



MORE BOOKS, BETTER LOOKS...The library at Wilson Elementary School in Westfield was officially opened the last week in March amid the satisfaction of students, teachers, administration and board members. Construction began last summer with funds for the project approved in the 1998 public bond referendum. Media Specialist Diane Smith described the new library as "bigger and better." The extra space is used for more books, a reading corner filled with animal cushion seats, a kids' story platform, and computer stations. Although the library is scheduled for six periods per day, Mrs. Smith welcomes the students and teachers before and after school, as well as during her free period. On hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony were, left to right, Board President Darielle Walsh, Wilson School Principal Andrew Perry, Business Administrator and Board Secretary Robert A. Berman, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Co-President Cathy Daly, Board members Anne Riegel and Annmarie Puleio, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley, PTA Co-President Carrie Mumford, Mrs. Smith, and student library assistant Britta Greene.

Adult Education Courses On Tap at County Vo-Tech

SCOTCH PLAINS - A variety of courses ranging from international cuisine to computer repair to kitchen remodeling will be offered this spring semester in the Adult Evening School at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS) on the campus on Raritan Road.

The classes are open to all Union County residents. The spring semester will commence on Monday, May 7, and run through Friday, June 15. Most classes will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., twice a week.

The fee for most courses ranges from \$100-\$150.

Among the courses offered this spring are: Auto Body and Auto Mechanics Workshops; International Cuisine; Furniture Repair and Restoration; Kitchen Remodeling; Computer Repair; Drafting; Construction Estimating; Electrical Blueprint Reading; Basic Plumbing Repair; Masonry; Basic Home Repairs and Maintenance; Locksmithing; and Welding.

The school will also offer a course covering Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements for air conditioning and refrigeration technicians requiring certification in the proper usage and safe handling of refrigerants.

In addition, the school will offer a no fee course focused on English as a second language, and two computer courses—Microsoft Word and Microsoft Windows - which will

meet once a week for five weeks. The fee for each computer course is \$100.

In person registration for the Adult Evening courses will begin on Tuesday, May 1, in West Hall at the UCVTS and will continue through Friday, May 11. The hours for in-person registration are from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. Registration also can be done through the mail.

For more information and applications forms, please contact the Adult Admissions Office at UCVTS at (908)-889-8288, extension no. 304.

Courtney Ill, Valerie Wicks Named to Bates Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Westfield residents Courtney D. Ill and Valerie Z. Wicks were named to the Dean's List at Bates College in Lewiston, Me. as a result of their scholastic standing during the first semester of the 2000-2001 academic year.

Courtney, a junior sociology major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ill of Westfield. A participant in the 1997 Annual Entering Students Outdoor Program, she spent a semester studying in Australia. She is a 1997 graduate of Westfield High School.

Valerie, a first-year student is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wicks of Westfield. She is a 2000 graduate of Westfield High School.

Jefferson Elementary Students Demonstrate School Spirit

WESTFIELD - Talented students, faculty and parents from Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield showed their school spirit at the school's Fourth Annual Jubilee on Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24. The show brought to life the school's 2000-2001 theme "Catch the Spirit."

The Jubilee featured group song and dance routines by students, instrumen-

tal, vocal and dance solos by pupils, and a dance number for Jefferson School mothers, fathers and teachers.

Over 90 parents worked on committees such as Producers, Directors, Backdrops, Ticket Sales, Playbill, Refreshments, Backstage, Flower and Balloon Sales and Raffle Sales.

The production will air on Westfield's TV-36 in April.



TEACHERS ON STAGE...Jefferson Elementary School teachers took the stage during performances demonstrating school spirit and the school's theme "Catch the Spirit."

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University News

Ramapo College Places Jennifer Schembs On Fall Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Ramapo College of New Jersey has announced that Jennifer Schembs of Westfield has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2000 semester.

Jonathan Ainslie Studies in Australia

WESTFIELD - St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. recently revealed that Westfield resident Jonathan Ainslie is participating in the university's International Study Program for the spring 2001 semester. Jonathan is matriculating in Australia.

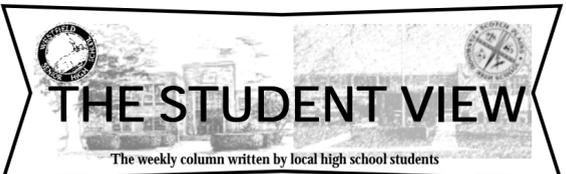
Jacquelyn A. Dempsey Named to Dean's List

SCOTCH PLAINS - Worcester State College in Worcester, Mass. has reported that Jacquelyn A. Dempsey of Scotch Plains was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester 2000.

SP-F High School to Present 'Dating, Drugs & Social Scene'

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) Parent Teacher Association (PTA) will offer a special pre-

Concepts & Thought



Parking-Impoverished Westfield High Needs Aid from Town Council, BOE

By ADAM TURNER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

While walking out of Westfield High School last month, I noticed a little yellow sheet of paper under my immobile windshield wipers. It was a parking ticket, my first violation of any kind in my five months with a driver's license.

The thing is, while I technically broke the rule of "no parking here to corner," it was by half a car length. The space provided to park in from the driveway to the sign is 38 feet, minus 5 to 10 feet

because no one parks as far in as possible. So, that last space on the legal parking side of Dorian Road is just enough for 1-1/2 feet of my 18-foot regular-sized Volvo.

I, along with others, have been persecuted for this 9-foot violation. And the sign serves no purpose. It's not as though I were blocking the view of Rahway Avenue drivers, that job is done by the bush and fence that run all the way down the 108 feet of sidewalk that is "illegal" parking.

If you don't want to push the sign back 50 feet, why not move it at least 10 feet so we can provide one more spot for our parking-impooverished school. If there is a reason for this sign, someone please tell me because I don't see it.

By the way, if you need a useful place for it, here's a suggestion, the corner of Park Street and Carlton Road. I've almost hit two cars pulling out of there because I couldn't see around the SUVs conveniently parked on both corners.

This problem is one of many the school faces and will face in the next year. A group of Student Council members headed by President Brent Bramnick has recently organized a plan and received the backing of administration and the PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization). They presented the plan to the Town Council in hopes of it using the suggestions to create an organized plan so they are ready when the time comes.

In this proposal the group of students decided on two suggestions. One being the creation of a student parking lot in the back of the Westfield National Guard Armory and the other, a student badge which lets them park in the two-hour parking zone in the front of the school for the whole day.

These suggestions are a start to the solution that must be found in order to handle the parking problem Westfield High School will face next year. The school will undergo construction and this will force teachers to park in the back lot and move students to the streets.

With the recent implementation of the Graduated Driver License, every new driver next year will have to drive with no more than one person in the car, which will eliminate carpooling and produce more student drivers to fit in fewer parking spaces than there are this year.

Tell me how that is going to work? It will not work the way we have it. The problem needs to be quickly acted upon. With only five months until the new generation of license recipients rolls in, someone with the power to make change needs to get it done.

From the small changes, such as moving around signs and changing pointless rules like the one I mentioned, to creating a new lot for parking, this jigsaw puzzle must be fixed. The corners of the puzzle have been placed down by the students, it's now time for the Town Council and Board of Education to fill in the inside pieces.



INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER...Irene Zisblatt, left, a Holocaust survivor, was a recent guest at Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains where she spoke to the sixth grade classes about her wartime experiences. Mrs. Zisblatt, who at the age of 12, was taken with her family from their home in Hungary to the Auschwitz concentration camp, recounted her story for the students who are at about the same age. She was the lone family member to survive the ordeal. At the end of the war, while on a "death march," she escaped Nazi soldiers and found shelter with Allied soldiers who were liberating the camps. During her visit, students also viewed the Steven Spielberg documentary, *The Last Days*, which included an interview with Mrs. Zisblatt. She is pictured, above, with Irene Presley, who is a sixth grade student at Terrill School.

Westfield Students Featured On 'Classroom Close-Up, NJ'

WESTFIELD - Sixth graders at Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools will be featured on the television program, "Classroom Close-Up, NJ" on Saturday, April 21, at 7 a.m. on NJN Public Television.

The two schools are part of the successful statewide program aimed at reducing alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse. Sixth-graders at the schools explain how the program helps them to develop leadership skills to combat peer and social pressure to use drugs.

"Classroom Close-Up, NJ" is a co-production of New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) and NJN, with additional support provided by Bristol Myers Squibb Corporation,

Verizon, and Nabisco. NJEA is the major underwriter for the production.

The winner of the 1999 Mid-Atlantic Emmy for "Outstanding Public Affairs Series," the program appears on NJN every Monday at 6:30 p.m. and every Saturday at 7 a.m. on NJN.

Now in its seventh season, "Classroom Close-Up, NJ" features innovative programs going on in local school classrooms. Each half-hour segment shows how caring school professionals inspire and motivate students. Each week, the learning process comes alive as teachers, children and parents work together for success.

Newark Academy Pupils Earn Winter Term Honors

Newark Academy in Livingston has announced the names of Westfield and Scotch Plains students achieving Winter Term Honors.

Westfielders named to the list include: Alexandra B. Ackerman, grade 9; John N. Acquadro, grade 11; Emilie C. Cobert, grade 12; Julien M. Cobert, grade 8; Paul Cobuzzi, grade 9; Zachary Harris, grade 6; Maria Hove, grade 9; Arti S. Mattu, grade 10; Mindi S. Rock, grade 12; Nina Subhas, grade 6; Rasmus E. Thomsen, grade 9; and Eric M. Weinberg, grade 9.

Scotch Plains resident and 10th grader Avni M. Shah was also named to the list at Newark Academy.

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