

Patrick Morrissey Named To Director, Coordinator With House Committee

WASHINGTON D.C.— Adding veteran leadership to his administrative team, Chairman Billy Tauzin (R-LA) has named Patrick J. Morrissey of Westfield as Deputy Staff Director and Policy Coordinator for the Energy and Commerce Committee.

For the past two years — while serving as one of the committee's health policy counselors — Mr. Morrissey has been deeply involved in Medicare, managed care and medical records privacy legislation.

He also has worked closely with offi-



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cial from the Health Care Financing Administration, Office of Inspector General and the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

"Over the years, Pat Morrissey has proven to be one of Capitol Hill's leading policy experts, especially in the area of health care," Chairman Tauzin said in announcing Morrissey's promotion.

"He also has a wealth of administrative experience, making him uniquely qualified for his new position. Pat will play a key role in advancing our committee's ambitious agenda during this session of Congress," Mr. Tauzin stated.

Mr. Morrissey ran for the Republican nomination for Congress last spring from the Seventh District.

Prior to joining the committee, Mr. Morrissey served as an associate for a prominent, national law firm focusing on health care, legislative advocacy and communications. He also organized and managed the Washington office of former Congressman Dan Frisa (R-NY), serving a dual role as administrative assistant and legislative director.

Mr. Morrissey did a stint as a field representative for the National Republican Congressional Committee, working under former Congressman Bill Paxon (R-NY).

A graduate with honors from Rutgers College in New Brunswick, Mr. Morrissey later earned a law degree from Rutgers Law School at Newark.



AND THEY'RE OFF...Starters Steve Allen, left, and Frank Mascarich begin one of the many races held during Cub Scout Pack No. 171's Annual Pinewood Derby on January 24. Pack No. 171 is from Wilson Elementary School in Westfield.

Cub Scout Pack No. 171 Holds Pinewood Derby

WESTFIELD — Cub Scout Pack No. 171 of Wilson Elementary School in Westfield conducted its Annual Pinewood Derby on January 24. Dr. Andrew Perry, Wilson School Principal, acted as the Chief Judge for the race and awarded all of the prize trophies.

The purpose of the Pinewood Derby is for the boys to do a craft project with their parents and to develop good sportsmanship. Each scout carves a block of wood into a race car, sands it, paints it and finally enters it in the big race.

Each of the boys who won first or second place received a trophy and every scout who participated in the race received a pin and a goody bag.

Seventy-nine boys participated in the Derby, with 14 parents operating

the event. The champions included Chris Gerckens, Tiger Division; Mark Andronico, Wolf Division, and Andrew Marino, Bear Division.

For Cub Scout Champion, the winners of the Wolf and Bear divisions run off together, with Mark Andronico having captured the title. The champion of the Webelos Division was William Mascarich.

Scouts who came to the meeting early had the opportunity to vote on the "Coolest Car." Of the 79 cars entered, the winner was Brian Hart, with Eric Hagstrom placing second.

The scouts who won their respective divisions will represent Pack No. 171 in the Patriot District Finals on Saturday, March 17. The Patriot District encompasses western Union County.

Local Municipal Alliance Plans 'Ladies Nite Out'

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance Committee (MAC) will present "Ladies Nite Out" on Wednesday, March 7, at Baxel Hall of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, located at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

Area merchants will demonstrate ways to defeat stress through such avenues as massage, exercise, meditation, nutrition and manicures.

All Scotch Plains and Fanwood women are invited to attend and there is no fee. The MAC, a grassroots organization dedicated to the prevention of substance abuse, will sponsor the event in an effort to promote healthy stress relief with-

out the use of alcohol or any other substance.

Family Night Forum To Focus on Elder Law

WESTFIELD — Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield, located at 240 Springfield Avenue in Westfield, has invited the public to attend a Family Night presentation by attorney Benjamin D. Eckman on Thursday, March 1, at 6 p.m.

Mr. Eckman will address a variety of elder law issues, including living wills, power of attorney, nursing home planning and grandparent visitation.

For more information about Sunrise or the Family Night presentation, please call Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield at (908) 317-3030.

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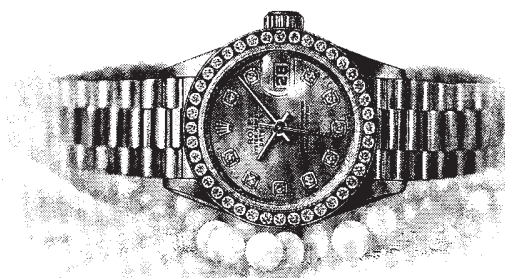
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