



ENJOYING TOWN...The Bunnell family of Germantown, Tenn., near Memphis, stopped in *The Westfield Leader* office last Saturday to thank everyone for their great hospitality during their visit. Taylor Bunnell competed last week in the Junior Girls Golf Championship at Echo Lake Country Club. They said the people were so nice, and that Westfield is great - somewhat of a Norman Rockwell setting. Taylor is pictured with her parents, Tammy and Frank.

Trailside Nature Center Seeks Qualified Astronomy Instructor

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Union County Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking a qualified astronomer to work at the Trailside Nature and Science Center's Planetarium on Sundays.

"Our former planetarium instructor, David Totzke, has accepted a full-time position in California," said Union County Freeholder Alexander Mirabella. "We will miss David and we wish him the best of luck at his new job."

"Mr. Totzke's position at our plan-

etarium was part-time," Freeholder Mirabella added. "He worked on Sundays, guiding visitors on informative tours of the planets and stars. The planetarium is closed temporarily while we look for a new astronomy instructor."

Individuals who are interested in the planetarium position are asked to speak to the director at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. For more information, please call Trailside at (908) 789-3670.

Ideas Sought For Memorial Of September 11 at Pentagon

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In the first tour of the Pentagon Memorial site by a local newspaper on behalf of the special design project, Bill Sheppard of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* visited the future location. The tour came at the invitation of the Project Director, Carol Anderson-Austra, of the Army Corps of Engineers.

The newspaper was invited because Pentagon officials believe communities like Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainide reflect the local artistic flavor they are seeking in developing design concepts for the memorial.

The Pentagon will hold an international contest over the next year for the design. The Project Committee believes that community input will be an important component of the endeavor. The Pentagon hopes to have many communities involved.

Mr. Sheppard was chosen to take the tour on behalf of the newspaper because of his prior security clearance from his previous military functions. Rachel Decker, Communications Officer of The Pentagon Renovation Project, provided special as-

sistance with the arrangements.

Shortly after September 11, the United States Congress authorized the Secretary of Defense to establish a memorial on the grounds of the Pentagon. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was asked by the Office of the Secretary of Defense to provide technical services for establishment of a permanent memorial on the grounds of the Pentagon.

The Army Corps of Engineers joined with representatives of the families killed in the Pentagon and on Flight 77 and formed the Family Steering Committee.

In July, a worldwide, two-stage competition for a design concept for the memorial commenced. Stage one is preliminary submission of a concept. Groups, organizations or individuals must register their intent to submit.

Stage two will include judging by government professionals and family members, who will select approximately five entries to go on in the competition.

The deadline for preliminary design submissions is September 11, 2003. The Project Team seeks input and established a website: <http://memorialcompetition.pentagon.mil>.



PENTAGON PROJECT...Design Project Director Carol Anderson-Austra conducts a tour last Friday of the future site for the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial with Bill Sheppard of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*.

Red Cross To Solicit Items For Troops In Afghanistan

WESTFIELD — The Westfield/Mountainide Chapter of the American Red Cross has announced its "Quality-of-Life" project. According to Executive Director Dennis Kinsella, the initiative is to help U.S. troops in Afghanistan as part of the national Red Cross project.

Troops stationed in Afghanistan are living under harsh conditions. They need items from home such as basic necessities. The Red Cross will solicit the Westfield community for these items. Then, the Red Cross will mark them as coming from Westfield and ship them to the troops

in Afghanistan.

Starting Saturday, August 3, donations will be received at the Westfield American Legion Post, located at 1003 North Avenue, West, (drop-off hours: Tuesdays 10 to 2, Thursdays 4 to 8, Saturdays 10 to 2). Other drop-off sites in the area are being arranged.

At press time, full details were not available. Call the Red Cross at (908) 232-7090 for information. See www.goleader.com/redcross or www.westfieldnj.com/redcross. A list of items needed is available at the Red Cross office, 321 Elm Street, Westfield.

Water Main Break Affects County For Three Days

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WESTFIELD — A 36-inch diameter water main of Elizabethtown Water Company broke in Clark at approximately 6 a.m. on Sunday. The water company reported that an electric power failure caused pressure spikes in the distribution system, resulting in breakage of the main.

Service was reduced for three days in the region until repairs could be made. The pipe is a primary transmission line serving Union County. The water company issued a "boil water" advisory during the period for the towns of Linden, Clark, Roselle, Roselle Park and Union.

The company also appealed to other towns in the county to conserve water use to safeguard reserves of the sprawling system.

At a press conference on Tuesday afternoon at the intersection of Lupine Way and Malvern Drive in Clark, near the site of the pipe break, the water company stated repairs are complete. "We are lifting the boil water advisory after receiving the results from our comprehensive sampling program, confirming that there are no bacteriological con-

taminants in the water that is being distributed through our mains," said Andrew Chapman, President.

At 4 p.m. Tuesday, customers were advised that they could resume normal water usage, but they were reminded to use water wisely, as there is still a drought situation in the state.

The water company recommended that customers in the towns affected by the boil water advisory take several steps in returning to normal use. Run cold water faucets for three minutes each, if it has not been used in the last 24 hours; for home automatic ice makers, make and discard the first three batches of ice; drain and refill hot water heaters if the temperature is kept below 113 degrees and has not been used in the last 24 hours; run water coolers with direct water connections for five minutes; Run water softeners through a regeneration cycle, if it has not been used in the last 24 hours.

Additional information can be obtained from the company's website, www.etonwater.com or by calling the service department at (800) 272-1325.

Elizabethtown Water Company provides water service in 54 municipalities in Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, and Union counties.



RED CROSS ON GUARD...Ready to solicit items for the troops in Afghanistan, the Westfield/Mountainide Red Cross joins with the Army National Guard at the Westfield Armory last Friday to plan strategy. Pictured, left to right, are: Red Cross Executive Director Dennis Kinsella, Red Cross Board member Dan Kelly, Shirley Rivera, Michael Hale, Anthony Cusano and Philip Faustino.

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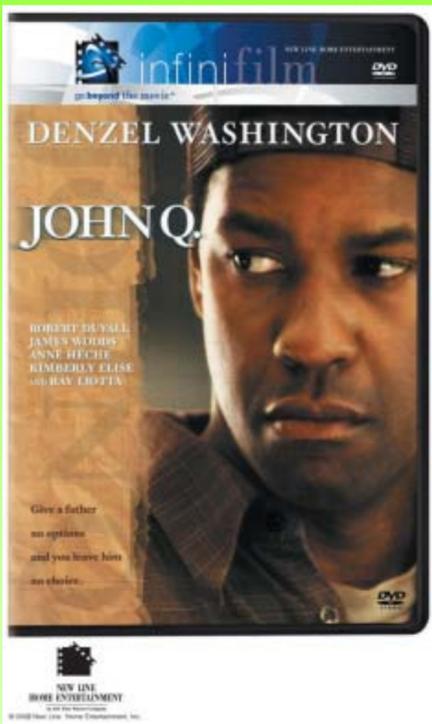
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