



Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times

Local GOP Officials Back Giuliani for President

A number of Union County Republicans have put their support behind Presidential contender Rudy Giuliani. Last week, Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (LD-21, Westfield) hosted a fundraiser for Mr. Giuliani's Presidential Exploratory Committee at his home in Westfield. State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (LD-21, Westfield), Assemblyman Eric Munoz (LD-21, Summit), Union County Republican Chairman Phil Morin, Westfield Mayor Andy Skibitsky, Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks, Mountaintide Councilman Glenn Mortimer and members of the Westfield and Scotch Plains town councils attended the affair. The guest speaker was Ken Kurson of the Giuliani committee and co-author Mr. Giuliani's book, "Leadership." Mr. Bramnick will host a \$1,000-per-person fundraiser for Mr. Giuliani on Tuesday, March 20.

Mahr Holds Fundraiser For Re-election Bid

Fanwood Colleen Mahr, a Democrat, held a \$200-per-person fundraiser Monday night at Lana's restaurant at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex in Clark. She announced that she would seek another four-year mayoral term to complete her initiatives. Running for re-election with her are Councilwoman Kathleen Mitchell and Councilman Joe Higgins. Former Governor Brendan Byrne headlined the event. Also in attendance were New Jersey Democratic Chairman and State Assemblyman Joe Cryan (LD-20, Union), Assemblywoman Linda Stender (LD-21, Fanwood) and New Jersey Turnpike Authority Executive Director Michael LaPolla of Westfield.

Lobbyist Seeks Release From Pretrial Program

Lobbyist Karen Golding, charged with stalking state Democratic Chairman and Assemblyman Joe Cryan, has requested early release from the Union County Pretrial Intervention Program, according to a Tuesday *Star-Ledger* story. Ms. Golding, who served 10 months in the program, has said she has been prevented from finding full-time work as a lobbyist as a result of the charges pending against her. She has asked State Superior Court Judge John Triarsi to dismiss the charges and free her from her remaining obligation in the program. Mr. Cryan's attorney said he would request that the no-contact order remain in effect for Mr. Cryan and his friends Kathleen Conway and Patricia Rago. The order bars Ms.

Golding from going within 100 feet of Mr. Cryan or the two women.

New York to Move Presidential Primary to Feb. 5

New York will join New Jersey and a number of states including Florida, California, and Ohio in moving their Presidential primaries to Tuesday, February 5, next year, according to a WNBC-TV News report. Political analysts have said as many as 20 states may have primaries on February 5, a date that follows the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire and South Carolina primaries.

Asm Doherty: Legislative Services Head Has Conflict

Gannett Newspapers reported last week that New Jersey Office of Legislative Services (OLS) Executive Director Albert Porroni holds three jobs in the Legislature: chief of the OLS, counsel for the Legislature and secretary to the ethics commission. Assemblyman Michael Doherty said he believes this is a conflict of interest in that in his ethics commission job Mr. Porroni sees all complaints against lawmakers. In his role as legislative counsel, he makes recommendations on how to respond to those complaints. On his blog, Gannett Trenton Bureau Chief Bob Ingle said Mr. Porroni should decide which job he wants and let legislative leaders find others to fill the other two posts.

Judge Menza Dies While Vacationing

Politicsnj.com has reported that retired State Superior Court Judge Alexander Menza, 73, died Monday while vacationing in Rome. He is the uncle of former Westfield Mayor Tom Jardim, whom he swore into office in 1997. Mr. Menza is also a former assemblyman, state senator and Hillside mayor. He ran an unsuccessful bid for the United States Senate in the 1978 Democratic Primary. He was serving as a trustee at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey at the time of his death.

Cranford Hosts Native Spring Plants Talk

CRANFORD — "Native Plants for Your Spring Garden" will be the topic of a talk by Dennis Miranda, executive director of the Rahway River Association (RRA), at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21 in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Street, Cranford. The program, hosted by the Hanson Park Conservancy, is part of "2207: Celebrate the Rahway River," a year-long observance designed to raise awareness of the river's ecological and recreational importance throughout the watershed, which encompasses much of Union County as well as parts of Essex



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ROOTING FOR RUDY...Ken Kurson of the Rudy Giuliani for President Exploratory Campaign attended a February 27 fundraiser for Mr. Giuliani at the home of Assemblyman Jon Bramnick in Westfield. Pictured, from left to right, are: State Senator Tom Kean, Jr., Mr. Bramnick, Mr. Kurson, Mountaintide Councilman Glenn Mortimer and former State Senator Richard Bagger.

Background is 'Well-Rounded' for BOE

by: Jane Costello, Candidate for Scotch Plains BOE Seat

My name is Jane Costello and I am running for a seat on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education this April. I am a former educator, and worked as a special education teacher for 12 years. Working with students with autism, I taught for 10 years in New York City and two years in New Jersey. Additionally, I hold a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education, so I am well rounded in the field and have a particular interest in curriculum. I believe that my years as an educator will serve me well as a board member in many areas, from curriculum development to contract negotiations.



Jane Costello

My family and I have lived in Scotch Plains for seven and a half years. Currently, I have a first and third grader at McGinn Elementary School and a fifth grader at Terrill Middle School, and I am completing my second year as the PTA vice president at McGinn. Shortly before moving to Scotch Plains, I left the field of education to stay home with my children. This time has allowed me to become involved in the schools my children attend, and I have been an active participant in the PTA and

serving as a chairperson for many arts-related activities.

In recent years, there have been many issues that brought me to BOE meetings. I saw that as a citizen I could only make a limited contribution. Witnessing the high level of work and commitment that occurred during those meetings sparked my desire to participate in the process more actively by becoming a member myself. As a parent, taxpayer and educator I will make a unique contribution and I look forward to the depth and scope of this challenge.

Uniquely Qualified to Sit on BOE

by: David Gorbunoff, Candidate for Scotch Plains BOE Seat

I have been a resident of Scotch Plains for 15 years. My wife, Lyse, and I are the parents of three children. Two are students at Terrill Middle School and one is in Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. I hold a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in organizational management.



David Gorbunoff

My professional experience includes five years as an auditor in the property and casualty insurance industry and 13 years as a contractor in the construction trades. I am currently the director of operations for the administrator of the Schools and Libraries E Rate program. This program gives \$2.25 billion annually to schools and libraries across the country for telecommunications services and Internet access.

My experience in these three areas - insurance, construction/facilities and technology in our schools - I feel, makes me uniquely qualified to sit on the board of education in our community.

As a candidate for a seat on the BOE in Scotch Plains-Fanwood, I feel that I am obligated to let you all know what I feel are the issues facing our community. First and foremost is the need to keep taxes under control. Hand in hand with the need to keep

taxes in check is the responsibility to provide our children with a thorough and efficient education.

What does thorough and efficient mean? Thorough means complete. It means that our children have the resources they need in the classroom to give them the best education possible. Teachers, textbooks, supplies and facilities all have to be first rate in order for our children to be able to compete after graduation and to ensure that they remain lifelong learners.

Efficiency is a watchword that we should all take to heart. In my current profession I am responsible for directing a large diverse organization to meet aggressive targets to provide outstanding customer service. Put into the context of the BOE, the customer in this case are several, the taxpayers, the staff of the district and last but certainly most important are our students. Meeting targets means that our children are prepared for the future. This includes not only classroom learning but also those activities that take place outside of the classroom. Our athletic programs, clubs and volunteer organizations within our district need to be first rate as well.

I look forward to serving the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community.

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