single to put load them up. Next, Weber lofted an RBI sacrifice and Deegan hammered a two-run double into deep center. The music abruptly stopped on a fabulous 4-3 double play (Jay Anderson to Zierler).

Westfield closed the show with three runs in the fifth. Murray walked, Zierler punched a double to center and Wichoski clobbered a homer over the centerfield fence.

"I just took a nice easy swing at a fastball and what do you know, I hit a home run," said Wichoski. "I was kind of upset that they didn't give me the first homerun ball because it wasn't as far as the second one that traveled over the 332' mark. We pulled off the win, which I thought would have been a lot harder."

"We had our share knocking out teams like Westfield did today," said Baylock. "I told the kids to approach each at bat as if it was a zero-zero game. Don't give away your swings or attempt trying to hit a five-run homer. Just keep working hard, stay focused and try to get better, which after all is our main goal of the season."

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

St. Aloysius 14, St. Jude 0

St. Aloysius pounded out 23 hits. Bob Chanowicz, Tom Reade and Mike Walch had three hits each for the AIs and eight players had multi-hits, including Al Betau, who hurled the shutout. The Barattucci brothers and Bill Zechman each had a hit for Jude.

St. Killian 7, St. James 6

Kilian's Joe Cocuzza had two hits and three RBI and six others had multi hit games, including John Gordon. Kevin Marron and Karl Grossmann led the "Gang." Both homered and drove in two runs. Pat Nigro added two hits.

St. Edward 12, St. Blaise 5

Tom Ulichny and Keith Middleton, three hits each, and John Esposito, who homered and had three RBI, led the Eds. Tony Williams had two hits and a RBI. Artie Hobbles, with three hits, and Jeff Friedlander, who was 2-3 and had three RBI, led Blaise.

St. Joseph 28, St. Anthony 6

Joe scored 13 runs in the first inning. Tom McGall was 4-for-4 with three RBI and Damon Roth added four hits, two home runs and nine RBI. Marv Sheerb and Thein Nguyen, with three hits each, led Anthony.

St. Anne 11, St. Marks 9

Dan Margolis homered while Nick Dimizo and Dan Giannaci had two hits each for Anne. Frank Pepe (3 hits) and Marty Marks (homerun) led the Marks.

St. Jude 9, St. Blaise 5

Dave Rothenberg homered and had three RBI while Don Rowbotham added three hits. Jeff Friedlander (multi hits) and Mike Rivera and Matt Hoelzel (two hits each) led Blaise.

St. Aloysius 9, St. Killian 3

Bob Chanowicz went 3-4 with two RBI and Al Betau had two hits and three RBI for AI. Tom Rutkowski,

Jim Steger and Emmett O'Hara had multi hits. Kilian's Bob Stratton had a homer and a single and John Gordon was 2-3 with two RBI.

St. Joseph 17, St. Edward 10

Joe banged 25 hits and had contributions from Damon Roth, Bob Guy, Russ Vorhees, Dennis Herchel and Steve Abrunzo. Ed Marchelitus (4-for-4 with three RBI), Tom Ulichny (4-for-5) and Pete Vanderheydon (3 hits) led Ed.

St. Anne 18, St. Anthony 7

Joe Matuska took the win and went 2-for-3. John Ley and Jim Killeen both had three hits. Mark DiFrancesco had two hits, including a homerun and three RBI. Tim Deegan (3 hits) and Tom Straniero (2 hits) led Anthony.

St. Jude 15, St. James 5

Joe DeChiaro went 3-for-3 and Dave Rothenberg, Kevin Lonergan and Jeff Rembisz each had two hits for Jude. Gangsters Steve Pirella, Kevin Maggon and Ken Blaes each had a couple of hits.

St. Blaise 14, St. Mark 12

Mark took an 11-4 lead. Tom Kucin relieved and shut the door. Jim Sacca and Artie Hobbles had three hits each in the win, while Malcolm Boone had a four-hit game for Marks.

ANGELS DIVISION:

(As of July 2:)

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Killian	5	3	.625
St. Joseph	5	3	.625
St. Anthony	3	4	.429
St. Blaise	2	5	.288
St. James	2	8	.200

SAINTS DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Aloysius	5	2	.714
St. Jude	6	3	.667
St. Anne	5	3	.625
St. Mark	5	4	.557
St. Edward	4	6	.400

WTA Mixed Doubles Tennis Ladder Told:

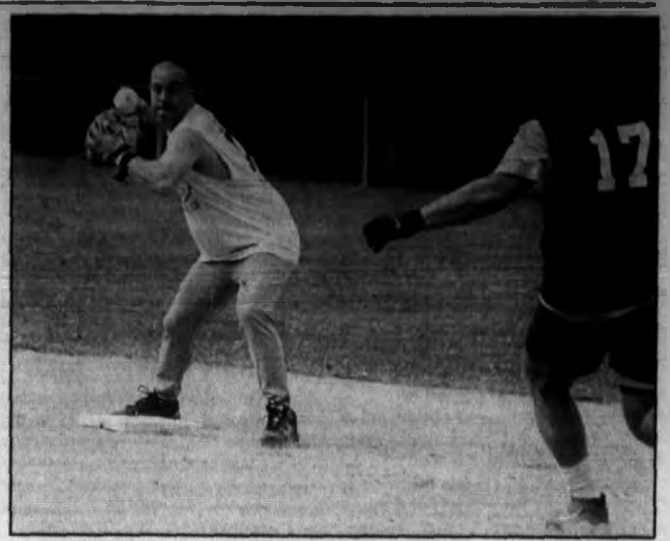
- Hilary Abramowitz/Jon Eisenberg
- Monica/Michael Morin
- Alejandro/Lucilla Vollbrechthausen
- James/Sherri Bender
- Paul Darmanin/Lyn Myers
- Nancy/Rich Freundlich
- Michael McCrea/
- JoAnn/Steven Purdy
- Julia/Jon Walker
- Chris/Maria Elena Whelan
- Amanda/Warren Friss
- Steve Lee/Julia Tarr

All match scores should be called in to the coordinator, Nancy Freundlich at (908) 232-6545 or e-mailed to freundlich@comcast.net. The next reporting period ends July 18.

WTA Men's Masters Tennis Ladder Told:

Below are the rankings for the Westfield Men's Master Tennis Ladder for the period ending June 20.

- Mike McGlynn
- Bob Kolesik
- Chris Wendel
- Don Dohm
- Dewey Rainville
- Joe Donnolo
- Hank Koehler
- Len Cerefica
- John Dalton
- George Sincox
- David Armstrong
- Marvin Rothman
- Bob Lipschulz



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

TRYING TO GET THE DOUBLE PLAY...Dunellen Hotel second baseman Steve Gould tags second and prepares to throw to first to get a double play.

Checchio Chiropractic Levels Dunellen Hotel Men, 13-0, in 5

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Scott barehanded while stepping on second and whipping the ball to first in time. He also made a grand grab in the first inning.

Checchio's manipulated their "metal sticks" magically in the bottom of the first inning and touched off a seven-run rampage. Poillon walked and Kauffmann singled to right. Scott managed to walk Nies in his first at bat, loading the bases then Piscopo's sinking shot under the rightfielder's glove cleared the bases. Dave Eckert reached on an error and Ed Guittierez rapped an RBI single. Brian Dayton doubled and Greg McComb yanked a two-run single over third.

After the Hotel failed to answer in the second and Checchio's came up to bat, Piscopo chanted, "Let's play 14 hard innings - doubleheader - for the first time."

Checchio's responded with three runs when Joe DeFabio plopped a double into center. Kauffman cracked an RBI single and Nies launched a two-run homer over the right-centerfield fence.

After scoring, Nies said, "I guess I won't be getting any more of those pitches."

Oddly enough, Nies was wrong. In the fifth, Poillon whacked his solo homer over the leftfield fence. Emidio Monaco chopped a single and Nies nailed his two-run, game-ending homer deep into the trees beyond the centerfield fence.

Looking ahead to Game 2, Nies said, "We've got to stay focused."

Although starting slowly, Checchio's got focused and pulled out a 7-4 victory in Game 2 to grab the hammer for the No. 1 seed in the playoffs to be held at the end of July.

Checchio's scored first with one run in the top of the first and Dunellen Hotel answered with two. A few innings later, the Hotel men put up another two for a 4-1 lead. Checchio's added a run in the fifth. In the seventh, the Hotel needed three outs to go home with the split, but a comedy of errors followed by several hits put Checchio's in the driver's seat. The Hotel went down fairly quietly in the bottom of the seventh.

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Checchio's	730 03	13

Scotch Plains Men's Softball Standings:

A DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Checchio's	13	3
Dunellen Hotel	12	5
NY Ortho	7	10
Jade Isle	6	8
Boo Ray	6	10
Theresa's	5	12

B DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Trinity Electric	15	1
Garwood Rest	13	4
Delasai	13	4
Sun Tavern	12	6
Sofa King	7	11
Family Investors	5	13
Misfits	3	15
Mortarulo Masonry	2	19

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Darren Hertell Participates In Eagleman Half Ironman

On a recent Sunday in June, Darren Hertell of Richmond, VA, participated in the Eagleman Half-Ironman, in Cambridge, Maryland, joining 1,038 other amateur participants, for not only the prestige of victory but for two coveted automatic invitations to the Hawaii Ironman, to be held in October. Darren finished second in a time of four hours and eight seconds, 42 seconds behind the winner.

The Half Ironman is comprised of a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride and a 13.1-mile run, a total of 70.3 miles. Darren swam the 1.2 miles in 25+ minutes, averaged 24.4 miles per hour for 56 miles and averaged six minutes and 10 seconds for the 6.1-mile run.

Darren is training for a spot on Team USA at the U.S. National Championships to be held in Shreveport, Louisiana, in September. If successful, he will then compete in the 2005 World Championships to be held in Hawaii, in May of 2005. Darren earned a place on both the 2002 and 2003 World Teams. A broken hand and wrist prevented him from competing for a place on the 2004 World Team.

Darren is a former All-American swimmer and record holder for Westfield High School, graduating in 1993. He accumulated a total of seven gold medals at the Meet of Champions and is the only male

swimmer in New Jersey history to win four gold medals at the Meet of Champions.

Darren will be inducted as a member of the Westfield High School Sports Hall of Fame in November.

WTA Men's Singles Tennis Ladder Told:

Players who did not report matches were moved up three places in the standings. Next reporting period ends in two weeks. Ladder participants are reminded they need to complete eight matches to compete in the playoff rounds that begin after Labor Day.

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| 1. Tuyen Diep(6) | 24. A. Cohen(3) |
| 2. Gary Wasserman(4) | 25. Jon Walker(1) |
| 3. Robert Errazo(5) | Russ Feinstein |
| 4. Richard Pardo(6) | Mark Jackler |
| 5. Michael Morin(3) | Jeremy Kreil |
| 6. Mike Manders(2) | Ernest Jacob |
| 7. Jon Eisenberg(2) | Bryan Smith |
| 8. Miles Gonnella(3) | Adam Kreil |
| 9. Alex Winnick(4) | B. Anderson |
| 10. Volbrachthuser(1) | D. Armstrong |
| 11. Weidon Chin(2) | Jim Bender |
| 12. Paul Moum(3) | Paul Damann |
| 13. Steve Setlin(4) | Manny Erlich |
| 14. Dave Ferio(2) | Ross Errazo |
| 15. Stuart Kruskin(2) | Todd Kreil |
| 16. John Mancini | Adam Kreil |
| 17. Vinca Camuto | Jeremy Kreil |
| 18. Chris Wandel | Alan Lo |
| 19. Steve Kreutzler(1) | Dewey Rainville |
| 20. Andrew Ross(5) | Joe Schurig |
| 21. Quaid Kapadia(3) | A. Wasserman |
| 22. Mike McGlynn(2) | J. Wasserman |
| 23. Mike McCrea(1) | Michael Muroff |
| | Erick Sandstedt |



HALF-IRONMAN...Darren Hertell recently finished second in the Eagleman Half-Ironman competition at Cambridge, Md.

SPFYBA 9s Defeat Colonia Allstars, 10-8

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) Youth Baseball Association Nine-Year-Old Tournament team defeated the Colonia Allstars, 10-8, in the Cranford Invitational. James D'Angelo was the winning pitcher, while Kevin Raszka got the save.

D'Angelo pitched three innings of one-hit ball with two strikeouts. Raszka pitched the final two innings, giving up only two hits and striking out four.

SPF scored four runs in first inning with a two-out rally. Jordan Milo started with a single and scored the first run. Steven Pedersen and John Murphy each drilled doubles. SPF added two runs in the second, third and fourth innings. Murphy scored the game-winner in the third after Milo reached base on an error.

Catcher Nick Gianni, who went six innings, pitchers Razzka and D'Angelo and first baseman Murphy led SPF defensively. Offensively, Murphy recorded three hits while Pedersen had two hits.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF EDUCATION WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

Whereas, there exists a need for professional services in the specific area(s) mentioned below for the 2004-2005 school year for the following professional services; Whereas, funds are available for this purpose, and Whereas, the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.) permits the award of contracts without competitive bids for Professional Services that require licensing and are regulated by law, and Whereas, the Public School Contracts Law requires that the Board of Education adopt a resolution awarding such contracts at a public meeting.

Richard Kaplaw, PA Westfield, New Jersey	Attorney	Retainer \$16,000 Per Hr. \$140.
Silts, Cummis, Zuckerman, Radin, Newark, New Jersey	Attorney	Per Hr. \$160.
M. Disko Associates Kenilworth, New Jersey	Architect/Engineer	% of contract
Farley, Veiss, Fraytak, P.C. Trenton, New Jersey	Architects/Planners	% of contract Fee schedule
The Family Practice Susan T. Kaye MD	Medical Services	\$24,079
G.R. Murray Princeton, New Jersey	Insurance Agent of Record	% of contact Paid by Carrier
Fleet Insurance Advisors Morristown, New Jersey	Health Insurance Consulting Service	% of contract Paid by Carrier
Mort Reinhard Associates, Inc. Somerville, New Jersey	Pension Consulting Service	\$3,500
Environmental Remediation & Management	Asbestos Management	Fee schedule
Hodulik & Morrison, PA Highland Park, New Jersey	Auditing Services	\$29,483
		Fee: \$67.32

1 T - 7/8/04, The Leader

Baseball School Wolfpack Howls With Three Victories, One Tie

The Baseball School's 13/14 Travel Team, the Wolfpack, began its "11 games in 11 days" this past week with three victories and one tie. On June 29, they topped New Providence Green, 11-4. On June 30, they overcame an 8-1 deficit to tie Kenilworth's American Legion team, 8-8. Playing with only eight players, they held off a late rally by Watchung Hills to win, 11-10, on July 1, and on July 2, they defeated Westfield Blue, 20-6.

The Pack has been getting outstanding pitching all season. Jackson Udelsman, Mitch McNamara, Will Hubbard, Billy Kurzenberger, Jack Glasker, Ethan Barnett and Tom Bouck all sparkled on the hill this past week. Evan Silverman and Joseph DelPrete continued to make highlight reel plays in the field while Bouck has played a flawless first base.

Over the course of the four games, the Wolfpack offense scored 50 runs

and pounded out 50 hits. Barnett led the assault by pounding eight hits. Meanwhile, Bouck was an RBI machine as he drove in nine to go along with his six hits. Connor Vigilanti and Hubbard also stroked five hits while Kyle Richers roped five.

Billy Kurzenberger, Silverman, Glasker, DelPrete and Greg Lamparello also got into the attack by chipping in several base hits. DelPrete and Barnett scored eight and 10 runs and swiped nine and eight bases, respectively, from their top of the order spots.

WTA Women's Double Tennis Ladder Told:

The fourth reporting period ended July 4. Teams that did not play a match dropped three places. The next reporting period ends July 18. Teams must have eight matches to qualify for the playoffs in September. Please report match scores to (908) 233-6075. Remember if you are challenged it is your obligation to play that team as soon as possible.

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| 1. Bender/Abramowitz (4) | 2. Morin/Vollbrechtshausen (4) |
| 3. Day/Kacmaraky (3) | 4. Softung/Welaman (3) |
| 5. Purdy/Hawett (1) | 6. Brotam/Fealy-Jaccolo (2) |
| 7. Goldberger/Wertschaffer (5) | 8. Fieder/Black-Polak (1) |
| 9. Freundlich/Healey (2) | 10. Erlich/Luppesco (2) |
| 11. Subhas/Walker (1) | 12. Galasso/Perez-Santalla (2) |
| 13. Zoldis/Fraser | 14. Nelson/Annis |
| 15. Hicks/Berkower | |

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE IS hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held on Tuesday, July 6, 2004 the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING SECTION 2-25 ENTITLED "FEES FOR SERVICES" OF CHAPTER II ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

was adopted on second and final reading.

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
Fee: \$18.87

1 T - 7/8/04, The Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that on July 28, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey the Planning Board will hold a public hearing for an addition at 100 Paterson Road, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block 53, Lot 04 as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map.

Sec. 184-110E(5) Variance Requested: Side Yard Setback; Permitted: 8 feet; Present: 6.4 feet; Proposed: 6.4 feet (porch & rear addition)

The application will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the application.

All interested persons may be present and heard.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours from the Secretary of the Board at the Administration Office of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Grant and Laura Watt
100 Paterson Road
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023

1 T - 7/8/04, The Times Fee: \$27.54

WTA Women Singles Tennis Ladder Told:

Twenty-eight challenge matches took place through July 4 to produce more noticeable changes in the standings of the Westfield Tennis Association Women's Singles Ladder. Numbers in parentheses indicate matches played so far. Eight matches must be played by Labor Day, September 6, in order to be eligible to play in the September Playoffs.

Players can access updated Standings and Matches Played on WTA's website: www.westfieldnj.com/wta by clicking on Women's Singles. Further information is available by calling Jean Power at (908) 654-7418 or e-mail at JBPUMPIRON@aol.com. The next reporting period will conclude at 8 p.m. Sunday, July 18. Match scores should be reported within 24 hours and weekend scores by Sunday evening to J. Power.

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| 1. JoAnn Purdy(5) | 19. Julie Pardo(7) |
| 2. Meg Butler(4) | 20. S. Schmitt(4) |
| 3. V. Barber(16) | 21. M-L Westler(3) |
| 4. Monica Morin(5) | 22. Kathy O'Neil(4) |
| 5. Clara Karnish(5) | 23. T. Washburn(4) |
| 6. D. Coleman(3) | 24. Dee Gellman(4) |
| 7. Liz Mitchell(4) | 25. P. Brotam(10) |
| 8. Hong Jiatung(5) | 26. Ellen Smith(3) |
| 9. Jean Power(7) | 27. Jan Velasco(4) |
| 10. Sherri Bender(5) | 28. L. Coleman(5) |
| 11. Wendi Chan(3) | 29. N. Freundlich(3) |
| 12. M. E. Whelan(10) | 30. D. Barabas(3) |
| 13. Diane Mroz(7) | 31. L. Black-Polak(1) |
| 14. Hong Jiatung(5) | 32. N. Wickwire(1) |
| 15. Priscilla Wood(8) | 33. Julia Walker(1) |
| 16. Evelyn Martino(5) | 34. Julie Jacobello |
| 17. Perez-Santalla(4) | 35. Lisa Hicks(0) |
| 18. Laurie Woog(4) | 36. M. E. Burke(0) |
| | 37. Julie Tarr(0) |

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that on July 19, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey the Planning Board will hold a public hearing for an addition at 61 Locust Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block 66, Lot 33 as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map.

Sec. 184-110E(6) Variance Requested: Rear Yard Setback; Permitted: 25 feet; Present: 29 feet; Proposed: 16 feet (Note: existing deck to be removed at 15 feet.)

Sec. 184-163A Variance Requested: Driveway Width; Permitted: 18 feet; Present: 7 feet; Proposed: 20 feet

Sec. 184-163A Variance Requested: Driveway Width in right-of-way; Permitted: 10 feet; Present: 7 feet; Proposed: 20 feet

The application will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the application.

All interested persons may be present and heard.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours from the Secretary of the Board at the Administration Office of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Thomas & Amy Kilgannon
61 Locust Avenue
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023

1 T - 7/8/04, The Times Fee: \$33.66

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

CONTRACTOR: Harry Haushalter, Esq.; 2119 Route 33, Suite A; Hamilton Square, New Jersey 08890

NATURE OF SERVICE: Hired as special legal counsel to handle various tax matters.

DURATION: Until completion of same

AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$6,000.00 billed at the rate of \$125. per hr. plus usual and reasonable costs of said action.

THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
Fee: \$17.34

1 T - 7/8/04, The Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of: ROBERT BIGELOW, Deceased

Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 2ND day of JULY, A.D. 2004, upon the application of the undersigned, as ADMINISTRATOR 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.

DENISE E. BIGELOW
ADMINISTRATOR
27 KLINE PLACE
BERKELEY HEIGHTS,
NEW JERSEY 07822

1 T - 7/8/04, The Times Fee: \$18.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

CONTRACTOR: James L. Ploala, Esq.; Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy; P.O. Box 112; 25 Independence Boulevard; Liberty Corner, New Jersey 07938

NATURE OF SERVICE: Hired as special legal counsel to handle various confidential personnel matters within the township in which the township has a vested interest (C-7/S).

DURATION: Until completion of same

AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$21,000.00 billed at the rate of \$125. per hr. plus usual and reasonable costs of said action.

THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
Fee: \$20.40

1 T - 7/8/04, The Times

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NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

CONTRACTOR: James L. Ploala, Esq.; Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy; P.O. Box 112; 25 Independence Boulevard; Liberty Corner, New Jersey 07938

NATURE OF SERVICE: Hired as special legal counsel to handle various confidential personnel matters within the township in which the township has a vested interest (C-11).

DURATION: Until completion of same

AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$6,500.00 billed at the rate of \$125. per hr. plus usual and reasonable costs of said action.

THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
Fee: \$20.40

1 T - 7/8/04, The Times

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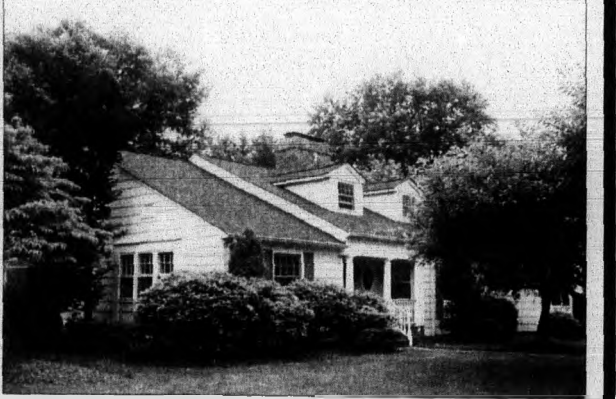
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Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation Grants \$104,660 to 94 Recipients; Dollars for Students Sought

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation celebrated 38 years of continuous scholarship assistance to local students on June 18 in Leas Hall at All Saints Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains. The foundation was established in 1966.

This year, the 15-member Board of Trustees presented 112 scholarships with a total value of \$104,660 to both high school and college students.

Foundation President Ellie Kramps announced that throughout their history of service to young people, the organization has made scholarships available to 1,564 students with a total value of \$1,281,955. The foundation is currently managing the money and doing the administrative work for 23 funds in addition to their own, as well as handling the administrative duties for 25 established flow-through funds.

This year, a committee of 14 screeners representing eight local schools as well as the Service League and the foundation evaluated a record total of 144 applications.

The applicants were awarded scholarships based on academic achievement, extra-curricular and community activities, future promise, as well as their individual need for financial assistance in procuring a college education as stipulated in the requirements for the awarding of particular scholarships.

The foundation gave \$30 for Students awards totaling \$25,000 with money earned through investments and through the generosity of the communities through an annual mailing, as well as solicitations from the annual Dollars for Students Days.

The high school recipients were: Kathryn Anackowski, Lauren Fox, James Knechtel, Christine Marino, Zachary McGuire, Joshua Parker, Varun Ponmudi and Jeanne Schneider.

The college recipients were Sarah Anderson, Lauren Baines, Andrea Cristiani, Regina Cappio, Jason Hipp, Danielle Hirschhorn, Jacqueline L'Heureux, Holly Oatis, Christine Perrotta, Daniel Rosenkrantz, Amy Ryan, Timothy Voelker and Ian Wehrle.

Christopher Russo received the alumni funded award. Matthew Deegan earned an award named for John Lawson. Richard Zebleckas, Jr. received an award named for Henry Schweiring. Allison Williams garnered an award honoring Camille Flathmann, Sofia Faynfold received an award named for Muriel Ramsden. Cheryl Wagner and Lisa Wagner received the Oren & E. Lila Hilligas Scholarships.

The 10th Robert Adams, Jr. Memorial Scholarship of \$500 was presented to Joshua Liss. Erin Sullivan received the 31st \$500 Elizabeth Becka Memorial Scholarship. The 22nd \$500 Joyce and Leonard Bergman Memorial Scholarship was granted to Amanda Williams. The Besson Family Memorial

Scholarships were presented for the 13th year and the recipients of \$500 each were Christine Marino and Richard Arocha.

The sixth Jean Bowers Memorial Scholarship was granted in the amount of \$1,000 to Andre Baruch. Allyson Salisbury earned the 16th Jeannette Britton Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000. The Frances Brody Memorial Scholarship for \$750 is given for the 15th and final time to a student pursuing a career in music and the recipient was selected to be Flora Alexander.

The Commerce Bank presented a scholarship for the third time to a Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) graduate and the \$500 award was granted to Kyle Baker. The George Byron Memorial Scholarship was awarded for the third time at \$500 to Steven Cooney.

Among the many other scholarships that the foundation administers are the Mountinside Elks Lodge No. 1585 scholarships. Two awards were presented for the 18th time for \$500 each to Jeanne Schneider and Ricardo Arocha. Laura Manzi was the 10th recipient of the \$500 Dr. George Esposito Memorial Scholarship. For the fourth time, Friday's Place presented a \$750 scholarship to Judith Brown. The fifth League of Women Voters Award in the amount of \$300 was presented to Sara Woods.

Many scholarships were awarded in the memory of loved ones and former teachers.

The Karen E. Franzone Memorial Scholarship was presented for the fourth time in the amount of \$1,000 to Kathleen Feeley. The second Robert C. Hauser Memorial Scholarship was presented in the amount of \$500 to Chelsea Mintz. Included was the 10th Doris Koues Memorial Scholarship for \$400 to Chelsea Mintz.

The first scholarship awarded to honor the memory of Walter Lestarchick was given to Matthew Wellinger. This was the fifth year that the Losavio Family presented a \$500 award in memory of Marie Losavio, and the recipient was Jillian Prefach. The fifth Ada S. Merrill Memorial Scholarship for \$500 was granted to Andrea Cristiani.

The \$2,500 Courtney E. Metzger Memorial Scholarship was presented for the fourth time, and the recipient is Kristen Bover. This was the ninth year that the David J. Mills Memorial Scholarship was granted to a high school student and the recipient of \$1,000 is Jillian Prefach. This was the ninth year that the foundation awarded the Jeffrey Spring Memorial Scholarship honoring a former high school teacher. The award was given in the amount of \$750 to Joshua Liss.

The sixth James O'Hara Powers Memorial Scholarships for \$1,000 each were given to Tara Shashaty and Jonathan Sheffield. The sixth Christian

Wendel Nielsen Memorial Scholarship for \$1,500 was awarded to Jessie Montilor. The George W. Voget Memorial Scholarships for \$500 were granted for the sixth time and presented to Kyle Baker and Sara Woods. The fourth Kalliope Vlachos Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500 was presented to Sonya Smith-Garner.

The James Sochan Memorial Scholarship was presented for the second time through a new fund established from his estate and it was given in the amount of \$500 to Jared Montagna. The Franklin Maine Spooner and Helen McConnell Spooner Scholarship was presented for the second time through a fund established by the late Helen Spooner, who was a former foundation member. It was granted in the amount of \$1,000 to Barrie Salmon. Two Michael Seidell Memorial Scholarships were granted by his mother, Selma Peterson Seidell, who is a member of the SPFHS Class of 1936. These second-time awards in the amount of \$1,000 each were given to Andrea Meyer and Tracy Salmon.

Past Principal Dr. Terry Riegel sponsored a scholarship for the sixth time to a graduating SPFHS senior in the amount of \$2,500, and it was granted to Scott Moynihan. The Performing Arts Studio presented two \$300 scholarships for the third time and they were given to Jillian Prefach and Eileen Cole. Milton Purvis, Jr. presented a \$1,000 scholarship for the second time and it was given to Karen Lucey.

Among the many local organizations funding scholarships is the Scotch Plains Rotary Garbe Foundation, which has funded 22 awards including 20 \$1,000 renewable awards which were presented for the fourth time to Robert Bugg, Kalliope Chang, Kathleen DeLuca, Catherine Mangan and Katherine O'Connor; for the third time to Adam Bendik, Erin Breznitsky, Caitlin Mahoney and Robert Mattar; and for the second time to Alicia Cristiani, Laura Klastava, Malina Milonnet, Emily O'Connor and John Piniar; and for the first time to Michael Hessemer, Daniel Krantz, Laura Manziano, Scott Pober and Victoria Shelus.

The memory of David E. Ringle has also been honored with a \$500 award to Valedictorian Cheryl Kaplun and a \$250 award to Salutatorian Varun Ponmudi. The Service League presented four \$3,000 awards to Karen McCourt, Jennifer Stearns, Katie Bantz and Steven Cooney. A one-time scholarship for \$3,360 was presented in memory of Anne Gannon to Amanda Heffler.

The Scotch Plains Players have presented their fifth scholarship in the amount of \$500 to Daniel Krantz. The foundation remembers a former administrator and principal each year with the Perry H. Tyson Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000, which this year was presented for the 26th time and given to

Charles Bachi. This was the first year that the Manya S. Ungar scholarship was awarded through the foundation and it was presented to Ryan Aspell. Each year, the Johanna Wilk Foundation presents a \$2,500 scholarship and the 2004 recipient is Courtney Veeck.

The foundation administers the scholarships presented by the Parent-Teacher Associations (PTA) of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district. This year, they included two \$800 Manya Ungar PTA Council Scholarships given to Jenna Marianni and Daniel Chase.

The SPFHS PTA presented the Robert Adams \$750 award to Deryck Middleton and the second \$750 Dr. Terry K. Riegel award to Jaclyn Tumolo. The Park Middle School McTB awards for \$500 each were given to Lauren Conway and Richard Zebleckas, Jr. The Terrill Middle School award for \$700 was given to Morgan Larkin.

School One Elementary PTA gave the James V. Cerasa Scholarship for \$800 to Zachary McGuire. The Brunner Elementary PTA Award of \$600 was presented for the third time to Christopher Russo in memory of Dr. Albert DeSousa. The Coles Elementary PTA Carl M. Kumpf award for \$1,000 was given to Jonathan Wagner.

Evergreen Elementary PTA has established two scholarships with a \$600 Dr. Beverlee Kaminetzky Scholarship being given to Judith Brown and a \$600 Kehs-Aakjer Memorial Scholarship being given to Kyle Baker. The McGinn Elementary PTA presented two \$500 awards to Hannah Greenspan and Juliana Sams.

The annual reception honoring scholarship recipients and their families culminated a year of caring and concern for local students as they strive to meet the ever-increasing costs of funding a higher education.

At the conclusion of this event, the Board of Trustees held their annual meeting at which time they elected five trustees to continue on the board serving an additional three-year term. These members include Flossie Bostwick, David Hambleton, Joseph Nagy, Janis Simberg and Mary Cappio.

The additional members of the Board of Trustees include Alan Campell, Susan Citrano, Patricia DiFrancesco, Roseann Fleming, Jonathan Gardner, Myrna Gordon, Ellie Kramps, Richard Lorber, Fred Ritter, Janis Smiberg and Lee Stein.

SPFHS Principal Dr. David Heisey and Supervisor of Counseling Services Karen McDermott represent SPFHS on the Board of Trustees.

Any member of the community who has not had a recent opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation to the Dollars for Students Fund and who would like to do so, may send their contribution to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 123, Fanwood, 07023.

Pingry Middle, Upper School Reports Honor Roll Students

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP - Headmaster John Neiswender of The Pingry School in Bernards Township has announced the names of local students who were recently appointed to the Middle and Upper Schools' end-of-the-year Honor Roll.

The roster recognizes those pupils who have achieved a "B+" average or better with no individual grade lower than a "B."

Westfield residents include seventh graders Brendan Burgdorf and William Weidon, eighth graders Elizabeth Lynch, Gordon Peeler and Adrienne Spiegel, ninth graders Isaac Davis, Sean

Hager, Max Horlbeck and Elizabeth Zoidis, 10th graders Caitlin Jennings, Kelly Peeler and Nadine Reitman, 11th graders Rita Biagioli, Elizabeth Encarnacion, John Fechter, Julia Saering and Christopher Svoboda, and 12th graders Alexander Bregman and Gwen Tobert.

Scotch Plains residents Melissa Loweinger, a ninth grader, and Rachel Van Wert, a 10th grader, were named to the list.

Fanwood students placed on the roster include seventh grader Marguerite Bonadies and eighth grader Victoria Bianco.

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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on July 6, 2004. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Township Council to be held at its meeting room in the Township Hall, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, on August 3, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,750,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

The purposes, appropriations and bonds/notes authorized in this multipurpose bond ordinance are as follows:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Department of Public Property - Public Works consisting of a hopper spreader, loader/backhoes, a roll-off truck with containers, tandem dump trucks with plows, a calcium chloride dispensing system, a grounds master, a loader, trailers, a street sweeper, a leaf collection machine, chippers, a paving machine, a pick-up truck, an air compressor, a 4-wheel drive vehicle, a roller and a tractor.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$1,319,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 63,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$1,256,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years

B. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for recreation and park purposes consisting of a mason dump truck with trailer, grounds masters, blowers, sand pros, 4-wheel drive vehicles, decks and trailers.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 224,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 11,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 212,900
Period of Usefulness	5 years

C. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for use at Scotch Hills Country Club consisting of grounds masters, a blower, a fairway mower, a sod cutter, greens mowers, a tractor, a diesel truckster, and a greens aerator.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 207,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 9,900
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 197,100
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$1,750,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 84,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$1,666,000

Grants (if any) Appropriated: -0-
Section 20 Costs: \$27,000
Useful Life: 6.18 years

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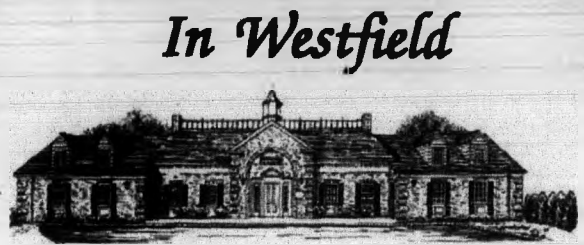
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SECRETARY PLANNING BOARD

The Borough of Fanwood is seeking a detail oriented individual with excellent typing and Microsoft Word skills for a part time position, 9 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Friday, some evening work. Send resume to Borough Administrator, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, NJ 07023.

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Westfield 'Y' to Offer Body Fat Analysis

WESTFIELD - Overlook hospital will be at the Westfield 'Y' on Wednesday, July 21 performing Body Mass Index and Body Fat Calculations.

There is no charge for these calculations. This is open to the public. All readings will be done in the privacy of Overlooks van.

For More Information, call the Westfield 'Y' at (908) 233-2700, ext 251.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 04-10-S AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on July 6, 2004. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 86 and Chapter 87 of the Code of the Borough of Fanwood to adopt the 2004 Salary Ordinance.

A public hearing on this ordinance will be held on July 19, 2004 at 7:00 PM.

Eleanor McGovern Borough Clerk

1 T - 7/08/04, The Times Fee: \$20.91

Blood Drive Is Slated At JCC on July 14

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey, in cooperation with the New Jersey Blood Services, will hold a blood drive from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, at the Wilf Jewish Community Campus, located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Blood donations are urgently needed. New Jersey Blood Services has expressed fears that the worst blood shortage ever could occur this summer, and that some blood types are already being rationed.

Advance registration for the blood drive is strongly recommended. To reserve a time, receive directions, or check eligibility as a donor, please call Susan Lemerman at (908) 889-8800, extension no 205.

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BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 04-09-S

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Fanwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on July 6, 2004. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, at 75 North Martine Avenue, in the Borough of Fanwood, on July 19, 2004, at 7 o'clock PM. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$767,590 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$729,090 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

Table with 2 columns: Purpose(s), Various Capital Improvements; Appropriation: \$767,590; Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$729,090; Grants (if any) Appropriated: None; Section 20 Costs: \$100,000; Useful Life: 11.26 Years

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

Eleanor McGovern Borough Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

CHANCERY DIVISION

UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-19196-03

FILE NO. 7571-03

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: FRANCINE TAYLOR; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF FRANCINE TAYLOR; SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; JANET HARDEN; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF JANET HARDEN, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; JOHN TAYLOR; MRS. JOHN TAYLOR, WIFE OF JOHN TAYLOR; HAROLD TAYLOR; MRS. HAROLD TAYLOR, WIFE OF HAROLD TAYLOR; FRANK TAYLOR; MRS. FRANK TAYLOR, WIFE OF FRANK TAYLOR; DIANE TAYLOR; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF DIANE TAYLOR; SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; VIRGINIA BURGIO; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF VIRGINIA BURGIO; SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; ELEANOR TAYLOR; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF ELEANOR TAYLOR; SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; RUTH H. MCBURNEY, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; LORA A. BAKER, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; JUAN CAAMANO; YOLANDA CAAMANO; ANN M. TAYLOR; JOSEPH PAGE; MAJOR LEE TAYLOR; VICTOR REYES; MARCELLINA REYES; SUSSMAN MARTY LEASING, INC.; ALAN DIETRICH; LOIS TAYLOR; UNDERWRITING ADJUSTING COMPANY, SERVICING CARRIER; LAURA TAYLOR; CYNTHIA VAUGHN; LOLITA CRUZ; VIVIAN BROWN; MARIE TAYLOR; BERNICE JACKSON; LINDA A. ZABOROWSKI; TRAVELERS GRP, INC.; DR. IRVING KLEIN, D.D.S. P.A.;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon CASALE & PELLEGRINO, LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is GATEHALL 1, PARSSIPANY, NEW JERSEY 07054, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which JEFFREY WHITTMANN, his heirs, representatives and assigns, all right, title, interest, property and estate is the plaintiff and FRANCINE TAYLOR, ET ALS, are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-19196-03 within thirty-five (35) days after July 8, 2004 exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4:4-6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment to 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, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

You are further advised that if you are unable to obtain an attorney you may communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of Venue and that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue. The telephone number of such agencies are as follows: Lawyer Referral Service 908-353-4715 - Legal Services Office 908-354-4340.

THE ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the following tax sale certificate: 1. A certain tax certificate 01-00135, recorded on 5/14/2003, made by SALLY ANN DIRINI, Collector of Taxes of CITY OF RAHWAY, and State of New Jersey to CITY OF RAHWAY and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, JEFFREY WHITTMANN, his heirs, representatives and assigns, all right, title, interest, property and estate. This covers real estate located in CITY OF RAHWAY, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey, known as LOT 8 BLOCK 306 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of CITY OF RAHWAY, and concerns premises commonly known as 226 ADAMS STREET, CITY OF RAHWAY, New Jersey.

YOU, FRANCINE TAYLOR; JANET HARDEN; JOHN TAYLOR; HAROLD TAYLOR; FRANK TAYLOR; DIANE TAYLOR; VIRGINIA BURGIO; and ELEANOR TAYLOR, are made party defendants to the above foreclosure action because you are the owners of a property which is the subject of the above entitled action.

YOU, JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF FRANCINE TAYLOR, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF JANET HARDEN, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; MRS. JOHN TAYLOR, WIFE OF JOHN TAYLOR; MRS. HAROLD TAYLOR, WIFE OF HAROLD TAYLOR; MRS. FRANK TAYLOR, WIFE OF FRANK TAYLOR; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF DIANE TAYLOR, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF VIRGINIA BURGIO, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; and JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF ELEANOR TAYLOR, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS, are made party defendants to the above foreclosure action because plaintiff has been unable to determine whether defendants FRANCINE TAYLOR; JANET HARDEN; JOHN TAYLOR; HAROLD TAYLOR; FRANK TAYLOR; DIANE TAYLOR; VIRGINIA BURGIO; and ELEANOR TAYLOR are married, and if married, the name of FRANCINE TAYLOR; JANET HARDEN; JOHN TAYLOR; HAROLD TAYLOR; FRANK TAYLOR; DIANE TAYLOR; VIRGINIA BURGIO; and ELEANOR TAYLOR are spouses of FRANCINE TAYLOR; JANET HARDEN; JOHN TAYLOR; HAROLD TAYLOR; FRANK TAYLOR; DIANE TAYLOR; VIRGINIA BURGIO; and ELEANOR TAYLOR are married, the plaintiff joins JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF FRANCINE TAYLOR, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF JANET HARDEN, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; MRS. JOHN TAYLOR, WIFE OF JOHN TAYLOR; MRS. HAROLD TAYLOR, WIFE OF HAROLD TAYLOR; MRS. FRANK TAYLOR, WIFE OF FRANK TAYLOR; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF DIANE TAYLOR, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF VIRGINIA BURGIO, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; and JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF ELEANOR TAYLOR, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS as defendants for any possessory or marital rights you may have.

YOU, RUTH H. MCBURNEY, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST AND LORA A. BAKER, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, are made party defendants to the above foreclosure action because on May 28, 1964, Harold S. Taylor and Sadie M. Taylor, his wife, executed a mortgage to Ruth H. MCBurney and Lora A. Baker in the amount of \$ 9,500.00, which mortgage was recorded on June 3, 1964 in the UNION County Clerk's Register's Office in Mortgage Book 2636 at page 280. Said mortgage is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien. Upon information and belief Ruth H. MCBurney and Lora A. Baker are deceased but no record of death can be found and as such Plaintiff hereby joins Ruth H. MCBurney, her heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their successors in right, title and interest as party defendants and Lora A. Baker, her heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their successors in right, title and interest as party defendants.

YOU, JUAN CAAMANO and YOLANDA CAAMANO, are made party defendants to the above foreclosure action because on May 16, 1984, a judgment was entered in the

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Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, by Juan Caamano and Yolanda Caamano against Frank J. Taylor and Frank J. Taylor Construction Co., Inc. disclosing a debt in the amount of \$5,000.00, plus costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-009114-1984. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, ANN M. TAYLOR, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on December 26, 1984, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth County, by Ann M. Taylor against Frank F. Taylor disclosing a debt in the amount of \$200.00, plus costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-023640-1984. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, JOSEPH PAGE, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on July 26, 1985, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hudson County, by Joseph Page against John Taylor disclosing a debt in the amount of \$15,000.00, plus costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-014792-1985. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, MAJOR LEE TAYLOR, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on November 14, 1986, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth County, by Major Lee Taylor against Johnnie Taylor disclosing a debt in the amount of \$6,000.00, plus costs and interest. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-024714-1986. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, VICTOR REYES and MARCELLINA REYES, are made party defendants to the above foreclosure action because on May 15, 1987, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, by Victor Reyes and Marcellina Reyes against Frank Taylor disclosing a debt in the amount of \$10,000.00 with costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-011216-1987. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, SUSSMAN MARTY LEASING, INC., are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on February 22, 1989, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic County, by Sussman Marty Leasing, Inc. against Linda Taylor and Frank E. Taylor Sr. disclosing a debt in the amount of \$7,345.32, with costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-014233-1989. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, ALAN DIETRICH, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on December 4, 1989, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Camden County, by Alan Dietrich against John Taylor and Tammy DeNoto disclosing a debt in the amount of \$6,367.23, plus costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-097788-1989. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, LOIS TAYLOR, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on May 1, 1990, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Burlington County, by Lois Taylor against John Taylor disclosing a debt. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-046316-1990, CS7011100A. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, UNDERWRITING ADJUSTING COMPANY, SERVICING CARRIER, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on July 18, 1991, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, by New Jersey Automobile Full Insurance Underwriting Association and Underwriting Adjusting Company, Servicing Carrier against John Taylor disclosing a debt in the amount of \$12,412.75, plus interest and costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-078373-1991. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, LAURA TAYLOR, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on October 1, 1991, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Cape May County, by Laura Taylor against John Taylor disclosing a debt in the amount of \$916.00. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-108985-1991. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, CYNTHIA VAUGHN, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on September 1, 1992, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, by Essex Co Bd Social Servs, Union Co Bd Social Servs, and Cynthia Vaughn against Harold S. Taylor disclosing a debt. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-186325-1991, CS30592168A. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, LOLITA CRUZ, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on September 1, 1992, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, by Essex Co Bd Social Servs and Lolita Cruz against Frank C. Taylor Jr disclosing a debt. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-187614-1991, CS30870873A. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, VIVIAN BROWN, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on February 19, 1993, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, by Vivian Brown against Harold S. Taylor disclosing a debt. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-142956-1993, CS18503213A. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, MARIE TAYLOR, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on May 13, 1996, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex County, by Marie Taylor against John Taylor disclosing a debt in the amount of \$17,259.20. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-105817-1996. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, BERNICE JACKSON, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on August 4, 1997, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, by Bernice Jackson against Frank O. Taylor disclosing a debt. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-355735-1997. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, LINDA A. ZABOROWSKI, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on September 3, 1997, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, by Linda A. Zaborowski against Frank E. Taylor disclosing a debt. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-381711-1997, CS52532746A. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, TRAVELERS GRP, INC., are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on August 20, 2001, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Mercer County, by Travelers Grp, Inc. and State of New Jersey against Frank Taylor disclosing a debt in the amount of \$13,711.76. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-228070-2001. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, DR. IRVING KLEIN, D.D.S. P.A., are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on January 20, 1987, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, by Dr. Irving Klein, D.D.S. P.A. against Eleanor Taylor disclosing a debt in the amount of \$231.00, plus costs and interest. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. DJ-003638-1987. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

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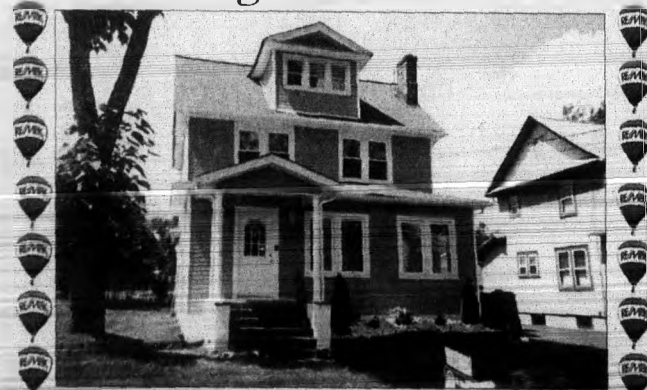
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With Marylou Morano

July Reading Selections Will Make Splash With Youngsters

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

It's July! Do you know where your summer reading lists are? How many books will you be reading this summer? Here are a few suggestions, old and new, to help you get all of your summer reading done.

Older elementary school age readers who enjoy humorous books won't be able to put down "What's the Matter, Royston Knapper?" by Gervase Phinn (Child's Play, 2001). The book is a collection of five stories about this capricious, yet lovable young man. A great summer afternoon read.

Looking for a fun way to spend the summer? "American Grub: Eats for Kids From All Fifty States" can give you 50 fun things to do in the kitchen. Each state is represented with at least one recipe of a food native to that state. The New Jersey section offers a recipe for cranberry muffins. This book is truly geared to the elementary school age child in that it gives an impressive section on safety in the kitchen. Written by Lynn Kuntz and Jan Fleming (Gibbs Smith, Publisher, 2003).

Part mystery, part adventure, part drama and even a little romance, "The Ghost in the Machine" by Mary Woodbury (Coteau Books, 2003) centers around 15-year-old Tyler Graham and the Volkswagen in which his uncle was killed in four years prior. There's a lot wrong with Tyler's life, and as he fixes up "Princess," other things, such as his parent's relationship, his mother's health, and decades-old family feuds seem to repair themselves as well. It's a satisfy-

ing novel that ties up all the loose ends and makes for a happy conclusion.

A new book by New Jersey author Wendy Mass will also appeal to the 13 years and older reading crowd.

"Leap Day" (Little, Brown and Company, 2004) is the story of Josie Taylor, and of her 16th birthday, which is really only her fourth, because she was born on Leap Day.

Using an innovative writing technique, Mass sets the plot of "Leap Day" over the course of a single day. Her writing is also experimental in other ways.

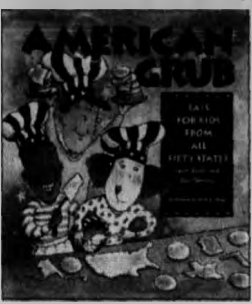
"I tried to take risks by experimenting with some things in 'Leap Day,'" she explained, "such as setting the book over only one day, alternating viewpoints and sometimes even fast forwarding into the future of the characters."

"Leap Day" is whimsical in that the readers get the opportunity to glimpse the thoughts of the characters that surround Josie, even though she herself doesn't know what they are thinking.

Mass spent a day at a high school to re-familiarize herself with the 16-year old crowd. Her first book, "A Mango-Shaped Space," released in 2003, received high acclaim from such children's writer notables as Judy Blume and Paula Danziger.

You can learn more about Wendy Mass by logging onto www.wendymass.com.

A summer's worth of books is out there, just waiting to be read, but you've got to hurry. There are so many books, but so little time.



Arts & Entertainment

Westfield Community Band To Conclude Summer Season

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Community Band, under the direction of Elias Zareva, will complete their series of summer concerts in the park on Thursday, July 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Mindowaskin Park in Westfield.

A band favorite featured during the

concert will be Edwin Goldman's *On the Mall*, which was a great favorite of New Yorkers who attended concerts "On the Mall" in Central Park during the mid-1920s. Goldman was often considered the second John Philip Sousa.

The evening will bring an encore performance of the *Three Solitaires*, featuring Tom Duncan, Joel Van Tine and Glenn Parisi on trumpet.

The band will also perform *Gypsy Dance* from the opera *Carmen*, *Procession of the Nobles* by Rimsky-Korsakov and *Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna* by Frederick Von Suppe.

All events are free and open to the public. Attendees should bring lawn chairs or blankets. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the Main Sanctuary at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

The Westfield Recreation Department's Summer Concert Series will continue on Thursday, July 22, with the Westfield Community Swing Band, "Nostalgia."

The series is sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department, Bruce Kaufmann, Director. For more information, please call (908) 789-4080.



Photo courtesy of Eileen O'Donnell, taken by Gerry Cleaves. SOUNDS OF SUMMER...Gerry Cleaves captured First Place in the "Events in Westfield" category in last year's Downtown Westfield Corporation photo competition for the photo, "Westfield Community Band," pictured, above.



Photo Courtesy of Jim Lowrey/Courtesy of Union County Summer Arts Festival 2004 Concert Series at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside/Westfield on June 30. The concerts, presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Recreation, will take place on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Echo Lake Park through August 25. For up-to-date program and concert information, please call (908) 352-8410.

Local Stars Asm. Jon Bramnick Joins Honorary Board of WSO

WESTFIELD - New Jersey State Assemblyman Jon Bramnick of the 21st Legislative District has joined the Honorary Board of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO).

For many years, Bramnick has acted as Auctioneer at the annual Gala, raising hundreds of thousands

of dollars for the WSO. In 2002, he received the WSO's Ann Allen Award for Outstanding Service in recognition of his considerable contributions.

In addition, he and his wife, Patricia, are longtime WSO subscribers.



MUSICAL ASSEMBLYMAN...Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) Board President Norman Luka, far left, President Emeritus Louis France, Nominating Committee Chair Jane France, and Music Director David Wroe, far right, welcome Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, second from right, to the WSO's Honorary Board.

Church Performance Reunites Former WHS Chorale Members

WESTFIELD - Four former members of the Westfield High School (WHS) Chorale were reunited on June 27 when they provided the music for the Sunday service at The First Baptist Church of Westfield.

Under the direction of First Baptist's Minister of Music and WHS Choir Director William Mathews, the quartet sang a prelude and various selections throughout the service to support the day's theme of "the goodbyes and hellos of life."

The Reverend Dr. Darla Turlington officiated and provided reflections. The singers joined the congregation at a reception after worshipping.

The quartet was comprised of rising college sophomores, including soprano Martha Strickland, who attends Azusa Pacific University in California; alto Christine Pirot of Clemson University in South Carolina; tenor Christopher Lynn of the University of Richmond in Virginia; and bass Tyler Parla of Duke University in North Carolina.

Each of the singers was a 2003 WHS graduate and a member of the New Jersey All-State Chorale.

The students' continuing efforts towards community service and volunteerism in their hometown were evident and appreciated.

Summer Workshop Adds New Staff Members and Courses

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Summer Workshop (WSW), which is celebrating its 33rd season, has added new staff members to its program, which will run through Friday, July 30, at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield.

Returning to the WSW this year is Christa Candon, a David Brearley High School teacher. She will teach scrapbooking, a new course offered this year in the arts and crafts department. Candon will show students in grades 5 to 8 how to creatively design their own photo albums and pages to preserve their memories.

The WSW communications department will add two new course offerings this year. Teacher Mike Burgess will introduce students in grades 4 to 7 to the works of William Shakespeare in "Meet the Bard." Burgess is a fourth grade teacher at Washington Elementary School in Westfield.

"Beginning Guitar," a new course in the WSW music department, is taught by Springfield music teacher David Hilton. He will instruct students in grades 4 to 8 in the basics of guitar playing.

South Plainfield physical education teacher and coach Tim Serbe teaches "Get in the Game," a sports activity class for grades 1 to 7. He encourages children to work together as a team in athletic challenges.

Mark Ghia, a professional magician, will teach children in grades 1 to 8 about magic. He has been a performing magician for over 15 years, specializing in family entertainment.

Fencing coach Phil Dolata teaches students the skill and art of fencing, while helping returning fencing stu-

dents how to improve their technique. Kristine Morasso, a teacher in Westfield Public Schools for 24 years, will share her love of music with students in courses such as "Vocal Ensemble," "Do-Re-Mi," "Sing a Song" and "Theater Vocals." She will also serve as the Vocal Music Instructor for this month's WSW production of *Gypsies and Dolls*.

Susan Susskind teaches "Junior Acting Workshop," "Children's Theater" and "Tomorrow's Authors." She is an elementary school Gifted and Talented teacher in the Irvington school system during the regular school year.

The WSW art department offers courses such as "Mixed Crafts," "The Dye/Bath" and "Landscape Art" taught by Kathy Muzzillo, who worked at the Children's Cultural Center in Red Bank and the Community Children's Museum in Morristown.

Janette Crayne-Belcher, an art teacher from the Orange school district, joined the WSW staff to teach pottery.

The WSW offers a total of 88 courses in the areas of arts, crafts, dance, music and drama, as well as other activities for students from pre-school to 10th grade.

For more information about these programs, please call (908) 789-9696.

Ellen Renner

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is always interested in drawing and craftwork. But, I remind her that earning a living as an artist is not easy," she said.

Renner recently finished one painting "Burning Leaves," which is perched in her studio along with other pieces portraying fellow artists in conversation.

Local WYACT Stars to Sizzle

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working with new people."

Though her daughter is tiny in stature, Judy said she insists on toting all three huge instruments on her own. She also includes a challenging schedule that includes repairing instruments at a New Providence music store and

eran Lindsay-Rose Sinclair has claimed the starring role of "Reno Sweeney."

In 2002, Lindsay portrayed "Erzulie, Goddess of Love" in WYACT's *Once On This Island*, the "Ensemble Clan Member" in the troupe's rendition of *Brigadoon*, and "Rose Seller" (2000) for "Who Will Buy This Beautiful Morning Medley?" in the 1999 production of *Oliver!*

She was also a featured soloist in WYACT's 2002 blockbuster "Puttin' on the Ritz, a Salute to Irving Berlin and A Night With Cole Porter," which was staged with the Westfield Symphony Orchestra.

High school roles include "Dorothy" in *The Wizard of Oz*, "Ruth" in *Pirates of Penzance* and for her solo of "Ain't It Good" in *Children of Eden*, she received the Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award for outstanding performance by an ensemble member.

The award included a scholarship to Playhouse's Summer Conservatory Program and end-of-session performance in *New Faces of 2002*. Lindsay always performed with the WHS Chorale, Choraleets and Concert Choir and Competition Swing Choir.

She is pursuing her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Musical Theatre at Montclair State University, where she was cast in their spring production, *Working, The Musical*.

Michael Gleason of Scotch Plains, who will play the trumpet, also did not return calls.

"This is a great production in terms of the music and the numbers, which we've based on 1930s movies," Meryl told *The Leader/Times* on Friday. She added that Lindsay-Rose possesses top-notch vocals for her *Anything Goes* role - one of the key ingredients to making this summer's WYACT production worthy of anticipation.



Photo Courtesy of NJPAC, photographed by Warren Weisner. HOMEOWN STAR...Lindsay-Rose Sinclair of Westfield holds the starring role as "Reno Sweeney" in WYACT's summer production of Cole Porter's *Anything Goes*. Jon Christian Hoche of Kenilworth, left, will star as Sir Evelyn Oakleigh in the production, beginning at NJPAC on Friday, July 16.

teaching bassoon and clarinet at New Jersey Youth Symphony (NJYS) camp.

Tracy was recently notified of her acceptance and membership into the NJYS senior orchestra. An honor student at Newark Academy in Livingston, where she plays jazz and holds membership in the orchestra and Woodwind Quartet, Tracy is also a student in Julliard's Pre-College program and she performs with about 10 orchestras while balancing her studies.

"She went from on the stage to under the stage," joked Judy, adding that Tracy pursued theater until eighth grade. She was on stage in NJPAC's Youth Performance Workshop.

Westfield resident and WYACT vet-

POPCORN™ Fahrenheit 9/11: Turns Up the Heat

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By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
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In 1823, Thomas Jefferson told Lafayette, "The only security of all is in a free press. The force of public opinion cannot be resisted when permitted freely to be expressed. The agitation it produces must be submitted to. It is necessary, to keep the waters pure."

Michael Moore's latest diatribe, *Fahrenheit 9/11*, wherein he disses President Bush, is out. The battle lines are drawn between Bush's opponents and proponents. Even those who have yet to see the film are taking sides. Call them preemptive objectors. Yet, stirred up by the political frenzy Moore has so compellingly arranged, the country finds its dividing line.

To make it more interesting, there is the usual hearsay, rumor and misinformation. But then that's part of the process, sifting the truth from the balderdash. In any event, it's a case of possible character assassination that takes center stage in *Fahrenheit 9/11*.

Recounting the events in this country following the tragedy alluded to in the title, Moore levies all manner of charges against Bush. This includes, but is not limited to, depicting a foreign policy entirely focused on the amassing of oil profits, even if it means helping out the bin Laden family. It's all about money, asserts Moore, who also claims our reason for being in Afghanistan was to install a pipeline.

War profiteering, the nation's most popular muckraker further notes, and not any imminent defense threat, is really the reason for our involvement in Iraq. Scenes of suffering Iraqis and disillusioned U.S. soldiers, things you just don't get much of on the 11 p.m. news, populate the screen.

Watching *Fahrenheit 9/11*, one is a bit dumbfounded for starters. Remember, it's been a while since such a loud voice was so directly aimed at a sitting president. Dishing about Clinton's peccadilloes hardly counts. We're a little out of practice. Sure we're frustrated by this business of living in the ambiguities of the world's only real empire. But we have of late confined our right of free expression mostly just to road rage and overeating.

So you look around for other reactions. Can this be? If it weren't true, at the very least, wouldn't Moore be sued? But then, what are the rules of free speech as regards public figures? Or is it just that the Bush camp doesn't want to dignify Moore's indictments with legal action?

Moore's scolding pulls no punches. Again, the kitchen-sink style of tossing cold facts together with impassioned editorials and snippets from TV commercials or other bits of popular culture may look like a haphazard mélange. He whistles ominous lines from Orwell's "1984." We wonder if portions of the film are purposely grainy to achieve that innocent, amateur-look effect. And true to form, his syllogisms rely more on emotion than concrete fact. He did the same in his Oscar-winning *Bowling for Columbine* (2002).

But while *Fahrenheit 9/11* is well on its way to becoming the largest grossing documentary of all time, it doesn't necessarily indicate that Americans are suddenly experiencing a renaissance-like interest in civics. The truth is less romantic. For next to being a great propagandist, Moore is extremely entertaining. He makes us laugh; he makes us cry. It's because of this talent that he has succeeded where Ralph Nader has failed, becoming America's undisputed, number one purveyor of outrage and indignance.

Moore is the P.T. Barnum of righteous anger, consistently able to cause the sort of liberating laughter that occurs when the cur-

tain is embarrassingly lifted on some nefarious scam. With the very next scene, through arduous juxtaposition posing as naive disbelief, he has us cringing, knuckle-to-the-mouth in shock at what seems just too horrible to be true.

A case in point is the flabbergasting scenes he shot of a Flint, Mich. mother, both before and after her son is killed in Iraq. A hawk at the outset, her understandable flip-flop after his death, and how she then viewed America, Iraq and war in general, is devastating. Some may call Moore's usage of the footage manipulative, a cheap ploy to advance his theories. Nevertheless, the universal message it hammers home is undeniably effective.

But just as Moore's deductions should be duly considered, in all likelihood where you stood politically before you entered the movie house is probably where you'll still be standing when the closing credits roll.

Hence, the Washington pundits expect no land office rush to the Kerry camp by staunch conservatives, most of whom probably won't see the film anyway. Independents on the fence seem like the most likely to cross over, but to which? That'll depend on their political DNA, and which side they think is lying.

The movie recalls the old adage about two people witnessing the very same car accident, but coming away with two completely different versions of the event. It may be that this right-wing-left wing phenomenon goes back as far as the Sumerians or maybe even further.

It sure makes for an interesting horse race, let alone a controversial movie from time to time. The thing is, we bring a wealth of subjectivity to everything. And whether the occasion is a car accident or *Fahrenheit 9/11*, the best we can hope for is that the truth will triumph and that cool heads prevail.

Fahrenheit 9/11, rated R, is a Lions Gate Films release directed by Michael Moore and stars both the American and Iraqi people. Running time: 122 minutes.

Kathleen Russell-Smith Graduates Vassar College

WESTFIELD - Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. has reported that Westfield resident Kathleen Russell-Smith graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree during the college's 140th Commencement on May 23.

The daughter of Louise Russell and Marvin Smith of Westfield, she majored in psychology. Kathleen graduated Phi Beta Kappa with General Honors and Honors in Psychology.

Two Local Residents Placed on Pingry List
BERNARDS TOWNSHIP - Theodore Corvino, Pingry School Assistant Headmaster and Lower School Director, announced the names of area sixth graders who were recently placed on the final Honor Roll for the marking period ending in June.

Hyung-Soo Graduates Binghamton University

SCOTCH PLAINS - Scotch Plains resident Kim Hyung-Soo graduated in May from Binghamton University in Binghamton, N.Y. with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Teresa Gibbons Achieves Dean's List Recognition

WESTFIELD - Teresa Gibbons of Westfield was placed on the Dean's List for the spring 2004 semester at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md.

Benjamin Masel Receives Spring Dean's List Status

WESTFIELD - Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. has reported that Benjamin Andrew Masel of Westfield was placed on the Dean's List for the spring 2004 semester. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Masel of Westfield.

Ricci Participates In Landmark Event

WESTFIELD - Luke Ricci, 17, of Westfield is spending two weeks as a Landmark Volunteer at the Craig Mountain Wildlife Management Area and Wolf Research Center in Idaho.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Rich Ricci of Westfield, Luke is a member of a volunteer team that will spend one week with each organization. Work may include restoring cabins, habitat restoration, farm and ranch tasks and facilities maintenance.

A student at Westfield High School, Luke participates in the Model United Nations, Youth Government and Drama Club as an actor and set designer at WHS.

Luke also volunteers at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, spends time once a week at a homeless shelter, where he helps youngsters with their homework, and volunteers at a camp for individuals with cancer.

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SINCLAIR OF WF WINS ANYTHING GOES LEAD

Local WYACT Stars To Sizzle in WYACT Summer Production

By MICHELLE HELEN Le POIDEVIN
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — In the infinite constellation of Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre (WYACT) talent, five local stars will shine and strut their stuff in this summer's production of Cole Porter's 1930s musical comedy *Anything Goes*.

Beginning on Friday, July 16, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's

Concert Choir and Chorale/Choraleers next year.

WYACT might as well be a second family to Scotch Plains resident Adam Biner, who has performed with the troupe since its 1998 production of *Carousel* at NJPAC.

"I've done every show with them since then," said Adam, who has taken on the challenging role of "Ling" in *Anything Goes*.



Photos Courtesy of NJPAC, photographed by Warren Wessura

UNION COUNTY TALENT...Several young performers from Union County will showcase their talent in WYACT's summer production of *Anything Goes* at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Pictured, left to right, are: first row, Brittany Blackwell (Roselle Park), Jill Kurzner (Springfield), Kyndell Pierce (Union), Adam Biner (Scotch Plains); second row, Jennifer Kujawski (Westfield), Michael Gleason (Scotch Plains), Lindsay Rose Sinclair as "Reno Sweeney" (Westfield) and Kenyon Richardson (Rahway).

(NJPAC) Victoria Theater, the show will move to the Algonquin Arts Theater (AAT) in Manasquan directly after wrapping up at the Newark facility on Sunday, July 25.

Westfielder and rising Westfield High School (WHS) junior Jennifer Kujawski was originally cast as a chorus member and the understudy for her role, "Purity Angel".

"This is my first WYACT production," she said. "I think it's a step to get out into the real theater world, from learning how to do the ads for costumes and putting together a scene, it's all been a liberating experience."

"I'm very excited to be performing at 'The PAC' (NJPAC) for the first time and I'm looking forward to performing at the Algonquin," she added.

Jennifer said she has been dancing since she was very young. Her interest in theater sparked when she was a student at Holy Trinity Interparochial School. Although there was no theater program at the facility, she honed her vocal and acting skills in one of Cynthia Meryl's WYACT classes.

Singing the praises of Meryl, WYACT's Co-Founder and Artistic Director and *Anything Goes* Director, her parents, WHS Drama Teacher Joe Nierle and WHS Music Teacher Bill Mathews comes naturally for Jennifer, who was cast as a chorus member and one of Evita's sisters in WHS' spring production of *Evita*.

"Cynthia Meryl is truly a talented person who has given me more confidence in acting," she said, adding that she is honored to work with the talented college students and WYACT troupe.

"My parents have been so supportive," she noted, later adding, "They (Nierle/Mathews) have such vision and focus. They've been there for me and helped me every step of the way."

Jennifer will participate in the WHS

"Ling is a Chinese convert who goes around with a character called 'The Bishop' on a boat," said Adam. When "The Bishop" gets thrown off the boat following a melee, "Ling" is stuck sailing with "Ching". After the duo dallies in the art of gambling, they are thrown in jail and the comedy ensues.

"This is a really different role for me," joked Adam, a sophomore at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. (SPFHS) "First of all, I'm not Chinese. It's a lot of fun."

While SPFHS students staged *Les Miserables* this spring, Adam was busy commanding the star role of "Leroy" in Mount Saint Mary Academy's production of *Fame*. He has also held roles in Paper Mill Playhouse's rendition of *Carousel*, in dinner theaters, cabarets, musicals and productions at the Cranford Dramatic Club.

Holding the WYACT experience in the highest regard, Adam added, "It really teaches kids what to expect in the professional world."

The only time Adam had to share the WYACT stage with another Biner was when his dog, Frisky, made her debut at NJPAC as Bill Sykes dog in WYACT's 1999 production of *Oliver!*

Following graduation from SPFHS, Adam hopes to continue pursuing his career in theater at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts of Montclair State University.

According to her mother, Judy, 15-year-old Tracy Jacobson of Berkeley Heights, who will perform in the *Anything Goes* orchestra, boasts one of the busiest schedules as a master of the baritone saxophone, bassoon and bass clarinet.

"She's thrilled to be playing Cole Porter," said Judy. "She played Bernstein last year in (WYACT's) *West Side Story*. It's almost an entirely new orchestra this year and Tracy's looking forward to

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Barbara Schwinn Is Proud to Lead Talented Art Org.

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WESTFIELD — Westfield Art Association (WAA) President Barbara Schwinn is passionate about keeping the arts alive in New Jersey.

"This is a very talented community," she told *The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*, "and part of my mission is to keep the arts a focus here in Union County."

WAA President since 1996, Schwinn and her talented team want to offer an art organization that is accessible to the community.

Founded in 1922, the WAA meets the needs of the artist by offering support, encouragement and the tools to network with other artists.

A community of artists, WAA is open to all levels of talent. There are approximately 250 members at the moment, and the group is constantly growing.

WAA offers multiple programs to aspiring and established artists. Painting, sculpture, graphic



Barbara Schwinn

art and photography are equally important and many branches of the association have become quite popular.

Chief among them are the Westfield Sketching Group, which features a live clothed model and meets every Thursday morning in the Westfield Community Room, as well as "Explainers," the Westfield Painting Group, which focuses on the art of capturing landscapes.

Many other programs exist, including a photography group and several other programs are in development.

The ever-popular "Art in Westfield" Sidewalk Show and Sale is held twice a year in May and October. In conjunction with the Downtown Westfield Corporation and the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, the event has always been a huge success.

Unlike other art shows, the focus of "Art in Westfield" is to promote original works of art and is open to members and non-members alike.

With a firm belief in giving back to the community, WAA developed an Outreach Program, "Art on the Road" which serves senior citizen centers in the Westfield area.

Special exhibitions have been featured at Children's Specialized Hospital, Spanish Tavern Restaurant, The Town Book Store and the Westfield Art Gallery, among others.

Schwinn acknowledges the hard work of her colleagues, particularly Barbara Zietchick, Fran Azzara, Linda Blauvelt and Christine Parker, however all members are an integral part of the success of the group.

Schwinn knows that residents live in an area that is eclipsed by artistic hubs such as New York City and Philadelphia, still, she told *The Leader/Times*, "This is a gifted community and we deserve to be recognized."

In the fall, "Art in Westfield" will be held on Saturday, October 9, and all artists in the surrounding area are encouraged to participate.

For more information or to become a member, please contact WAA at www.westfieldnj.com/waa.

Arts & Entertainment



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STUDIO SPACE...Panwood artist Ellen Renner puts the finishing touches on one of her paintings during an interview with *The Leader/Times*.

Art or Biochemistry? Renner Let Dad, Life Make the Decision

By MICHELLE HELEN Le POIDEVIN
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FANWOOD — "It's important for an artist to be interested in different things," recommended Ellen Renner of Fanwood.

Wise words from a woman who was once required to decide between pursuing a career in biochemistry and art, for Renner's dabbling in both the medical and creative fields has brought her a significant grasp of figure drawing and anatomical study.

"Even as a child in my art classes, I was good in art," Renner told *The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* at her home Friday morning.

Before she entered college, Renner was torn. Should she flow with the creative juices or follow a more technical path?

"My father was an artist, so he pushed me into pursuing art," she remembered.

After studying at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, graduating from the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts and learning sculpture from

for the kids' college," said Renner.

Heading back to school, she returned to her initial interest in a more technical arena and became a medical assistant.

Studying anatomical and physical subject matter paid off and helped Renner reap an amazing articulation of

the human figure. She later reported that one of her teachers thought she was so skilled at capturing the human form he encouraged her to pursue portrait painting.

ON THE WATER...Pictured, above, is the artist's second painting near and dear to Renner's heart.

Next, side-by-side with her husband and photographer, Donald, she developed an interest in taking pictures.

"Sometimes I roam around with my camera," she said, noting that she paints from photographs instead of carrying around a sketchbook.

"It took me a little effort...but after my husband died, I got back into painting," Renner said.

"All of my paintings are filled with figures. I'm very interested in light and shadows. I try to simply and simplify, but I go through different styles. Sometimes I go from simple to complex," she said.

"I've sold a lot of sculpture, but my favorite piece was very badly damaged," noted Renner, who showed a photo of the sculpture before it was broken. Though she vows never to vend two of her framed paintings, the experience of losing the treasured sculpture taught her "how to separate herself from her art."

A current member of the Westfield Art Association and past member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Art Association when it was first established, Renner's studio is filled with paintings depicting her grandchildren, who she watches and sends off to school in the mornings.

When asked if they feel famous being featured as "stars of Gram's canvases," Renner answered, "Oh, they're used to it by now!"

Artistic talent runs fluidly through Renner's family.

"My son-in-law and daughter are artistic, my cousins are artists and writers and I have one granddaughter who



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NEVER TO PART...Renner promises she will never part with the framed painting she completed of a serene scene of boaters at Nomahegan Park.

New Jersey artist Zelda Burdick, Renner went into advertising. It wasn't an experience she remembered fondly; however, memories of teaching art to children at the Newark School of Fine and

Industrial Arts brought a smile to her face.

"I did a lot of sculpture and abandoned painting for a number of years. But then, I had to accumulate money

ADAPTATION...Applying her own flair, Renner recreated Manet's 1866 depiction of "The Pipe-Player."



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Get Outta The House

By CAROL F. DAVIS
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Union County's **2004 Teen Arts Touring Exhibit** will be on view at CR Bard, Inc., 730 Central Avenue, in New Providence through July 23. The exhibit consists of 68 pieces of art selected from more than 600 visual art works shown at the 2004 Union County Teen Arts Festival held in March at Union County College, with a selection of pieces from throughout the county. For more information, please contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550.

The **Annual Plainfield Outdoor Festival of Art** will be held on Saturday, July 10, at Library Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Typically, there are a variety of fine arts, crafts, food vendors and entertainment. Discover an unknown artist's work, at the 41st annual summer event, or simply enjoy a few hours of strolling. The park is located at Ninth Street and Arlington Avenue, just behind the library. Call (908) 754-7250.

On Wednesday, July 14, the rhythm and beat of *De Sol*, a mainstream Latin band, will get your blood flowing. This performance is one in the series at **Union County Board of Chosen Freeholder's Summer Concert Series** at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside/Westfield. Admission for the 7:30 p.m. concert is free, but remember to bring a lawn chair or blanket. In the event of rain, it will be held at Cranford High School.

Special tours for children at **Liberty Hall Museum** on Morris Avenue in Union focus on the lives of the kids who lived there over the centuries and are a perfect summer activity. There will be lots of hands-on objects in each room, and an outdoor activity at the end. Tours are available on Saturdays through July 31 at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Call the Museum for information at (908) 527-0400.

The Newark Museum is hosting the **2004 New Jersey Craft Arts Annual**, "Crafting Traditions in a New World." The exhibition runs through Sunday, August 22, and honors a variety of multi-cultural craftspeople, including Asian, Latino and Jewish artists, who live and work in New Jersey. There are 80 works by 29 artists, including a quilt from Springfield and a Tibetan woodcarver. The museum is located at 49 Washington Street. Visit www.NewarkMuseum.org.

Local Stars

Weinberg to Pursue Career In L.A.; Graduates Emerson

WESTFIELD — Dara Weinberg of Westfield graduated cum laude from Emerson College in Boston, Mass. with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She majored in Design/Technology with a concentration in Costume Design.

Dara designed costumes for a number of student films and Emerson Stage plays, including last fall's production of Tony Kushner's *A Bright Room Called Day*, for which she received a nomination for the college's EVVY Awards.



She spent her final semester at Emerson participating in the college's Los Angeles Externship Program, during which she interned at Omaha Pictures, a commercial production company in Santa Monica, Calif.

This internship gave Dara the opportunity to work on several commercial sets as a wardrobe production assistant. Some of these commercials included spots for Wendy's, DiGiorno Pizza, National City Bank, as well as a promotional calendar for Chick-Fil-A.

At the end of the summer, Dara will return to Los Angeles to continue professionally along this path.

A 2000 graduate of Westfield High School, Dara is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jay Weinberg of Westfield.

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