

# ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

## Edison, Roosevelt Intermediate Schools to Put On A Couple of Good Acts in *Sound of Music*, *Joseph*

**WESTFIELD** – This March, Edison Intermediate School in Westfield will present *The Sound of Music*, while Roosevelt Intermediate School will take the stage with *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

On Thursday, March 7, at 4 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m., *The Sound of Music* will be offered in the Edison School auditorium, as a centennial tribute to Richard Rodgers.

*The Sound of Music* will be led by Jessica Minsky as Maria. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday,

February 26, in the auditorium lobby, priced at \$8 for advanced sale and \$10 at the door for evening performances. Matinee tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

*Joseph* will be presented on Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria at Roosevelt School.

Narrated by Stephanie Christiano and Allison Sileo, the cast of 50 students will be led by Stephen Markowski.

For tickets, which will go on sale on Monday, March 4, please call

Taryn Glist at (908) 789-6130. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## Lizards, Tarantulas to Creep, Crawl at Nature Center

**MOUNTAINSIDE** – Children and their families are invited to attend the “February Festivities” at Trailside Nature & Science Center, New Providence Road in Mountainside, on Monday and Tuesday, February 18 and 19.

Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the scheduled events include:

• **“A Touch of Nature,”** an introduction to the world of animals, presented by Jerry Zelenka, on February 19 at 1:30 p.m. for families and children ages 4 and older. A variety of lizards, snakes, turtles, rabbits, tarantulas and other creepy crawlies will be present. Tickets are \$4 per person and will be sold at the door. Children under 4 will not be admitted.

• **“Feathered Friends,”** will be offered on both mornings at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for 3 and 4 year olds, accompanied by an adult. Birds will be the topic of the event. Children may make a treat to hang on a tree for their new, feathered friends. The fee is \$8 per child. Pre-registration is required.

• **“Snakes of New Jersey,”** will involve discussion of over 21 different species of snakes living in the state. For families, ages 6 and older, the program


will be offered on February 18 at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$3 per person with pre-required registration.

• **“The Journey from Sap to Syrup,”** on February 18 at 1:30 p.m., will include a historical view of pure maple syrup production. Taste tests will be enjoyed by all. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$3 per person.

• **“Wildlife Watch,”** will be offered on both afternoons at 3:30 p.m. for families, ages 6 and older. Participants will observe animals that are visiting the bird feeding station and then search the outdoors for winter wildlife. Stories by the campfire, hot chocolate and marshmallows will conclude the winter walks. The fee is \$3 per person, pre-registration is required and participants are advised to dress warmly.

Finally, **“Owl Prowl,”** will be offered for families, ages 6 and older, on February 19 at 6:30 p.m. A slide show and outdoor walk will be presented, while participants listen for resident owls of the Watchung Reservation. The fee is \$3 per person, pre-registration is required and participants are advised to dress warmly.

For more information, please call (908) 789-3670.



**WESTFIELD Bach FESTIVAL**

Johann Sebastian Bach

<p><b>Friday, February 22</b></p> <p><b>Coffeehouse Cantatas</b> 7:30 PM – Parish Hall \$20 general, \$15 senior, \$10 student</p> <p><b>St. Paul's Episcopal Church</b> 414 East Broad Street Westfield, New Jersey</p> <p><b>Program:</b> <i>Coffee Cantata (BWV 211)</i> <i>Peasant Cantata (BWV 212)</i></p> <p>These amusing cantatas (sung in English in a coffeehouse setting) show that Bach had a sense of humor, too.</p>	<p><b>Saturday, February 23</b></p> <p><b>Bach Symposium: Signs, Symbols &amp; Pictures</b> 11:00 AM – Patton Auditorium Free of charge</p> <p><b>Pulling Out All the Stops: Bach Organ Marathon</b> 2:00 PM – Sanctuary \$20 general, \$15 senior, \$10 student</p> <p><b>First Congregational Church</b> 125 Elmer Street Westfield, New Jersey</p> <p><b>Organists:</b> Rives Cassel (2:00 PM) Trent Johnson (2:45 PM) Donald Sutherland (3:30 PM) Barbara Thomson (4:15 PM)</p>
<p><b>Sunday, February 24</b></p> <p><b>Westfield Bach Festival Gala Concert</b> 7:30 PM \$30 general, \$20 senior, \$15 student</p> <p><b>Westfield Bach Festival Chorus, Soloists, and Orchestra</b> Philip Dietrich, Conductor</p> <p><b>Pre-Concert Lecture – 6:30 PM</b> Paul Somers, Director, Classical New Jersey Society</p> <p><b>The Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity</b> Westfield Avenue and First Street Westfield, New Jersey</p> <p><b>Program:</b> <i>Concerto in C minor for Two Harpsichords</i> <i>Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D</i> Cantata No. 56: <i>Ich will den Kreuzstab gerne tragen</i> Cantata No. 19: <i>Er erhub sich ein Streit</i> Westfield Bach Festival Chorus, Soloists, and Orchestra</p> <p><b>Series tickets: \$55 general, \$40 senior, \$25 student.</b></p> <p>These concerts have been made possible in part by a generous grant from The Westfield Foundation.</p> <p><b>Advance tickets:</b> Series tickets only are available from: The Classic Basket (411 South Ave. West), Lancaster, Ltd. (76 Elm Street), Periwinkle's (9 Elm Street), Betty Gallagher Antiques (266 East Broad). Series &amp; individual tickets are available from: First Congregational Church, First United Methodist Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity, The Presbyterian Church of Westfield</p> <p>Visit us online at <a href="http://www.westfieldnj.com/bach">www.westfieldnj.com/bach</a></p>	



**BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE...**The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit will present an exhibition of autumn and winter oil paintings created by landscape artist Gerry Heydt from Saturday, February 16 to Friday, March 29. A reception will be held on Sunday, February 17, from 2 to 5 p.m., which is free and open to the public.



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## Slackers: Makes No Real Effort

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By **MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER**  
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It's a good thing that Dewey Nicks, the director of *Slackers*, has no idea what he's doing. Otherwise the former fashion photographer might be dangerous.

His effort is so curiously amateurish that it's downright difficult trying to decipher exactly what he's trying to do. But we want to be fair. Thus for a while we hold out hope that there is rhyme or reason to the convolutions being paraded before us. But no epiphany is forthcoming.

So as it stands, Nicks's first attempt at filmmaking is a wholesale misapplication of half-baked ideas and haphazardly stitched notions.

Obviously attempting to cash in on the lucrative teen movie market, *Slackers* is the director's wild stab at an irreverent college campus gambol. But the poorly written and only marginally acted tale about a psychopathic geek (Jason Schwartzman) who tries to blackmail three heretofore successful scam artists into delivering unto him Holden University's It Girl (James King) is at best a bizarrely uneven forgery.

One cannot even credit Nicks for his chutzpah — at least not in good conscience. For it is never certain whether his often bawdy romp through the wiles of questionable behavior is purposely crass or merely the byproduct of instinctive bad taste. While even the most outlandish examples of this genre can ultimately be exonerated as harmlessly chronicling the rites of youthful rebellion, no such dispensation can be accorded *Slackers*.

A disturbing mean-spiritedness in the persona of Schwartzman's perfidious nerd is uncomfortably out of place, even by this erratic farce's standards.

Ethan is a sort of stalker without portfolio, a loner who bears all the earmarks of a serial killer. But while he limits his offenses here to mere blackmail, we get the distinct impression that the little vengeful cad has really lost his way en route to a slasher film. Certainly he would be a lot happier if he could kill a few folk.

Oh well, there's always the next movie.

In the meantime, the pesky rat has to settle for extorting Sam, Jeff and Dave, three inseparable seniors whose elaborate cribbing schemes during the past four years have put them within a month of receiving their diplomas. The school's three musketeers of cheating, they take great pride in knowing that they've never earned an honest grade.

You know the sort. Perhaps they copied from you in high school. Maybe you have a coworker or two like them. They're the type who'll put more energy and effort into sloughing off than it would take to actually do the work. It's a rather strange anti-social behavior. Getting over on the boss and their fellow employees is a big kick. Industriousness is for suckers. They have no shame. And what makes it even cheerier for us all, they flaunt their

## Adults Facing Life-Changing Decisions Get Sound Advice From Westfield Psychologist

By **MARYLOU MORANO**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

**WESTFIELD** — What do you want to do when you grow up? It's a familiar enough question, one that is asked countless times of a child. According to Westfield psychologist Dr. Dorothy Cantor, the question isn't just for kids anymore.

Dr. Cantor's book, “What Do You Want to Do When You Grow Up? Starting The Next Chapter of Your

Life,” has recently been released in paperback. In the book, the psychologist writes about the recent social changes that cause many to seek several career pathways over a lifetime.

For several adults the question is no longer what do we want to do, but what do we want to do next? As recently as 25 years ago, one didn't have to worry about what to do next. It was simple: you went to work, stayed with the same company your entire working life and put money away for your retirement. You then retired and lived a life of leisure.



Dorothy Cantor

work in their chosen professions after they have reached retirement age.

For others, just the opposite is true. Taking advantage of the current corporate climate, they are accepting corporate buy-out options and are retiring earlier than ever. With so many productive years ahead of them, they retire from one profession longingly to begin a new career in another.

“What you do with the rest of your life is as personal as a fingerprint,” said Dr. Cantor.

Because Dr. Cantor's book emphasizes self-discovery, anyone considering a career change can benefit from its step-by-step approach to self-fulfillment.

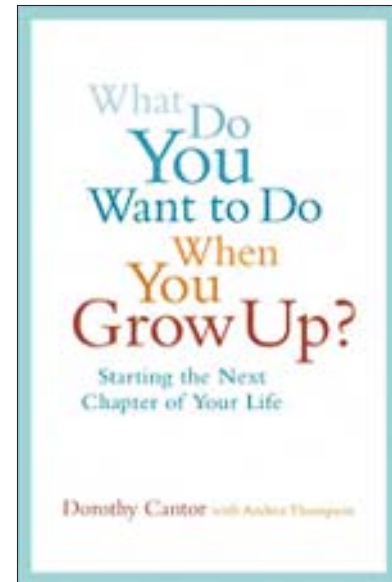
“This book can benefit a variety of people — baby boomers, people who lose their jobs or who are thinking about changing jobs, and even women returning to the workforce after a time-out for motherhood,” commented Dr. Cantor.

A practicing psychologist for 25 years, Dr. Cantor is the co-author of a previous book entitled “Women and Power.” She is also a frequent guest on television programs such as “The Today Show” (NBC), “Good Morning America” (ABC), and FOX News Network.

A past president of the American Psychological Association, Dr. Cantor is the current president of the American Psychological Foundation.

“What Do You Want to Do When You Grow Up? Starting The Next Chapter of Your Life,” is co-authored by Andrea Thompson, a former editor of *McCall's* magazine. The book is published by Little Brown and Company.

To read an excerpt, please visit [www.dr Dorothy Cantor.com](http://www.dr Dorothy Cantor.com).



As we head into the 21st century, this one-size-fits-all life plan doesn't always work. As the book explains, instead of feeling fulfilled during the retirement years, many of Dr. Cantor's patients find themselves experiencing the complete opposite — disappointed, uncertain and bored.

“A good number are finding themselves healthy, wealthy and bored,” said Dr. Cantor.

The book shows the reader how to assess all that came before, and use the assessment to transition into a new life that is satisfying and personally rewarding. Using the case studies of eight of Dr. Cantor's patients, the book illustrates the process of self-evaluation and goal setting for future personal growth.

Dr. Cantor's book is especially timely because the meaning of the word “retirement” has changed. Many of today's retirees continue to

## Concepts & Thought

### Nominations Welcomed For Philhower Award

**WESTFIELD** — Jane Sentivan, President of the Westfield Rotary Club, announced that Friday, March 15, is the deadline for nominations for the 10th annual Charles Philhower Fellowship award, designated for a full-time elementary teacher in the Westfield Public Schools.

Letters of nomination are invited from interested citizens and Westfield public school staff members and should be addressed to: Charles Philhower Fellowship Committee of the Westfield Rotary Club, c/o Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, 07090.

Nominations should specify ways in which the teacher has demonstrated outstanding teaching, interest in children and continued pursuit of professional growth.

The teacher must be a full-time faculty member in Westfield for a minimum of five years. The Fellowship recipient is honored at a Rotary luncheon and receives a grant to further professional growth or to enhance classroom activities for students.

The award was instituted in 1993 by the Westfield Rotary Club to recognize the importance of teaching in the elementary grades and to honor Westfield Rotarian and School Superintendent Charles Philhower.

Mr. Philhower, who died in 1962, was Supervising Principal (Superintendent) of Westfield Public Schools for 30 years — from 1917 to 1947 — and was President of the Westfield Rotary Club in 1929-1930. As Rotary President, he instituted the club's annual scholarship awards to graduating Westfield students.

Members of the Selection Committee will include two Rotarians, two elementary school principals and the immediate past Philhower fellow, Anna Jane Sabbagh, third grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary

### Northwestern Places Trimble on Dean's List

**WESTFIELD** — Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. has announced that Katherine J. Trimble of Westfield has been named to the Dean's List for the fall quarter of the 2001-2002 academic year.

Katherine is a student in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern.

School.

In 2000, Trista Pollard, fifth grade teacher at Tamaques Elementary School, received the award. The 1999 fellowship went to Eva Morton, Washington Elementary School third grade teacher. The award winner in 1998 was Angela LaCarrubba, second grade teacher at Wilson Elementary School.

In 1997, the Philhower award went to Claudia Andreski, who was a fourth grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School. Bette Tutthill, McKinley fourth grade teacher, was named the 1996 Philhower Fellowship recipient. Carol Joyce, Washington School first grade teacher, received the award in 1995. The 1994 award went to Carol A. Mastroianni, Franklin School first grade teacher.

The first Philhower Fellowship was presented to Susan Feldman Glick, a Special Education teacher at Tamaques School, in 1993.

In commenting on the award, Rotary President Ms. Sentivan echoed the sentiments of fellow Rotarians when she said, “We believe the Philhower Fellowship is a fitting memorial to an educator who gave so much to the children of Westfield and to education in general.”

Superintendent of Schools William J. Foley added, “We are grateful for the recognition the Rotary continues to give the teaching profession. I am always pleased when outstanding education is spotlighted; when honor is bestowed on an outstanding educator and when recognition is given to teachers.”

### James Madison Univ. Announces Students Placed on Dean's List

**AREA** — James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. has reported the names of students placed on the President's List and Dean's List for the fall semester 2001.

Jeanne M. Venneri of Westfield has been placed on the President's List. Fellow Westfielder Tyne A. Duffy has been named to the Dean's List.

Nicole E. Kreger and Jonathan M. Winkler, both of Scotch Plains, have earned President's List recognition. Jaclyn K. Sanders of Scotch Plains was placed on the Dean's List.