

Concepts & Thought

Students' Historic Fanwood Sites Projects Displayed at Library

FANWOOD - Thirteen students from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) will be honored for their projects on historic homes and sites in the community on Wednesday, November 7, at 8 p.m. at the monthly meeting of the Fanwood Borough Council. The governing body meets in the Council Chambers on the lower level of Borough Hall. The projects will be on display at the Fanwood Memorial Library from Wednesday, November 7, to Monday, November 19. The public is encouraged to stop in and view the work of these students regarding the early history of the borough. Under the supervision of Bernice Cozewith, who teaches U.S. History I, current juniors Nisha Tamhankar, Sofia Fayngold, Sonali Phatak, Alexandra Rosloff, Amy Ryan,

Danielle Hirschhorn, Alyssa David, Lauren Baines, Melissa Mollen, Katie Madurski, Jennifer Ordelt, Jeremy Lipstein, Jillian Zuber, carried out Independent Study Projects of five 18th and 19th century buildings in Fanwood.

The sites, which were researched and photographed by the students, included the Fanwood Train Station (1874), the Hasselgren-Hope House (1885), The Lamberston Farm (1760), the Umer-Gibbs House (1894), and the Carriage House (1882).

The endeavor was coordinated throughout the Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission, with the history department at SPFHS.

For more information, please call (908) 322-6400, e-mail fanwdlib@lmxac.org or visit the library.

Westfield Adult School Sets Slate of Upcoming Courses

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Adult School, with classes held Monday evenings at Westfield High School, will start new classes in November. Subjects as diverse as "Architectural Styles," "Tax Relief" and "Sign Language for Babies" are open to the public.

Course offerings include: "IRA and 401K Distribution Strategies," November 5 and 7, 9:30 p.m., \$10 per person/\$15 per couple.

"Celtic Healing Beliefs," November 5 and 12, 7:30 to 9 p.m., \$35.

"Beautiful, Youthful, Healthy Skin at Any Age," November 5, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., \$20.

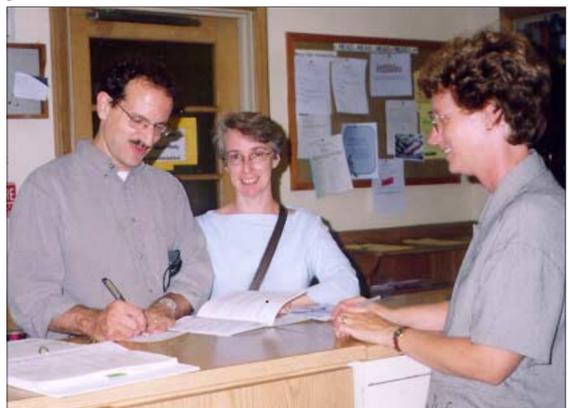
"Amazing Sign Language with Your Baby," November 12, 7 to 9 p.m., \$30.

"Introduction to American Architectural Styles," November 5 and 12, 7 to 9 p.m., \$30.

"Researching House Histories," November 19, 7 to 9 p.m., \$15.

The Westfield Adult School is an independent, not-for-profit, voluntary organization formed for the purpose of providing educational opportunities for people in Westfield and its surrounding areas. The school receives no taxpayer monies and is supported by nominal tuition fees, as well as charitable donations from individuals, sponsoring organizations and endowments.

Donations may be made payable to the Westfield Adult School Association and mailed to P.O. Box 606, Westfield, 07091.



CLASSES STARTING...The Westfield Adult School will offer a new slate of classes throughout the fall session, beginning on Monday, November 5. All classes convene on Mondays at Westfield High School. Pictured, above, Westfield Adult School Director Louise Frankel helps students to register for classes at the high school's main office.

Annual College Night Slated At Westfield High School

WESTFIELD - On Thursday evening, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Westfield High School (WHS) will host approximately 200 colleges and universities at its annual College Night.

This event gives students and their parents an opportunity to gather information about colleges and universities nationwide.

College representatives provide literature and answer questions about their schools.

Begun more than 30 years ago by the College Woman's Club of Westfield and now hosted by the WHS Guidance Department,

"Westfield's College Night has long been known as one of the biggest and finest in New Jersey," according to WHS Principal Dr. Robert G. Petix.

"It is appropriate that College Night is once again being held during American Education Week," noted Dr. Cas Jakubik, WHS Director of Guidance. "Since 93 percent of our recent graduates continued their education, there is clearly a need to provide our high school population and their parents with a broad overview of colleges and universities for their consideration. We encourage our current students and families to attend."

Walter Leib of Scotch Plains Earns Rutgers Alumni Award

SCOTCH PLAINS - Scotch Plains resident Walter Leib has been honored with the Alumni Meritorious Service Award by the Rutgers University Alumni Federation.

Mr. Leib received the award during a ceremony on October 19, as part of Rutgers' annual Homecoming celebration.

A 1951 graduate of Rutgers College and a 1953 graduate of the School of Law at Rutgers-Newark, Mr. Leib is considered by many to be the model of a loyal alumnus.

He has been active with the Rutgers Alumni Association for more than 35 years, serving in numerous capacities,

from secretary to president. Mr. Leib has been a member of both the university's Board of Trustees and Board of Overseers.

A dedicated volunteer in many of the school's fundraising initiatives, Mr. Leib is an enthusiastic supporter of athletic programs. Since 1993, he has served on the Board of Advisors of Rutgers' School of Business and Graduate School of Management.

Mr. Leib is a senior partner with Leib, Kraus, Grispin & Roth law firm in Scotch Plains. He is also a board member of the ICO International, Inc., an oil field services and petrochemical processing company.

Westfield Elementary Pupils Dig Deep to Help Others

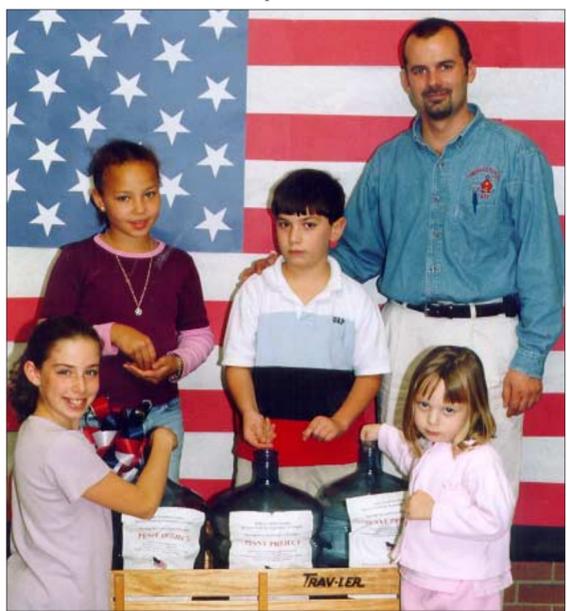
WESTFIELD - Reaching into their hearts and pockets, students in all six Westfield elementary schools are bringing in their pennies to school in an effort to help Westfield families who lost loved ones in the September 11 terrorist attacks.

In addition, fifth graders arranged a bake sale to help the families of the victims, and a school scout troop

made cards for rescue workers.

The Penny Project is an outgrowth of the United Fund of Westfield's September 11 Fund.

The Westfield Public Schools, through the Parent Teacher Associations and Parent Teacher Organizations, are helping to organize the year-long program with the aid of United Fund Board Member Danielle Walsh.



REACHING OUT...Tamaques Elementary School Principal Michael Cullen joins students from kindergarten through fifth grade in making donations to the district-wide Penny Project program, which aids the Westfield families who lost loved ones in the World Trade Center terrorist attacks.

SP Mayor Marks Issues Proclamation for DECA

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter, an Association of Marketing Students, celebrated the week of October 14-20 as National DECA Week.

The 130 Scotch Plains-Fanwood DECA students are members of the National DECA Organization, which boasts a membership of over 170,000 across the nation.

The local chapter, in its 32nd year,

focuses its efforts on many community service activities.

During National DECA Week, students planned activities both in school and in the community to promote the ideals of DECA.

The students planned a poster day in school, a face-painting day, and showed their DECA pride with a DECA T-shirt Day and a Dress for Success Day.

They also conducted a canister drive for the needy, and over 60 students held a party at Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains.

Junior Ricky Fleissner and sophomores Brian Kopnicki and Michael Hessemer served as chairpersons of DECA Week.

Mark These Dates:

Westfield Board of Ed Meeting Rescheduled

WESTFIELD -- The Westfield Board of Education meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, November 6 (Election Day), has been rescheduled for the following week, November 13. The meeting will take place at 8:00 p.m. at 302 Elm Street in Room 105.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley has invited architect Dave Fraytak from Farridy, Veisz, Fraytak, who will present updated architectural renderings depicting anticipated facility improvements and additions to Westfield High School.

Turkey Drive Planned At Franklin School

WESTFIELD - Franklin Elementary School in Westfield will host a Turkey Drive on Saturday, November 17, to help the Community Foodbank of New Jersey provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to those in need.

Participants are asked to bring frozen, never thawed, turkeys to the school at 700 Prospect Street between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Donations will be distributed to other non-profit programs serving low-income seniors, children, the disabled, battered women, the homeless and working poor families in 18 counties.

Cash donations may be made to the Community Foodbank of New Jersey and mailed to 31 Evans Terminal Road in Hillside, 07205 and write "Turkey Drive" on the outside of the envelope.

For more information, please call the Foodbank at (908) 355-3663.



A Comprehensive Look Back At Westfield Town Council's Comatose Year

By STEVEN KRAKAUER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

So another November, another change over of Westfield Town Council members. With an election in five days, it's time to sit back and reflect on this oh-so-eventful year for the council members in our town. Looking back at the 54 articles published by *The Westfield Leader* about the Westfield Town Council on the front page over this past year, I was affirmed of my original assertion: Our council members must have taken the year off.

Below are some of my observations after reviewing all 54 articles.

Think of this as a written defibrillator for our flat lined buddies on the Town Council:

- Number of articles about the parking problems: 28.

- Number of articles about simply hiring new officials: 10.

- Number of articles about the Council doing absolutely nothing: 31.

- Number of articles about the Town Council not just at a standstill, but actually backpedaling on an issue: 8.

- Number of Town Council meetings I had the pleasure to attend this year: 2.

- Number of times I was one "roll-call" away from drifting off to sleep during the meetings: at least 15.

Sign that Mayor Gregory S. McDermott actually *did* accomplish what he set out to at the beginning of this year: "McDermott noted the responsibilities he is about to assume as mayor, such as weddings and other event appearances." - *The Westfield Leader*, November 23.

First decision by Mayor McDermott, setting the tone for a truly gutsy term as mayor: After being quoted as saying, "the top priority this year is to create a kind of working environment that encourages debates, but respects differences," Mayor McDermott appoints Robert Cockren as Town Attorney, to the dismay of Democrats on the Council who favored then-current attorney William S. Jeremiah.

Sign that the gutsy decision-making was done for the year: The next week, Mayor McDermott and the Council decide that they will "act soon" to higher a "deck consultant." The automobile concerns (deck, meters, traffic)

are still unresolved as of deadline, with no hope for resolution anytime soon.

- "Number of times the words "could," "would" or "should" were used in all the articles: I stopped counting around 70.

- Collective pulse of the Town Council and Mayor this year: 0.

- Genuine, start to finish, "this is what we're going to do and this is how we're going to do it," fully completed, signed, sealed and delivered decisions made by the Council this year (and I'm being extremely generous): 7.

- Genuine, start to finish, "this is what we're going to do and this is how we're going to do it," fully completed, signed, sealed and delivered decisions made by the Council this year that was met by harsh opposition: 3 (hiking the meter rates, changing the time of the trash pickup and raising Westfield taxes).

- Number of months until I can legally vote: 5.

- Number of incumbent Council members that are running for reelection this year: 4

- Number of incumbent Council members that, judging by their lifelessness this year, should feel lucky I can't vote in next week's election: every single one.

PTSO to Host Program On 'The College Maze'

WESTFIELD - The Westfield High School (WHS) PTSO invites interested parents and students to an informative program entitled: "Getting Through The College Maze" on Wednesday, November 14, beginning at 7:45 p.m. in Cafeteria B.

Carol Rowlands, Director of Admissions at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., and Leslee Scheckman, Guidance Counselor at WHS, will be the guest speakers for the evening.

The presentation will touch on the following topics: when and where to begin the process, how colleges select students for admission, private versus public colleges, financial aid, standardized testing, early decision, visiting colleges and much, much more.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS! Information Session



for Students and Parents

NEW THE Union County Vocational-Technical High School

Thursday November 1, 2001 7 p.m.

1776 Raritan Road Scotch Plains, NJ

To register, or for more information call: 908-889-8288, ext. 307.





Dare to grow...

- 400-acre campus
- 37 athletic teams
- 33 clubs and activities
- 25 campus ministry programs

- 23 advanced placement courses
- 14 students in average class
- 7:1 student-faculty ratio
- Over 50% of faculty hold master's or doctoral degrees

Admission tests will be administered on Nov. 17, and Jan. 12.

DELBARTON

An independent day school for boys in grades 7-12 administered by the Benedictine monks of St. Mary's Abbey

DELBARTON SCHOOL
230 MENDHAM ROAD
MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960-4899
www.delbarton.org
(973) 538-3231, ext. 3019