

Sewerage Costs to Increase Over 100 Percent in Towns

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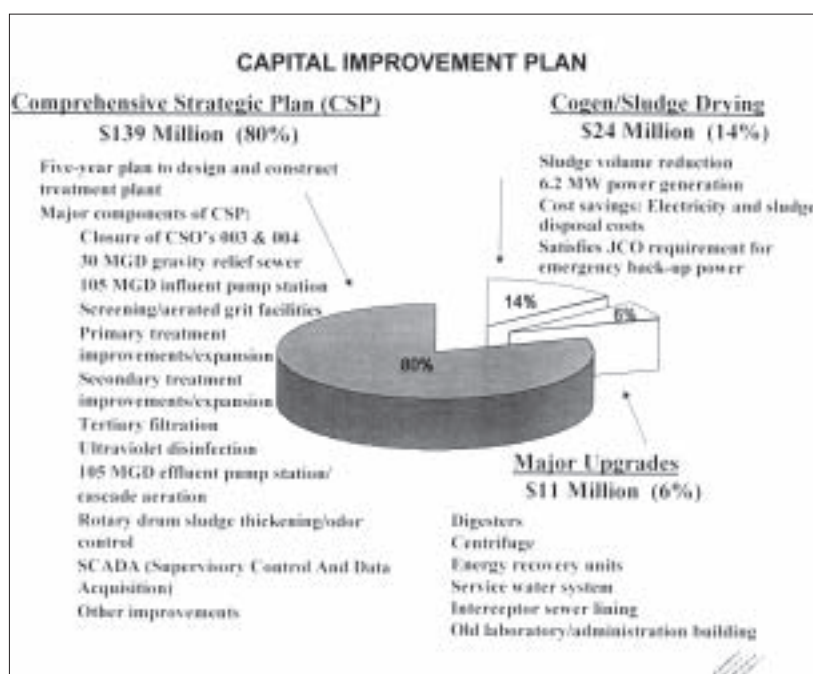
According to Westfield Town Administrator James Gildea, Scotch Plains Township Manager Tom Atkins and Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks, the current cost projections are significantly higher than those the

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REAL ACTION...Performers provide a realistic treat to the audience at the "Kid's Kingdom" festival Sunday at the Watching Reservation during a medieval tournament show. The fair was sponsored by Union County.

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Municipality	Year 2004 (Actual)	Year 2008 (Projected)	Projected 2008 vs. Actual 2004
Clark	1,458,000	3,157,000	117.9%
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Garwood	508,500	1,152,000	128.2%
Mountainside	528,625	1,242,000	132.8%
Mountainside	398,125	908,000	127.6%
Rahway	1,800,375	4,042,000	124.5%
Roselle Park	274,500	613,000	113.9%
Scotch Plains	885,125	1,989,000	131.3%
Scotch Plains	768,500	1,819,000	144.4%
Westfield	1,399,500	3,379,000	141.4%
Woodbridge	2,084,125	5,000,000	139.2%
Total Assessments	11,254,900	26,880,000	138.2%
Allocations			
Net Operating and Other Costs	10,375,000	13,750,000	132.5%
Debt Service Costs	879,900	13,050,000	1484.4%
Total	11,254,900	26,880,000	138.2%

* Debt Service Costs will approximate this level during the years 2009 through 2023. Debt Service Costs of \$10.5 billion will end in the year 2024.

Westfield Board of Adj. Hears New Requests For Building Variances

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On Monday night, the Westfield Board of Adjustment met to hear applicants requesting variances for construction on their homes. The board also memorialized action taken at the July 12 meeting.

Richard and Deanne Cheng of 705 Crescent Parkway received a variance to expand and build an addition contrary to yard setback and coverage restrictions. Neighbor Robert Winters spoke in support of the Chengs, praising them for considering the aesthetic character of the neighborhood when developing the plans.

After much discussion, the board decided to postpone a ruling on James Pinkman of Westfield Service Station on Central Avenue. The request for canopies to be erected over the service pumps and new signage could not be approved without more detailed plans, which Mr. Pinkman's land surveyor and planner will submit prior to the September meeting.

The board approved a request by Joseph Difrancesco of 513 Edgar Road to build a vertical addition without altering the existing setbacks.

John Lee of 928 Willow Grove Road applied for a variance to build a rear addition and enclose an existing porch. Neighbor Douglas Manning expressed concern that the addition would exacerbate an existing water drainage problem for the two properties. Mr. Lee's contractor testified that the addition would not create more water problems because the natural slope of the property would remain unchanged.

Michael and Irene Kalinowski of 205 Park Street were granted a variance to construct an addition to enlarge the master bedroom above the existing space contrary to the side yard setback ordinance.

The board approved an application by Michael Jacobs of 148 Ayliffe Avenue to expand over a preexisting single-level structure.

Paula Golbin of 163 Euclid Avenue, North obtained a variance to upgrade her garage contrary to the ordinance requiring a five-foot setback because the current setback is 1.7 feet.

Glenn and Kelly Johnson of 132 Wells Street requested permission to build an addition, citing their unusable basement as a hardship. After a plan revision to decrease coverage, the board granted approval with some changes.

Keith Swanson of 470 Channing Avenue applied for a variance to expand a family room at the rear of the house. The board required Mr. Swanson to reduce the proposed addition by six inches before approving the variance.

Architect Carol Hewit represented Ed Goldschmidt of 26 Hawthorne Drive, requesting a variance to widen and extend an existing front porch. The board granted the request, citing that a variance was needed mainly because of unclear wording in an ordinance that disallows porches that are partially covered by an overhang or second story.

After revising his original plans for a two-car garage and addition, Gary Nikorak of 651 Maye Street received approval to expand the

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Republican National Convention Delegates Value Party Principles; Proud to Be in NYC

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Following Boston's Democratic Party festivities, New York City anticipates hosting this year's Republican National Convention later this month. Amid heightened security and the backdrop of the 9/11 terror attacks, the GOP will call New York home to its convention for the first time in history. According to 2004nycgop.org, 2509 delegates and 2344 alternate delegates will attend the convention.

State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21), an alternate delegate, explained that alternate delegates "have similar responsibilities to the regular delegates. We attend many of the same meetings, and if a delegate isn't present, we take their place." The delegates are broken up by congressional district. The 7th congressional district consists of three delegates and three alternates. Senator Kean, Jr. said there are many different circumstances as to why a person is selected to be a delegate. "The ties that bind are working hard and advancing the Republican Party message."

Local politicians and influential GOP members, including Senator Kean, Jr., former Westfield Mayor

and State Senator Richard Bagger (R-21), Congressman Mike Ferguson (R-7) and Janet Frigerio, will attend this year's convention. While their experiences are varied, all of the delegates said that the energy exuded by a convention is awesome.

"It's an enormous celebration of democracy," Senator Bagger said, commenting on his second convention as a delegate. "There's nothing quite like it. It's full of energy and enthusiasm, as was evident in Boston for the DNC. It will be no different in

New York than was seen in Philadelphia [in 2000]. There is so much energy and electricity in these events. It's not a lot of votes or policy, but it's the kickoff to the general election I feel very patriotic about the democratic process that gives voters a choice. It's a historically significant and symbolic event."

Because of the historical significance, many come to hear the keynote speakers, who often are links to the past. Mrs. Frigerio, who attended the 1996 convention that nominated

Bob Dole in San Diego, is attending for the second time.

"I loved hearing (former President) Gerald Ford speak in 1996," she said. "I believe in the principles of this party and when you hear someone speak on why you share those values, it's nice to hear. There are a lot of exciting meetings, sessions and great speakers that will talk about the platform."

For Senator Kean, Jr., who comes from a political family, choosing his

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Non-Profit Organizations in Westfield, SP and FW Reveal Annual Finances

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The following non-profit organizations in Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood listed contributions and expenses for the 2003-2004 year.

The Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA) #30 of Westfield received \$69,623 from direct contributions and other support, and they spent \$77,826 on programs, management and fundraising.

Police Benevolent Association #90

Westfield took in a total of \$67,309 from direct public contributions after \$13,594 was deducted by other support sources. Their expenses, which covered program and management expenses and fundraising, totaled \$77,239.

The United Way of Westfield raised \$789,123 from \$772,498 in direct public contributions and \$16,625 in other support. They spent \$712,435 on programs and \$122,349 on management for a total of \$834,784 in

expenses. The Westfield Foundation received \$934,186 from direct public contributions and other support sources, and they spent \$346,885 on program and management expenses and fundraising.

The Westfield Neighborhood Council collected \$118,477 in direct and indirect public contributions, and they spent \$133,707 on program and management expenses and on fundraising.

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CHATTING UP A STORM...Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, left, and Westfield Leader Publisher Horace Corbin, right, were guests for the pilot episode of "UC CHAT with Steve Krakauer." The show will air in September and October on Westfield TV-36, Fanwood TV-34 and Scotch Plains TV-35. It is a joint effort between Scotch Plains and Westfield television.

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TALKING POLITICS...Steve Krakauer, center, hosted the pilot episode of "UC CHAT with Steve Krakauer" with guests State Senator Tom Kean, Jr., left, and Cranford Chronicle Editor Greg Marx.

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Television Stations Cooperate On Political Talk Show Pilot

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Local television stations TV 34 of Scotch Plains and TV 36 of Westfield will cooperate on a political talk show pilot that will air jointly on both networks.

Scotch Plains' TV's Bill McMeekan Jr. and Westfield's Doug Black will work together in the first major joint venture between the neighboring towns' television networks.

Last Friday, both crews taped the first two episodes of "UC CHAT with Steve Krakauer," a political talk show focusing on Union County issues, as well as statewide and national topics. The first show featured Assembly-

man Jon Bramnick (R-21) and Horace Corbin, publisher of The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times. The second show included State Senator Tom Kean Jr. (R-21) and Greg Marx, editor of The Cranford Chronicle and Record Press.

Guests discussed issues ranging from the Westfield parking deck to Governor James McGreevey and the controversies surrounding his top fundraisers. Other lighter segments focused on playful "bets" on future events.

The shows will air in September and October on TV-36 in Westfield, TV-34 in Scotch Plains and may be shown on TV-35 in Fanwood and TV-36 in New Providence as well.

Gas Station Sales Deemed Excessive by MS Council

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Tuesday's Mountainside agenda work session centered on the legality of gas stations selling certain items the board deemed excessive. Mayor Robert Vigilanti and the council conversed with local gas station owners, the majority of whom received zoning penalties for violating the borough's sign laws and land-use ordinance pertaining to the hanging of

signs and banners in unsafe or unfit locations and for excessive retail sales.

"I understand gas stations have always sold maps, candies and soda, but now these stations are hanging signs and banners, which are in violation of the town's code first of all," Mayor Vigilanti said. "But also I'm concerned about selling the rugs, flowers and cases of water etc. In essence, you are creating a mini mart.

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The Fanwood Community Foundation received \$3,104 from direct public contributions and spent \$800 on program expenses.

The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad received \$251,317 from direct public contributions after distributing \$69,114 of their total contribution revenue to other sources of support. Their expenses totaled \$269,361 - \$189,914 went towards program expenses, \$71,815 went towards management expenses and \$7,632 went towards fundraising efforts.

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad received \$178,111 from direct and indirect public contributions and from other support, including \$29,000 in government grants. They spent \$155,270 on programs, management and fundraising.

The Visiting Health Services of Union County took in \$1,835,024 - \$1,436,193 from program service revenue, \$26,770 from direct and indirect public contributions, \$313,928 from government grants and \$58,133 from other support sources. They spent \$1,821,169 on \$1,635,371 worth of program expenses and \$185,798 worth of management expenses.

The New Jersey Hospice Organization raised a total of \$201,311 from direct contributions, program service revenue and other sources. Expenses totaled \$209,964, including \$173,972 in program expenses.

The Hepatitis C Association raised \$49,983 from direct public contributions and \$298 from other support for total revenue of \$50,281. They spent \$32,575 on program and management expenses.

The YMCA of Westfield raised \$6,556,215 - \$320,133 from direct and indirect public contributions, \$3,836,389 from program service revenue and \$2,399,693 from other sources. Their expenses totaled \$6,462,145 - \$5,664,874 devoted to program expenses, \$699,471 to management, \$13,000 to fundraising and \$84,800 to payments to affiliates.

The YMCA of Fanwood-Scotch Plains amassed a total of \$4,659,104 from \$121,753 in direct public contributions, \$18,206 in indirect contributions, \$2,837,682 in program service revenue and \$1,681,463 in other support. Expenses totaled \$4,151,746, including \$3,241,015 in program expenses, \$752,447 in management expenses, \$84,840 in fundraising expenses and \$73,444 in payments to affiliates.

The American Legion Martin Wallberg Post #3 of Westfield received \$50,285 in direct public contributions and from other sources of support. Their expenses, divided between programs and management, totaled \$44,286.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars #11467 of Westfield collected \$4,357 from direct public contributions and other support, and they spent a total of \$2,651 on program and management expenses, fundraising and payments to affiliates.

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, based in Westfield, raised \$1,022,882 in total, \$993,829 from program service revenue and the rest from public contributions and other support. They spent a total of \$1,085,346 - \$968,769 on program expenses, \$113,271 on management expenses and \$3,306 on fundraising.

The Westfield Symphony received a total of \$388,780 from direct public contributions, government grants, program service revenue and other support sources. Their expenses, including program and management expenses and fundraising, totaled \$246,015.

The Little Opera Company of New Jersey, based in Scotch Plains, raised \$15,900 from direct public contributions, government grants and other support, spending \$15,000 on programs.

Friends of Mindowaskin Park received a total of \$23,107, the net profit from direct public contributions after \$5,463 was taken out by

other supporters. They spent \$7,826 on programs and management.

The Education Fund of Westfield raised \$85,469 from direct public contributions and other sources of support, spending \$76,643 on programs and \$2,607 on management for a total of \$79,250 in expenses.

The Union County Educational Services Foundation, based in Westfield, received \$81,750 from \$79,615 in direct public contributions and \$2,135 in other support. Their total expenses of \$73,353 included \$23,613 in program expenses, \$4,170 in management expenses and \$45,570 in fundraising expenses.

The College Club of Fanwood - Scotch Plains raised \$37,778, mainly from direct public contributions. Between program expenses, management expenses and fundraising, they spent a total of \$26,164.

The Westfield High School (WHS) Ice Hockey Association raised \$84,224 from direct public contributions, program service revenue and other support, and they spent \$74,645 that was mainly used for program expenses and fundraising.

The WHS Marching Band Parents Association received \$85,878 from direct public contributions after giving \$1,003 to other sources of support. Expenses totaling \$103,821 went toward programs, management and fundraising efforts, totaled.

The Westfield School Boosters Association received a net of \$80,853 after giving \$5,952 to other sources of support. They spent a total of \$79,536 on programs, management and fundraising efforts.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Association received \$195,907, all from direct public contributions. They spent \$193,410, devoting \$120,986 to programs.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Blue Raider Athletic Booster Club raised \$41,007 from contributions, programs and other support. They spent \$56,418, \$47,965 of which went toward program expenses.

Friends of Cranford High School Ice Hockey received \$30,195 in direct public contributions. They spent \$29,975 in total, all but \$2,000 of which went towards program expenses.

The Parent School Association of Union County Magnet High School received \$12,689 and spent \$11,467 on programs and management and in payments to affiliates.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at the Benjamin School in Westfield collected \$94,163 from direct contributions and \$4,018 from other support sources, totaling \$98,181. Their expenses totaled \$87,381 - \$76,073 for programs, \$1,943 for management and \$9,365 for fundraising.

The PTO at Jefferson School in Westfield amassed \$98,833, \$97,322 of which came from direct public contributions, and they spent \$96,685, \$60,165 of which went towards fundraising.

The PTO at McKinley School in Westfield collected \$25,001 from direct contributions. \$11,557 was spent: \$10,295 for fundraising, \$1,050 for program expenses and \$212 for management expenses.

The PTO at Tamaques School received \$96,188 from \$88,624 in direct public contributions, \$4,488 in program service revenue and \$3,076 in other support. They spent a total of \$87,259 - \$29,929 on program expenses, \$4,794 on management expenses and \$52,536 on fundraising.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of J. Ackerman Coles School in Scotch Plains amassed \$34,409, mainly from direct contributions. The majority of the \$62,349 spent went towards program expenses.

The PTA of Scotch Plains School One received \$26,453, mainly from direct contributions, and they spent \$23,644, \$16,834 of which went towards fundraising.

The PTA of the William J. McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains received \$66,417 from direct contributions and \$2,094 from other sources, giving them total revenue of \$68,511. They spent \$116,324 - \$84,874 was used towards management expenses and the remaining \$31,450 was used for fundraising purposes.

More non-profits will be listed in next week's newspaper.



MEET THE PRESS...The Westfield Leader publisher Horace Corbin, left, and Cranford Chronicle Editor Greg Marx, second from right, chatted with Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, right, and State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. during "UC CHAT with Steve Krakauer."

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favorite convention event is a hard decision, but he noted that it was his father who stuck out in his mind.

"My favorite moment was when my father gave the keynote speech in 1988 in New Orleans," he said. "I loved the sheer energy and the positive attitude you got after listening to him. But truthfully, all the speakers bring a different background and perspective to the fold."

For Senator Bagger, his memories of past conventions are slightly different. He is an at-large alternate delegate who is elected throughout the state, whereas an alternate delegate is chosen from specific congressional districts. While this is his second convention, he has run more than twice.

"This is my third time running," he said. "I lost a bid once in 1980 when I was in college. I pledged to George H.W. Bush when he ran against Reagan. They ran against each other in the primaries and whichever candidate wins chooses their delegates to go to the convention. It was a rare time when the next president would run against the eventual vice president and successor."

This time around though, the attention rests squarely on President George W. Bush's shoulders. The GOP will showcase California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who will address the delegates throughout the convention.

"We will boast great leadership in Rudy Giuliani, John McCain and Arnold Schwarzenegger. These are very impressive people," Senator Kean, Jr. said.

However, President Bush is the focal point. He will deliver the Republican Party's platform and make the party's case to its base. He is the man the audience came to see.

"During the speech by the president, it will be hard not to be standing on a chair cheering," Senator Bagger said. "It's like a political rock concert. They have a terrific lineup of speakers. Mayor Giuliani is someone I have great admiration for. He was a great mayor and a national leader."

"I'm very excited to hear President Bush speak," Mrs. Frigerio said. "These next five years are critical in how they will affect the lives of my children. I believe a change in administration, considering the current circumstances, would be

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kitchen and a bedroom exceeding maximum lot coverage.

The board heard a request by William Higgins of 526 Hanford Place to construct a two-story addition in the rear of the house that would exceed maximum lot coverage by 0.5 percent. A variance was granted for the addition, with a deed restriction that if the applicant ever vacates the property, he must remove the existing handicap ramp in the front of the house.

Ido Zairi of 548 Washington Street requested a series of variances to erect an addition for a child's bedroom, family room and bathroom. Chairman Vince Wilt said the board would deny the current request, and he asked the applicant to return to the September meeting with revised plans to reduce the lot coverage.

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towns received in 2001. Mr. Atkins requested that the RVSA detail the specifics of the cost increases.

The RVSA is governed by a Board of Commissioners that includes representatives from Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, Rahway, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Westfield and Woodbridge. While other communities, including Fanwood, are also connected to the RVSA, they do not have members on the board.

Additionally, Chairman Frank Mazzarella from Clark sent a letter to the member towns asking them to consider billing individual homeowners for the sewerage costs, rather than including it in the tax bill. Residents are currently billed by the assessment of their homes. In order to change the way residents are billed, it would take a unanimous vote by the commissioners. Because the sewerage cost is included in the tax bill, it is tax-deductible for residents.

Scotch Plains representative Joan Papan, who said she was against the idea, said that "it did come up, but the large percentage of commissioners were against it." She did not know of the chairman's letter.

Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks said that although the council touched on the topic, he felt it was premature to make any decisions about it.

He did say that allowing the RVSA to do its own billing would "create another layer of bureaucracy."

He added that non-profits would be billed for sewerage. They are not billed now because they don't pay property tax.

However, the township is "going to be realizing some incredibly high increases" from RVSA, which in part are because of the improvement project. He said that the township previously received projections on their share of the RVSA and the actual numbers "greatly exceeds projections." He said that the increases need to be investigated.

Scotch Plains' northern end is part of the RVSA, while most of the southern side is connected to the Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority (PARSA).

Scotch Plains Township Manager Tom Atkins said that if the RVSA switches to individual billing and PARSA does not, RVSA members will not only be paying their RVSA bills, but also a portion of PARSA

through their taxes, even though they are not getting the service.

Westfield representative Allen Chin, vice chairman of the commission, said, "I want to see how the mayor and town council feel...I don't really have a position." He did say that it would cost the RVSA more to bill people individually.

Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti said, "I don't have any idea how they would have the jurisdiction to do that (bill individuals)."

He questioned what recourse the authority would have to make sure people paid, unlike the town, which has the ability to take a house. He said that a separate company or utility would have to be formed and wondered if it was the work of the Democratic Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The RVSA was organized in 1928 as the "Rahway Valley Joint Meeting." In 1951, the original nine member municipalities entered into a new agreement, forming the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority. This agreement was revised in 1995.

The wastewater, which has gone through the treatment process, is released into the Arthur Kill, and the waste by-products that remain are sent to the sludge handling and processing facilities. RVSA operates three gravity thickener tanks, two gravity belt mechanical thickeners, three anaerobic digestion tanks, four sludge storage tanks and a sludge dewatering facility. The sludge dewatering facility became fully operational in 1991. It processes the wet sludge into a drier product, which is then removed by contractors for beneficial reuse, including land reclamation and agricultural application.

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The RVSA's website is www.rahwayvalleysa.com.

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That's fine if they were built to be that and zoned to be that, but you can't take your existing and go against zoning to make a mini mart."

Borough Attorney John Post suggested that the board delineate a range of permitted retail sales and others perceived as accessory use. He stressed that the language of the ruling be specific about what items can and cannot be sold. He also reminded the board of standard items that gas stations traditionally sell, such as antifreeze and oil.

"A line of demarcation must be drawn between over-the-counter and machine sales for each establishment," Mr. Post said.

"I think the gas station owners need to have an understanding that you bought a gas station, not a mini mart," Councilman Keith Turner said.

"We're not going to allow it; at least I would be against it. You are going to have people coming in just to buy a

cup of coffee and a soda and not gas. Gas is your primary source of income, not a cup of coffee. If you're not making enough money on gas, your business is in trouble. You'd need to close the gas station and make a mini mart. I don't buy for one second that a gas station doesn't make money off gasoline."

In other business, the board read through the agenda for the upcoming week. The board will authorize the advertising for the sale of a surplus police vehicle. Also, the borough must adhere to the state's mandate of increasing traffic violations and non-moving violations by \$3, a ruling Mayor Vigilanti called "another gift from Trenton."

The board will authorize the advertisement for the sale of unclaimed evidence. "What is that? Do we have DNA or what?" Mayor Vigilanti asked jokingly.

Police Chief James Debbie explained, "an attorney (Candace Singer) was arrested some time ago and the borough is maintaining in public storage a collection of bike items she burglarized, including handlebars and wheels."

The board will refund the veteran's deduction on Block 15.N Lot 31 in the amount of \$250, as requested by the Tax Assessor. The 2004 non-union employee salary increase and amended salary ordinance will be discussed. The board will appoint Andrew Diamond, Gregory Beldon and Jason Ropelski to the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department. The board will address a raffle application from the Knights of Columbus #1 New Jersey Chapter for an off-premise prize raffle.

Mayor Vigilanti also mentioned that the town would look to add a street clock by the Valley National Bank commemorating Mountainside's 1895 establishment. Mayor Vigilanti envisions a brick fencing and patio surrounding a Victorian clock in the vein of those of Fanwood, Garwood and Clark. He has received positive feedback from Valley National Bank and the clock company who designed Fanwood's digital atomic clock nearby the Fanwood train station.

"Think about it," Mayor Vigilanti said. "It would be a beautiful asset to our town to put right in the center with '1895' memorializing the borough."

The board will conduct second reading and public hearing on an ordinance amending borough code chapter 7-10, traffic, as it relates to the governance of parking along Bristol Road South. The council will issue first reading and introduction on two ordinances. One amends the borough code chapter IX, building and housing, to establish the requirement of a survey for construction of any new foundation. The other ordinance amends a prior law, fixing salary ranges for certain municipal employees.

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According to Westfield Town Administrator James Gildea, Scotch Plains Township Manager Tom Atkins and Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks, the current cost projections are significantly higher than those the towns received in 2001. Mr. Atkins requested that the RVSA detail the specifics of the cost increases.

The RVSA is governed by a Board of Commissioners that includes representatives from Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, Rahway, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Westfield and Woodbridge. While other communities, including Fanwood, are also connected to the RVSA, they do not have members on the board.

Additionally, Chairman Frank Mazzarella from Clark sent a letter to the member towns asking them to consider billing individual homeowners for the sewerage costs, rather than including it in the tax bill. Residents are currently billed by the

assessment of their homes. In order to change the way residents are billed, it would take a unanimous vote by the commissioners. Because the sewerage cost is included in the tax bill, it is tax-deductible for residents.

Scotch Plains representative Joan Papen, who said she was against the idea, said that "it did come up, but the large percentage of commissioners were against it." She did not know of the chairman's letter.

Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks said that although the council has touched on the topic, he felt it was

premature to make any decisions about it.

He did say that allowing the RVSA to do its own billing would "create another layer of bureaucracy."

He added that non-profits would be billed for sewerage. They are not billed now because they don't pay property tax.

However, the township is "going to be realizing some incredibly high increases" from RVSA, which in part are because of the improvement project. He said that the township previously received projections on

their share of the RVSA and the actual numbers "greatly exceeds projections." He said that the increases need to be investigated.

Scotch Plains' northern end is part of the RVSA, while most of the southern side is connected to the Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority (PARSA).

Scotch Plains Township Manager Tom Atkins said that if the RVSA switches to individual billing and PARSA does not, RVSA members will not only be paying their RVSA bills, but also a portion of PARSA through their taxes, even though they



REAL ACTION...Performers provide a realistic treat to the audience at the "Kid's Kingdom" festival Sunday at the Watchung Reservation during a medieval tournament show. The fair was sponsored by Union County.

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Republican National Convention Delegates Value Party Principles

By MICHAEL POLLACK
Specially Written for The Times

Following Boston's Democratic Party festivities, New York City anticipates hosting this year's Republican National Convention later this month. Amid heightened security and the backdrop of the 9/11 terror attacks, the GOP will call New York home to its convention for the first time in history. According to 2004nycgop.org, 2509 delegates and 2344 alternate delegates will attend the convention.

State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21), an alternate delegate, explained that alternate delegates "have similar responsibilities to the regular del-

egates. We attend many of the same meetings, and if a delegate isn't present, we take their place." The delegates are broken up by congressional district. The 7th congressional district consists of three delegates and three alternates. Senator Kean, Jr. said there are many different circumstances as to why a person is selected to be a delegate. "The ties that bind are working hard and advancing the Republican Party message."

Local politicians and influential GOP members, including Senator Kean, Jr., former Westfield Mayor and State Senator Richard Bagger (R-21), Congressman Mike Ferguson

(R-7) and Janet Frigerio, will attend this year's convention. While their experiences are varied, all of the delegates said that the energy exuded by a convention is awesome.

"It's an enormous celebration of democracy," Senator Bagger said, commenting on his second convention as a delegate. "There's nothing quite like it. It's full of energy and enthusiasm, as was evident in Boston for the DNC. It will be no different in New York than was seen in Philadelphia [in 2000]. There is so much energy and electricity in these events. It's not a lot of votes or policy, but it's the kickoff to the general election I

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Non-Profit Organizations in Westfield, SP and FW Reveal Annual Finances

By VICTORIA MCCABE
Specially Written for The Times

The following non-profit organizations in Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood listed contributions and expenses for the 2003-2004 year.

The Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMB) #30 of Westfield received \$69,623 from direct contributions and other support, and they spent \$77,826 on programs, management and fundraising.

Police Benevolent Association #90 Westfield took in a total of \$67,309 from direct public contributions after \$13,594 was deducted by other support sources. Their expenses, which covered program and management expenses and fundraising, totaled \$77,239.

The United Way of Westfield raised \$789,123 from \$772,498 in direct public contributions and \$16,625 in other support. They spent \$712,435 on programs and \$122,349 on management for a total of \$834,784 in expenses.

The Westfield Foundation received \$934,186 from direct public contributions and other support sources, and they spent \$346,885 on program and management expenses and fundraising.

The Westfield Neighborhood Council collected \$118,477 in direct and indirect public contributions, and they spent \$133,707 on program and management expenses and on fundraising.

The Fanwood Community Foundation received \$3,104 from direct public contributions and spent \$800 on program expenses.

The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad received \$251,317 from direct public contributions after distributing \$69,114 of their total contribu-

tion revenue to other sources of support. Their expenses totaled \$269,361 - \$189,914 went towards program expenses, \$71,815 went towards management expenses and \$7,632 went towards fundraising efforts.

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad received \$178,111 from direct and indirect public contributions and from other support, including \$29,000 in government grants. They spent \$155,270 on programs, management and fundraising.

The Visiting Health Services of Union County took in \$1,835,024 - \$1,436,193 from program service revenue, \$26,770 from direct and indirect public contributions, \$313,928 from government grants and \$58,133 from other support sources. They spent \$1,821,169 on \$1,635,371

worth of program expenses and \$185,798 worth of management expenses.

The New Jersey Hospice Organization raised a total of \$201,311 from direct contributions, program service revenue and other sources. Expenses totaled \$209,964, including \$173,972 in program expenses.

The Hepatitis C Association raised \$49,983 from direct public contributions and \$298 from other support for total revenue of \$50,281. They spent \$32,575 on program and management expenses.

The YMCA of Westfield raised \$6,556,215 - \$320,133 from direct and indirect public contributions, \$3,836,389 from program service

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Mayor Marks Leads S. Plains Delegation to Italian Sister City

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Times

It was *arrivederci* to America and *buon giorno Italia* this week as a group of Scotch Plains residents headed across the Atlantic to visit the small village that provided many of

the long-time roots that make up present-day Scotch Plains.

A century ago, an influx of immigrants from Montazzoli, Italy arrived in Scotch Plains with surnames including Appezzato, Checchio, DiNizo, DiNegro, DiFrancesco,

Donatelli, Perrucci, Sorge and Sangiuliano, that are still known in the community today. Mayor Martin Marks led a 21-member group that left for Italy on Monday night and will spend three days in Montazzoli, a small village of about 1,200 residents that is situated in a mountainous region of Chieti province, about 20 miles from the Adriatic Sea.

The trip comes 15 months after a 30-member delegation of Montazzolesis visited Scotch Plains to mark the 10-year anniversary of the establishment of a sister city relationship between the two towns. The group, which includes Mayor Marks, Councilwoman Carolyn Sorge and former Mayor Mauro Checchio, will

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SP Planning Bd. Backs Conservation Proposal

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Planning Board backed the Township Council's proposal to re-zone a two-acre piece of township-owned property to prevent any future development. At its Monday night meeting, the board voted to recommend to the council that the property at 935 Crestwood Road, just south of Morse Avenue, be rezoned from a 'P-Public' zone to a 'C-Conservation' zone. The C-zone designates certain township-owned tracts of land as being off-limits to development of any kind, be it residential or commercial, or the development of a new park. The property, which snakes its way behind homes on Seneca and Hill Roads, is presently known informally as the Crestwood Wildlife Sanctuary even

though there is no ordinance designating it as such.

"As land has become more scarce, we've been looking for land to be conserved where possible," said Councilwoman Paulette Coronato on Monday. "We need to conserve open space. We need to conserve green areas."

The board expects the council to consider a zoning ordinance to make the change sometime this fall.

In other business, board member Robert LaCosta voted to memorialize four resolutions that were approved at its June 14 meeting. Mr. LaCosta was the only member present on Monday night who had attended the board's June 14 meeting. Planning Board rules state that only members who were present at

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AT THE CONTROLS...William McMeekan Jr. of Scotch Plains TV-34 manned the control booth at the television studio in Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School during Friday's taping of "UC CHAT with Steve Krakauer."



TALKING POLITICS...Steve Krakauer, center, hosted the pilot episode of "UC CHAT with Steve Krakauer" with guests State Senator Tom Kean, Jr., left, and Cranford Chronicle Editor Greg Marx.

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FW Council Hears Residents' Concerns of Flooding Issues

By ELIZABETH CORRELL
Specially Written for The Times

FANWOOD—Some Fanwood residents experienced flooding and property damage due to recent heavy rains. Residents from Crest Lane and Carsam Street attended Tuesday's council meeting to ask for assistance.

One Crest Lane resident said that the water comes in her front door into her living area, which she feels is "unacceptable." She cited \$10,000 in damage to her basement. She stated that the Public Works Department did respond when called about the two feet of water on the street that "cascaded" into her yard and under her house when cars drive by; however, the Public Works employees do not arrive until two hours later, after the water has subsided.

Borough Attorney Dennis Estis suggested that the street should be blocked off from traffic in the event of heavy rains.

Another Crest Lane homeowner stated that his backyard has been under two to three feet of water several times this summer during the downpours. A Carsam Street neighbor who lives behind the other two residents said that her yard is developing a "sinkhole" and that she is concerned about the safety of her children, as well as other neighborhood children that often play in her yard.

Councilman Jack Molenaar responded to these complaints, saying that the borough engineer will go out to the neighborhood this week to determine how to handle the problem. In addition, he said that the new storm system, which will soon be installed on Corriell Avenue, should alleviate much of the flooding during heavy rains. This project will begin within two weeks.

Richard Marsden retired from his position as borough engineer and was presented with a resolution honoring the 12 years of service he gave to the borough. Council President Katherine Mitchell presented Mr. Marsden with a crystal plaque engraved with the seal of Fanwood. A gift on behalf of the Public Works Department was presented by Director Ray Manfra. Mr. Marsden has new full-time job, and Joseph Pryor now acts as Fanwood's borough engineer.

In other business, an ordinance

regulating the hours of garbage collection in residential hours passed at Tuesday's meeting. The ordinance was created in reaction to the complaints of many area residents about the noise of garbage trucks collecting at their homes as early as 4 a.m. Acceptable hours of collection on residential streets will now be from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., as is consistent with state statutes, said Councilman Stuart Kline.

The 9th Annual CONTACT We Care 5K will be held at La Grande Park on Saturday, August 21. Council President Mitchell presented a proclamation to David Owens, the Director of CONTACT We Care, a 24-hour phone line that assists those in crisis. "We are expecting 350 participants in the 5K race and 150 children in the Kids Sprint, as well as participants in the Children's Specialized Hospital Wheelchair Invitational," said Mr. Owens. Those interested can pick up race applications at Borough Hall and the Memorial Library.

Council President Katherine Mitchell announced that the Fire Department's Second Annual Kids Fair is scheduled for Sunday, September 12 at Borough Hall. Fire safety information and demonstrations will be provided, as well as food and games. Families can have their car seats inspected for correct installation at the event. At a recent car seat check, almost every car seat was installed incorrectly.

"The Nature Center is looking for individual volunteers or groups interested in doing a tree identification project," Councilman Molenaar stated in his Land Use and Historic Preservation report. Once the trees have been identified, the center will post markers to inform visitors about the trees located at the site.

Council President Katherine Mitchell presided over Tuesday's council meeting, as Mayor Colleen Mahr is at home preparing for the arrival of her second child. The newest member of the council, Joseph Higgins, attended his first agenda meeting last Tuesday. He fills the position of Michael Brennan, who resigned after three years due to a new job with additional responsibilities and time requirements.



MEET THE PRESS...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times publisher Horace Corbin, left, and Cranford Chronicle Editor Greg Marx, second from right, chatted with Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-21), right, and State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21) during "UC CHAT with Steve Krakauer."

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feel very patriotic about the democratic process that gives voters a choice. It's a historically significant and symbolic event."

Because of the historical significance, many come to hear the keynote speakers, who often are links to the past. Mrs. Frigerio, who attended the 1996 convention that nominated Bob Dole in San Diego, is attending for the second time.

"I loved hearing (former President) Gerald Ford speak in 1996," she said. "I believe in the principles of this party and when you hear someone speak on why you share those values, it's nice to hear. There are a lot of exciting meetings, sessions and great speakers that will talk about the platform."

For Senator Kean, Jr., who comes from a political family, choosing his favorite convention event is a hard decision, but he noted that it was his father who stuck out in his mind.

"My favorite moment was when my father gave the keynote speech in 1988 in New Orleans," he said. "I loved the sheer energy and the positive attitude you got after listening to him. But truthfully, all the speakers bring a different background and perspective to the fold."

For Senator Bagger, his memories of past conventions are slightly different. He is an at-large alternate delegate who is elected throughout the state, whereas an alternate delegate is chosen from specific congressional districts. While this is his second convention, he has run more than twice.

"This is my third time running," he said. "I lost a bid once in 1980 when I was in college. I pledged to George H.W. Bush when he ran against Reagan. They ran against each other in the primaries and whichever candidate wins chooses their delegates to go to the convention. It was a rare time when the next president would run against the eventual vice president and successor."

This time around though, the attention rests squarely on President George W. Bush's shoulders. The GOP will showcase California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who will address the delegates throughout the convention.

"We will boast great leadership in Rudy Giuliani, John McCain and Arnold Schwarzenegger. These are very impressive people," Senator Kean, Jr. said.

However, President Bush is the focal point. He will deliver the Republican Party's platform and make the party's case to its base. He is the man the audience came to see.

"During the speech by the president, it will be hard not to be standing on a chair cheering," Senator Bagger said. "It's like a political rock concert. They have a terrific lineup of speakers. Mayor Giuliani is someone I have great admiration for. He was a great mayor and a national leader."

"I'm very excited to hear President Bush speak," Mrs. Frigerio said. "These next five years are critical in how they will affect the lives of my children. I believe a change in administration, considering the current circumstances, would be horrible."

The convention will present an opportunity for politicians, especially those in upcoming electoral races, to address the public and make a cameo. The convention not only provides a

platform for President Bush but also for an incumbent such as Congressman Ferguson, who will challenge Retired Lieutenant Colonel Steve Brozak for the congressional seat in November.

"I am looking forward to meeting all the members of the military, their families and the veterans who will be in New York showing their support for the Republican Party for its record of supporting our military," Senator Ferguson said. "I look forward to thanking them for their selfless service on behalf of our nation."

Congressman Ferguson said that he is looking forward to the opportunity to "present to the American people what our vision is for keeping the country safe, winning the war on terror and strengthening our economic recovery."

To outsiders, though, the primary process can be construed as an unnecessary evil, especially because New Jersey is the next to last state to vote. The convention could also seem like fluff as well to those not involved. However, local delegates defended the historical and political significance of the conventions and the reasons why it matters to New Jersey, citing the convention's close proximity to the Garden State.

"This is my third convention, and they are all unique and exciting. It's great to have a convention in our region that will have value for New Jersey," Senator Kean, Jr. said.

"It's fitting that the Republican Party gather in the nation's largest and most diverse city to re-nominate President Bush. It has deep meaning to our nation since the terror attacks in September of 2001," Congressman Ferguson said.

Congressman Ferguson added "it's [the Republican Convention] important because it gives viewers the opportunity to hear the Republican Party's platform for protecting our homeland, lowering taxes, growing our economy, and winning the war on terror."

"It's a chance to have an hour speaking unfiltered to the American public on the themes and the platform of the party," Senator Bagger said. "It allows the voters to make an informed decision and is a key moment in the campaign."

"I feel the RNC will be meaningful for Westfield because the convention is taking place across the river in New York and it's so close," he added. "New York really is America's greatest city. As Rudy Giuliani said, 'America is the capital of the world.'"

Writers Wanted

The Westfield Leader and The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood newspapers are seeking freelance writers. In addition to general assignments, specific openings exist starting in August to cover the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and courts.

Board of Education meetings are typically held every other Thursday night and court is held both during the day and evening. Please e-mail Lauren Pass at lpass@goleader.com of your interest and background.

Non-Profit Organizations Reveal Annual Finances

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revenue and \$2,399,693 from other sources. Their expenses totaled \$6,462,145 - \$5,664,874 devoted to program expenses, \$699,471 to management, \$13,000 to fundraising and \$84,800 to payments to affiliates.

The YMCA of Fanwood-Scotch Plains amassed a total of \$4,659,104 from \$121,753 in direct public contributions, \$18,206 in indirect contributions, \$2,837,682 in program service revenue and \$1,681,463 in other support. Expenses totaled \$4,151,746, including \$3,241,015 in program expenses, \$752,447 in management expenses, \$84,840 in fundraising expenses and \$73,444 in payments to affiliates.

The American Legion Martin Wallberg Post #3 of Westfield received \$50,285 in direct public contributions and from other sources of support. Their expenses, divided between programs and management, totaled \$44,286.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars #11467 of Westfield collected \$4,357 from direct public contributions and other support, and they spent a total of \$2,651 on program and management expenses, fundraising and payments to affiliates.

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, based in Westfield, raised \$1,022,882 in total, \$993,829 from program service revenue and the rest from public contributions and other support. They spent a total of \$1,085,346 - \$968,769 on program expenses, \$113,271 on management expenses and \$3,306 on fundraising.

The Westfield Symphony received a total of \$388,780 from direct public contributions, government grants, program service revenue and other support sources. Their expenses, including \$360,806 for programming, \$86,899 for management and \$80,232 for fundraising, totaled \$527,937.

Westfield Young Artists Cooperative Theatre (WYACT) took in a total of \$233,488 from direct public contributions, government grants, program service revenue and other support sources. Their expenses, which included program and management expenses and fundraising, totaled \$246,015.

The Little Opera Company of New Jersey, based in Scotch Plains, raised \$15,900 from direct public contributions, government grants and other support, spending \$15,000 on programs.

Friends of Mindowaskin Park received a total of \$23,107, the net profit from direct public contributions after \$5,463 was taken out by other supporters. They spent \$7,826 on programs and management.

The Education Fund of Westfield raised \$85,469 from direct public contributions and other sources of support, spending \$76,643 on programs and \$2,607 on management for a total of \$79,250 in expenses.

The Union County Educational Services Foundation, based in Westfield, received \$81,750 from \$79,615 in direct public contributions and \$2,135 in other support. Their total expenses of \$73,353 included \$23,613 in program expenses, \$4,170 in management expenses and \$45,570 in fundraising expenses.

The College Club of Fanwood - Scotch Plains raised \$37,778, mainly from direct public contributions. Between program expenses, management expenses and fundraising, they spent a total of \$26,164.

The Westfield High School (WHS) Ice Hockey Association raised \$84,224 from direct public contributions, program service revenue and other support, and they spent \$74,645 that was mainly used for program expenses and fundraising.

The WHS Marching Band Parents Association received \$85,878 from direct public contributions after giving \$1,003 to other sources of support. Expenses totaling \$103,821 went toward programs, management and fundraising efforts, totaled.

The Westfield School Boosters Association received a net of \$80,853 after giving \$5,952 to other sources of support. They spent a total of \$79,536 on programs, management

and fundraising efforts.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Association received \$195,907, all from direct public contributions. They spent \$193,410, devoting \$120,986 to programs.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Blue Raider Athletic Booster Club raised \$41,007 from contributions, programs and other support. They spent \$56,418, \$47,965 of which went toward program expenses.

Friends of Cranford High School Ice Hockey received \$30,195 in direct public contributions. They spent \$29,975 in total, all but \$2,000 of which went towards program expenses.

The Parent School Association of Union County Magnet High School received \$12,689 and spent \$11,467 on programs and management and in payments to affiliates.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at the Benjamin School in Westfield collected \$94,163 from direct contributions and \$4,018 from other support sources, totaling \$98,181. Their expenses totaled \$87,381 - \$76,073 for programs, \$1,943 for management and \$9,365 for fundraising.

The PTO at Jefferson School in Westfield amassed \$98,833, \$97,322 of which came from direct public contributions, and they spent \$96,685, \$60,165 of which went towards fundraising.

The PTO at McKinley School in Westfield collected \$25,001 from direct contributions. \$11,557 was spent: \$10,295 for fundraising, \$1,050 for program expenses and \$212 for management expenses.

The PTO at Tamaques School received \$96,188 from \$88,624 in direct public contributions, \$4,488 in program service revenue and \$3,076 in other support. They spent a total of \$87,259 - \$29,929 on program expenses, \$4,794 on management expenses and \$52,536 on fundraising.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of J. Ackerman Coles School in Scotch Plains amassed \$34,409, mainly from direct contributions. The majority of the \$62,349 spent went towards program expenses.

The PTA of Scotch Plains School One received \$26,453, mainly from direct contributions, and they spent \$23,644, \$16,834 of which went towards fundraising.

The PTA of the William J. McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains received \$66,417 from direct contributions and \$2,094 from other sources, giving them total revenue of \$68,511. They spent \$116,324 - \$84,874 was used towards management expenses and the remaining \$31,450 was used for fundraising purposes.

More non-profits will be listed in next week's newspaper.

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visit Milan, Venice and Florence before arriving in Montazzoli this weekend. They will then spend a few days in Rome before returning to the United States next Thursday. While in Montazzoli, most of the visitors from Scotch Plains will stay at the homes of family members, as the Montazzolesis did when they visited in May 2003.

Among the activities planned in Montazzoli, according to Councilwoman Sorge, is attending a local town government meeting where Mayor Marks will present a framed photograph of last year's visit to Scotch Plains and a Township Council resolution commemorating this week's visit. There are also expected to be nightly dinners with the Scotch Plainians and their Italian hosts along with other festivities. The delegation departed from Scotch Plains after gathering at the Italian-American Club on Valley Avenue.

Sewerage Costs to Increase Over 100 Percent in Towns

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are not getting the service.

Westfield representative Allen Chin, vice chairman of the commission, said, "I want to see how the mayor and town council feel...I don't really have a position." He did say that it would cost the RVSA more to bill people individually.

Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti said, "I don't have any idea how they would have the jurisdiction to do that (bill individuals)."

He questioned what recourse the authority would have to make sure people paid, unlike the town, which has the ability to take a house. He said that a separate company or utility would have to be formed and wondered if it was the work of the Democratic Freeholder Board.

The RVSA was organized in 1928 as the "Rahway Valley Joint Meeting." In 1951, the original nine member municipalities entered into a

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the earlier meeting during which the business currently being considered was discussed can cast votes. Because Mr. LaCosta was the only one of the five members at Monday's meeting to have been present at the June meeting, he alone voted in favor of memorializing the resolutions and approving the minutes.

The next scheduled Planning Board meeting is Monday September 13.

new agreement, forming the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority. This agreement was revised in 1995.

The wastewater, which has gone through the treatment process, is released into the Arthur Kill, and the waste by-products that remain are sent to the sludge handling and processing facilities. RVSA operates three gravity thickener tanks, two gravity belt mechanical thickeners, three anaerobic digestion tanks, four sludge storage tanks and a sludge dewatering facility. The sludge dewatering facility became fully operational in 1991. It processes the wet sludge into a drier product, which is then removed by contractors for beneficial reuse, including land reclamation and agricultural application.

James Wancho, P.E. of Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor, LLC is the consulting engineer; Brian Hak, Esq. from Weiner Lesniak, LLP is serving as legal counsel; James Fagan of the NW Financial Group, LLC is serving as the financial advisor; Virginia Edwards, Esq. of Connell Foley, LLP is serving as bond counsel and Robert Butvilla of Suplee, Clooney and Company is serving as the auditor.

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TAKING STOCK... Steve Brozak of Westfield, candidate for Congress in the Seventh Congressional District, calls for elimination of capital gains tax on medical research. Mr. Brozak is pictured above last week opening the American Stock Exchange prior to issuing his statement.

Congressional Campaign Release

Mr. Brozak Seeks Tax Break For Med. Research Firms

WESTFIELD – Shortly after opening the American Stock Exchange in New York City last week, Steve Brozak, a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Marines and the Democratic candidate for Congress in New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District, pledged to repeal long-term capital gains taxes on any company dedicating a percentage of its revenue to medical research and development. "Corporations dedicating a percentage of their resources to curing life-threatening illnesses deserve to be rewarded for their innovation," said Mr. Brozak. "Eliminating long-term capital gains taxes allows them to pursue their work and invest even more in providing much needed health care solutions."

more corporations will be able to invest in new health care technology. "Our tax policies must reflect the investment that these companies can make in prolonging life and expanding medical opportunities," he concluded. He was a member of the Marine Reserves while working for the financial industry in the biotech sector, and continues his work as an advocate in the field of stem cell research. Mr. Brozak co-founded the firm of Westfield Bakerink & Brozak LLC, an investment bank specializing in biotechnology, medical devices and healthcare research.

Date Set For POW/MIA Remembrance Day

A ceremony for POW/MIA Remembrance Day will be held on Friday, Sept. 17 at 11:15 a.m. in front of the county court house in Elizabeth. All veterans, public officials and the public are invited to attend. For more information, please call the UC Freeholders at (908) 527-4100.



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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 solo adventures in South America this summer. Her first article was July 8 and this appears to be the conclusion.

Well, I have to begin by saying that I was a bit hesitant about traveling to Colombia, which is probably normal, since it is number 21 on the list of Travel Warnings issued by the Department of State. This time I took a few more precautions than usual and I also traveled with a British woman whom I met in Venezuela (I figured they always make excellent allies in times of trouble).

Thus far, the rewards of the beauty and enchantment that this country holds have been well worth the risks. The northern coast of Colombia offers everything ranging from the Spanish colonial town of Cartagena, to excellent scuba diving in Santa Marta, and an incredible six-day hike through the jungle to Ciudad Perdida (the Lost City, built in the 11th century).

Cartagena is a beautifully painted colonial city surrounded by a Las Murallas, thick walls which were built for protection during the late 16th century. You could easily spend hours strolling down the streets and admiring the elaborately colored buildings. The seafood is incredible and the tropical coco loco drinks, which you sip from coconuts, really make you forget about the two airplanes and three hot buses that it took to get there. It was a nice change of pace and felt more like a relaxing trip to Europe than a rough adventure in Colombia.

Heading east of Cartagena, I found my way to what is probably the cheapest scuba diving in South America. Santa Marta and Taganga offer the PADI three-day certification course for \$160 and two open-water dives run about \$40 USD. Just for laughs, price that in the United States. Understandably enough, if Colombia is not your choice for the next vacation, the islands off the coast of Honduras and Belize also offer similar packages.

My last stop in Colombia was Tayrona National Park, absolutely incredible, but a nightmare to get lost in! Tayrona is one of Colombia's most popular parks. The park's beaches are bordered by coral reefs with great snorkeling and magnificent sunrises and sunsets.

The park contains two restaurants and three hotels, located right on the ocean. Well, I use that word hotel rather loosely; they are actually covered hammocks and outdoor showers (\$2 per day, but lockers are included).

My new-found British friend and I managed to hike from the beach through the jungle, and into the small town of Pueblito. Pueblito is a small residential town built in Pre-Colombian times by the Tayrona Indians, a group that still exists today and retains a traditional life.

The guidebook stated that the hike would take approximately three hours round trip. I soon found out that trails in this country are unmarked, so the hike took six hours. When we arrived in Pueblito completely dehydrated, we were greeted by three young Tayrona children selling water. We made a bit of small talk while drinking what seemed like 30 gallons of water.

Unfortunately for us, they were the only people in the town and were unable to provide us with return directions. Subsequently, we purchased as much water as we could carry, and made our way back through the jungle.

Well, I think this will serve as my last article, since Internet access is difficult to come by in Colombia and I plan to spend the remainder of my time here. See you all in Westfield!

WF Fire Department To Host Golf Outing

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local #30 is sponsoring a golf outing at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield on Monday, October 18.

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COLOMBIAN FRIENDS... Mary Alyce Torpy of Cranford makes friends with children in Pueblito, Colombia.

Westfield TV-36 Viewing Schedule Announced

WESTFIELD – WCT-36 sets the viewing schedule listed below for the month of August. Please contact the WCT staff by phone at (908) 789-4040 x4094 or by email at tv36@westfieldnj.net or for school programming, the WHSTV-36 staff at (908) 789-4622 with suggestions or program submittals.

Thursdays, August 12, 19, 26 & September 2, *Eye on the Y* at 7 a.m.; *Make You Wanna Dance* with John Russitano & Kara Shovlin, Beginning Hustle at 7:30 a.m.; *Board of Education (BOE) Meeting* at 8 a.m.; *Westfield High School (WHS) Programming* at 11 a.m.; *Community Calendar* at 6 p.m.; *BOE* at 7 p.m., *WHS* at 10 p.m.;

Friday, August 13, 20, 27 & September 3, *Historical Society Lecture Series-Town Clerk, Bernard Heene* at 7 a.m.; *Cooking Thyme, Barbequeing with Chef David Martone* at 7:30 a.m.; *Access NJ* at 8:30 a.m.; *Eye on the Y, Summer Camps* at 8:30 a.m.; *Make You Wanna Dance* at 9 a.m.; *Hello Neighbor*, profiling Charles Whitehead & Eagle Scout Candidates Kevin Devaney & Gregory Ryan, Jr. at 9:30 a.m.; *America's Haven-YMCA* at 150 at 1 p.m.; *Lecture Series, Town Clerk* at 2 p.m.; *Cooking Thyme* at 2:30 p.m.; *Access NJ* at 3 p.m.; *Eye on the Y* at 4:30 p.m.; *Make You Wanna Dance* at 4:30 p.m.; *Hello Neighbor* at 4:30 p.m.; *YMCA* at 150 at 5 p.m.; *Community Calendar* at 6 p.m.; *Lecture Series, Town Clerk* at 7 p.m.; *Cooking Thyme* at 7:30 p.m.; *Access NJ* at 8 p.m.; *Eye on the Y* at 8:30 p.m.; *Make You Wanna Dance* at 9 p.m.; *Hello Neighbor* at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 14, 21, 28 and September 4, *Eye on the Y* at 7 a.m.; *YMCA* at 150, at 7:30 a.m.; *WHS* at 10 a.m.; *Community Calendar* at 6 p.m.; *WHS* at 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 15, 22, 29 and September 5, *Eye on the Y* at 7 a.m.; *YMCA* at 150 at 7:30 a.m.; *WHS* at 10 a.m.; *Community Calendar* at 6 p.m.; *Make You Wanna Dance* at 9:30 p.m.; *Lecture Series, Town Clerk* at 10 p.m.; *Cooking Thyme* at 10:30 p.m.; *Access NJ* at 11 p.m.; *Eye on the Y* at 11:30 p.m.; *Make You Wanna Dance* at 12 a.m.; *Hello Neighbor* at 12:30 a.m.

Monday, August 15, 22, 29 & September 5, *Swing Band "Nostalgia" Concert* at 7 a.m.; *Lecture Series Town Clerk* at 8:30 a.m.; *Historical Society Lecture Series-Ancient Egypt* at 9 a.m.; *Town Council Meeting* at 10 a.m.; *UBS Fundraiser* for families of local soldiers who gave their lives in Iraq at 11:30 a.m.; *Town Council Meeting* at 2 p.m.; *UBS* at 3:30 p.m.; *YMCA* at 150 at 5 p.m.

Community Calendar at 6 p.m.; *Swing Band* at 7 p.m.; *Lecture Series Town Clerk* at 8:30 p.m.; *Lecture Series-Ancient Egypt*, at 9 p.m.; *Town Council Meeting* at 10 p.m.; *UBS* at 11:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 17, 24, 31 & September 7, *Eye on the Y* at 7 a.m.; *Make You Wanna Dance* at 7:30 a.m.; *BOE* at 8 a.m.; *WHS* at 11 a.m.; *BOE* at 3 p.m.; *Community Calendar* at 6 p.m.; *WHS* at 7 p.m.; *BOE* at 11 p.m.

Wednesday, August 18, 25, September 1 & 8: same programming schedule as Mondays.

When taped programming ends each evening, it is followed by Community Calendar.

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TREE TIPS:
Weeping Willows Can Make You Sad

By: Martin Schmiede, President
Schmiede Tree Expert Company

Few trees look as beautiful as the graceful weeping willows. According to a pleasant legend, weeping willows were planted along the riverbanks of Babylon. Many times King David was found sitting among these trees with his harp, lamenting over the sins of our world. The famous Babylon hanging gardens also included some weeping willows.

Willow trees are large and stately and when the wind blows their thin leaves dance in the air. Good reasons to plant weeping willows? Yes, and so is the fact that they grow rapidly. But there are cautions to be considered.

Weeping willows may grow quickly but they need much care. A first concern is where to plant them. Weeping willows like water. Their natural habitats are along streams and lakes. In their landscape requirements the roots will travel great distances seeking water.

Weeping willows, known for their thirsts, satisfy those needs by getting into storm sewers, leach fields and water reservoirs.

When they can do this, it raises civic havoc. Copper sulphate solutions can be used to kill the offending roots (but check local ordinances before using this methodology).

If planning to plant weeping willows, keep them away from sidewalks and driveways. The roots grow under these ground-level structures. As they become bigger, the sidewalks and driveways develop surface bulges. Weeping willow roots usually grow near ground levels and, frequently and erratically, wrap themselves around other roots or the trunks of their own or other trees. These are called "girdling" roots and they are capable of strangling their targets.

An abnormal bacterial growth called crown-gall, resembling warts, shows up on the trunk sections of willow trees. There are not many controls over such abnormal growths. They constrict the flow of sap and become simply unsightly.

The weeping willows' wood falls into the same category as the poplar, silver maple and other deciduous softwood trees. It is brittle and easily broken so the limbs should not grow over homes, pools, patios, garages or other structures. The branches are too likely to break under excess weight from snow or ice.

After storms, a good many willow trees uproot. The tree roots, especially in soggy ground near the surface, just cannot hold up the trees. Weeping willows are subject to more than their share of "V" crotches, requiring rodding and cabling.

All of this is not to suggest scrapping plans to plant weeping willows or that your present willow trees ought to be removed. Just know the problems and prepare to have professional maintenance when needed, if at all.

And the willows are lovely when weeping gently over ponds and streams.

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SUMMER PLANNING...The Westfield Jaycees attend their summer planning session last Thursday evening at the home of Cara and Jim Foerst. Among other things, spicy chicken wings and spare ribs were served. The Jaycees is a service organization that undertakes projects for the community. Pictured above, from the left, are James Murray and Bob Devaney discussing ideas for the fall. For more information on the Jaycees, please e-mail jaycees@westfieldnj.com or call (908)233-3840.

NY/NJ Port Auth. Expands Rail Freight and EZPass

AREA — Last week, the Port of New York and New Jersey approved a major redevelopment plan to increase rail freight capacity in Elizabeth and to expand the use of EZPass with an installation at the Outerbridge Crossing Bridge in Perth Amboy.

The board authorized \$5 million in planning and design funds to expand the new ExpressRail Elizabeth Intermodal Facility at the Elizabeth-Port Authority Marine Terminal from 10 to 18 tracks. The facility will begin operations in September.

The authorization also provides for planning and design of a second lead track to allow trains to arrive and depart the facility simultaneously. The partial relocation of Bay Avenue will be reviewed to increase safety by minimizing the possibility of road/rail conflicts.

The board also authorized a 10-year agreement with Millennium Rail, under which the firm will operate and maintain ExpressRail Elizabeth starting in September. Millennium Rail is a joint venture of APM Terminals North America, Inc. and Maher Terminals, Inc., the Port's two largest tenants.

ExpressRail Elizabeth is part of a \$600-million rail program to create dedicated rail facilities for the Port's major container terminals and additional rail support track.

The Authority also announced that E-ZPass toll lanes will be in-

stalled by next summer at the Outerbridge Crossing bridge connecting Perth Amboy with Staten Island. The \$9.9-million project will be a pilot program for all the Port Authority's bridges. Eventually, E-ZPass is planned for the George Washington, Goethals and Bayonne bridges.

The Outerbridge Crossing project will create two barrier-free toll lanes for motorists to travel through the toll plaza at 45 mph, the speed limit posted for the bridge. Motorists will pass through an overhead gantry that will house equipment for reading E-ZPass transponders and enforcing toll violations at the faster speed.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains held on July 8, 2004, the following decision of the Board was memorialized:

Granted a Variance with conditions to **Michael A. Dill, DMD** for the employment of a maximum of five (5) employees in conjunction with the proposed dental office at the property located at **1776 Martine Avenue (Block 12401, Lot 20)**, Scotch Plains.

Linda M. Lies
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Senator Tom Kean, Jr. Indicates That He Might Challenge Governor McGreevey in 2005 Election

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

WESTFIELD — State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21) will turn 36 in September, making him old enough to run for President of the United States.

For now, however, Senator Kean, Jr. is mulling running for governor in 2005, which the senator confirmed Tuesday during an interview with *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*.

If Senator Kean, Jr. decides to run in the 2005 gubernatorial race, he will vie for the position with Bret Schundler, who has announced his interest in unseating Governor James McGreevey.

"I'm trying to do the best possible job as I can as a state senator right now," Senator Kean, Jr. said when asked if he'd consider running, before relenting, "I will be making that decision this fall."

He said that as governor, he would focus on fiscal accountability and responsibility, environmental protection, health insurance and property tax reforms.

First and foremost, however, he wants to abolish pay-to-play pacts that offer no-bid contracts to businesses that perform governmental work.

If elected as governor, he said that all efforts will be exhausted to end "wasteful" governmental spending and stress fiscal responsibility after an administration that "has been voracious in its appetite for finding money and transferring money."

"I will work for real pay-to-play reform," he said. "I want a clean and

transparent system of government so it's open for easy viewing to the public. The pay-to-play bill, as I envisioned it, was if you give more than \$400 per individual or \$5,000 per company, you'd be precluded from getting contracts over \$17,500 on any basis."

"The (pay-to-play) system is corrupting as I see it," Senator Kean, Jr. added. "If the leadership were truly interested in reforming it, they would. I want decisions based on merit, thereby lowering the cost of government. I will work on real pay-to-play reform, not this sham bill that the governor has suggested."

Senator Kean, Jr. said that Governor McGreevey's decisions on pay-to-play "are extremely cynical because they don't go into effect until 2006, after his election prospects, which look awful."

He said that Governor McGreevey's solution doesn't fix the problem of wheeling — the unlimited transfer of money between county and municipal political organizations (during elections).

"The Democrats are saying if you give contracts at the county level, you can give to state and municipal levels as well," Senator Kean, Jr. said. "Theoretically, somebody can say, 'I'll help you on the county level, but you can't give it to my county accountant, you can give to the city election fund.' The city then gives the money to the county. I want to block the whole network and curtail the wheeling because they are influencing elections and should be dealt with like PACs (Political Action Committees)."



THE NEXT GOVERNOR?...New Jersey State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21) of Westfield discusses issues he believes to be important for the state at *The Leader/Times* office on Tuesday. Pictured above, from the left, are: Publisher Horace Corbin and Senator Kean, Jr.

Senator Kean, Jr. said he wanted to make sure there is no nexus between contributor cash and government contracted business. He believes merit-based decision making lowers the cost of government.

Under the current system, he said, "there is a chance the best person wasn't hired and you get shoddy workmanship or the infamous change orders," he said that more competition drives down the cost of the jobs, and enhanced competence can be achieved.

Senator Kean, Jr. said he has been very involved in the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund that Donald DiFrancesco started when he was in the state senate over a decade ago.

"I drafted the bill that was signed into law," he said. "It used to end at age 18 and it said the fund *may* reimburse. I said they should be able to be reimbursed until 21. I don't believe it *may* reimburse you. If you meet the criterion, you *shall* be reimbursed."

"It's one of these pools of money that people can identify, especially because it's successful," he said. "The money goes straight to the parents and the kids. It's one of the best programs we have. It's at the vanguard of any program of its sort in the country. We can't take money out of a dedicated fund that goes directly to parents and kids. We should take money from the general fund."

Senator Kean, Jr. remarked that when Governor McGreevey said that no state money should be spent on the arts, he (Senator Kean, Jr.) helped lead the fight to restore arts funding.

The first legislative forum opposing the governor's decision was held in Westfield, hosted by Senator Kean, Jr.

along with Assemblymen Jon Bramnick and Eric Muñoz, M.D. (R-21).

"We were successful on a bipartisan basis to say that arts are important in the state," Senator Kean, Jr. remarked.

He is also investigating county government and sponsored a bill creating a commission to study the effectiveness of county government.

"I am ensuring that counties are as efficient as they can be. I argue that there are some questions about that. There's a question of how the levels work together and overlap. I remain firm in my view that you look in the middle and expand out both ways."

"I tried to get the bill done this spring, after the governor had his 'property tax punt' in terms of the constitutional convention. I changed it from an 18-month timeline to a year to have real time to discuss it."

"We could have the report out by June and use the gubernatorial debates to discuss the recommendations," Senator Kean, Jr. said. "Are doughnut-hole towns like Morristown and Morris Township still needed? The only way to get out of Morristown without going through Morris Township is by air. Are historical lines of counties flawed?"

"This report can lower property taxes. The scope of the report will be wide-ranging. It will ask the difficult questions," he noted. "You have to be willing to change. Jefferson and Hamilton knew things would be augmented and reexamined once in awhile. It's very important to be aggressive and active in questioning the appropriate role and scope of government on all levels."



OFF TO COLLEGE...Members of the summer intern team at the *Leader/Times* discuss their plans in preparation for going their separate ways to college next week. Pictured above, from the left, are: Editor Lauren Pass, Gettysburg College student Michael Pollack, Holy Cross student Victoria McCabe, George Washington student Miriam Bamberger and Davidson student Don Williams.

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Sec. 184-163 Variance Requested: driveway widening; Permitted: 10 feet; Present: 10 feet; Proposed: 12 feet (circular)

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 the normal business hours from the Secretary of the Board at the Administration Offices of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey. Lawrence A. Woodruff, Esq. 201 South Avenue Westfield, New Jersey 07090 for 477 Terrill Road, LLC 481 Terrill Road Fanwood, New Jersey 07023 1 T - 8/12/04, The Times Fee: \$31.11

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Community Commentary
Sounds Good, But Don't Cheer That Property Tax Bill Is Late
by Garland C. "Bud" Boothe, Jr.
Former Westfield Mayor, 1992-1996

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Diction Deception

"Hooray. Tax bill is late coming. That'll give us all some more float in the checking account." This cheer is going up around the state, as municipalities allow almost three more weeks to pay real estate taxes legally due Aug 1st. Who wins? Who loses? And why did this happen?

In the years I was involved in budget making in Westfield, including five as mayor, there were always two mystery figures that we kept getting later and later every year. First was the amount of state aid for municipal purposes. You never knew, and could not until the state budget was finalized — which this year was right at the deadline, June 30. This, of course, was a mandated figure, no negotiating.

A bigger mystery yet, on the expense side, what is the municipal contribution to the pension funds (plural) for our police, firefighters, administration and public works people. One might think that with a finite, virtually constant work force, the amount needed to fund future pensions would be reasonably constant; actuarially calculable, except for anticipated effects from where the funds are invested. No way!

For reasons largely political, successive governors and legislatures declined to appropriate anything to the funds going back to the mid-90s. In years before that, the "this is your bill, pay it, not negotiable" amount oscillated up and down from year to year like an EKG.

Could any corporation, with a pension to fund, do that and avoid sanctions from the feds under ERISA? But playing games with the pension contribution was a way for Trenton to put off to tomorrow what most thinking people would agree is today's obligation, to be budgeted and paid today, not in the future.

Any comparison to the recent approval of issuing bonds to cover a gap in the present state expense budget is wholly justified — More on that another day.

So how can town fathers and mothers complete a municipal budget, with two six-digit figures, one income, one expense, unknown and unknowable? And this budget is the basis for calculating the total tax rate, town, county and school, and then the tax bills.

Okay, the town budget is delayed far beyond its normal due date in March or April, and the calculation of taxes on 10,000 properties in Westfield, mailing and the collection of well into ten digits of cash is postponed for 20 days or so. So what.

First, the town needs cash to pay its people and its bills - promptly. Not enough cash, the Town has to short-term borrow. And the town owes others as well — the county and the school board. They have an absolute right to their portions of the tax bill on specific schedules. They have more expenses and more people than the town government itself. If the town has to borrow to pay either or both of them, the town pays that interest expense also.

Finally, half of the property taxes in Westfield are paid by mortgage companies. Do not think for a minute that they rush in on August 1 to make a payment on account. Ditto large corporate taxpayers, and we have them in town also. How much extra cash can cash-management savvy residential mortgages escrow companies or other pros make off taxes, the due date for which is pushed back a few weeks?

So, do not rejoice. The town is losing real money on account of the budget delay and the tax bill additional grace period. Eventually, you and I pay it. The answer is to insist from our representatives that they work by the book, to avoid the aforesaid adverse consequences down at the end of the money food chain.

- 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. Stupration - Rape; violation by force
 2. Schatchen - A marriage broker
 3. Tettix - A cicada
 4. Ronion - A mangy, scabby animal
- GEMUTLICH**
1. A series of standing stones surrounding a central object
 2. A miser
 3. Awkward; clumsy
 4. Agreeable; cheerful
- AVENACEOUS**
1. Abundant; plentiful
 2. In botany, furnished with branches in pairs
 3. Belonging to, or having the nature of oaks
 4. Mischievous; devilish
- LANGLAUF**
1. A clairvoyant
 2. An interpreter; translator
 3. A narrow pathway; a foot path
 4. A cross-country ski run
- TIVY**
1. With great speed
 2. Sassy; back talk
 3. Discontent
 4. An intense or nervous state

Higher Sewer Taxes Are Coming; Separate Billing Not A Good Idea

Towns in this area belonging to the Rahway Valley Sewage Authority (RVSA), will soon be saddled with a large, 20-year-long surcharge to pay for the capital cost of the upcoming \$174 million expansion and upgrade of the sewage treatment plant. Westfield, Scotch Plains, Mountainside, Cranford, Garwood, Springfield, Kenilworth, Roselle Park, Clark, Rahway and Woodbridge are full-fledged voting member towns with Winfield Park and portions of Fanwood and Linden also connected to the system. As we understand, the size of this charge is larger than anticipated by town mayors and administrators.

Westfield comprises approximately 12 percent of the system, while Scotch Plains represents 6 percent and Mountainside totals 3.4 percent. Westfield will be hit with their share of the debt, which amounts to \$22 million, Scotch Plains with \$10.4 million and Mountainside with \$5.9 million. As Fanwood is not a voting member, data on their impact was not listed.

Although it's another blow to the property tax burden, most of the RVSA capital improvements are mandated by the court and thus are unavoidable. The improvements are aimed to protect the environment as required by law.

It's a big project and the RVSA seems to have a solid staff and governing board. Each member town appoints a board member. Joan Papen serves on the board for Scotch Plains and Allen Chin serves for Westfield.

The cost of sewer service will more than double for the average homeowner. For example, Westfield now pays \$1.4 million to the RVSA; given 10,000 homes, this equals about \$140 per year for the average household. As the expansion project ensues, the average cost will rise to about \$340 per year by 2008 and continue thereafter for the twenty-year debt period. The higher assessed homes will pay more; the lower assessed

homes will pay less. The average property tax bill in Westfield is about \$10,000 per year. Similar increases are portrayed for the other towns.

Property tax increases in New Jersey continue unabated — a great concern for everyone, including elected officials. On this issue, Governor James McGreevey has been sending out press releases lauding fresh water initiatives. Senator Nicholas Scutari of Linden has also been echoing this claim. But when you look at it, the state is loaning the money to the authority and the payments are added to your property tax bill. It would be refreshing to hear the governor say, "Low interest loans are being provided, but property tax increases will be necessary to pay back the loans — and that's the best I can do."

At least from this, the citizens could better discern just how much debt is piling up. Then, better decisions and arrangement of priorities could be made. "Wish list" items might then take a back seat and discretionary items might be deferred or deleted. Otherwise, are we deluding ourselves about the health of our financial condition?

Another twist in the sewer story has been offered to town governments. Board Chairman Frank Mazzarella proposed to member towns that the fee for sewer charges be dropped from the town property tax bill. Instead, he proposes that the RVSA bill each homeowner and business directly. We think this change would be a senseless administrative nightmare. Why establish an enormous billing system involving several hundreds of thousands? Right now, the authority just bills about a dozen towns.

Some town governments might be enticed to go along with a separate billing because it would have the appearance of softening the blow on property taxes. In the end, we don't think the towns will buy into this proposal.

Westfield Resident Opposes Recent C-SPAN Cutback By Comcast Cable

Since Comcast became our community cable server, we have lost a large block of C-SPAN II coverage. I am a member of Citizens for C-SPAN, a national organization that is dedicated to the preservation of the C-SPAN networks. I hope you will join us in urging Comcast to restore weekend coverage of C-SPAN II.

As a subscriber — we have both cable and internet service provided by Comcast — I consider weekend access to the C-SPAN II channel an essential part of the value I receive from our monthly outlay of dollars for cable service.

As a citizen, it is important to me to have full-time access to all C-SPAN channels because I believe that public affairs programming is an essential public good that is vital to the functioning of our democracy. C-SPAN is an important tool for education of the public, enabling them to understand and monitor their government — and to begin to participate in the process by small steps or large. C-SPAN offers independent, non-partisan coverage, almost unavailable elsewhere now, and such an "American Town Hall" is required to support and preserve our freedom and liberty — our democracy.

Again, I hope that you will encourage Comcast to use the rights of way our community has granted them to serve the public interest. Please join us in urging Comcast to restore weekend coverage of C-SPAN II immediately.

Barbara Briemer
Westfield

The Mayor's Column
Parking in Westfield Is About More Than a Deck
By Westfield Mayor Gregory McDermott

Your recent editorial asked for the status of the parking plan I proposed in June and I am more than happy to provide an update for the readers. The parking plan that I am proposing includes as one of its single components the construction of a parking facility in the downtown. The language pertaining to this construction was incorporated into the non-binding referendum that was recently approved by the town council. As with all ballot initiatives, there will be ample opportunity before November 2 for every resident to become familiar with the question that will be before them in the voting booth. To enhance residents' understanding of this initiative, I recently provided up-to-date information on the proposal in a letter that was included in the tax bills. Every taxpayer in Westfield received the letter and I have already heard from many residents who appreciated the update.

As for the "plan" to which your editorial refers to, I would like to make it clear that there should be no confusion between the referendum and the plan itself. The plan goes beyond the parking structure, as it should, and thus has required more extensive research. I have been working since June with town personnel to create a

holistic parking management plan. The recent approval of the referendum language was a critical next step in this ongoing project as it further clarifies what may or may not need to be done post-November. I have said repeatedly that parking in Westfield is about more than a deck. Westfield must continue to refine and enhance its parking system, which is and must continue to be one of the town's greatest assets. A comprehensive report that offers a systemic approach to parking management will be presented to the town council for its review in September.

As for your final paragraph, I take great offense that you believe the parking issue has become a political morass and the members of the council are frightened. The council has spent months laboring over this issue and it has consumed more time than we all envisioned. But that should not be perceived as a negative. We are all unpaid volunteers on the town council who are working to do our very best for our hometown. I, for one, salute my colleagues on the council for caring enough to be deliberative and thoughtful in our efforts.

Greg McDermott
Westfield Mayor

La Marque Salon Notices Increase In Sales After Move to South Ave.

I vividly remember Tony Dennis Clothiers on the corner of East Broad and Central Avenue. Upon Tony's retirement Gap Kids modernized the location and the first mall store opened in Westfield. The trend continued and slowly, many smaller specialized retailer businesses came to close. I know for a fact that rentals tripled at many downtown locations upon lease terminations. Add to that the unrelenting parking problems and you have a flawed formula for success.

Moderation and diversity are the triumphant contributions for any progressive downtown business environment. Consequently, downtown Westfield could be characterized as an outdoor mall. Do you ever miss the days of walking into your local downtown hardware store, when the proprietor calls you by your first name and asks, "How is the family?"

Parking sometimes blocks away and carrying several garments to our salon for fur storage increasingly annoyed our customers at La Marque Fur Salon. Many customers demanded pickup and delivery service stating that they would pay a much higher storage fee to department stores for that service. No retail merchant wants to lose a customer due to inconvenience. I therefore investigated the prospect of providing a pickup and delivery service. The insurance premium was incomprehensible. All factors considered, I very much needed a new convenient location with ample free parking and affordable rent. I searched the local business area for nearly a year to no avail. A proposed retail site, apartment complex was approved for a South Avenue development. Indeed, the complex was ideal and well-matched to

all our needs.

I intensely investigated the entire South Avenue West corridor for nearly a month. Several upscale business establishments had relocated to that area. United Trust Bank would reside in the same complex as La Marque Furs. Candidly, we have moved three times to larger locations within the business community, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars upgrading the landlord's property. We relocated and opened March 1, 2003. Our calendar year ended December 31. Our first 10 months at this location netted an 11-percent increase in sales and services. Presently, our incoming fur storage season has produced a 17-percent increase over last year.

I'm often reminded of that old adage, "I would rather be lucky than smart." I believe our move to South Avenue West was a little of both. Many downtown merchants have contacted us concerning the status of our relocation. I usually reply, "Come on down, the water is fine."

Joe Perna, President
La Marque Fur Salon

Immediate Action Required to Correct Over-Development Regulatory Flaw

In response to Mr. Foerst's article appearing in the 8/5/04 edition of *The Westfield Leader*, I am submitting this email to let the mayor and council know I agree fully with Mr. Foerst on the issue of over-development in this town.

I live on Coolidge Street. All one needs to do is take a drive down this street to see the issue of home teardown and McMansion replacement in full swing. Four homes have been demolished at one end of the street (near the rear entrance to Union County College). These have been replaced with so-called "Victorian-style" homes. These new homes look wonderful, but are completely out of character and clearly out of scale with the surrounding neighborhood and properties. At the other end of the street, a single-family ranch home has been demolished within the past three weeks, and two much larger three-story homes are being "shoe-horned" onto now postage stamp sized lots for the respective homes.

It takes simple observation to quickly come to the conclusion that these new homes are out of context relative to their surroundings. Incidentally, the demolition of this ranch home is about two blocks away from the 1800-era home at 231 Benson Place which, according to the *Leader*, will also fall victim to the shoe-horning of two new McMansions that will again be completely out of character with the neighborhood (but they will be saving some floorboards!).

Michael Hirtler
Westfield

I am not an attorney and I will acquiesce to Mr. Foerst's knowledge on the subject when he states that it's very difficult to pass the requisite laws needed to have more control on development. This notwithstanding, I would think that if a town does not have the proper laws that allow for control on development, with emphasis on residential development, then the town should take immediate action to correct such a serious regulatory flaw regardless of the time and effort to achieve such. In the meantime, even if the board cannot prevent the development, perhaps they could start requiring new homes be kept in context with the neighborhoods (if they have the legal power to do even this).

Change and development are inevitable, and the builders/developers know that constructing a brand new home in this very desirable town will maximize their economic gain, but at what expense? I hope the elected and appointed town officials will make the issue of control on over-development as discussed herein a high priority. Between the potential parking deck, the new Union County police building on North Avenue and the teardown and shoe-horning of homes in this town, including the Benson Place home, the words "historic" and "colonial" are rapidly becoming adjectives that no longer apply to Westfield.

Travis Redd
Westfield



Restrictions Don't Address Root Cause Of Student Parking

Here we go again. I read in the August 5 *Westfield Leader* account of the Town Council meeting that Codding Road extension residents have petitioned the council for (presumably student) parking restrictions during the school year.

My hope and expectation from our elected leaders is that they will deny another shortsighted request similar to those already granted to Edgar, Lynwood, Stoneleigh and Westfield streets. These restrictions do not address the root cause of the student parking problem and merely shift the burden to residents who live further away from Westfield High School.

Please don't forget that the outgoing council tabled the proposed WHS Parking Policy last year with its associated fees and alternate side of the street restrictions as a result of significant opposition to the policy. The public outcry most specifically included concerns regarding those streets (which had previously been granted school day parking restrictions) being excluded from the scope of the proposed parking areas.

To my knowledge, neither the incoming council nor the Westfield Board of Education has assumed any leadership on the topic this year to date. Have options such as the Armory and Watterston Street lots ever been fully evaluated as a follow-up?

I urge the Town Council to deny further residential street parking restrictions and work with the BOE and a council of neighborhood representatives to identify a solution that is fair and acceptable to residents of all impacted streets. The student parking problem will not be solved through piecemeal parking restrictions, which favor certain streets over others, etc.

Jennifer Hunt
Westfield

Driver Witnesses 'Sheer Stupidity' On Streets of Downtown Westfield

Every once in a while, I see an act of sheer stupidity that makes me shake my head, but this such act takes the cake.

Mid morning on Tuesday, July 20, I was on my way to work. The route on my way to work takes me down Elm Street. When the turn is made onto Elm from Quimby Street, low and behold, I confront a Jeep Cherokee in reverse gear. The individual in the jeep puts on the brakes when he realizes I am behind him.

Now, everyone has done the act of backing into a parking spot to parallel park, not to mention the traditional "wave by" to allow traffic to go around. I looked around to see if there were any empty parking spaces or people attempting to merge into traffic out of a spot. There were none.

He looked in his mirror and waved me by again. I shrugged my shoulders because nothing could be done on my behalf to help him. I could not go around him because there is a double yellow line that travels all the way down this particular road, prohibiting passing. In this short

amount of time, another car pulled up behind my truck. And this is where it becomes quite bizarre and the unthinkable happened.

The driver of the jeep then pulls forward, then drives in reverse on the opposite side of the road, passing me and the car behind me, backing up into the intersection of Elm and Quimby Streets, and pulling into an end spot in front of the Town Bank of Westfield.

Simply amazing he didn't get caught by police or crash into another driver or even a pedestrian. I could just imagine the summonses he could have received for that stunt! Not only did he put himself in danger, but also the lives of many others that day. Can someone be so ignorant to put human life in danger over something so insignificant as a parking space? Heaven help me if the law allows civilians to carry summons booklets for sheer stupidity.

Travis Redd
Westfield

The Intern Forum

Time at the Leader/Times Earns Valuable Skills

By DON WILLIAMS

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Unlike many other high school graduates this summer, I did not tour the world or spend my summer as a store clerk, a lifeguard or a camp counselor. Instead, I grew in a new way, made new friends, met prominent individuals and gained a significant knowledge of journalism, small-town politics and local history.

When I noticed an advertisement in *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains - Fanwood Times* this February for summer internships, I was incredibly excited at the thought of becoming a part of the newspaper that covers our town, the paper I have been reading ever since I learned how. I entered the building next to the train station, rode the elevator up to the third floor and tentatively handed my high school journalism portfolio, resume and recommendations to the editor and publisher, whose warm personalities and encouraging attitudes put me immediately at ease.

Months later, after graduating high school, I rode the elevator once more and stepped into the newsroom for my first day of work. I could not even dream of the amazing experience I would enjoy over the next weeks, putting my journalism experience to work and learning about how all the elements of *The Leader/Times* come together every week.

The best part of my experience is that I have learned as much as I have contributed, gaining firsthand knowledge of the technical aspects of the paper, covering municipal meetings, interviewing local officials and learning about breaking news as it hap-

pens. Our publisher, Horace Corbin, has taken me under his wing and included me in his long-term planning ideas for changing production processes and the newspaper's website. He is constantly looking to provide the other interns and me with new experiences, and he encourages us to pursue our interests.

I have had the amazing opportunity to spend many hours in the Westfield Historical Society's archives. For next year's *This Is Westfield*, which will be themed "The History of Westfield," I was given free run of the archives in order to find topics for the publication. I sifted through documents as new as last week and as old as the 1700s. I have held an original copy of the Town Charter in my hand and learned about notable people and events in Westfield history from both the documents and Historical Society volunteers whose encyclopedic knowledge of Westfield's past surpasses any written account.

Working at *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*, I have been given room to grow and opportunities to add my voice to the paper, such as writing the leading editorial for the week on my first day on the job. I am part of a great community of writers and editors who are professional at what they do but outgoing enough to encourage me in my endeavors and teach me new skills. I will take what I learned here with me as I leave for Davidson College this week, where I hope to be a part of the college newspaper. To the entire staff and the other interns, thank you for providing me with a unique experience and accepting me as one of your own.

Internships Are the Best Way to Gain Experience

By MIRIAM BAMBERGER

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

I never made it to the Jersey Shore this summer - I don't even have the faintest hint of a tan. I did, however, make it to several town council, planning board, board of adjustment and school board meetings. I interviewed busy officials, angry residents and a newly appointed councilman. I learned about non-binding referendums, executive sessions, municipal budgets and variances that don't comply with ordinances. It sounds backwards, but I'm extremely grateful that *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* gave me the opportunity to do all of this.

I had past experience writing for my high school and college newspapers, but I decided that this summer I wanted the challenge of working at a professional newspaper. Journalism entails much more than writing alone. Attending meetings, tracking down officials, scheduling interviews and reading submissions from readers are just some of the responsibilities of reporters, responsibilities that *The Leader/Times* shared with myself and three other interns this summer.

For college students, interning is probably the best way to gain real-world experience in any career field. As a political science student, I learned more about the municipal, county and state governments at this internship than I ever will at school, where most of my classes focus on federal and international politics. My assignments covering meetings and events brought to life the institutions I read

about in my textbooks, and introduced me to some I didn't know existed. When my editor assigned me to cover my first board of adjustment meeting, I had no idea what was being adjusted or who was adjusting it. The annual budget? The municipal calendar? The time limit on the two-hour meters downtown? Four hours later, I was well aware of what role the board plays in our community (answer: none of the above).

I know a lot of people at school who were overjoyed to snag internships making coffee and logging phone calls at large firms in faceless office buildings. At *The Leader/Times*, the four of us were treated as assets to the newspaper - the instruction we gained was paired with interesting assignments and responsibilities. I sincerely thank Horace Corbin, Lauren Pass and the rest of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains/Fanwood Times* staff for allowing me the opportunity to have such a meaningful summer. I learned so much, and really enjoyed my time as an intern.

Congressman Ferguson To Host Open House At His Warren Office

WARREN - Congressman Mike Ferguson, R-N.J., on Thursday, August 19 will host an open house to welcome constituents to his district office in Warren from 3 to 7 p.m.

The office is located at 45 Mountain Boulevard, Building D, Suite 1 in Warren.



GOING TO THE SOURCE... While vacationing last week, Westfield Councilman James Foerst, left, visits with *Leader/Times* political cartoonist Dale Neseman at his hometown of Hamburg, NY. Mr. Foerst and Mr. Neseman agreed that the flavor of local politics in upstate New York was very active and similar to that of the residential communities in New Jersey.

Protective Vest Grants Available for State Law Enforcement Agencies

TRENTON - Governor James McGreevey announced the implementation of the 2004/05 Body Armor Replacement Fund Program that will provide more than \$3.8 million in state grant money for the purchase of protective vests by law enforcement agencies in the state.

"We can't afford to have our police officers work with old protective armor - or none at all," said Governor McGreevey. "It is our duty to look after those who sacrifice their lives for our safety."

Grant applications for the program are now being accepted. All New Jersey law enforcement agencies are eligible to apply for funding that will

allow for the purchase of new or replacement body armor vests.

Since 1981, body armor has saved at least 19 New Jersey law enforcement officers from death or serious injury as a result of shootings, assaults with deadly weapons and automobile accidents.

New Jersey law enforcement agencies are encouraged to apply online for 2004 Body Armor Replacement Fund grant money. For more information on the Body Armor Replacement Fund Program, or to apply for funding, log on to the Division of Criminal Justice website at www.nj.gov/lps/bodyarmor. Applications must be received by August 31.

More Letters to the Editor

Cultural Arts Committee Thanked For Thursday Night Performances

I just want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Committee for the great job they do in putting on the summer concert series in Alan Augustine Park. They have put together a program of Thursday night performances that appeal to kids of all ages.

The 7 p.m. shows featuring magicians and puppeteers have amused the young families in the audience. The feature acts at 8 p.m. have been tremendous. There have been great performers doing the music of Billy Joel and Elvis Presley, as well as bands performing everyone's favorites

from the 50s up to the present. It is great seeing kids from two to 82 having fun together.

I would love to see more people coming out to the concerts. It is a fun night out where families can spend time out of the house together, away from the computer and the TV. It's an opportunity to hang out with your friends and sing and dance along to good music. And it's free!

Again, thanks to the Cultural Arts Committee for the wonderful job. Over the past several years, the program has improved greatly and I look forward to the rest of the concerts this year and for years to come.

Steve Goldberg
Scotch Plains

Deck Is Questionable Enterprise with Cost Burden on Residents

As you so ably point out in your editorial on August 5, we are being asked to vote in a non-binding referendum on whether a parking deck and mixed-use development should be built in Westfield, even though the details of the plan are known only to the mayor and the contractors - maybe.

Even if we assume that a parking deck is needed, why do we need additional retail space and housing in the middle of town where it is already highly congested? And when did we come to the conclusion that, most likely, the burden of the cost of this questionable enterprise will surely be borne by the property taxes of the residents?

Me thinks there is something rotten in the Town of Westfield! Who will most likely profit from this major development? Since the project will move forward regardless of the results of the referendum in November, I would like to propose that the mayor and the members of the town council all be required to sign an affidavit stating that they will in no way profit from the parking/retail/housing project for at least 10 years after the structure is completed. I consider this a reasonable request and I trust it meets with their concurrence.

Kurt Pollak
Westfield

CAMPAIGN RELEASE

Freeholders Shouldn't Do Business With Lawbreakers

By Pat Quattrocchi, Candidate for UC Freeholder with Joe Renna, Bruce Paterson and Frank Arena



We have all heard the expression that 'we are judged by the company that we keep,' and the Board of Freeholders is no exception.

At the next meeting the Democrat Freeholder Board is expected to take action on a resolution authorizing the county manager to enter into a Professional Service contract with JCA Associates, Clark. The contract is in an amount not to exceed \$113,876 for construction services associated with a bridge replacement in Summit. Sounds innocent enough, and good news for Summit, which has been long neglected. But is it really innocent or good news?

Based in Moorestown, JCA acquired their Clark office in 1999 and contributions to the UC DEM PAC started to increase. One year ago the company's president and two corporate execs pleaded guilty to filing fraudulent tax returns in order to conceal \$84,000 in illegal campaign contributions in Gloucester County made in return for Professional Services contracts. In a rare move the courts have recently rejected the executives' plea bargain deal, which included a \$100,000 civil penalty, the ruling exposes these executives to further criminal prosecution. In the world of pay to play this is certainly a step in the right direction.

Professional services are defined as those provided by attorneys, engineers and architects and the regulations in NJ appear to apply to school districts, local governments, and the Turnpike Authority, as well as state educational institutions. County governments are merely urged to exercise fiscal responsibility when awarding contracts using the non-competitive bidding process or "no bid contracts." Surely this process wasn't intended as a "reward" system for

loyal contributors. But here in Union County it certainly appears that it does as this professional services contract would make a total of almost half a million dollars work awarded to JCA, an excellent return on a documented investment of about \$20,000 to the UC DEM Political Action Committee. JCA is only the tip of the iceberg as far as campaign contributions and no bid contracts are concerned, but it appears that they were just getting warmed up and judging by past performance bigger numbers would have soon followed.

JCA's current legal difficulties and admitted illegal methods of doing business sends up warning flares that should not be ignored by the voters in Union County. Do we really want to do business with operators of this type? What else are they up to and can we really trust the caliber of their work? Could they be taking shortcuts, which could endanger the safety of the residents? How are their employees treated? Since this board of freeholders must be well aware of this situation how can they in good conscience continue to do business with this firm?

There is another old expression that says something about 'birds of a feather flocking together' and we ask that the voters keep this in mind when they go to the polls in November. Please support us as we endeavor to make Union County a place where you would want to raise your family with pride. Vote for Joe Renna, Patricia Quattrocchi, Frank Arena and Bruce Paterson for Union County Freeholder. We invite your comments, and inquiries and of course welcome your assistance in our campaign call (908) 789-0200 or Email us at chairman@unioncountygop.org.

WACC Seeks Nominees for Faith in WF Awards

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominees for its annual Faith in Westfield Awards, to be presented at the chamber's annual dinner on Monday, November 1.

The chamber welcomes nominations from the Westfield area in three award categories: Business of the Year, Employee of the Year, and Community Service.

For over 20 years, the chamber has honored local business people and residents who have distinguished themselves by demonstrating an outstanding commitment to the Westfield area community. Recent honorees have included

Weldon Materials, Mary Hartmann from Robert Treat Delicatessen, and the Westfield Service League. The chamber looks forward to celebrating new achievements this year.

Anyone interested in submitting a nomination for the awards is invited to do so prior to Wednesday, September 1, with a letter that details the nominee's accomplishments.

Submissions should be mailed to the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, 173 Elm Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090 and should include a name and contact information. For more information, please call the chamber at (908) 233-3021.

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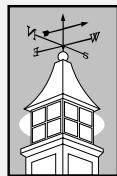
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Ms. Heidi A. Kevoe and Bradley Michael Feldman

Ms. Heidi A. Kevoe to Wed Bradley Michael Feldman

Sherri and Melvin Kevoe of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Heidi

A. Kevoe, to Bradley Michael Feldman. He is the son of Linda and Jeffrey Feldman, also of Westfield.

SAGE Offers Teens Free Movie Passes

SUMMIT — SAGE, a provider of eldercare services, is currently seeking teenage volunteers for its Meals-on-Wheels program.

Teenagers who volunteer between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. will receive a free movie pass.

SAGE's Meals-on-Wheels program delivers meals to residents of Summit, Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Chatham Township, Millburn/Short Hills, Mountainside, New Providence and Springfield six days a week.

For more information, please call Marianne Kranz at SAGE at (908) 273-5554.

The bride-to-be graduated from Westfield High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English at Northeastern University. She was awarded her master's degree in corporate communication from Fairleigh Dickinson University and is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Communication Studies at Rutgers University.

Her fiancé is a marketing manager for PAETEC Communications in Voorhees. A Westfield High School graduate, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics at the University of Illinois. He later completed his master's degree in telecommunications and networking at the University of Pennsylvania.

A June 2005 wedding is planned.

Center For Hope Sets Date For Benefit Golf Outing

COUNTY — On Monday, September 13, the Center For Hope Hospice and Palliative Care will hold its 18th annual golf outing, its largest fundraising event, which benefits the center.

The golf outing has raised close to \$2 million, allowing the center to provide direct services of doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers, volunteers and counselors to thousands of terminally ill patients and their families.

Larry Reagan, a Hospice Board member, has chaired the Golf Outing Committee since its inception with the help of his wife, Anita, and many volunteers.

Historian Spies Speaks To F-SP Rotary Club

SCOTCH PLAINS — Stacy Spies, an architectural historian and historic preservation consultant, spoke at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club's recent meeting at the Pantagis Renaissance restaurant in Scotch Plains. Her address focused on the Betty Frazee House, which the Rotary is trying to secure for the citizens of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

The Frazee House, built before the Revolutionary War, is the source of hundreds of stories contributing to the lore of this region, such as Elizabeth Frazee's role in the Battle of Short Hills. Ms. Spies will work with the Rotary Club to create a preservation plan and to identify and evaluate appropriate funding avenues, particularly within the historic preservation community.

The Rotary Club is pursuing this project for the community and plans on encouraging other local groups to join its efforts.

Center For Hope, praised Mr. Reagan and all the volunteers who contribute their time to the event.

"Their dedication and hard work provides for a great day of fun and fellowship, while also providing invaluable assistance to our numerous programs, including our inpatient hospice residences, assisted living in public housing, and grief and bereavement counseling," he said.

The cost for golfers is \$150 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart plus breakfast, lunch, a cocktail hour and sit-down dinner at the Roselle Golf Club. For those who wish to attend the cocktail hour and dinner only, the cost is \$60.

The festivities also will include gifts and raffle prizes. For sponsorship opportunities and more information, please call Mr. Reagan at (732) 244-1044.

Area Junior League Seeks New Members

COUNTY — The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield (JLEP) is currently seeking new members from Westfield, Scotch Plains, Cranford and surrounding communities in southern Union County to join its 80-year-old organization.

The JLEP is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Anyone interested in membership in the JLEP and its activities is invited to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 14. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Jumble Store, located at 110 Walnut Avenue in Cranford. For more details, please call (908) 709-1177.

Workshop to Offer Guidance On Planning College Tuition

SCOTCH PLAINS — A free workshop on how to plan for college tuition for a child or grandchild will be held at the Scotch Plains Public Library on Tuesday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Entitled "13 Steps to Plan for College Costs Without Spending Your Life's Savings or Going Broke," the

Son, Justin James, Born to Burketts

Joyce and Austin Burkett of New York City have announced the birth of their son, Justin James Burkett, on Friday, July 23, at 6:46 p.m. at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City.

The baby weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces and measured 19 inches in length at birth.

Justin's maternal grandparents are Diana Evangelista of Merrick, N.Y. and Austin B. Johnson, 4th, of Artesia, Calif.

His paternal grandparents are Ronald and Sonja Burkett of Westfield.

Justin's great-grandmothers are Aurora Diaz of East Meadow, N.Y. and Lucille Burkett of Sioux City, Iowa.

two-hour program will feature Sean Duffy, a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Planner.

This workshop is described as ideal for those who have children who will be attending college in three or more years.

Topics will include financial aid formulas, advantages and disadvantages of various savings vehicles, and strategies to maximize financial aid.

Admission is free but seating will be limited by the size of the room. To reserve a seat, please call (908) 490-1875. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.

Bone Density Screenings Scheduled at Area 'Y'

WESTFIELD — Overlook Hospital will conduct a bone density screening on Tuesday, August 17, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Westfield Area "Y," 220 Clark Street in Westfield.

The cost is \$10 per person; \$8 for those over 60. For an appointment, please call (800) 247-9580. For more details, please call the "Y" at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 251.



A PLAN FOR PRESERVATION...Architectural Historian and historic preservation consultant Stacy Spies, right, discusses the Betty Frazee House with Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club Community Chairwoman Pat Plante, left, and President Dwight Leeper.

Vendors, Vehicles, Volunteers Sought For Fanny Wood Day

FANWOOD — The Fanny Wood Day Committee has announced that the Ninth Annual Fanny Wood Day celebration will be held on Sunday, October 3, from noon to 5 p.m. along South and Martine Avenues in downtown Fanwood. The rain date is the following Sunday, October 10.

The committee has been meeting throughout the summer to finalize plans for this year's event. Chaired by Fanwood Councilwoman Donna Dolce, the committee includes representatives from the Department of Public Works, the Fanwood Police Department and a number of local volunteers, some of whom have participated since Fanny Wood Day debuted in 1996.

The committee has been soliciting various vendors who will have stands at the celebration, along with local merchants. There also will be food, crafts and booths featuring other items.

A special area will be set up for children, with rides and entertainment as part of the festivities. A variety of performers will entertain visitors throughout the afternoon on the main stage. Additionally, several contests will be held, with prizes donated

by local merchants. The Cougar Car Club will host an exhibition of classic automobiles in the Fanwood Train Station parking lot along South Avenue during the festival. Anyone interested in exhibiting a vehicle is asked to call (908) 889-1709.

A brochure about the festival will be mailed to each Fanwood household shortly, according to Councilwoman Dolce.

Vendors interested in reserving a spot at the festival should call (908) 322-2350. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to call Councilwoman Dolce at (908) 889-6072.

Mall Event to Benefit Komen Foundation

SHORT HILLS — From Monday, September 27, to Sunday, October 3, the Mall at Short Hills' boutiques will once again unite for the second annual Style For The Cure® mall-wide benefit for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, North Jersey Affiliate.

Seventy-five boutiques are scheduled to take part in the event, designed to raise funding and awareness for the Komen North Jersey Affiliate. The Mall at Short Hills is located at Route 24 and JFK Parkway in Short Hills.

Participating boutiques will donate a percentage of their sales to the organization over the course of a three-day (September 30-October 3), five-day (September 27-October 1) or seven-day (September 27-October 3) time period.

In addition, anchor stores Bloomingdale's, Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom will host special fundraising and educational events throughout the week.

To kick off Style For The Cure®, on September 27, Tiffany & Co. will host a private "Breakfast at Tiffany's" event to honor Komen North Jersey Affiliate breast cancer survivors.

Style For The Cure® Special Offers Booklets, detailing each participating store's fundraising efforts, will be available to customers.

Individuals only need to bring the booklets into participating stores to ensure that their purchase benefits the organization.

Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Department store and restaurant hours may vary.

Kickoff Event Slated For Light the Night

AREA — The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Northern New Jersey Chapter will hold a kickoff celebration over the course of two evenings in preparation for its Light The Night 2004 walks.

The celebrations, from 7 to 9 p.m. each evening, will take place on Tuesday, August 17, at Verducci's Specialty Market in Ringoes, and on Tuesday, August 24, at Verizon Wireless on James Street in Morristown.

Participants will have an opportunity to learn more about Light The Night; meet returning team captains and walkers; talk with the 2004 honorees and pick up some fundraising tips and ideas.

Although there is no entrance fee to participate in the walks or minimum amount that must be raised, the Society is looking for teams of four or more people to raise over \$1,100. Individual walkers have a fundraising goal of \$150.

For more information, including dates and times of all seven walks in northern New Jersey, please call Kisha Achoe at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Northern New Jersey Chapter at (908) 654-9445 or visit www.lightthenight.org/nnj.

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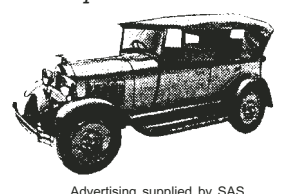
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DEATH NOTICE

Joseph Kania, Sr., 72, Had Been Mason In the Westfield Area For 50 Years

Joseph Kania, Sr., 72, of West Palm Beach, Fla. died on Saturday, June 26, at his home.

Born in Brazil, he came to the United States at age 21. He had lived in Westfield for most of his life before retiring to Florida in 2000.

Mr. Kania had been a mason in the Westfield area for 50 years.

He was a communicant of the Our Lady of the Apostles Roman Catholic Church in Royal Palm Beach, Fla.

He is survived by his loving wife of



Joseph Kania, Sr.

47 years, Valerie Jargiello Kania; a son, Joseph Kania, Jr. of Westfield; a daughter, Karen Chaplin of Keyport; a sister, Teresa Betcher of Loxahatchee, Fla., and five grandsons, Joseph Kania, 3rd, Kyle Kania, Jake Kania, Koury Kania and Julian Chaplin.

A memorial Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 14, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Private interment will follow at Saint Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

August 12, 2004

DEATH NOTICE

Janet Smalley Paulsen, 84, Employed With Merck and Co. For 30 Years

Janet Smalley Paulsen, 84, a former longtime resident of Westfield and Rahway, died on Monday, August 2, in Jacksonville, Fla., where she had lived for the past three years. She was the widow of Harold Paulsen, who died in 1996.

The daughter of the late Ralph T. and Madge B. Smalley of Westfield, she was born in Kansas City, Mo. on March 17, 1920. She lived in Kansas, Arizona and Longview, Wash. before moving to Westfield in 1950. She relocated to Rahway following her marriage to Mr. Paulsen in 1969.

Mrs. Paulsen was a 30-year employee of Merck and Co., retiring from its legal department in 1982.

A 1940 graduate of Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., she was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, the Merck "25-Year Club," and the Rahway Yacht Club. In Jacksonville, she participated in the activities of the Carriage Club at which she resided.

Surviving are her two sons, Thomas Charles Newell and his wife, Barbara, of Pennington, N.J. and William John Newell and his wife, Claudia, of Jacksonville, Fla.; four grandchildren and their families, Nicole Newell Bennett, her husband, David, and children Victoria and Daniel of Medford, N.J.; Kristie Newell Lightner, her husband, Bill, and children Brett and Brittany Lightner of Barrington, N.J.; Darren Newell and his wife, Lucia, and son, Darren T., of Willcox, Ariz., and Rob-

ert Newell, his wife, Sharon, and son, William, of Jacksonville, and a sister and brother-in-law, Frances and George Ehrman of Westfield.

A memorial service was held yesterday, Wednesday, August 11, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Burial followed at the Revolutionary Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home in Jacksonville.

August 12, 2004

Janet M. Eckerson, 66

Janet M. Eckerson, 66, of Manahawkin died on Saturday, August 7, at Southern Ocean County Hospital in Manahawkin.

Born in Montclair, she had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Manahawkin five years ago.

Mrs. Eckerson had worked as a waitress at the Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains prior to retiring 15 years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband, James Eckerson, in 1988.

Surviving are a son, Michael Eckerson; two daughters, Karen Mortarulo and Jeanne Calvert; a brother, Jack Fischer, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, August 11, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment followed at the Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

August 12, 2004

Robert Ohaus, 84, Was Patent Holder; Executive and Westfield BOE Member

Robert Edward Ohaus, 84, of State College, Pa. died on Tuesday, August 3, at Pine Castle at Brookline Village in State College.

Born October 15, 1919 in Newark, the son of the late Gustav and Mabel Murtha Ohaus, he had lived in Westfield and Summit before relocating to State College.

Attending Cornell University on a McMullen Scholarship, Mr. Ohaus received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1941 and is the holder of several patents.

In 1946, he joined the Ohaus Scale Corporation, a company founded by his grandfather, Karl L. Ohaus. He retired as President, with his primary responsibilities being engineering and production.

While living in Westfield, Mr. Ohaus served on the Recreation Commission and the Board of Education. He also was a Past President of the Westfield YMCA.

He was predeceased by his wife, Blair Chase Ohaus, on January 31, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Deborah Casselberry of State College, Pa.; three sons, John Ohaus of Hartford, Vt., James Ohaus of Westfield and Thomas Ohaus of South Dartmouth, Mass., and 12 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 20, at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield. A reception will immediately follow at the Acquaviva Restaurant, 115 Elm Street in Westfield.

August 12, 2004

Thomas J. Logue, 89, Esso Technician; Pivotal in Creation of Labor Union

Thomas J. Logue, 89, of Westfield died on Sunday, August 1, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born and raised in Perth Amboy, he had lived for a number of years in Linden before moving to Westfield in 1960.

Mr. Logue had been employed as a technician at the Esso Research Refinery in Linden for 42 years, retiring in 1976. He was instrumental in organizing the first independent labor union there, and was Past President and Vice President of the company's and social club.

He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Elks

Club of Elizabeth. Surviving are his wife of 68 years, Augusta Foerster Logue; two daughters, Carole Carl and Sally Tremery; a sister, Marie Anderson; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, August 9, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Burial took place at Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

August 12, 2004

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICE

Harold C. Carlton, 86, Executive; Received Navy Excellence Award

Harold C. Carlton, 86, of Nokomis, Fla. died on Monday, July 19, of natural causes.

He was born January 28, 1918 in Gouldsboro, Pa., and his family soon moved to Westfield. A member of the Drama Club, he graduated from Westfield High School in 1936.

That same year, Mr. Carlton joined Gibbs and Cox Marine Draftsmen and Naval Architects of New York as a Junior Clerk. While working in New York, he also attended Union Junior College, majoring in accounting and business. He graduated in 1941.

Mr. Carlton retired from G&C in 1983 as Comptroller and Division Head. He took great pride in being involved in the contract negotiations to design the USS United States and other battleships. He was awarded the Navy "E" in 1942 and 1943. The award was presented to businesses across America that were recognized for excellence in military production.

At the time of his retirement, he had the longest length of service by any member of the staff, with the exception of Mr. F.H. Gibbs, of 46 years, one month and 28 days.

Mr. Carlton was a communicant of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield and served as a Sunday school teacher and Superintendent,

as well as a Trustee. He was instrumental in getting air-conditioning to the very large, cathedral-like sanctuary.

In 1990, at the age of 72, he went to realtors' school. He was a licensed realtor for Coldwell-Banker in Westfield for six years and achieved a million dollars in sales in his first year.

Mr. Carlton moved to The Gables in Shelburne, Vt. in 1996 and to Nokomis, Fla. in 2003.

He was a kind, compassionate, caring, generous, loving man to all those who knew him.

Survivors include his wife of five years, Helen Whitlock (formerly of The Gables, Shelburne, Vt.) of Nokomis, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Bob Calder of Wilmington, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Harold, Jr. and Lyn Carlton, and grandchildren Bradley and Tarryn of South Plainfield; a daughter, Linda Walker of Massachusetts; two stepdaughters, Nancy Vogler and Charlene Pomier of Florida; a stepson, James Vogler of Charlotte, Vt., and special friend Lucille Smith of Florida.

A private memorial service will be held in Shelburne, Vt.

Memorial donations may be made to Bon Secours Venice Nursing and Rehab Center, 832 Sunset Lake Boulevard, Venice, Fla. 34293.

August 12, 2004



Harold C. Carlton

Stephen Orlando, Sr., 90, Attorney; Was President of Linden Lions Club

Stephen Orlando, Sr., 90, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, August 6, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Scotch Plains for many years.

Mr. Orlando had been an attorney in Linden for 55 years prior to retiring in 1993.

He was a former President of the Lions Club and a past member of the Moose Lodge, both in Linden.

He graduated from Rutgers University and in 1937 received his law degree from Rutgers Law School in Newark.

Mr. Orlando was a United States Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Eleanor Orlando; a son, Stephen Orlando, Jr.; a daughter, Barbara Joan

Chicurel; two sisters, Yolanda Cusmano and Josephine Muller; a brother, Edward Orlando; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 10, at the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark. Interment took place at the Rosedale Cemetery in Linden.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, P.O. Box 1950, Clarksburg, Md. 20871-1950.

August 12, 2004

Mary C. Cook, 95

Mary Carmalyn McCann Cook, 95, died on Wednesday, August 4, at Larsen Place in Hamden, Conn.

Born in Alabama, she had lived most of her adult life in Westfield, where she was active in the Westfield Community Players, the YWCA and the First Congregational Church of Westfield.

After leaving Westfield in 1985, she and her husband lived in Montgomery, Ala. for 17 years until 2002, when they moved to Larsen Place.

Mrs. Cook was a graduate of Huntingdon College and the Lucy Feagin School of Dramatic Arts in New York City.

Surviving are her husband of 71 years, Rowland Bowen Cook; three daughters, Marilyn Neibart, Margaret Hatch and Carmalyn Buleje; a son, John Rowland Cook; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Newbern, Ala.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to a fund established in memory of her grandson: Timothy Weeks Memorial Fund, in care of Neibart, 11 Lewis Drive, Maplewood, N.J. 07040.

August 12, 2004



CELEBRATING THEIR FAITH...Members of the Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class of 2004 from Temple Emanu-El in Westfield recently led the congregation in worship. This service of prayer and song was a culmination of two years of study. Pictured, from left to right, are: First row, Randi Traiman, Gail Erlich, Rabbi Jennifer Clayman, Rabbi Douglas Sagal, Cantor Martha Novick, Tamara Ruben, Director of Education; Elaine Zack and Alice Fertig; second row, Allyne Zorn, Gail Austin, Hannah Lieberman, Hebrew instructor; Nanci Pompan, Barbara Koppersmith and Faye Pollack; third row, Nancy Wolf, Andrea Gelber, Jane Berlant, Jill Cimafonte, Esther Rose and Sara Rachman, and top row, Susan Frigand, Laura Alpert, Robin Winter-Bailey, Rache Lazar, Dina Leyden, Barbara Melson and Amanda Friss. Not pictured is Dara Klassel. The class was taught by Rabbi Sagal and Rabbi Zamore.

Willow Grove Group to Study Persecutor Turned Promoter

SCOTCH PLAINS — During the next session of "Life-Transforming Encounters With Jesus" at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains, participants will learn why Jesus blinds a man with a light so bright, he is forced to see the truth.

"The Persecutor Who Became a Promoter" (Acts 7:51-8:1; Acts 9:1-19) will take place on Wednesday, August 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, August 19, from 10 to 11:55 a.m. in Alexander Hall. Willow Grove Church is located at 1961 Raritan Road.

This session will mark the seventh

study in the summer series "Work in the Word" being taught by the Reverend George Betz, Interim Pastor. Individuals may attend as many sessions as they wish. The summer "Work in the Word" series will continue weekly through August 25 and 26.

Refreshments will be provided and babysitting will be available if requested by the morning of August 18. All are welcome.

For more information, please call the church office during morning hours, Monday through Friday, at (908) 232-5678, send an email to wilgrv@netzero.com or visit www.scotchplains.com/wgpc.

Jennifer Hessberger Joins 'Y' Staff as Sports Director

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield, has announced that Jennifer Hessberger has joined the staff as Sports Director.

Mrs. Hessberger comes to the "Y" from Cortland, N.Y. and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from the State University of New York in Cortland.

In her new position, she will be responsible for preschool, school-age, teenage and adult sports programs.

Mrs. Hessberger previously served as travel basketball coach for the Ithaca, N.Y. Amateur Athletic Union (high school girls traveling league),

and ran a summer recreation program site for the Cortland Youth Bureau. She also worked briefly as a teacher in a preschool program at the Cortland YMCA.

"I am excited to be part of the YMCA organization and the Westfield community," remarked the married mother of three young children. "My goals are to build on already successful programs, implement new ones and develop community partnerships."

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN: (Never known to fail) Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me show me herein, you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for the things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days. After three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. J.D.



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PADOVANO TAPS WINNER; BELFORD, 3 HITS, 2 RBI

Westfield Policemen 1 Sting Sheriff Dept, 8-7, in Game 2

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

The Sheriff II Department boys rode into town and outgunned the Westfield PD 1 softballers, 12-3, in the first game of a doubleheader, but Westfield came back to win the second game, 8-7, in the Union County Police Softball League on Memorial Field in Westfield on August 4.

In Game 1, Westfield seemed to forget to bring the ammo. Offensive

dominance by the Sheriffs dictated the flow of the game. "We revenged from last year when they beat us at the end of the year," said Sheriff team captain Rich Shaughnessy. "We hit the ball really well, including a lot of big bombs, so we did alright."

The 11-2 Westfield Blue did everything right in Game 2 and fired off 17 rounds of hits. Perhaps the most dangerous gunslinger was shortstop Ed Belford who triggered three singles

and two RBI. Defensively, Belford was simply amazing, turning two double plays involving Dave Wayman and Mike Smalls, respectively.

"The first one was a little bit to my left. I wasn't as close to the bag as I thought and I was lucky enough to get my foot on it. The second one actually was tailor made and you have to credit Smalls with his turn because he still has a gun for being an old guy." In the top of the first, Westfield Chief Barney Tracy moved in quick on Sheriff pitcher Kevin McDonough with a triple and sped home on a single by Belford. Westfield fired off four rounds in the second resulting in two runs. Dave Martinez cracked a leadoff double. Jimmy McCullough whacked a single and Smalls smacked an RBI single. Joe Czarniecki pulled up to the plate and punched an RBI double to right.

Two more blasts echoed across the field in the bottom of the third when hustling Belford and Nick Norton thwacked back-to-back singles and, "I got to work the count," Wayman rapped an RBI single. McCullough zoomed a single, scoring Norton.

There was no shortage of noise as the Sheriffs returned fire and scored three runs on three hits, including a two-run double by Pat Mooney and an RBI triple by Rob Schapnick in the top of the fourth. Westfield answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning when team captain Frank Padovano ripped a rope to right center, Tracy doubled and Belford



INTENSITY WITH A PURPOSE... Westfield Police 1 slugger Jimmy McCullough blasts a double against the Sheriff's Department.

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

Rivalries never seem to end! Comcast Cablevision clinched first place in Division 1 of the Union County 50+ Softball League for the third consecutive year, but not without a battle, by containing Antone's Pub & Grill, 11-8, at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 5.

"It's been a longtime rivalry," said Comcast Manager Dom Deo. "We've been in the league 15 years, originally we were Suburban Cablevision, and it's always a battle."

Prior to the game, both teams still were in the hunt for the title with four games remaining until the playoffs;

however, with the win, Comcast upped its record to 20-3 and Antone's slipped out of contention to 16-5.

Both teams were successful with the thunder sticks. The Cablemen totaled 21 hits and were led by pitcher Al Batau, who went 3-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored. Bill Mirto, who went 3-for-3 with a double, three RBI and a run scored, and John McLaughlin, who went 3-for-4 with two RBI and a run scored. Tony Williams had two singles, two runs scored and an RBI. Angelo Corbo and Steve Pietrucha each had two hits, a run scored and an RBI, and Bill Reichle and Steve Federbush each had two hits and a run scored.

Don Montefusco led Antone's 17-hit attack, going 3-for-3 with two runs scored. In his two at bats, Randy Tenhengel smacked a two-run double and singled. Bob D'Meo had two RBI singles while Joe Viso and Joe Tarelli each had two hits and an RBI.

Comcast also got the upper hand defensively, turning three double plays (DP). Shortstop Corbo initiated a second-to-first DP in the third inning. Third baseman Williams began a 5-4-3 DP in the fourth and Batau dramatically ended the game with a 1-4-3 DP. Williams, Corbo and Batau also added individual fetes of defensive heroism, as did second baseman Federbush with



GLIDING INTO THIRD TO SET UP THE FIRST RUN... Trinity Electric's Mike Bernardo slides safely into third in the first inning as Sofa King's Chris Houlihan makes a tag and pitcher Craig Gatto, No. 44, backs him up. The Sofa Kings rose to the occasion and pulled out a dramatic, 10-9, playoff game victory.

DIENES' SPECTACULAR CATCH SECURES VICTORY

Sofa Kings Wake Up in Ninth, Jolt Trinity Electricians, 10-9

By DAVID B. CORBIN
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A storybook ending defined the fifth-seeded Sofa Kings' dramatic, 10-9, victory over top-seeded Trinity Electric in Game 1 of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League B Division playoffs at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 4. After Sofa Kings awakened offensively with four runs in the top of the ninth to take a one-run lead, centerfielder Steve Dienes, with two outs and a man on

second, made a spectacular diving and rolling catch in the bottom of the inning to preserve the victory.

Other than Dienes' game-saving catch, Sofa Kings were relatively modest defensively. Dienes also made a fine snag in the fourth inning and catcher Willie Towles gunned down a runner at second in the sixth.

Trinity Electric's defense, however, sparkled with a multitude of fine plays. Defensive wizard, leftfielder Mike McKenna, made

three excellent catches.

"It gives me an adrenalin rush," commented McKenna.

Shortstop Mike Bernardi initiated a 6-4-3 double play in the first inning. Later, he executed two fine short-to-second (Rob Rowland) force outs. Rowland also made a nice diving grab of a grounder and tossed to second for a putout. Catcher Mike Tenten smothered two popups in a row and pitcher Frank Mastrocola made a sliding basket catch. Part-time rightfielder Mark Cohen made a leaping snow cone snag in the seventh.

After making his catch, Cohen, catching some flack, smiled and said, "I saw it and said, 'can I jump and get it?' Come on guys, I'm not in the lineup every night."

Sofa Kings, however, were not lounging around offensively. Dienes led the 18-hit attack with a triple and a double, two RBI and two runs scored. Doug Delle Donne went 3-for-5 with a double and two runs scored. Anselmo DiFabio went 3-for-5 with two RBI and a run scored. Chris Houlihan doubled and singled, scored twice and had an RBI while Ron Lyp, Bill Mariani, Anthony DiFabio and Craig Gatto each rapped two hits.

Trinity totaled 14 hits and was led by Bernardo who whacked three singles, scored once and had two RBI. Chris Wester went 2-for-4 with two RBI and a run scored. Tenten had two singles and a run scored, Tom



RAPPING A SINGLE TO LEFT... Comcast's Bill Reichle raps his second single to leftfield in the sixth inning as Antone's catcher Vic Gorman observes.

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cracked a two-run single. In the fifth, however, an outburst of five runs on seven shots by the Sheriff's deadlocked the duel, 7-7. Shaunhessy, Kevin Ryan and Jamie and Rob Ryan ripped RBI singles.

The Sheriff's quickly apprehended two Westfield batters in the bottom of the fifth. Rattled but unshaken, Jeff Johnson and Czarniecki answered with key hits. A concerned Smalls hollered, "Frank, mix a hit in there, will you?" Padovano responded and fired the final shot, a RBI single to center.

"That's the way to lead Frank," barked McCullough.

Savoring his team's bang, bang victory, Padovano said, "We weren't hitting the ball in Game 1, then in Game 2, we loosened up, put our bats together and hit clutch like we normally do and came back to pull it out. Elizabeth is a phenomenal team and everyone in their lineup hits, so a lead with them is never safe, and they did come back to tie it up."

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Scotch Hills Women Tell Golf Results:

A spokeswoman for the Scotch Hills Women's Golf Association of Scotch Plains announced the results of the 100% Handicap Stroke Tournament held August 3.

FLIGHT A:
Low Gross: Pat Kelk 43
Low Net: Kelk and Alice Kehler 31
Second: Chris Haight 33

FLIGHT B:
Low Gross: Rosemary DeWitt 51
Low Net: DeWitt and Kathy Blatt 32
Second: Susan Schwarz 33

FLIGHT C:
Low Gross: Barbara Laguna 53
Low Net: Laguna 28
Second: Jo Miller 32

Third: Dolores Jennings 33
Low Putts: Laguna 12
Chip-in: Miller #5, Dot Rastelli #7
Birdie: Kelk #4

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of: JOHN LOSAVIO A/K/A JOHN F. LOSAVIO, Deceased
Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 6TH day of AUGUST, A.D. 2004, upon the application of the undersigned, as EXECUTOR of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order.

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PROVIDING A LOT OF MUSCLE...Hunter Avenue slugger Steve Kamins blasted a two-run homer and a double against the Watson "Glory Boys" in the championship series.

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

St. Anthony 15, St. Joseph 8
Frank Chupko (3-3), Bruce Logan (2-3 with 3 RBI) and Tom Staniero (3-3) led Tony's Tigers. Marty Bernstein and Mike Jonny led St. Joseph.

St. Aloysius 12, St. Anne 0
Scott Curtis, Kevin Woodring and Tom Rutkowski all had multiple hits. Al Betau recorded the shutout.

St. James 13, St. Kilian 7
The James Gang scored four in the first and eight in the fifth. Kevin Marron was 3-for-3 with four RBI and Lee Didonato was 3-for-3 with two RBI for the Gang. Joe Cocuzza had three hits for Kilian.

St. Mark 11, St. Jude 9
Mark scored nine runs in the third. Chris Meehan, Glen Walz, Tony Radice and Mark Romaine had multiple hits. Pat Enright and Don Rowbotham led St. Jude with three hits each.

St. Edwards 21, St. Anthony 8
Pete Vanderheyden (5-for-5 with five RBI), Gary Cardinale (4-for-4), Pete

Chemidlin (4-for-5, 3 doubles), Tom Littero, Keith Middleton and Tom Ulichny all with three hits led the Eds. Tony Perconte went 3-for-3 and Marv Scherb had four RBI for Anthony.

St. Jude 21, St. Aloysius 10 (Game 1) St. Aloysius 18, St. Jude 3 (Game 2)
In Game 1, Jude's Don Rowbotham, Pat Enright, Bob Pielhau and Nick Barattucci all had multiple hits. St. Al's Kevin Woodring and Matt Fugett had three hits.

In Game 2, St. Aloysius' Bill McKinney (3 RBI) and Jim Steger both went 4-for-4. Dave Rothenberg was 2-for-2 with a HR and two RBI for Jude.

St. Joseph 12, St. Mark 4
Russ Voorhess, Nate Mangiris and Frank Chupko all walked and scored with Bobby Guy, Damon Roth, Mike Jonny and Tom McGall participating in the outburst. Scott Smith (3-for-3) and Marty Marks (2-for-3, HR, 2 RBI) led St. Mark.

St. Aloysius 6, St. Anthony 1
Neal LaStrange (3-for-3) and Bill McKinney (4-for-4) led the Als.

St. Kilian 25, St. Blaise 5
Floyd Roberts was 5-for-6 with John Gordon, Paul Raphael and Howard Bialos all with four hits. Blaiser Jeff Friedlander was 3-for-3.

ANGELS DIVISION: (As of August 6)

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Joseph	10	8	.555
St. Kilian	10	9	.526
St. James	8	11	.421
St. Blaise	5	10	.333
St. Anthony	5	10	.333

SAINTS DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Aloysius	13	4	.765
St. Jude	10	7	.588
St. Anne	9	7	.562
St. Mark	9	9	.500
St. Edward	7	10	.412

KELLER MANGLES 3-RUN HR, MANZI STEALS SHOW Hunter Captures Title, Traps Watson 'Glory Boys', 7-4, 14-7

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

The Hunter Avenue softball men captured the title in the Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association (FOMSA) by edging Watson, 7-4, in Game 1 of the best-of-three series on August 4, then by crunching the 'Glory Boys', 14-7, in Game 2 at Forest Road Park in Fanwood on August 5.

In Game 1, level of play was intense, emotions and quality ran high as the younger 'Glory Boys,' played rather well, but the Hunters gave veteran pitcher Al Manzi a 7-1 cushion in the top of the seventh inning. Watson made it tough in the end and rallied for three runs in the bottom of the inning.

"We scored some runs early, played good defense and Manzi was on his game tonight," explained Hunter team captain Frank Cuccaro.

In Game 2, despite a severe downpour, the Hunters burst into a full-fledged attack and came up with five runs on a volley of RBI singles triggered by Steve Kamins, Mike Ewing, Joe Penczak and Kyle Bilcher.

The Hunters took a 7-0 lead in the third on RBI shots by Chris Kluckas, Frank Cuccaro. But the scrappy 'Glory Boys,' got punch from Mike

Jascow, Chris Freiden, Brian Ciemniecki, Matt DeMasi and Rob McCullum to tighten the score, 8-7, late in the game.

"They retaliated with a series of base hits," said Cuccaro. "We were a little sloppy defensively and Manzi, unlike himself, was a little wild. Perhaps the weather, the wet ball had something to do with it. He then had some control issues and that made the game 8-7."

The Hunters fired off six huge blasts in the top of the seventh to pretty much put the game away. Cuccaro and Scott Stogner led the hunt with respective singles and the big blow came when Brian Keller strutted to the plate and crushed a three-run homer to a remote section of right field.

"Winning the championship four years in a row is unprecedented in the Fanwood League," said Cuccaro. "Anytime you win a champion-

ship in any league it's a major accomplishment. When you're on top, teams get ready to play you each and every time you play. They want to knock you off and that makes it competitive and fun. It's simply a great experience to be around guys who have



Fred Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times
GETTING ANOTHER HIT...Hunter Avenue's Frank Cuccaro went 2-for-4 in the championship series against Watson Avenue.

Union County Sr. 50+ Men's Softball League Standings:

50+ DIVISION 1:

TEAM	W	L	3
Comcast Cablevision	20	5	3
Antone's Pub & Grill	16	7	7
D&K Associates	16	7	7
Irish Pub	12	9	

50+ DIVISION 2:

TEAM	W	L
Marion & Jacobson Roofing	10	10
Awnings Galore	11	11
Northwestern Mutual	9	12
The Office	10	13
Union Center National Bank	5	18
Crest Refrigeration	1	22

SUPER SENIORS DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Creative Industries	14	3
IL Giardino's Ristorante	14	4
Legg Mason	5	14
LA Law	4	16

Comcast 11, Antone's Pub 8
The Cablemen clinched first place. See Exclusive story.

Awnings Galore 9, The Office 7
Awnings scored seven runs in the third inning and hung on. The Office had numerous hits but could not rally when needed. Tom McNulty rapped three hits while Bill Hinkle, Dennis Kosowicz, Howard Smith, Chip Weiss and Tony Zarvos tapped two

hits apiece.

Union Center Nat'l Bank 10, Crest 4
The Bankers cashed in five runs in the fifth inning, and were led offensively by Tom Connolly, Sal LaBella and Len Ladislav.

Creative Industries 9, Legg Mason 3
Winning pitcher Art Kopacz produced four hits of his own, while holding the opposition to just 10 hits. Joe Addochio, Bill Ritchie, Don Robertson and Norm Stumpf each contributed three hits.

Creative Industries 19, IL Giardino's 1

Art Kopacz allowed only seven hits, while his teammates exploded for 22 hits. Howie Jones led Creative with three hits. Joe Addochio, Ray Cozzarelli, Charles Lehman, Ed Malko, Bill Ritchie, Norm Stumpf, Rich Vitaliano and Kopacz each produced two hits.

IL Giardino's 13, L.A. Law 6
L.A. Law 9, Legg Mason 3
Marion & Jacobson Roofing 15, Awnings Galore 14

played together since their high school days. Now that we're getting a little older, it's great to get together and play well the way we have and we have a great sponsor in Green Grass Landscape."

Perhaps the most sparks for the Hunters in this modified league comes via the amazing man on the mound, Al Manzi. "Basically after every game, we talk about Manzi," said Cuccaro. "We mock that he's 100 years old, but the guy just continues to give one great effort after great effort. He always keeps us in the game and perhaps, in my opinion, he is one of the best pitchers in league history and his stats back that up. He has won championships in different leagues and now has brought four in our league. Perhaps what sets us apart from the other teams is our entire offensive and defensive unit. There is not one weak spot, not one drop-off in our lineup, while defensively we have perhaps the best shortstop in Kluckas and third baseman Penczak in the league. Overall, I thought Midway was perhaps the most well-balanced team as far as pitching, hitting and defense top to bottom we faced in the playoffs. Watson was waiting for us and they featured a young and fast team that did everything well, so it was not an easy venture."

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Golf Professional Discusses Hitting Out of a Bunker

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

How many times have you swung and the ball stayed in the bunker or you hit the ball and it flew over the green? This is probably because you don't know the correct concept to hit a bunker shot properly.

The club will never hit the ball. It only hits the sand. The club should enter the sand behind the ball and then slide through the sand until well past the ball. This type of idea will help you create a shallow entry angle of the club into the sand.

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Michael Kierner is the Head Teaching Professional at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club. For more information about lessons, please call (908) 233-3989.

Area Soccer Team Gets Second at Nationals

The Parsippany Hurricanes Under-19 Women's soccer team was a finalist at the Super Y League National Championship in Chicago on August 8. The Hurricanes, featuring striker Danni Fried and defender Emily MacNeil from Westfield and attacking midfielder Claire Gallagher from Cranford qualified eighth and won three of their five games.

The Hurricanes dropped their first game, 5-3, to the Cape Cod Crusaders but rallied to 1-0 and 2-0 victories against the third and fifth seeds from New Hampshire and Ottawa to advance to the semifinals against the No. 1 seed Northern Virginia Majestics. The Hurricanes scored early in the first half and came up with a 2-0 win. In the finals, the Hurricanes had a rematch with the Cape Cod Crusaders, but fell 4-0.

Comcast Clinches Division 1, Contains Antone's Pub, 11-8

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a diving scoop of a grounder that resulted in a putout at second. Catcher Karl Grossmann used his catlike agility to smother a popup and rightfielder Reichle availed his swimming skills to plunge into the wet grass to come up with a brilliant catch.

Antone's shortstop Viso made several fine plays, one resulting in a double play. Kulik made a super catch in rightfield.

The Cablemen jolted Antone's in the bottom of the first with six runs, com-

as he walked in to bat. "Let's get something here! Let's get five runs!"

Comcast responded with a run when Betau singled and scored on Mirto's single to center.

In the fifth, Williams singled and scored on Grossmann's groundout, but Antone's scored in the sixth when Montefusco singled and scored on D'Meo's RBI single. Comcast answered with two in its half to take an 11-8 lead. Reichle, Pietrucha and Federbush singled and McLaughlin



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
TOUGH MAN TO GET OUT...Antone's Don Montefusco pulls into second with his third hit of the game as Comcast second baseman Steve Federbush makes a tag.

lining six hits with three walks. The inning was highlighted by Pepe's and Williams' RBI singles, Mirto's two-run double and Betau's two-run single.

Antone's Gary Weiss singled and scored on Viso's RBI single in the top of the second and Cableman Federbush singled and scored on Corbo's single in the bottom of the inning. Antone's, however, gushed with six runs on six hits in the third, highlighted by Tenhenge's two-run double.

"We're up only one run," shouted concerned Cableman Tom Straniero

ERRATUM:

In last week's story about Mirjana Banic who is seeking a berth on the U.S. Women's Bobsled Team, the phone number of Personal Best in Garwood was incorrectly printed. The correct phone number is (908) 789-3337. The e-mail address is www.pb-fitness.com

lined a two-run single.

Down to its last chance, Antone's led off with a single, but Federbush made his great play for a force out, then Betau added the finishing touch with his superb double play.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board of the Borough of Fanwood has scheduled a Special Meeting for Monday, August 16, 2004 to be held at Fanwood Borough Hall, Mayor and Council Chambers, 75 North Marlton Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey at 8:00 PM for the continuation of the hearing of the following application before the Planning Board:

Block 91, Lot 1 & 2 (site plan), 300 (294-306) South Avenue - Messercola Brothers Realty Co. LLC
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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
LEAPING AWAY FROM THE SLIDE...Sofa King catcher Willie Towles protects his legs as Electrician Mike Tenten slides home right after Rob Rowland, background, scores.

Sofa Kings Wake Up in Ninth, Jolt Trinity Electricians, 10-9

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Giannone singled and scored twice and John Rubinetti had a single, two RBI and a run scored.

In the first, Dienes drilled a ground-rule double and scored on Lyp's single. The Electricians lit up with four runs in the lower half of the inning. Bernardo and Giannone singled, Rubinetti added an RBI groundout and Wester slapped an RBI single but, after a series of throwing errors, both Rubinetti and Wester scored.

"Let's play smart," suggested Sofa King catcher Towles.

Anselmo DiFabio scored on Gatto's single in the second and Delle Donne singled and scored on Anselmo's single in the fourth to narrow the score to 4-3. Cohen, who doubled, scored on Mastracola's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the inning.

Towles scored in the fifth to keep the score tight at 5-4.

Concerned, Mastracola chanted as Trinity came to bat, "Come on Tommy! Start us off to a big inning."

(Tom) Giannone drew a walk and Neal Leitner followed with a double. Rubinetti and Wester added back-to-back RBI groundouts upping Trinity's lead to 7-4. An inning later, Rowland and Tenten singled and Bernardo lined a two-run single to make the score 9-4.

The Sofa Kings refused to lie down and added a run in the seventh and another in the eighth. Meanwhile, Trinity became static Electricians.

In the ninth, the Kings bounced on their Sofa with four runs on six hits, which included Dienes' RBI triple, Delle Donne's double and Mariani's RBI double.

Shocked, the Electricians, who lost only one game all season, shuffled to the plate. Tenten shouted, "Base hit, base hit, base hit! That's what it's all about."

With Giannone on second and two men out, Rubinetti rifled a shot to center that was miraculously snagged by Dienes.

Sofa Kings 110 110 114 10
Trinity Electric 400 122 000 9

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

At a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains held on August 3, 2004 the following decision was rendered:

Granted permission to the application for a Special Use Permit for Country Cottage Antiques, 425 Park Avenue also known as Block 1501, Lot 502, B-2 Zone, for the placement of small antique pieces for sale in front and in back of aforementioned property, as noted on their application, provided that:

- All merchandise is to be removed from the sidewalk at the end of each business day.
- There is to be no adverse effect on pedestrian traffic or impediments on the sidewalk at any time.
- Township retains oversight on display items.

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 8/12/04, The Times Fee: \$21.42

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Kids With Cancer Need Help Getting Ready For School

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, a support organization located in Scotch Plains for children with cancer, is in the process of helping children who suffer from cancer prepare for the upcoming school year.

When a family's finances become depleted due to medical needs, it is difficult to purchase new clothing and school-related items for their chil-

dren. The Foundation currently is seeking gift cards from stores such as Wal-Mart, K-Mart and Target to help these youngsters get ready for school.

The Foundation also is seeking gift coupons from Pathmark/Shop-Rite for families whose children have special dietary needs due to their illness. Anyone interested in helping is asked to call Monica at (908) 322-4323, extension no. 17.



WELL DESERVED PLAQUE... Edward Frame, right, recently received a plaque honoring him for 31 years of service to the Fanwood Post Office from Joseph Qutub, center, and Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club President Dwight Leeper.

Adults Invited to Night Hike, Flute-Poetry Event Saturday

COUNTY - The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Recreation will offer an adult program featuring a special educational hike, poetry, meditation and music.

A night walk and flute/poetry reading will take place this Saturday, August 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. Adults are invited for an evening hike through the forest with one of Trailside's

naturalists.

Participants will then return to a candle-lit gazebo to listen to the sounds of a flute. Professor Jeffrey Gray of Seton Hall University will read nature poems from the works of American poets.

The fee is \$15 for Union County residents and \$20 for non-county residents. Refreshments will be served and the event will be held rain or shine. Pre-registration is required.

For more information, an adult program brochure and directions to the site, please call (908) 789-3670. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of: ROSE GELFMAN, Deceased Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 6TH day of AUGUST, A.D. 2004, upon the application of the undersigned, as EXECUTOR of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD COUNTY OF UNION NEW JERSEY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The Town of Westfield Department of Recreation, New Jersey seeks professional engineering and architectural services for the following projects:

1. Installation of a synthetic turf field to replace an existing grass field (approximate size 80,000 square feet) and installation of recreation level lighting.
2. Renovation of an 8 court tennis complex and replacement of existing lights.
3. Redevelopment concepts for Memorial Park, a 19 acre park facility that currently features four softball/soccer playing fields, six tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, and 1 handball court, plus parking.

For copy of the request for proposal, or questions regarding the request for proposal, interested consultants should contact:

TOWN OF WESTFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT
425 EAST BROAD STREET
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090
908-789-4080

Completed Requests for Proposals must be received by 4:00 pm on Monday August 23, 2004 and the envelope submitting the response must be clearly designated as "Response to Request for Engineering and Architectural Services"
1 T - 8/12/04, The Leader Fee: \$34.68

Westfield Recreation Events

Sports Squirts: A great way to introduce children aged 3-5 to a variety of sports. Held 4:30 to 6 p.m. from 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 August 23 through 27. Hours: 9 a.m. to 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 to 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.

Teen Nights at the Memorial Pool: Teen night swims are held throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings from 8:30 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. Remaining tentative dates are: August 18, August 25 & September 1. Cost: \$3/person Teen Swim is a safe and enjoyable event 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.

The Magic School Bus: Sunday, October 24 at 1 p.m. Climb aboard Scholastic's *The Magic School Bus* as "teacher extraordinaire" Ms. Frizzle, takes us on two great field trips! Join in the music, fun, and problem solving to help Ms. Frizzle and her classroom kids keep our world healthy, clean, and beautiful! Cost: \$30 per person. Bus departs at 12 p.m.

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.

Fall Fishing Derby Planned For Those With Disabilities

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Newark Bait and Flycasters Club will sponsor the annual Fall Fishing Derby for People with Disabilities on Saturday, September 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

The fishing derby attracts close to 100 people each year. Both amateurs and those who are experienced in fishing are welcome. Equipment will

be provided for those who need it. The event is free; however, pre-registration is required. All those who are pre-registered will be treated to lunch, and each pre-registered participant will also receive a gift.

In the event of rain, the derby will be held the following day, Sunday, September 12, at the same times. Information and registration materials may be obtained by calling the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4096.

People For Animals Seeks Home For Feline 'Angel'

COUNTY - People for Animals will sponsor cat and kitten adoption events on Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15, from noon to 4 p.m.

They will be held at the PETS MART stores in the Bridgewater Promenade Mall, Route 28 at Route 287, and in the Watchung Square Mall, located at 1515 Route 22.

Among the many pets available for adoption will be "Angel," a 10-month-old, neutered male tabby. Described as an affectionate, constant companion, this cat is declawed in front, has tested negative for FIV and feline leukemia and is current with his vaccinations.

Dog adoptions will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Bridgewater PETS MART

store only. For pet adoption and fostering information, please call (908) 964-6887, extension no. 306 for dogs and no. 307 for cats.



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Nanny needed for newborn & 3 yr old in my Westfield home. 15 hrs per wk, flexible, English speaking, non-smoker, driver's lic., exc. references. (908) 789-1282

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Westfield medical billing company seeks full time employee for data entry and other clerical office duties. Fax resume to Paul at (908) 317-6896

HELP WANTED

New Westfield family seeks PT nanny/babysitter to care for 2 toddlers in our home either all day Friday or Friday afternoon. Must have previous childcare experience and good references. Excellent salary. If interested call (917) 623-6011

CLASSIFIEDS

CHILD CARE NEEDED

Loving, mature individual needed to care for my 2 children in my Westfield home. 3 half and 2 full days per week. MUST drive and have references. Contact Beth (908) 232-0229

P/T CHILD CARE HELP

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Westfield - Part-time Nanny needed for 2 year old and 3 month old. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8 AM - 5 PM. Call (908) 233-5863 after August 14th.

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Experienced mother of 3 looking to care for your child in my Westfield home. Call (908) 389-1395 after 6:30 PM.

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For School Supplies
 SUMMIT—Once again this year, BRIDGES will deliver new backpacks and school supplies to school age children living in shelters in Newark and Irvington.

BRIDGES, a Summit-based, non-profit organization, reaches out to the homeless populations in lower Manhattan, Newark and Irvington every week.

Donations may be brought to BRIDGES, located in the Christ Church at 561 Springfield Avenue in Summit, on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For other drop off arrangements, please call (908) 273-0176. BRIDGES would like to distribute the backpacks and school supplies before Labor Day, but will accept them through Saturday, September 25.

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After school supervision and transportation for 2 children 10 & 12 years old in my Scotch Plains home. 3 to 6 p.m., 3 days per week. Responsible college student or adult. (908) 232-3175

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Jersey Gardens Mini-Golf To Aid CSH Foundation

COUNTY - This weekend, the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation will host a two-day indoor miniature golf tournament at the Jersey Gardens Mall, located at 651 Kapkowski Road in Elizabeth.

It will take place on Saturday, August 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$4 per person.

This unique, 13-hole course will feature holes handmade by select stores in the Jersey Gardens Mall and the surrounding area, with a special hole made by the Foundation staff.

The event will be run entirely by volunteers, with the majority of volunteers being teenagers from the Junior Twigs volunteer group. This group assists the Children's Specialized Hospital Auxiliary with community and fund-raising events.

There will be live entertainment both days. Ray the Prize Guy from New Jersey 101.5 will conduct contests and entertain the crowd on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m., while the Z100 Party Patrol will be on hand from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

On both Saturday and Sunday, teen disk jockey Max Fox will entertain participants. He will be on site Saturday from 4 to 8:30 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation.

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CONCEPTS & THOUGHT

Schering-Plough Grants Awards to Local Pupils

KENILWORTH - Local students were among 45 pupils in New Jersey who were recognized for their outstanding scholastic achievement and awarded the annual Schering-Plough Student Research Award for the 2003-2004 school year.

The recipients were honored at their respective school's final assembly or graduation ceremony for the school year. The students received a congratulatory letter and a certificate, as well as a U.S. savings bond.

The Schering-Plough Research Award program was established 15 years ago to recognize prominent science students of local communities where Schering-Plough offices are located. Schools in these communities are asked to select outstanding science students as the recipients of the award.

The purpose of the program is to reward these students and to encourage them to continue to excel in the

study of science.

"Schering-Plough has a record of recognizing scholastic success in New Jersey," said Joe Starkey, executive director, Public Affairs, Schering-Plough. "These individuals have the potential to be the next generation of leaders in the state in terms of science and research. Each recipient should be very proud of his or her accomplishments during this past school year."

The local winners include Desiree Burkat, a student at Mountain Park Elementary School in Berkeley Heights; Laurie Delatour, a pupil at Columbia Middle School in Berkeley Heights; Alexandra Denby, a student at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights; Ellen Monroe, a pupil at Thomas P. Hughes Elementary School in Berkeley Heights; and David Samson, a student at William Woodruff Elementary School in Berkeley Heights.

Fairleigh Dickinson Campus Announces Area Graduates

AREA - Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan campus in Teaneck has announced the names of local graduates.

Westfield resident Tanawat Marie Losavio Placed On Spring Dean's List

SCOTCH PLAINS - Seton Hall University in South Orange has reported that Scotch Plains resident Marie Losavio was named to the Dean's List of the College of Arts and Sciences for the spring 2004 semester.

Cutchawaree received a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in International Business.

Scotch Plains resident Dennis Van Natta earned a Masters of Administration Science and fellow resident Tiffanie Frazier received a Master of Arts in Teaching.

Mountainside resident Li Xu received an MBA in MBA for Executives, while fellow resident Patricia Bittner earned a Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership.

Berkeley Heights resident Joseph Ferrara earned an MBA in Marketing.

Emily and Kate Warren of Westfield Receive Congressional Gold Medals at D.C. Ceremony

WESTFIELD - On June 23, Emily and Kate Warren, both 18, of Westfield were awarded Congressional Gold Medals during a ceremony at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

The award, which is based on the cornerstones of initiative, achievement, challenge and service to others, was awarded to the Warrens for their distinguished public service and personal development initiatives.

The Congressional Award is a non-competitive program created by Congress to recognize and honor the nation's outstanding young people who have earned and deserve admiration. The award is the only one of its kind, besides the Medal of Honor, that is awarded by the United States Congress.

In order to receive the award, Emily and Kate each completed a minimum of 800 hours of goal-oriented work in the areas of community service, personal development, physical fitness and a five-day, four-night wilderness expedition.

Together, the sisters completed nearly 1,000 hours of volunteer service, amassed more than 430 hours of personal development and participated in over 1,250 hours of physical fitness activities.

Emily volunteered at Special Olympics events and at various service activities supported by the youth ministry group of her church, she gained a greater appreciation and respect for others as she exhibited leadership skills, citizenship and compassion.

For personal development, Emily participated as a delegate at Model United Nations (UN) Program conferences and obtained explicit knowledge and understanding of how the UN works to establish and maintain peace and promote social justice.

For physical fitness, Emily worked diligently to achieve a higher level of proficiency in becoming a skilled field hockey and lacrosse player. After much preparation and training, she undertook a combined camping and



WARRENS IN WASHINGTON...Emily Warren, left, and her sister, Kate Warren, traveled to Washington, D.C., where they received the Congressional Gold Medal during a ceremony on June 23 at the Capitol.

hiking trip through the Manassas and Fredericksburg, Va. battlefields to experience life as a soldier during the Civil War.

"My most valuable lesson learned from this experience was that through dedication and hard work you can succeed at all things no matter how difficult the challenge," said Emily. "I thoroughly enjoyed this entire experience and would highly encourage others to get involved in the Congressional Award Program."

Kate's experience with her volunteer service at Special Olympics competitions and at various youth ministry programs sponsored by her church taught her that, "giving my time, energy and efforts is truly a priceless gift that I can share with others."

Channel 36 to Show WHS Graduation

WESTFIELD - Westfield High School (WHS) Television will broadcast the commencement exercises of the Class of 2004 on Channel 36 from Tuesday, August 17, to Sunday, August 29.

The graduation ceremony will be shown on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 and 10 p.m.; Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m.

The second panel discussion designed for high school parents will also be broadcast. Maureen Mazzaresse, WHS Student Assistance Counselor, talks to parents about ways to deal with stress faced by their children.

This program can be seen on Channel 36 from August 17 to 29 on Tuesdays at 1 and 9 p.m.; Thursdays at noon and 4 p.m.; Saturdays at noon and 9 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Natalie Warren Garners Master of Science Degree

WESTFIELD - Natalie Warren, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Warren of Westfield, received a Master of Science degree in Education with emphasis in Special Education and Reading from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pa.

Natalie, who was awarded the degree during commencement exercises on May 15, will teach first grade for the Millburn Township Public Schools in Short Hills beginning in September.

Annabel Benito Earns Degree at Centenary

WESTFIELD - Annabel Benito of Westfield graduated cum laude from Centenary College in Hackettstown with a Bachelor of Science degree in Equine Studies.

She is a 2000 graduate of Westfield High School.

William Paterson Univ. Names Local Students To Spring Dean's List

AREA - Students from Fanwood, Mountainside and Scotch Plains have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2004 semester at William Paterson University.

Fanwood resident Louis Dominguez and Scotch Plains student Cyrenthia Ward joined Mountainside resident Nicole Fischer in earning dean's list status.

William & Mary Reveals Westfield Graduates

WESTFIELD - The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va. has announced that Westfield graduates Katie Marie Behr, Christopher Patrick Keenoy, Laura Elspeth MacNeil and Maura Woolston McMahon have graduated.

Katie, Christopher and Maura earned Bachelor of Arts degrees. Laura received a Bachelor of Science degree.

Patterson Graduates Bloomfield College

SCOTCH PLAINS - Tia Patterson of Scotch Plains graduated Bloomfield College in Bloomfield during the 131st commencement exercises on May 27. Tia received a bachelor's degree in business.



NEW STUDENT...Westfield resident Christopher Johnson will attend Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan campus in Teaneck this fall. A 2004 graduate of Westfield High School, he plans to pursue studies in chemistry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson.

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Henry V Reigns at WF Library

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must feel in sending soldiers to battle. In one scene, as in many of Shakespeare's works, Harry disguises himself and mingles as just another soldier among his troops. Around the campfire, he listens to the soldiers griping and commiserates with them on the demands and unfairness of war. "Blood is their argument," they complain and he has little retort for them other than a love of his country and willingness to fight for it. Each person in the cast, with the excep-

reduced to a sentence or two that propel the audience to France or to another time. But for the audience that hosted seniors in high school and senior citizens alike, that didn't seem to matter. Near the end of the presentation, the French king's daughter, played by Westfield's own Melissa Miller, is adorable as a French woman trying to learn the English language from her maid Alice. In a burgundy velvet dress with a simple gold cord belt, she is convincingly aristo-



Susan M. Dougherty for The Westfield Leader and The Times

INSPIRING STAR... Former Westfield resident Melissa Miller, dressed as Katherine, chats with former neighbors and aspiring actresses Jennifer Dilzell, left, who starred in the Westfield Summer Workshop's production of *Guys and Dolls* and her sister Kristen Dilzell, who portrayed Mrs. Darling in the Kenilworth C.A.S.T.'s rendition of *Peter Pan* at the end of July. Following the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's production of *Henry V*, the audience at the Westfield Public Library had the opportunity to speak with actors.

tion of Henry, plays multiple roles. With effective staging in the battle scenes, the realism is heightened with punctuation of simulated battle sounds and thunder. The slow motion dueling and hand-to-hand combat echoed the chaos of battle.

The three conspirators were especially sinister and unctuous in their double-dealing with their king. Two different backdrops provide visual stimulation: an artistically painted period map of England and France, and a crimson cotton sheet that is spread out from three men who die in battle. The stunning visual is breathtaking in its symbolism of the tide of blood lost in wars. When men say that 10,000 were lost in battle that day, they are merely words. The spilling of the red sheet ironically brings those deaths to life.

In this condensed version of Shakespeare, whole scenes have been

cratic. She and King Harry share the finale of the piece, one of Miller's admitted favorite moments of the show.

The light, humorous scene has English-speaking Harry down on one knee trying to explain to his French bride-to-be that he thinks he loves her. Clever staging brings an uplifting end to the piece.

According to the WPL Adult Services Coordinator Jennifer Schulze, the group has been delighting Westfield audiences for the last few years.

"I just call their number and give them the invite and they set the ball rolling to come!" she said. "They have been performing for us for the last three or four years."

When next summer's treat comes around, don't be a "woulda, shoulda, coulda." Go to the WPL and get your free ticket early.



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The Village: My Kind of Town

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By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
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It's a funny thing about people and movie endings. It's a custom we keep, which I'll explain in this review's fourth paragraph. But in any case, it works out rather well for M. Night Shyamalan, the talented director who pours the terror on like Poe but always ends them like O. Henry. He's quite a filmmaker, evidenced once again by his latest scare tactic with a twist, *The Village*. If the Night Man ever puts as compelling a beginning and middle before one of his trademark conclusions, cinema greatness will be his.

Not that what generally precedes his now-famous climaxes is anywhere near shoddy. Some in the know are already dropping the name Hitchcock among their words of praise. *The Village*, his first period piece, reaffirms that he has a visually alluring knack for texture, gets solid performances from his actors and shows a fine hand for mood and atmosphere.

Oh, those endings. They lay in wait. And while it may be some time before Shyamalan matches the kicker that wowed us in *The Sixth Sense* (1999), once more he doesn't disappoint.

Perhaps it's the sheer creativity, the inventiveness of the surprise that we so respect. Certainly it indicates we make some odd choices of what is and is not sacred. How else can you explain it?

What I mean is, if I'll Abner were to cheat on Daisy Mae, you can bet your pet pig that everyone in Dogpatch, including the pig, would rush to inform the poor gal of the indiscretion. However, if everyone in town but Daisy Mae traveled to the big city to see *The Sixth Sense*, you can bet that same swine that not one denizen of said fair Appalachian holler would dare divulge the ending to her, no matter how she begged or cajoled. Why ruin it for her? Which brings us to the central theme of *The Village*. It's all about secrets, too. We suspect there's a really big one. But we can't know it right away...maybe not even until the much ballyhooed ending, depending of course on how good a guesser one is.

It is circa, well, probably around the late 19th century. The dress, mannerisms and speech, plus the absence of certain technologies point us in that direction. But just exactly what are the townspeople we're introduced to, socio-culturally that is? We know it's rural Pennsylvania and we quickly pick up on the notion that these are a peace loving folk, apparently led by one Edward Walker.

Exquisitely portrayed by William Hurt, Walker is a homespun philosopher king sort. So you're thinking they're either Quaker or Amish? No. They seem to enjoy an idyllic existence. That is, if you care to churn your own butter and can do without a 450 HP hemi parked alongside the silo.

You don't have to scratch the surface very deeply to soon learn that all is not well in *The Village*. For one, there are towering guard posts around the perimeter, and vigilantly maintained torches every few yards. There's something out there. With each sunset a perennial fear is revisited.

In hushed tones at town meetings, they

speak of "those we do not speak of." As a thrill sport, on eerie nights the teenage boys of the town compete for who can stand still at the boundary for the longest without freaking out. Strange, blood-curdling noises echo from the forest. And if you're like me, you conjure images of the most horrific bogeymen...almost as bad as the ones who lived in your closet when you were little.

Loe has it that once upon a time the good burghers struck a deal with them. You don't cross our border, and we won't venture into your woods. From what we come to understand, the bargain has stood...until now. Isn't it just our luck? The moment we tune in, it looks like the treaty has been breached. They've apparently raided overnight, leaving red markings on doorways. The elders, comprised of Walker, Sigourney Weaver as Alice Hunt, Brendan Gleeson as August Nicholson and two or three others, decide that it's a warning, but against what?

To complicate things, it is at this time that Alice's son, Lucius, a quiet, reflective fellow nicely limned by Joaquin Phoenix, gets the wanderlust. Best at the aforementioned game played at the periphery, he is also the most visionary of his peers. He contends that if he were to travel to "The Towns," that unspecified bit of verboten geography long despised by the elders as a cesspool of sin, vice and skullduggery, he might return with medicines and other items to improve life in the village. Problem is, he'd have to make it through the woods.

Mom quakes at the thought. Naturally, Walker and company are against it. But Ivy Walker, the blind, red-haired girl next door who has set her cap for Lucius, though obviously concerned, sees it as confirmation that she has chosen the right one, the very special one. You see, aside from frightening us, *The Village* contains a pretty good love story, too.

Now, just in case you're keeping score at home, to the things that go bump in the night and the romance tale, add twists, turns and adventure. For when someone in the village is critically wounded, it's not Lucius who ventures out for medicine, but Ivy, magnificently interpreted by Bryce Dallas Howard...Hurt's daughter in the film and Ron Howard's daughter in real life.

Her performance is the veritable crux of the movie. She's a great heroine...winsome, brave and knowing. Survive the anxiety of her Blair Witch traipse without having a heart attack and virtually no insurance company should deny you a policy. They're thinking of making it a qualification.

Mysteries abound in auteur Shyamalan's metaphor-laden treatise on the search for Utopia and the inherent pitfalls therein. It's as smart as it is suspenseful. Granted, sometimes it's a tad slow, perhaps a little plodding, even a bit pompous in its supposition. Yet again, it comes down to that ending. Don't ask me, Daisy.

The Village, rated PG-13, is a Buena Vista Pictures release directed by M. Knight Shyamalan and stars Bryce Dallas Howard, Joaquin Phoenix and William Hurt. Running time: 120 minutes.



Get Outta The House

By CAROL F. DAVIS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Tony Award-Winning play *M. Butterfly* will be staged at the Villager's Black Box Theatre in Somerset from Friday to Sunday, August 20 to 22, at 8 p.m. Based on the true story of a French diplomat and his Chinese opera star lover, this drama explores cultural and sexual stereotypes, exploitation, and Western imperialistic attitudes towards the East. Tickets are \$10 to \$15. Call the box office at (732) 873-2210 or visit www.villagerstheatre.com. Leave the kids home for this one.

Scotch Plains illusionist Brad Ross just completed his 200th performance of *World of Magic* at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson. There are a few weeks left to see him perform at the Showcase Theater. Shows are daily at 12:30, 2, 5:15, and 7 p.m. and the special performance, *Dark*, is shown on Tuesdays. While you're there, enjoy the new Batman Stunt show, *Catfight!* and the new Sponge Bob simulator ride.

Echo Lake Park in Mountainside will show the classic film, *The Wizard of Oz*, under the stars on Tuesday, August 17, at 9 p.m. Admission is free but the performance depends on the weather. Bring a chair or a blanket. Call (877) 424-1234 for information.

Also at Echo Lake Park, the Union County Summer Arts Festival continues its series of concert performances with "high energy bands" *Jo Bonanno* and *The Godsons of Soul* on Wednesday, August 18. The first show features 60s rock, and the second is a costumed, choreographed multi-era spectacular. The outdoor shows begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call (908) 527-4900.

Strollers will enjoy the free, guided *Walking Tours of Newark* offered by the New Jersey Historical Society. On Thursday, August 19, at 12:15 p.m., tour Military Park and its surrounding neighborhood, including the monuments, Trinity Church and the Historical Society's building. On Saturday, August 21, at 11 a.m., visit Broad Street highlights, including the National Newark Building, City Hall and Prudential and Symphony Halls. The groups will convene at the society on 52 Park Place in Newark. No reservations are required. Call (973) 596-8500.

Book Store in Clark Sets Illustrator's Event

CLARK - Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Clark will host Illustrator's Night, an opportunity for readers to meet some of the artists of their favorite books, on Saturday, August 21, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Illustrators Dar Hasta, Arlene Graston of "In Every Moon There Is a Face," "Special Friends: Tales of Saints and Animals," Daniel Horne of "The Daniel Horne Sketchbook, Vol. 1," Frank Horne and others will be in attendance.

Visitors can get their caricatures done, watch the artists at work, and attend a storytime at 6 p.m.

Plays-in-the-Park Plans Auditions for Two Shows

AREA - Plays-in-the-Park in Edison will hold open auditions for their upcoming productions.

An open call is set for the roles of Mr. Bisfick, Mrs. Bisfick and Story Lady for the original children's musical *The Reluctant Dragon*. Auditions will be held on Saturday, August 21, at 4 p.m. Attendees should come prepared with 16 bars of up-tempo song - whimsical

Coming Next Week:

- What happens when teens flock to the Scotch Plains Public Library for their chance at MTV stardom?
- John Reynolds, owner of Westfield's Golden Age Fretted Instruments discusses value of handmade guitars.
- Russell Parry of Westfield wins ASCAP Award.

Arts & Entertainment



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THE ODD COUPLE AND MORE... Mrs. Siezmagraff plays with the feelings of Buck (Marc Donovan) while Betty (Carol Todd), right, registers her disapproval. In Christopher Durang's *Betty's Summer Vacation*, a number of surprises and twists compel the audiences to face stereotypes and molds that they might not normally want to explore. The absurdist two-act play will run through Sunday, August 22.

Memorable Vacation: TTP's Betty

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The stage is set for silliness and mayhem but that's where the absurdist plot kicks in. This strange beach house is complete with a built-in laugh track of voices in the ceiling that talks back to the occupants. The three voices, Jessie-Marie Berzolla, Dennis DaPrile and Dave Maulbeck, have been well directed to play it over the top. The audience sees them as fairly benign, but realizes they become increasingly cancerous in their verbal attacks and demands of the summer occupants. Greek chorus like, they suck the audience into this psychotic waterspout.

Just as the greedy American TV viewing public that expects a ubiquitous laugh track and extreme action on every program aired today, the voices start to



LOCAL STAR... Liz Encarnacion, 17, of Westfield has followed in the footsteps of actors Natalie Portman, Robert Downey, Jr., Mary Stuart Masterson and Jon Cryer by attending *Stagedoor Manor* this year, a theater camp in the Catskills. In each of the summer's three sessions, the youngsters aged 8 to 17 spend three weeks rehearsing 11 shows, which are later performed for the public at one of Stagedoor's seven theaters. Liz appeared in Stagedoor's production of *Starting Here*.

demand more violence, pornography and salaciousness.

This is where Durang's play gets bizarre. After lulling the audience into a soft comedy at the top of the show, the mood, like the sky of an unexpected summer storm, turns dark. In a Hitchcock/Monty Python combo, the absurdist plot ventures to the extreme. And that's when actual human extremities start to fly.

In a tour de force in Act II, Mrs. Siezmagraff assumes the persona of a prosecutor, a witness in a mock trial and herself. Sheehan's talent shines in timing, inventiveness and sheer energy.

Bravo to director Mark Spina for once again bringing unique and challenging theater to this area. He has assembled a gifted cast that, under his suggestion, is able to take chances with characterization and run with them. He takes chances with play selections and, simply put, they work. This is professional theater done professionally.

For some people like Betty, this shore excursion won't be what is typically expected for light, summer fare. For others, the show is a little mental vacation, taking them into social commentary and self-examination.

Durang's notion of absurdist theater espouses a philosophy that laughter is a "healing process" and can bring a new perspective. This play surely does just that.

As the second of three plays of TTP's 10th anniversary season, *Betty's Summer Vacation* will be presented Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons through August 22. Audience members have the unique opportunity to interact with the actors over coffee and cake at the conclusion of each performance.

Do you have an A&E story idea? E-mail us at: [ae@goleader.com!](mailto:ae@goleader.com)

'Family Flix' Finale to Feature Characters from Wizard of Oz

MOUNTAINSIDE - Characters from the classic movie *The Wizard of Oz* will come to life on Tuesday, August 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. as the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholder's "Family Flix" series concludes in Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

Youngsters will have an opportunity to have their pictures taken with the characters, including Dorothy, Glinda the Good Witch, The Cowardly Lion, The Tin Man, The Wicked Witch of the West, The Scarecrow and Toto.

The movie will begin following the photo session at 9 p.m.

"Family Flix" has been a marvelous success with families enjoying fine en-

tertainment in two of our beautiful parks," said Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada. "We had two big crowds in Warninaco Park to watch *E.T. the Extra Terrestrial* and *Stuart Little*. And earlier this month the feature was *Casablanca* in Echo Lake Park."

"The appearance of the movie characters on August 17 will only add to the excitement that has been generated," added Freeholder Estrada.

Attendees, who are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket, might also pack a picnic basket or visit the nearby concession stand.

"Family Flix" will only be presented in good weather. For updated information on the day of the event, please call (908) 352-8410.

Books for Bride

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beth Gale is packaged in a sturdy matching cardboard case and features all of the guidelines a bride could hope for. Published by Adams Media Corporation in 2001, the hardcover is available for \$22.

"The Everything Wedding Organizer" by Laura Morin includes 19 chapters ideal for organizing every tiny detail. The durable paperback is available through www.everything.com at \$15 and is published by Adams Media Corporation of F&W Publications Company, 1998.

The 384 pages in "Wedding Kit for Dummies" by Marcy Blum and Laura Fisher Kaiser are chockfull of valuable advice and coordinate with a CD ROM filled with helpful worksheets. Published by John Wiley & Sons, the whole package is \$24.95 and is available at all major book outlets.



"The Knot Book of Wedding Flowers" by Carley Roney lures readers with amazing photography, elegant and "flowery" wording and delicious details. Published by Chronicle Books, the 2002 hardcover costs \$29.95.

"The Artful Bride: Wedding Favors and Decorations: A Stylish Bride's Guide to Simple, Handmade Wedding Crafts" by April Paffrath, Paula Grasdahl and Livia McRee, (Rockport Publishers/Quarry Books, 2004, \$12.99 paperback), www.rockpub.com.

"Creative Wedding Keepsakes" by Donna Kooler teaches brides and grooms about how to preserve their wedding photos through scrapbooking, cropping and embellishing. Part of Leisure Arts Publications' Pennies from Heaven series, this 2002 book costs \$19.95 and is available through www.leisurearts.com.

"Fabulous Favors: Handmade Favors for Weddings, Parties & Holidays" by Beverly Clark. This paperback offers crafting tips for goodies such as sachets, topiaries, votives, placecards and includes an entertaining log. (Wilshire Publications, 2002).

"My First Wedding: A Planner for Modern Couples" by Jim Mullen - this hardcover book is filled with hysterical illustrations by Barry Blitt with suggestions for places to meet the groom 9 to 12 months before the wedding, including rodeos and Mercedes Benz showrooms. This humorous 2004 must-read is available through Simon & Schuster's simonsays.com for \$12.95.

"Mother of the Bride: The Dream, the Reality, the Search for a Perfect Dress" by Ilene Beckerman will keep any MOB (Mother of the Bride) calm, cool and light-hearted. Published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, this 2000 publication is available through www.algonquin.com.

"A Mother, A Daughter, A Wedding: Diaries of Bridal Chaos, Conflict and the Bond that Endures" by Denise Kelly and Sheila Kelly Kaplan would make a perfect companion to Beckerman's book. Published by 1st Books Library, this 2003 paperback is available for \$12.50 at www.authorhouse.com.

"The Wedding Countdown Book & Clock" by Tracy Guth Spangler keeps the nervous bride in check with a helpful pullout book and clock to count the minutes until vows are exchanged. For \$19.95, this novel gift is available at www.runningpress.com.

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Arts & Entertainment

'Go-To Person,' Glenn, Dispels Chaos During Life's Most Precious Moments

By MICHELLE HELEN Le POIDEVIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Think "wedding planner," and chaotic images of Martin Short as wedding coordinator Franck in *Father of the Bride* or Jennifer Lopez in *The Wedding Planner* might surface.

But, meet event planner Joan Glenn of Westfield and the words "sophistication," "efficiency," "compassion" and "elegance" spring to mind.

The founder of 6 Degrees of Celebration, Glenn holds over 16 years in the event planning field. While obtaining her undergraduate degree at Rutgers, she learned through the waitress and bartending industry that she liked working in the hospitality arena.

After attending a panel discussion at a restaurant show in New York City, during which she learned from famous chefs and banquet managers that the then-male oriented industry was attracting more women, Glenn said she "knew that day" the event planning business was her ideal choice.

She decided to attend the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, N.Y., an experience she admitted was physically challenging.

"The chefs ran the center like a boot camp," she recalled.

Simultaneously, Glenn was completing a six-month internship with banquet chef Abigail Kirsch, which taught her priceless lessons on structuring events, timing and taste.

Glenn married her husband, Brett, while attending the CIA. Upon graduation, she became Catering Sales Manager at The Hilton Hotels and later, Hyatt Hotels Corporation, where she was responsible for organizing events attended by up to 700 people.

Her next venture as Director of Catering at Michelangelo Hotel in Midtown Manhattan, a smaller boutique property, connected Glenn with a different clientele of politicians and celebrities.

"I started working with clients who

site that lost all of its electricity and needed a generator lickety-split.

"That experience taught me you always need to have a generator onsite," she laughed.

When brides with cold feet look to Glenn anxiously 10 minutes before



ROMANTIC MEMORY...Westfielder Joan Glenn is responsible for bringing magical memories and flawless efficiency to so many weddings and special occasions, including the nuptials of Michael and Melanie Goodnough of Upper Montclair, pictured above at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park on July 10.

had event planners," she said. "I had made good connections and realized that was exactly what I wanted to do."

Taking some of her Michelangelo clients with her, Glenn established 6 Degrees of Celebration. In 1999, she moved with her family to Singapore for 19 months, where she managed an event planning firm and organized weddings for American families.

Currently, Glenn, the mother of nine- and five-year-old sons, works with a staff of at least three people. Yes, they do use walkie-talkies to keep all eyes on the finer points of the events.

Describing herself as the "go-to person," Glenn has dodged all kinds of last-minute snafus, such as a 3 a.m. call from a bride with a ruined gown, a couple about to call off their nuptials, and a horse farm used as the wedding

walking down the aisle, she is there to hold their hands, talk them through and reassure them.

"For some brides, I'm their therapist, lawyer, accountant and the person they confide in," she said. "And, it helps because I can be very objective about things."

"You learn so much about people and I always miss them when the event is done," she added.

Glenn works with couples that are stretching their pennies and some who report that the sky's the limit.

"I am very realistic about setting up a budget from the beginning because most couples don't figure in all of the miscellaneous requirements like bridal party gifts, alterations, their rings or tipping," she added. "I update them on their budgets on a monthly basis."

She added that she must always pace steps ahead of any imminent snafus, so until she has the opportunity to breathe a sigh of relief, Glenn said, "I internalize it."

After planning one of the largest weddings "from a pressure perspective," during which Glenn fielded stringent requirements from the father of the bride, Glenn's husband arranged a massage appointment for the very next day.

"I'm like the ping-pong," she joked, "going back and forth. The day after the event, just like the bride, I'm completely in a funk."

On the local level, Glenn has used Scarlet Begonias in Westfield for about 80 percent of her weddings over the last two years.

"They're creative and their pricing is very competitive," she said. "Across the board, they've never done the same thing twice. Nothing is cookie-cutter."

Paul Anthony Entertainment in Kenilworth is another venue used by Glenn, who said she often combines a deejay with a four- to five-piece jazzy ensemble.

Glenn advised that this year's trends in organizing a wedding include vibrant color, more mood lighting using gels to soften the perimeter of a space, as well as candelabras and candles often to replace floral design.

Savvy Living, *New Jersey Monthly*, *New Jersey Bride* and other print media have afforded Glenn additional exposure. She also participates in panel discussions sponsored by Neiman Marcus in The Mall at Short Hills. A member of the Association of Bridal Consultants, she has been a guest on an episode of News 12 New Jersey's "Jersey's Talking," which spotlighted wedding consultants.

She also established a full-service corporate event-planning and management company, Event Source Group. Although, she has not managed many projects under that company since the terrorist attacks of September 11, she might consider taking on a few.

Glenn recently finished a busy wedding season which began in the spring and involved a wedding every other weekend, as well as large birthday and anniversary celebrations. Her next event is August 28, followed by more fall projects, including bar mitzvahs. She also has a "Destination Wedding" coming up, which will take her talents overseas.

"So You Want to Be a Wedding Planner" would be the type of book Glenn might like to pen someday.

"Authors who have never planned an event often write wedding how-to books," said Glenn. "There should be a more proactive, realistic viewpoint from someone who has been involved in the actual planning of the event."

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NEXT STAGE ENSEMBLE DELIGHTS AT WF LIBRARY

Henry V Echoes War Dilemma of Today

By SUSAN M. DOUGHERTY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — A lonely wooden trunk with the stenciled, irreverent "H-5" on its front and a beige curtain are the only indications that a play is about to be staged.

The air-conditioned community room of the Westfield Public Library (WPL) is the locale where out of seemingly nothing comes a full-bodied touring production of Shakespeare's *Henry V*.

Actor Matt Sigl opens the show with

layers of interns, apprentices, two touring groups, non-equity and equity segments, which make up the organization that is housed in Madison.

He stressed that their group does abbreviated versions of Shakespeare's works and other classics but noted that abbreviated doesn't mean watered-down.

Because there is no scenery per se, the audience was asked to use its imagination to build the sets and elaborate countrysides and regal rooms of court.

Books for The Bride

By MICHELLE HELEN Le POIDEVIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Every bride needs a guide to plan a wedding, ponder favors, floral arrangements, decorations and etiquette and organize budgets and everything in-between.

Publishers have generously supplied *The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* with some of the best books for brides lining the shelves of local bookstores.

We recommend the following: "The Knot Bride Journal" by The Knot, Inc. informs every bride about keeping plans and appointments in perfect order. Published by Chronicle Books, the hardcover, which is filled with gorgeous photography, costs \$12.95 and is available through www.chroniclebooks.com.

"Planning a Wedding to Remember" by Beverly Clark is an elegant, generously sized hardcover, ring-binder workbook filled with anything and everything a bride-to-be requires. The 2002 book, issued by Wilshire Publications, costs only \$21.95.

"Complete Wedding Guide," part of Leisure Arts Publications' Pennies from Heaven series, boasts elegant writing, abundant planners, worksheets, calendars, checklists and budget and etiquette suggestions. The 2001 paperback is available for \$19.95 through www.leisurearts.com.

"A Personal Wedding Planner" by Sharon Capen Cook and Elizabeth...
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A KING VISITS WESTFIELD... "You have witchcraft on your lips, Kate," Jordan Coughtry, as Henry V, tells Katherine of France, played by former Westfield resident Melissa Miller. Carrie Edel, right, portrayed the maid in this final scene of the Shakespearean classic that was presented at the Westfield Public Library. The audience drew high school seniors and their families, as well as senior citizens, to the free event.

an explanation of the theatre group sponsoring the troupe of 12 actors.

"We're what we like to call ourselves, 'career actors' (ahem—waiters)," he quipped to a sympathetic audience. Sigl explained that the actors are the part of the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's Next Stage Ensemble.

In explaining the ensemble, Sigl offered the analogy of an onion with

It wasn't that much of a stretch with the powerful words and great delivery. Minimal costuming was succinct but quite effective.

Henry, known to all as King Harry, played by Jordan Coughtry, brings passion and zeal to the demanding title role. His portrayal is a compassionate figure revealing the anguish a leader

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TTP's Vacation Is 'Shore' To Be Remembered

By SUSAN M. DOUGHERTY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

CRANFORD — The underlying warning of The Theater Project's (TTP) latest undertaking, *Betty's Summer Vacation* might be: vacation with a friend, not strangers. Likewise, whether or not one is forewarned, he might not be quite prepared for the absurdist humor presented in Christopher Durang's two-act show performed by Union County College's (UCC) professional theater company.

But, like the first day of a vacation, relax and settle in and you'll like it.

Betty, the title character, hasn't been warned about the housemates she will

Trudy, quite convincingly portrayed by Megan Muckelmann, begin to meet their housemates.

The first roommate, Keith, appears with his snow shovel and hatbox, sporting his mismatched shirt and pants. Matt McCarthy superbly plays this strange, sensitive, weirdo nerd. The glint in his eye and frozen plastic smile are only a tip of his serial criminal ice-berg behavior.

Another wacky housemate is the recently widowed Mrs. Siezmagraff, played by the multifaceted Bev Sheehan. Betty learns quickly that this woman is not only the landlady, but also Trudy's mother who looked



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THEY HEAR VOICES...The voices, as embodied by Dennis DaPrile, Dave Maulbeck and Jessie Marie Berzolla, scare the dickens out of Mrs. Siezmagraff, played by Bev Sheehan, and her daughter Trudy, portrayed by Megan Muckelmann, left. They urge the summer occupants of the house to commit mayhem and test the outer limits of their rational behavior in *Betty's Summer Vacation*.

have for the summer. She's looking for adventure, as well as a husband, but finds a little too much to handle in the bungalow.

Set designer Jessica Parks' sand-colored sponge-painted living room/kitchen accented with splashes of blue lulls the audience into a faux sense of well-being. Add Michael Magnifico's creative sound design that uses gently crashing waves and mood-setting Beach Boys' tunes and other surfer-type music for an upbeat mood.

This seemingly idyllic summer vacation at the shore doesn't exactly turn out to be a dream come true, however, as Betty, wonderfully played by Carol Todd, and her motor-mouthed friend

the other way when her father molested her.

After Mrs. Siezmagraff picks up Mr. Vanislaw (Ken Schactman), a derelict flasher in a trench coat, who has been menacing the women in the ladies' dressing room, we know where this is going and it's not going to be pretty.

The other man thrown into the mix is Buck, a 20-something man caught in his infantile stage of development. All he wants are a few "brews" and sexual gratification. A well-built stud muffin, Marc Donovan plays the dumb sex-crazed guy to plenty of well-deserved laughs.

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Despite Diverging Paths, Westfield's Pick An Exit Band Merges for Music

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Things are finally starting to calm down for the modern rock band Pick An Exit.

It took a year and a half of interviewing singers and guitarists before the all-male band finally finalized their musical lineup.

After spending weeks at Water Music Recording studio in Hoboken this past spring, the band's first CD, "Unsatisfaction Drives Us" is now available.

The band members, all who hail from Westfield and graduated Westfield High School, recently returned from their first five-week, 21-city national tour that brought them as far as Los Angeles, Calif. An upright piano from the home of Evan Statton, one of the founding band members,



MAKING WESTFIELD PROUD...Pick An Exit consists of Westfield High School graduates Dave Napiorski, James Reber, Evan Statton and Brian Chiger.

made the trip with them.

With September right around the corner, three of the four men will be heading back to school, Statton told

The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times. He began Pick An Exit in 2001 with Dave Napiorski.

Statton is a television and film student at the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University (NYU). The band's vocalist and music writer, he is focusing his studies on engineering and business.

This fall, he will be doing a lot of soundtrack mixing for graduate students at his school.

Napiorski plays the drums and writes the lyrics to accompany Statton's music. He will be returning to Rutgers University where he is an English major.

Bass guitarist and back-up vocalist James Reber is a student at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. This September, he will resume his studies in business and music composition.

Guitarist Brian Chiger recently graduated from the University of Rochester with a degree in psychology and a minor in business and marketing. He is currently seeking a job in advertising or marketing.

The band members also use their musical talents to benefit others. At a nightclub in South Amboy in July, the band helped raise money for the I Have a Dream project in Plainfield. All of the band's profits from the national tour aided this cause.

The program helps children from low-income areas reach their education and career goals by providing a long-term program of mentoring, tutoring and enrichment with an assured opportunity for higher education.

Pick An Exit will be playing locally throughout the rest of the summer. Staying close to home is giving Chiger, Napiorski, Reber and Statton the opportunity to devote some time to recording new songs and rerecording older ones.

The band will be appearing at NYU's orientation on Labor Day and is also scheduled to play at Westfield's Festival the end of September.

Attending college in Boston, James will have to travel the furthest for the event. However, after traveling cross-country on tour, it won't seem like such a long trip back to Westfield.

"I'll be right around the corner," he quipped.

And he won't even have to move the piano.

For more information on Pick An Exit, please visit www.pickanexit.com.

The Party Dolls Will Close Out County Summer Concert Series

MOUNTAINSIDE — Union County's free Summer Arts Festival concert series will conclude on Wednesday, August 25, with a return performance by The Party Dolls.

Modeled after the "girl groups" of the 1960s, The Party Dolls and their band will begin playing at 7:30 p.m. in Echo Lake Park, near the Springfield Avenue entrance in Mountainside.

"The popularity of these three talented women and their band makes this concert the grand finale of the summer series," said Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada. "Their blend of Motown oldies, dynamic

disco, and rock from the 80s, complete with choreography and costumes, brings the best female rock & roll of all time to life."

Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. A refreshment stand will be available at approximately 6:30 p.m.

In case of rain, the concert will move to Cranford High School, on West End Place off Springfield Avenue in Cranford. For up-to-date concert and rain information, please call the Department of Parks and Recreation 24-hour hotline at (908) 352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.



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COME TO THE PARTY...The Party Dolls, which consist of Alison Koster, Chissy Sparks and Nicol Delli Santi, will bring Union County's free Summer Arts Festival to a blockbuster finish.