

## With Reverence, Awe SP-F Community Marks National Day of Prayer

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SCOTCH PLAINS - Worshipers from various denominations in Scotch Plains, Fanwood and surrounding towns convened last Thursday evening on the Village Green of Scotch Plains to bow their heads in reverence while marking the National Day of Prayer.

Drivers traveling through the downtown halted briefly to notice the gathering, which drew crowds seated in lawn chairs or spilling onto the sidewalks of Park Avenue.

Sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerial Association, the annual event drew a significant turnout, according to the organization's current President, Reverend Kenneth G. Hetzel, Pastor of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains.

Throughout the evening, clergy and community leaders offered solemn prayers for specific intentions, while the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Gospel Choir inspired attendees with spiritual musical selections.

In their prayers, religious leaders petitioned for the continued guidance and wisdom of Scotch Plains Mayor Martin L. Marks and

Fanwood Mayor Louis C. Jung, both of whom were in attendance. Prayers were also offered for President George W. Bush, Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco and other government heads.



PEACEFUL PRAYER...Michelle H. LePoidevin, Arts & Entertainment Editor for The Westfield Leader and The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood, bows her head in prayer beside her mother, Ellen C. LePoidevin during the National Day of Prayer ceremony in Scotch Plains.



MANY FAITHS, COMMON PRAYERS...Members of the Scotch Plains, Fanwood and surrounding communities gathered on the Village Green in Scotch Plains last Thursday evening to mark the National Day of Prayer. The ceremony included brief prayers from leaders in faith community, as well as Scotch Plains Mayor Martin L. Marks and Fanwood Mayor Louis C. Jung. The evening included inspirational songs by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Gospel Choir.

Attendees prayed for Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye, members of the police and fire departments, as well as the rescue squads of the borough and township. Clergy leaders gave thanks for the safe streets in the township and borough, adding that the "students can stand against peer pressure and drug pushers" and "value the sanctity of preserving themselves before marriage."

During the school day, students from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School also marked the National Day

of Prayer with their own special activities, an effort which was lauded by clergy members that evening.

Rev. Hetzel told The Westfield Leader and The Times of Scotch Plains and Fanwood that the ceremony "provides a coming together from different faith traditions that encompasses the whole community and proves that there is a faith community here."

"We have good and decent people leading us," Rev. Hetzel said, "they support us for the good of the community."

## Health Day Program May 19 To Offer Various Screenings

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Regional Health Department will conduct a Health Day on Saturday, May 19, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 East Broad Street.

The program will offer an extensive blood screening, consisting of a SMAC 26, CBC and HDL performed by Medical Laboratory of West Orange.

The SMAC-26 is an elaborate blood analysis, monitoring several bodily functions. It is used in assessing total cholesterol results to determine possible coronary risk factors.

The CBC test, which includes a red blood cell count, a white blood cell count and differential count, may indicate the presence of infection, anemia, allergies and lung disease, among other conditions. The HDL test measures factors protective against coronary heart disease.

Robert M. Sherr, Director of Health, has noted that anyone taking the blood test must fast for 12 hours, with the exception of water.

Pre-registration for the blood test is mandatory and will be conducted by the Westfield Health Department, located at 425 East Broad Street, through Thursday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The cost of the SMAC-26 with dif-

ferential is \$17. Additional tests will be available for the following costs: T4 (thyroxin test), \$5; TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone), \$10; PSA (prostate test), \$30; Blood Group/Rh Factor, \$10; Iron, \$5, Sed Rate, \$10; Hepatitis B or C, \$25, and urine analysis, \$5. All fees must be paid upon registration.

The following medical professionals will be present to offer free screening programs: Dr. Jerold B. Graff and Dr. Robbie Beth Drossner of Dermatology Associates of Westfield (skin cancer screening); Dr. Frederick Pine of PINE Chiropractic Associates (chiropractic screening); Dr. Paul Arfanis (oral cancer screening), and Dr. Peter Benincasa, immunologist (pulmonary function tests).

Free blood pressure screenings and hemmucult test kits (screening for occult blood in the gastrointestinal tract) will also be available. Test packets/dietary restrictions related to the hemmucult test kits will be distributed at the Health Day Program.

In addition, a public affairs specialist with the Social Security Administration will be on site to answer questions on related issues.

The Health Day Program is open to residents of Westfield, Mountainside, Fanwood, Garwood, Springfield and Roselle Park.



GORGEOUS PLANTS FOR SALE...Franklin Elementary School in Westfield will conduct its annual Mother's Day Plant Sale on Friday, May 11, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 700 Prospect Street. The event will be held rain or shine. An assortment of flowers and herbs will be available in pots, flats, hanging baskets and special Mother's Day planters. Prices are kept to a minimum in order to allow children to purchase small items as a gift. The fundraiser, which is sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization, is open to the public. All plants are supplied by Terrill Road Country Market. Volunteers will be available to help shoppers with their purchases.

## Peter, Allen Yu to Receive Special Governor's Award

WESTFIELD - The New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Music Educators Association have announced that Peter and Allen Yu, seniors at Westfield High School (WHS), will be among this year's recipients of the Governor's Award in Arts Education, New Jersey's highest honor in the arts made to graduating high school seniors.

The Governor's Award is to be bestowed in a special convocation at the War Memorial Auditorium in Trenton at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30, with Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco and other dignitaries expected to attend.

Peter has been invited to play the piano and violin, while Allen will play the piano and cello at the ceremony.

The identical twins have played at Constitution Hall in Washington, DC, at Carnegie Hall, and for Governor Christine Todd Whitman and the New Jersey state legislature at the State House in Trenton.

In 1999, the brothers were co-recipients of the \$3,000 Otto Altenburg Young Pianist Prize, an award established to identify and encourage exceptional talents. Later that same year, they were featured pianists on the Young Artist Showcase of the New York Times' station WQXR FM.

Peter and Allen presented a nationally televised all-Chopin recital on October 17, 1999, commemorating, to the day, the sesquicentennial of the composer's death.

Peter and Allen are violin and cello virtuosos as well, with impressive solo and orchestral experience. They sat in principal chairs in the New Jersey All-State Orchestra (Peter is reigning concertmaster), the National Honors Orchestra and other ensembles.

The young artists' musical talents are matched by extraordinary academic achievements. They are ranked

in first place in their high school class of 2001, have received perfect scores on the Math SATs, as well as perfect scores in several SAT II exams and Advanced Placement exams.

They were appointees to New Jersey's summer Governor School of the Sciences at Drew University, are tennis champions and have been licensed computer technicians for several years.

The brothers studied piano with Dr. Ferdinand Gajewski, violin with Lubove Schnable and Stephen Wolosonovich, and cello with Leo Wang and Semyon Fridman. They will attend Stanford University in the fall.

## Memorial Day Parade Set For May 28 in Westfield

WESTFIELD - The Annual Westfield Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Monday, May 28, will start at 9 a.m., with services at the Monument to Veterans of World War I, located at the plaza at East Broad Street and North Avenue.

Participants are asked to assemble at the Lord & Taylor parking lot on North Avenue at 8 a.m.

This year's parade route will start, after the opening ceremonies, up East Broad Street, then turn left onto Elm Street, make a right onto Orchard Street and a right onto Mountain Avenue past the Revolutionary War Cemetery, where the Sons and

Daughters of the American Revolution will hold memorial services.

The parade will not stop at the cemetery, but will continue left onto East Broad Street up to the final ceremonies at Fairview Cemetery.

The Parade Committee has urged all Westfield organizations to participate in this year's tribute to veterans who died while defending their country.

Financial contributions to help offset the costs of running the parade will be accepted. Organizations wishing to sponsor a wreath at the monument will also be welcome. For further information, please call Stan Cuba at (908) 654-9181.

## WHS Band Parents Group To Raise Funds at Garage Sale

WESTFIELD - The Westfield High School (WHS) Band Parents Association will hold a Garage Sale to raise funds for the WHS Marching Band on Saturday, May 19, at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All proceeds from the sale will go to the scholarship fund.

The Band Parents Association supports the band members during the Marching Band season and sponsors scholarships in the spring for graduating seniors. The group's fundraisers include two plant sales and the garage sale.

The WHS Blue Devils Marching Band ended their 2000 season in November with a second place finish at the state championships at Lackawanna Stadium in Pennsylvania.

The program was a musical work entitled, "Pantheon." The music was originally written for symphonic band and was recreated to be

performed on the football field. Set in ancient Greece, the program culminates around a clash of the Titans.

The Blue Devil Band was led by Co-Drum Majors Kristi Williams and Jenny Wilson. The Color Guard, which took first place at the championships, was led by Kathy Czup and Meryl Roche. Other section leaders included Beth Ottoson, Kate Lechner, Tim Kelman, Chad Tortorello and Steven Wilson.

The Marching Band started their season in late August with a four-day intensive band camp prepared by Director Michael Fackelman and his staff of Dina Turchi, Roy Chambers, Dan Zugale, George Mattis, Audrey Spies and Lisa Morrow.

The band spent up to 15 hours per week preparing for shows at football games and competitions. The group recently traveled to Walt Disney World in Florida to perform at Epcot Center.



HAVE YOU HUGGED A TREE TODAY?...Brunner Elementary School pupils, Ryan Kelly and Allison Caramico, give a "thank you hug" to a tree after learning about all of the foods and products made from trees.

## Brunner Students Appreciate Trees at Arbor Day Program

SCOTCH PLAINS - The children in Bernadette Hoyer's Pre-kindergarten classes at Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains observed Arbor Day with learning activities that celebrated the beauty and importance of trees.

After reading the book, "Have You Seen Trees?" each student used crayons and paint to depict how trees look in each of the seasons. The children also worked together to draw large trees to hang in the classroom.

The pupils found many items in the classroom that they use each day

that come from trees. For example, they ate from plates filled with foods that came from trees. These snacks included oranges, apples, pears, bananas, figs, dates, olives, mixed nuts, coconut, maple syrup and chocolate kisses.

Later, each student went outside to give "thank you hugs" to some of the trees.

To learn about how many newspapers are needed to be recycled in order to save one tree, the children are creating a stack of newspapers three feet in height in the classroom.



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