

## Milton Faith to Receive Ruotolo Award April 25

WESTFIELD — Milton Faith, Executive Director of the Youth and Family Counseling Service (YFCS) in Westfield, will receive this year's Andrew K. Ruotolo, Jr. Award, presented by the Union County Committee Against Hate and the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

The award will be presented on Wednesday, April 25, during the "Stand Together Against Hate Forum II," to be held at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue. The public is invited to attend.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by the screening of a video entitled *Forbidden Love*. The opening speaker will be Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan and the keynote speaker will be Joyce Hunter, D.S.W., FBI Special Agent Joe Lewis will give

closing remarks. During more than 30 years as Executive Director of YFCS, Mr. Faith has encouraged non-violence and healthy communication by teenagers among themselves and as part of their families, schools and communities. He is being recognized for his efforts to prevent bias and promote harmony in Union County.

### WCC Set to Play Basketball With Westfield Police

WESTFIELD — The second of a series of basketball games between officers of the Westfield Police Department and young men from the Westfield Community Center will be played tomorrow, Friday, April 20.

The game will be held at Edison Intermediate School on Rahway Avenue and is open to the public. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m.

The first game was won by the Westfield Community Center team, with a score of 46-38. The Community Center team will be looking for its second win, while the police department team will be looking to avenge its loss.

For more information on the Westfield Community Center, located at 558 West Broad Street, and the various programs offered for both youngsters and senior citizens, please call the center at (908) 232-4759.



Milton Faith

## Ed Feeley Ranks Among Top 5 Percent at Burgdorff

FANWOOD — Burgdorff ERA President Judy Reeves recently announced that Sales Associate Ed Feeley of the Burgdorff ERA Fanwood office is currently ranked in the top 5 percent of the entire company for sales volume for 2001.

The new ranking reflects Mr. Feeley's sales figures as of February of this year.

"Through his dedication to the highest principles of honesty and integrity, Ed has firmly established himself as one of the most respected Real Estate professionals in the industry," said Connie Burke, Vice President and Manager of the Fanwood office. "I am proud to have him as a part of

our dynamic sales team."

Mr. Feeley, a Broker Associate, was named to the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club in 1997, 1999, and 2000. He was also named to the Burgdorff ERA President's Club for \$3 million or more in closed business in 1999 and 2000. Additionally, he sold Burgdorff's top-priced home in 1999.

Mr. Feeley is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Interfaith Council on the Homeless of Union County. A longtime resident of Union County, he lives in Fanwood with his wife, Trish, and their son.

The Burgdorff ERA Fanwood office is located at 256 South Avenue.

## SAGE Program to Focus On Travel for Disabled

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — SAGE Spend-A-Day will host a special program entitled "Making Travel Plans for Those with Special Needs" on Tuesday, April 24, at 7:15 p.m. at Spend-A-Day's wheelchair-accessible facility, located at 550 Springfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights.

Janaki Nayar, a representative of the Society for Accessible Travel and Hospitality (SATH), will be the guest speaker. Founded in 1976, SATH is a non-profit educational organization which actively represents travelers with disabilities.

Refreshments will be served. Although the program is offered free of charge, interested individuals are urged to make reservations, as seating

is limited. To reserve a seat or for more information, please call (908) 464-8217.

Spend-A-Day is a licensed medical adult day health program for senior citizens which provides social and recreational activities in a group setting.

A registered nurse is on site at all times to administer medication and monitor health. Spend-A-Day can also accommodate adults with special needs and Alzheimer's disease. Transportation and a hot lunch are included.

SAGE is a private, not-for-profit organization that serves as a community resource for eldercare, with services that promote independence and a dignified quality of life for older adults and their families.

# Remember When... MAY 7, 1998

## Westfield Gains \$117,500 County Grant to Create Park At Former Diner Site, Renovate Lincoln Playground

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written For The Westfield Leader

All 21 municipalities in Union County should be receiving checks from the county within the next 60 days as part of the county's Project Pocket Park Program. A total of \$1,588,750 has been approved in matching dollar grants — moneys that will be used to acquire land to construct pocket parks and to renovate existing playgrounds.

In announcing the approval of the grants, Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan said the program will result in over \$3.1 million in land acquisition and park renovations, an effort by the county to preserve open space.

The grants, which range from \$10,000 to \$125,000, follow the county's efforts to upgrade its parks system, according to Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, who serves as Liaison to the Parks Advisory Board. An additional \$2 million was spent in 1997 by the county to improve county playgrounds and playing fields.

Among the properties included in the program are the former sites of the Excellent Diner in Westfield and the erstwhile Scotch Plains Zoo site, once known as the Terry Lou Zoo, in Scotch Plains.

The two communities will receive \$100,000 each for the acquisition of these properties, which local offi-

cials hope to convert into parks.

However, there remain some obstacles in that regard. In Scotch Plains, the Township Council's plan to condemn the zoo property has met with opposition from officials from Sunrise Assisted Living, which wants to build a facility on the site.

The council, though, has moved ahead with efforts to condemn the property. Just last month, the governing body voted to seize ownership of the property for a public park, claiming "eminent domain."

The council then passed a \$570,000 bond ordinance in order to pay "a fair market price," as required by law, to Sunrise for the 5.87-acre site. The company has indicated it plans to challenge the council's decision in court.

Sunrise purchased the property for \$850,000. A local planner has said one-third of the zoo lot lies in a flood plain and thus makes development of the property a potential hazard.

In Westfield, the Town Council last week learned that the owners of the former site of the Excellent Diner, the Honecker family, want to develop a three-story commercial building on the currently vacant site.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim said the governing body is prepared to move on its plans in the meantime, noting the site has long been an "eyesore" which the town is now "finally doing something about."

He said the condition of the site, located in the middle of the central business district, is "unacceptable." "One of the biggest assets in our town is our CBD (central business district), our schools and streets. So we (the town) have got to protect our assets," the Mayor stated.

He said he has been told the prop-

erty could not be developed commercially. Debbie Schmidt, Executive Director of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, added that the number of variances needed by the Honecker would probably prevent it from being developed.

"I think it would require more vari-

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, Union County Freeholders Mary Ruotolo, Chester Holmes and Daniel P. Sullivan, the board's Chairman, shown from left to right, stand outside the shell of the building which once housed the Excellent Diner in Westfield. The site was among those selected by the county to receive matching funds for the creation of a pocket park under a new county program.

For More Information on the Article, see it all on the Web! [www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com)

## Historic Preservation Topic Of Meeting in Westfield

WESTFIELD — Historic preservation is alive and well in Westfield, according to the 70-plus residents who turned out for a program sponsored by the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission (WHPC) on March 1 in the Westfield Community Room of the Municipal Building.

The program, entitled "What Every Property Owner Needs to Know About Historic Preservation," stirred the interest of many residents who own homes which are eligible for historic designation.

Mayor Gregory S. McDermott said that the town appreciates the work of WHPC Chairwoman Nancy Priest and all of the commission members, in preserving the wealth of historic architecture in Westfield.

"Our town's history dates to 1720, and it is important to do what we can to preserve our heritage," he remarked.

Ms. Priest gave her welcoming remarks by highlighting the commission's history and work. She outlined the three essential functions of the commission:

- Survey — identify and designate landmarks and districts of historic importance and recommend them to the Planning Board so that they are placed on the town's Master Plan.
- Guide — advise how best to preserve those landmarks and districts through recommendations on proposed construction, alterations and additions.
- Education — foster the town's architectural heritage and the need to preserve it for future generations.

Ms. Priest added that the commission is in the process of establishing a Design Guidelines book specific to Westfield to serve as a property owner's guide in preserving his or her investment.

A display of brochures, books, and various periodicals on historic preservation were available at the meeting. Stan Lipson, Curator of the

Westfield Historical Society, brought historic framed photographs of the town for all to see.

Dorothy Guzzo, Administrator and Deputy Officer of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), was the guest speaker. She discussed historic preservation, as well as the nature of state and local statutes and their benefits to property owners and the community.

Ms. Guzzo mentioned that Westfield has been active with the state on various issues. One important area discussed was the South Avenue traffic circle.

She said that when the New Jersey Department of Transportation planned to convert the circle into a "T" intersection, the SHPO became involved because the area around the monument to World War I veterans, the Westfield Train Station, the Westfield fire headquarters on North Avenue, the First United Methodist Church and the plaza area surrounding the underpass were all eligible for historic preservation.

The SHPO notified the Town of Westfield and the various boards, including the Historic Preservation Commission, concerning this information, and determined that a "T" intersection would have a negative impact on these areas.

The Westfield Historic Preservation Commission worked actively against this project. The SHPO, in turn, negotiated with state and local governments to agree to keep the circle, with modifications which address safety issues.

Ms. Guzzo stated that this is but one example of how the SHPO office positively operates to help local governments. She also said national and state designations do not provide as much protection as local ordinances.

It was noted at the meeting that it is important for people who own homes that are eligible for designation to protect their investments by designating their properties.

In many ways, this protection extends to other property owners nearby by avoiding tear-downs and subdivisions of larger properties, thereby protecting the entire community, she said.

Following a brief question-and-answer period, refreshments were served.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**  
NOTICE IS hereby given that at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building of said Township on Tuesday, April 17, 2001, there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING GAMES OF CHANCE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2001 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**

The Purpose of the Ordinance: To allow any charitable organization to conduct a raffle on the above date provided they obtain a License for same.

A public hearing for same will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, or any time and place to which a meeting for the further consideration of such ordinance shall from time to time be adjourned, and all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of same may be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of same without cost.

BARBARA RIEPE  
Township Clerk  
1 T - 4/19/01, The Times Fee: \$31.11

## Dr. Leventhal to Present Free Workshop on Anxiety

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dr. Eric S. Leventhal, a chiropractor who maintains a practice in Scotch Plains, will present a free workshop on anxiety, panic and agoraphobia on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. in Scotch Plains.

The discussion is designed to help individuals understand the physiological and psychological causes of these conditions and will focus on proven techniques to help im-

prove performance and address symptoms.

The program will emphasize physical balance, behavior, attitudes and beliefs and their effects on the mind and body, and will also cover various treatment options.

Seating is limited. For further information and the program location, please call Judy Slepian, Director, at Panic Relief, Inc., at (732) 937-4832.

## Temple School and Committee Join Forces to Help Others

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Social Action Committee and the Religious School of Congregation Beth Israel, located at 18 Shalom Way in Scotch Plains, recently joined forces to help others in the community.

From March 1 to March 21, the groups conducted a drive to collect new baby items and toiletries. Items collected in-

cluded rattles, bibs, diapers, ointment, baby hairbrushes, baby bottles and brushes, lotion, adult shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, deodorant, and toilet paper.

All collected items were donated to the Scotch Plains Food Pantry and the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County on March 21.

"This collaborative effort helps to teach our students about the value of giving to others. The students are really getting into the spirit of giving and are very excited," said Debbie Littman, Social Action Committee Co-Chairwoman, along with Pam Brooks.

The Religious School, under the guidance of Director Ruth Gross, has many on-going projects to help international and local organizations, as well as joint projects with the Social Action Committee.

The committee helps support the Scotch Plains Food Pantry year-round. This time, the theme was toiletries; other times the focus has been on food products. Another on-going project is support for Temple Shalom in Plainfield in its housing of the homeless during the summer months.

The committee provides volunteers who spend the night and help prepare meals for the guests.

Ms. Littman said the Religious School students have developed the spirit for giving and hoped the two groups will do more joint projects in the future.

Each grade was given different categories of items to donate. The grade that brought in the most items was treated to an ice cream "Thank You Party."

For information on Congregation Beth Israel and its activities, please call the temple office at (908) 889-1830.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**  
NOTICE IS hereby given that at a special meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held on Tuesday, April 17, 2001, the following ordinances entitled:

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS 7-3.3 SCHEDULE VII (T.O. 7-3.3 SCH VII) TO INSTALL A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF SCOTCHWOOD GLEN AND HIGHLANDER DRIVE AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH HIGHLANDER DRIVE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE CHAPTER 7-3 SCHEDULE VII (T.O. 7-3.3 SCHEDULE VII) OF THE TOWNSHIP GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ENTITLED "TRAFFIC"**

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 96-19 ADOPTED JUNE 12, 1996 ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**

were duly passed on second and final reading.  
TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS  
Barbara Riepe  
Township Clerk  
1 T - 4/19/01, The Times Fee: \$29.07

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**

Take notice that application has been made to the Municipal Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, to transfer to J. Rust Enterprises, trading as Jeffrey's of Westfield, for premises located at 114 Central Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey, the Plenary Retail Consumption liquor license, number 2020-33-001-004, heretofore issued to Benjamin Michael, Inc., trading as Galatas, for the premises located at 114 Central Avenue.

The person who will hold an interest in this license is Jeffrey Rust of J. Rust Enterprises, Inc., of 1237 Plane Street, Union, New Jersey. The applicant intends to engage in the retail sale of beer, wine and other types of liquor at 114 Central Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey under the terms and conditions allowed by law.

Objections, if any, should be made in writing to Bernard A. Heeney, Jr., Municipal Clerk of the Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, Jeffrey Rust, President of J. Rust Enterprises, Inc., 1237 Plane Street, Union, New Jersey 3 T - 4/19, 4/26 & 5/3/01, The Leader Fee: \$82.62

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT** Sprint Spectrum L.P. (the "Applicant") has applied to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains for a use variance, a height variance, and a waiver from the requirements for site plan approval, or in the alternative, preliminary and final site plan approval, from the Township of Scotch Plains Land Use and Development Ordinances ("Ordinance") in order to permit the installation of a wireless telecommunication facility. The proposed facility will consist of accessory wireless telecommunication antennas attached at a height of ninety (90) feet to an existing one hundred ten (110) foot Elizabethtown water tank, and seven (7) equipment cabinets located at the base of the water tank. The property is located within the R-2 zone at Block No. 4401, Lot No. 13 as shown on the Township of Scotch Plains tax map, more commonly known as 585 Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

The applicant requests a waiver from the site plan requirements pursuant to Section 21-2.1 of the Ordinance, or in the alternative, the applicant requests preliminary and final site plan approval. The applicant further requests a use variance from Section 23-3.6 of the Ordinance, and a height variance from Section 23-3.4A of the Ordinance. The Applicant further requests all such other relief, including variances or waivers/exceptions from design standards and/or performance standards, as be required to develop the premises in the manner indicated in the application.

The application is now on the agenda of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains and a public hearing has been ordered for May 3, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076. At the aforesaid time and place, all interested persons and parties will be given the opportunity to be heard, either in person or by agent or attorney, and present any comments they may have regarding this application. The plans, application and materials submitted to the Zoning Board of Adjustment are on file in the office of the above Board and may be inspected by interested persons during regular business hours (9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays.

This notice is being sent to you by the Applicant by order of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains.

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LAW OFFICES OF  
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1 T - 4/19/01, The Times Fee: \$56.10

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**BOARD OF EDUCATION WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education, Westfield, New Jersey, in the Board of Education Office, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey, 07090, at 11:00 A.M. (Prevailing Time) on May 1, 2001 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud for:

**"CORRIDOR CEILING AND LIGHT FIXTURE REPLACEMENT AT TANAKES SCHOOL, B01-21"**

Plans and Specifications will be available on April 20, 2001. Plans, Specifications, form of bid, contract and bond for the proposed work and other Contract Documents thereto, as prepared by M. Disko Associates, are on file in their offices at 151 Sumner Avenue, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033, and may be examined at the office of M. Disko Associates during normal business hours.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Plans and Specifications by the Engineer, upon proper notice and payment of a check for Fifty-Five (\$55.00) dollars, payable to M. DISKO ASSOCIATES, said cost being the reproduction price of the documents and is not returnable.

Proposal forms (as contained in the Specifications) provide for the awarding of all the work to the lowest qualified bidder under a single contract.

The guaranty accompanying the bid shall be given in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid and may be given at the option of the bidder by a Certified Check, or Bid Bond from a reputable insurance company.

All bidders must be prequalified in accordance with Chapter 105, Laws of 1962, as amended by Chapter 188, Laws of 1968 as set forth in Instructions to Bidders.

Labor in connection with the project shall be paid not less than wages as listed in Prevailing Wage Rate Determination, pursuant to Chapter 150 of the New Jersey Laws of 1963, or the U. S. Department of Labor Wage Determinations, whichever are higher for each class of labor.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, C.127, (NJAC 17:27). Bids may be held by the Board of Education for a period not to exceed Sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in its judgment the public interest will be served by so doing.

By order of the Board of Education, Westfield, New Jersey.  
Robert A. Berman  
Board Secretary  
1 T - 4/19/01, The Leader Fee: \$55.59

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey on Monday, April 30, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey for the following:

**ON CALL ELECTRICIAN SERVICE FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD**

Proposals must be delivered at the place and before the hour above mentioned in a sealed envelope marked "Bid for Electrician" bearing the Name and Address of the bidder, addressed to the Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and must be in the office of the Purchasing Agent on or before the hour named.

Bids must be accompanied by a proposal guarantee in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in an amount of 10% of the total bid, payable to the Town of Westfield. Each proposal must be accompanied by a surety company certification stating that the said Surety company will provide the bidder with the required performance bond in the full amount of the contract.

Bidders must be in compliance with all provisions of Chapter 127 pl 1975 supplement to the law against discrimination (Affirmative Action). Bidders statement of Ownership, as required by Chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1977, must be submitted with all bids.

Specifications and proposal forms can be examined and procured at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at which time a pre-bid meeting will be granted to examine the bidding.

The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality if it is deemed advisable to do so.  
Marianne K. Horta  
Purchasing Agent  
1 T - 4/19/01, The Leader Fee: \$40.80