



**LITTLE ROYALTY...** Westfield Y Pre-K Kamp of 3, 4 and 5 year old children produced the play, *Princesses with Holes in Their Shoes* this month at the Y Summer Camp. The children starred as princesses, knights, animals and other characters.

## Westfield Y Summer Camps Highlight Drama and Trips

WESTFIELD — Over 300 children and 50 teens concluded the Westfield Y's second session of summer camp last week with a variety of activities and learning experiences.

At the Children's Center on Elm Street, Laura Del Ray's Pre-K Kamp of 3, 4 and 5 year olds produced a play, under the direction of Costume Capers. Costume Capers outfitted the children as princesses, knights, animals and other characters.

The story of the princesses with holes in their shoes was acted out by the children, while adults in the audience provided sound effects. The end of the play revealed that the princesses had holes in their shoes because of a witch's spell that made them dance at night with the knights in the forest.

Role playing, makeup, stage production, improvisation, comedy, music and more are part of this program.

Camp Blue Sky campers, under the direction of Christina Taibo, learned about birds, nests and chlorophyll in leaves. The kids enjoyed games like "Capture the Flag" and "Manhunt." Each camper made an article of tie-dye clothing to celebrate the week's theme of the 60s.

On Wednesday, weekly trip day, the campers wore their special identifying T-shirts and headed for a morning of bowling, followed by a walking trip to see *Muppets from*

*Space* at the Rialto Theatre in Westfield. A second trip to Camden Aquarium allowed the children to see penguins, fish, sharks, stingrays and other sea animals.

Summer Fun Club enjoyed a trip to the Bronx Zoo and a walking trip downtown to Bruegger's Bagels, where they were able to see bagels being made and to enjoy a snack and drink.

The Y has welcomed Raimonda and Diana Maliqi from Kosovo, new Westfield residents, to this section of the Y's camp program. Both girls enjoyed the trips and games, but named swimming as their favorite camp activity.

The new Leaders in Training program welcomed over 45 teens to its two sessions of leadership/values training and service work in the community. Combined with over 30 teens in the Counselor in Training program, youth between the ages of 11 to 15 developed new leadership skills, attended youth exchange programs at Fairview Lake YMCA, and had time for fun at day trips in the local area.

For information about the Westfield Y summer camps or other programs, please call (908) 233-2700.

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## Scotch Plains Parks Flourish With Activity During Summer

SCOTCH PLAINS — Several of the parks in Scotch Plains have been flourishing with activity during the summer months as part of the township's summer parks program for children.

Children in Green Forest Park program participated in a talent show. Children did Karate routines, danced to music by music groups and played the flute. Skits, dance demonstrations and rope relays were also held.

Children at Farley, Green Forest and Brookside Parks made Styrofoam airplanes, fans, stickers and puzzle picture frames. A bubble

gum contest and a basketball game were also held at Farley Park.

Counselors at Brookside Park entertained children with a water balloon game. A talent show with singing and dancing, as well as a hockey game, were also held at Brookside.

A trip to Bowcraft Amusement Park on Route 22 and a Pepsi Hot Shot Contest will be held at the end of the summer for children ages 9 to 18.

A pre-school recreation program was also held at Jerseyland Park. Crafts, stories and splash parties with a sprinkler were featured activities.



**COMPUTER FRIENDLY...** Recent graduates and current high school students from Westfield are completing four weeks of work in the Westfield Public Schools preparing computers for the 1999-2000 school year. When the Student Assistant Technicians are done, more than 1,000 computers will be cleaned and ready for September, according to District Technology Director Darlene Nowak. Full-time technician Steve Stanger has been working with the students to clean existing computers, set up new computers and install software. This is the second year that students or recent graduates have been hired for the project. Cleaning computers in the Media Center of Edison Intermediate School, pictured left to right, are: Scott Brewster, Susan Wilson, John Larsen and Elan Arbtsman.

## Union County College Installs Alumni Board for 1999-2000

The Union County College (UCC) Alumni Association held its final meeting for the year on June 14 during which Dorothy Gasorek conducted the installation of the new board.

Virginia Apelian of Clark was installed as President, replacing Linda Kurdilla of Union who served from 1995-1999. In addition, new members were added to the Board of Directors for the 1999-2000 academic year.

The 1999-2000 Board of Directors are as follows: President, Ms. Apelian; First Vice President, Michael Baldovsky of Linden; Second Vice President, Patrick LaQualgia of Howell; Treasurer, Kitty Leonowicz of Cranford; Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Benz of Cranford; Recording Secretary, Suzanne Covine of Westfield, and Past President, Ms. Kurdilla.

Also elected to the board were Gina Caivano and Anthony Paglia, both of Union; Bonnie J. Bendlin of Springfield, Marion Curka of Edison, John F. Fallon, Jr., of Elizabeth, Lisa Fernandes-Mathews of Westfield, Dorothy Gasorek of Elizabeth, Mary Lou Gray of Edison, Theodore E. Johnson, Jr. of Union, Marion Menzer of Fanwood, Catherine M. Meyers of Roselle Park, Dr. Jacob Rosen of Scotch Plains and Elissa M. Young of Plainfield.

Recent activities of the Alumni Association have included the hosting of a gala 40th Reunion and a membership table at the UCC graduation on May 27. The association also provides funding for the Alumni Prize awarded annually at commencement ceremonies.

This year's honoree was Preeya

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