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## Circuit Court's Decision on Pledge Draws Reaction from Politicians

"It is a preposterous decision that hopefully will be overturned by the Supreme Court; particularly in a time when patriotism is on the rise; this is not the time to undermine (which this does in many ways) the strong need for patriotism that our country has."

— Michael Ferguson,  
Congressman (Seventh District)  
(interview)

"I believe in God; I believe in my country; they can co-exist"  
"The country is drifting away from some moral things."  
"When you think about September 11...it just baffles my mind that the court would even touch an issue like this."

— Lewis Mingo, Jr.,  
Union County Freeholder  
Chairman (interview)

"I think we ought to take those judges and all the people who agree with them and send them to Afghanistan where they won't have to worry about it."

— Robert Vigilanti,  
Mountainside Mayor  
(interview)

"It should be noted that our wonderful country was founded by God-loving and God-fearing people on the premise that we are endowed with certain unalienable rights by our Creator. It specified in our Constitution that we shall enjoy a freedom of religion, not a freedom from religion, and I think this court's decision is liberalism run amok. I think our United States Supreme Court will overturn it, thankfully."

— Martin Marks,  
Mayor of Scotch Plains  
(interview)

*Editor's Note: Following the decision by the Ninth Circuit Court to remove the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the decision that it could not be enforced. As this decision came the week before the Fourth of July, we thought our readers would like to know what their local and state representatives' thoughts are.*

"The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unfortunately today issued an opinion that violates a basic principle and value, which we share as Americans."  
"The Declaration of Independence, as well as the Constitution, recognizes our respect and adherence to moral principles based in theology and faith."  
"I would strongly support efforts to reverse this most unfortunate ruling."

— Governor Jim McGreevey  
(press release statement)

"This is the kind of absurd judgment that undermines confidence in the judicial system. It is impossible to perceive how words can be ruled unconstitutional that the founding fathers used so many times in drawing up the Constitution."

— Robert Torricelli,  
United States Senator  
(press release statement)

"I understand the legal implications, but I have a problem with the practical effect associated with the decision since the words are so commonly used throughout our everyday lives, i.e. "In God We Trust."

— Matthew Albano,  
Acting Mayor of Westfield  
(interview)

"The Pledge of Allegiance is a patriotic salute that brings people of all faiths together to share in the American spirit. I strongly believe that parents, teachers and local schools should encourage children to recite the pledge to start the day, the same way those of us in state Legislature begin our daily business."

"It is rare that President George Bush and Democratic Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle agree on such a contentious issue. I especially like Senator Daschle's quote that this ruling is 'just nuts.' I think that it is just plain unfortunate."  
— Joseph Suliga,  
State Senator  
(press release statement)

"It is an inaccurate decision, a wrong interpretation of the first amendment and I will continue to use the 'under God' phrase each and every time I pledge allegiance to the flag."

— Tom Kean, Jr., Assemblyman  
(interview)

"I was shocked and disappointed by the court's ruling. I believe the Pledge of Allegiance should say 'one nation under God.' I am in support of an Assembly Resolution urging Congress to overturn this decision."

— Linda Stender,  
State Assemblywoman  
(interview)

"I completely disagree with the court's decision. I expect it to be overturned, if not by the 9th Court of appeal, then the Supreme Court. "God save this honorable court" is how the U.S. Supreme Court begins each session. The decision is not only out of step with the values of the country but it is also out of step with constitutional law."

— Senator Richard Bagger  
(interview)



David B. Corbin for The Times  
GOP CONVENTION...On June 24, during a visit to New Jersey by President George W. Bush, several area Republicans joined Congressman Michael Ferguson after his endorsement by Mr. Bush. Pictured, left to right, are: Union County Freeholder candidates Elyse Bochicchio Medved, Anira Clericuzio and Joel Whitaker; Fanwood GOP Municipal Chairman Ted Trumpp and Sophie Kauchak, Fanwood GOP Municipal Vice-Chairwoman.

## Fanwood Residents Concerned Over Plan For Verizon Antennas

By DEBORAH MADISON  
Specially Written for The Times

More than 50 residents packed the Borough Council Chambers last week for a hearing before the Fanwood Planning Board on an application by Verizon Wireless.

Verizon, which made its bid at the board's regular meeting June 26, is seeking a variance to place 15 antennas for its wireless cellular telephone network on an existing PSE&G tower.

The tower is located in a residential area between Oak Court and Elm Street, off of North Avenue.

The board is being asked to approve a variance for placement of the antennas in a residential neighbor-

hood, which is not a permitted use, according to the borough's zoning ordinance.

Municipalities are, however, bound by legal requirements under the Telecommunications Act to permit the placement of these antennas, as this technology has been deemed to be "inherently beneficial" for the public good.

Verizon consultant David Stern, Vice President of Vcomm, testified before the board that the four-foot-long antennas would be placed in five groups of three, each facing a different direction, for maximum coverage.

The antennas would be placed approximately 122 feet high on the 150-foot tower. The radio frequency (RF) emitted by the antennas would be directed outward in a flat, pancake shape and would have negligible effects on the homes below, according to Mr. Stern.

The application is also seeking approval for a fenced-in, 350-square-foot equipment-station at the foot of the tower, which is necessary for operation of the technology.

Approximately 20 PSE&G power-line towers extend from the top of the Watchung Mountains down a corridor of land owned by PSE&G through Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Most of these towers are located within 100 feet of single-family homes, condominiums or garden apartments, with the exception of the three towers in the Watchung Mountains, which are surrounded by woods.

Some of the residents that live near the towers use the PSE&G land corridor beneath the power lines for vegetable gardens, volleyball nets

and children's swimming pools. Current wireless technology requires multiple antennas at regular intervals to enable the placement of calls. Additional antennas in Fanwood were necessary in order to remedy a gap in coverage, Mr. Stern testified.

He said that Verizon customers were experiencing either poor quality or dropped (disconnected) calls in a large section of Fanwood, as well as in adjacent towns. By placing 15 antennas on the Fanwood tower, more than 95 percent of the gap in Fanwood and a portion of the gap in adjacent towns would be eliminated, he explained.

Antennas from other telecommunication companies are located on the PSE&G tower adjacent to the proposed site. One tower, which houses cellular antennas, sits adjacent to the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and another tower with antennas is located off of Old South Avenue, between North and South Avenues, in a commercial zone.

Mr. Stern told the board that Verizon asked PSE&G for permission to place its antennas on this tower in the commercial zone, but was denied. According to Mr. Stern, the denial was due to structural inadequacies which made the tower unable to hold more antennas.

Board Vice Chairman Eric Hess suggested that the borough's residents and the board might be more amenable to Verizon constructing a new structure in a non-residential neighborhood, such as at the Fanwood Recycling Center on North Avenue for placement of the antennas.

However, Mr. Stern testified that there was a huge burden of proof required to gain approval for a new structure, if existing structures were available.

In answer to why the PSE&G tower was chosen, Mr. Stern said that site acquisition consultants had scoured

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## King Street Residents in SP Object to Housing Development; Daycare Center Gets Green Light

By DEBORAH MADISON  
Specially Written for The Times

The continuation of an application for a major subdivision on King Street, including a proposed private access road off of King Street, was heard before the Scotch Plains Planning Board at their monthly meeting on Monday, June 24.

The applicant, Ernest Fantini, applied for several variances to turn four lots into six, single-family residential lots. A portion of King Street is located in the Town of Edison, however the proposed development would be located in Scotch Plains, bordering Edison.

At previous Planning Board meetings, between March and June of 2002, the applicant presented testimony from an engineer, a professional planner, a fire safety expert and a traffic consultant.

According to the board's minutes for the March meeting, Engineer for the applicant, Thomas Anderson of Fords, described Mr. Fantini's plan to raze the one existing house and subdivide the four lots into six, with three houses fronting onto King Street and three fronting onto the proposed private access driveway.

Lawrence Vastola of Middlesex, Attorney for the applicant, suggested to the board that the private access roadway was advantageous by eliminating the need for the township to maintain an additional road for three of these houses.

Mr. Vastola also stated that the special circumstances of the shape and size of this lot warranted the municipality's approval of this non-conforming road.

Concerns expressed by the board and Township Fire Chief at previous Planning Board meetings included maintenance responsibility for the proposed private access road, conformity to the Township's Master Plan, drainage and fire safety access issues.

According to the board's March minutes, Tom Demerest, a Freehold lawyer, testified before the board on behalf of Laura and Kenneth Kazary of King Street, who are objecting to the proposed development.

Mr. and Mrs. Kazary, who reside in Edison, directly behind the proposed development, object to the plan because they believe it will have

a detrimental effect on their neighborhood, including concerns about traffic, lights, drainage and the site's density devaluing their home.

Several other King Street residents from both Scotch Plains and Edison expressed similar concerns at previous Planning Board meetings, according to the board's minutes.

Mr. Demerest told the board that the Municipal Land-Use Law or MLUL statute stipulated that except in "unusual circumstances", which, in his opinion, this development did not present, lots were required to front onto public roadways.

"The developer would only be able to build four lots if he were to comply with existing MLUL statutes," Mr. Demerest told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*. Mr. Demerest also told *The Times* that the existing homes in the area were approximately 3000 square feet on half acre properties, while the developer proposed 2000 square foot homes sandwiched into six smaller lots.

Scotch Plains Fire Chief Jonathan Ellis wrote a letter to the board expressing concerns about moving fire vehicles and equipment in and out of the proposed access roadway. He recommended that the proposed roadway be widened.

The applicant's planner, Scarlet Doyle, testified before the board at previous meetings that the plan was revised to incorporate the board's requests to widen the access roadway and reduce the houses in size in order to increase their setbacks, according to board minutes.

Mr. Vastola testified that the plan was also revised so that five of the six houses front onto the private roadway to expand maintenance responsibility from three homeowners to five.

After being implored by Mr. Vastola to vote on the application's private road proposal, Planning Board Chairman, James Doyle, told Mr. Vastola that the board needed more information from the Township's Engineer and Fire Chief before being able to make that decision.

The continuation of this application was scheduled for July 22.

In other business, the board unanimously approved an application to replace the East Second Street restaurant, Brianna's, with a daycare

center by the same owner.

Michael DeVita, owner of the building at 1595 East Second Street told the board that he and his wife wanted to spend more time with their family, which running a restaurant did not permit.

Mr. DeVita told the board that the hours for the daycare facility would be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to approximately 6 p.m. Mr. DeVita and his wife plan on being on-site supervisors of the facility, while they would hire a certified daycare director and four to five other staff members. The daycare center would serve approximately 40 to 50 children ages two and a half to five and half.

The parking lot to the rear of the building would be shared by the daycare facility and the tenants who resided in

three apartments on the second floor of the building. Truck deliveries would be eliminated. Mr. DeVita told the board and he expected that weekend and evening traffic would also be greatly reduced in the neighborhood.

The board discussed drop-off procedures and the direction of traffic flow through the parking lot area. Mr. DeVita said that he expected that drop off and pick up times would be staggered so that the parking lot's nine spaces would be sufficient for his employees and apartment residents.

The board approved the new facility with the condition that a sign be posted regulating the one-way flow of traffic through the rear parking lot during certain hours of operation, while allowing a two-directional flow during off hours.



David B. Corbin for The Times  
GETTING INTO THE FULL SWING...The Scotch Plains Men's Softball League, Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association, St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Men's Softball League and several youth baseball associations have and will be competing at various fields in Scotch Plains and Fanwood during the week of July 4 through July 11. Pictured is Drew Koski of the Val Decorators team of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League.

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### Fourth of July Fireworks

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

New Providence: New Providence High School, Pioneer Drive, fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Cranford: Nomahegan Park, fireworks at 9 p.m.

Summit: Soldier's Memorial Field, Ashland Road, 9:15 p.m. fireworks.

Kenilworth: David Brearley High School, fireworks after sunset.

Springfield: Thelma L. Sandmeier School, South Springfield Avenue, fireworks after sunset. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children.

Plainfield: Cedar Brook Park, fireworks after sunset.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

Clark: Arthur L. Johnson High School, 9 p.m. fireworks.

# Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation Administers Tally of \$1 Mil. Over 36-Year History

SCOTCH PLAINS - On June 14, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation, established in 1966, feted 36 years of continuous scholarship assistance to local pupils and reached the \$1 million mark in administration of funds to local students.

This year, 15 members of the Board of Trustees presented 108 scholarships with a total value of \$100,075 to both high school and college students.

Foundation President Ellie Kramps announced that the group has made grants available to 1,304 students with a total value of \$1,071,145. The foundation is currently managing the monies and doing the administrative work for 25 funds in addition to their own, as well as handling the administrative work for 22 established flow-through funds.

This year, a committee of 14 screeners, representing eight local schools, as well as the Service League and the foundation, evaluated a record total of 113 applications. The applicants were awarded grants based on academic achievement, extracurricular and community activities, future promise, as well as their individual need for financial assistance in procuring a college education as stipulated in the requirements for the awarding of particular grants.

The foundation gave 25 Dollars for Students awards totaling \$23,500 with money received through the generosity of the communities through an annual mailing, as well as solicitations from the annual Dollars for Students Days.

The high school recipients were Jennifer Alonzo, Ronald Chin, Matthew Deegan, Susannah Grossman, Alaina Ingram, Jacqueline L'Heureux, Rebecca Novorro, Christine Perrotta, and Jonathan Quijano. The college recipients were Sara Anderson, Melissa Bensi, Christine Brock, Andrea Christiani, Gerald Kavinski, Anne Percoco, Marci Steinberg, Alex Wasserman, and Robert Lechner.

Matthew Ruggieri received the alumni funded award. Michael Kaiser earned an award named for John Lawson. Patrick Carroll earned an award named for Henry Schweiring. Regina Cappio was awarded a grant honoring Camielle Flathmann and Amanda Rice received an award named for Muriel Ramsden. Claire Cappio and Mary Millonet were the recipients of the Oren & E. Lila Hilligass Scholarships.

The Robert Adams, Jr. Memorial Scholarship of \$500 was presented to Allison DeMaio. Kristina Eide was the recipient of the \$500 Elizabeth Becker Memorial Scholarship. The \$500 Joyce and Leonard Bergman Memorial Scholarship was given to Jillian Koscielni.

The Besson Family Memorial Scholarship was presented at \$500 each, to Emily Rodino and Lucas Francavilla.

The Henry Bluhm and Francis Dezort Memorial Scholarship at \$1,000 was presented to Michael Hughes. The Jean Bowers Memorial Scholarship was awarded in the amount of \$1,000 to Nora Weber. Kristy Novak earned the Jeanette Britton Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000. The Frances Brody Memorial Scholarship for \$500 was given to a student pursuing a career in music, Ian Wehrle. The Commerce Bank presented a grant to a Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) graduate at \$500 to Robert Mattar. The George Bryon Memorial Scholarship was given at \$500 to Kathryn Anne Reedell.

Two awards from the Mountaineer Elks Lodge No. 1585 were presented at \$500 each to Allison DeMaio and Andrew Pavoni. Yevgeniya Zhurbinskaya was the recipient of the \$500 Dr. George Esposito Memorial Scholarship. Friday's Place offered a \$1,000 scholarship to David Baumwoll. The League of Women Voters Award at \$300 was given to Patrick Carroll.

Many scholarships were awarded in memory of loved ones and former teachers. The Karen E. Franzone Memorial Scholarship was given at \$1,000 to Matthew Schaible. The Irene Grubman Memorial Scholarship was awarded at \$750 to Catherine Trombley. Included was the Doris Koues Memorial Scholarship for \$400 to a nursing student, Kimberley Perryman.

The Deane Kumpf Memorial Scholarship at \$500 was presented to Emily Rodino. The Losavio family presented a \$500 award in memory of Marie Losavio and the recipient was Laura Kavinski. The Ada S. Merrill Memorial Scholarship for \$500 was granted to Amanda Koscielni.

The \$2,500 Courtney E. Metzger Memorial Scholarship was presented to Jaclyn Fiorino. The David J. Mills Memorial Scholarship at \$1,500 was given to Ian Wehrle. The Jeffrey Spring Memorial Scholarship, honoring a former high school teacher, was given at \$1,100 to Tiffany Kane.

The James O'Hara Powers Memorial Scholarships for \$1,000 each were given to Julia Sheffield and Stephen Swenson. The Christian Wendel Nielsen Memorial Scholarship for \$750 was awarded to Hana Pardon. The George W. Voget Memorial Scholarships for \$500 each were given to Jennifer Harrison and Brian Schiller. The Kaliopi Vlachos Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500 was given to Laura O'Neill.

A one-time scholarship was given this year, honoring the 90th birthday of Ruth Horning, who was a fourth grade teacher at Brunner Elementary School. This \$2,300 grant was awarded to Alia Berry. Past Principal Dr. Terry K. Riegel sponsored a scholarship for a graduating senior from SPFHS in the amount of \$1,000. It was granted to Timothy Ryan. The Performing Arts Studio presented two \$300 scholarships to Rachael Stewart and Christine Perrotta.

The Scotch Plains Rotary Garbe Foundation, which has funded 22 awards, including 20 \$1,000 renewable awards which were presented to Evan Dornbush, Celeste Coleman, Gerard Kavinski, Lisa Yagi, Lucy Zhao, Jessica Biegelson, Justin Broderson, Diana Filo, Kevin Grinberg, James L'Heureux, Robert Bugg, Kaliq Chang, Kathleen DeLuca, Catherine Mangan, Katherine O'Connor, Adam Bendick, Erin Breznitsky, Caitlin Mahony, and Robert

Mattar. They have also honored the memory of David E. Ringle with a \$500 award to the Valedictorian William Gonch, and a \$250 award to Salutatorian Matthew DeNichilo.

The SP-F Service League presented five \$2,500 awards to Jacquelyn Dempsey, Katherine L'Heureux, Jennifer Perryman, and Jay Cordes.

The SP-F Players presented a scholarship in the amount of \$500 to Laura Kavinski. A former administrator and principal is remembered each year with the Perry H. Tyson Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000. This year's award was granted to Laura O'Neill. Each year, the Johanna Wilk Foundation presents a \$2,500 scholarship and the recipient was Spmoa Ditta.

The foundation administers the scholarships presented by the Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) of the SP-F school district. This year, the recipients included two \$800 Manya Ungar PTA Council Scholarships, Karen McCourt and Michael Hughes. The SPFHS PTA presented the Robert Adams \$750 award to Erin Baer and the Riegel Award was given to Adam Bendick.

The Park Middle School McTB awards for \$500 each went to Hana Pardon and Alfred Twu, and the Terrill Middle School award for \$500 was given to Jonathan Quijano. School One Elementary PTA gave the James V. Cerasa Scholarship for \$675 to Jillian Koscielni. The Brunner Elementary School PTA award of \$600 was given to Allison DeMaio and a second award for \$600 was given to Ian Wehrle in memory of Dr. Albert DeSousa.

The Coles Elementary School PTA Carl M. Kumpf award for \$950 was given to Jennifer Harrison. Evergreen Elementary School PTA has established two scholarships with an \$800 Dr. Beverlee Kaminetzky Scholarship being given to Alfred Twu and a \$600 Kehs-Aakjer Memorial Scholarship awarded to Regina Cappio.

The McGinn Elementary School PTA presented two \$400 awards to Christine Perrotta and Robert Mattar. McGinn PTA also organized the fundraising for three scholarships, given in the amount of \$1,000 each in memory of Matthew Horning, who attended McGinn School and was killed on 9/11 at the World Trade Center. These grants were awarded to Kellie LaForge, Brian Raszka and Stephen Swenson.

The annual reception honoring scholarship recipients and their families culminated a year of caring and concern for local pupils as they strive to meet the increasing costs of funding higher education.

At the end of the reception, the Board of Trustees held its annual meeting and elected four trustees to continue on the board, serving an additional three-year term. These members include Patricia DiFrancesco, Myrna Gordon, Richard Lorber and Lee Stein.

The Board of Trustees has announced that a new member, Jonathan Gardner, has been added to the board to serve this same three-year term. The additional members of the board include Flossie Bostwick, Alan Campbell, Susan Citrano, Roseann Fleming, David Hambleton, Ms. Kramps, Joseph Nagy, Fred Ritter, Janis Simberg and Helen Spooner.

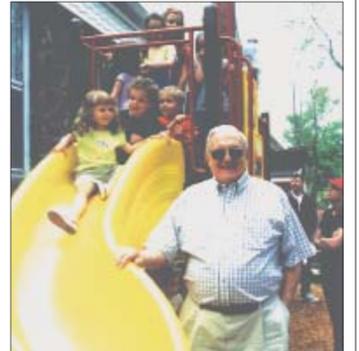
SPFHS Principal Dr. David Heisey and Karen McDermott, Guidance Supervisor, represent SPFHS on the Board of Trustees.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the Dollars for Students Fund, please send contributions to the SP-F Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 123, Fanwood, 07023.

## New Playground Dedicated At Willow Grove Pre-School

SCOTCH PLAINS - Parents, teachers, students and alumni of Willow Grove Pre-School in Scotch Plains recently convened to dedicate the school's new playground.

Alex Ireland, Mitch Mumford, Jim Maguire, and Tim Hak. She also thanked the parents, children and church members for their part



LET'S PLAY THE DAY AWAY...Charles Friedman and children from Willow Grove Pre-School in Scotch Plains enjoy the slide on the newly dedicated playground. Pictured with Mr. Friedman are Alena Horn, Colin Sullivan, Timothy Geissel, Julia Cirincione, Kira Loh and Bianca Marcazzo.

The well wishers and several members of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church saluted the benevolence of Charles Friedman, who donated the funds necessary to rebuild the playground in memory of his deceased wife, Shirley.

"We are all very blessed that he chose us," stated Willow Grove Pre-School Director Kathy Calello.

Mr. Friedman's largesse allowed the school to completely refurbish the playground and bring the area and its equipment into compliance with the New Jersey State regulations.

The benefactor also enabled Mrs. Calello to acquire a new climber with a slide, eight new tricycles and Big Wheels, new fencing, ground cover and sandbox. It took nearly a year from the time Mr. Friedman first approached Mrs. Calello to the actual completion of the work.

"I hope the children will use the playground in great safety and have a lot of fun," stated Mr. Friedman, when receiving specially crafted "thank you" wishes from the students.

Mrs. Calello acknowledged the "time, labor and services" donated by the volunteer work force of Willow Grove parents Mark Letkowski, Tom Zeile, Mark Krutis, John Welch, Ben Toscano,

and have been conflicting and inconclusive, according to scientific studies that have been published on the Internet.

"This playground and all its equipment are a blessing to us," said Willow Grove Pastor Reverend Kenneth Hetzel. "May it be a place of fun and learning."

A Christian Pre-School located on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, Willow Grove currently enrolls 59 children in four levels. Classes are divided by age: three-minus, three, four and four-plus.

For more information or registration details, please call Mrs. Calello at (908) 232-7117.

## Fanwood Residents Concerned Over Plan For Verizon Antennas

Fanwood and the surrounding towns for prospective sites for the antennas, but could find no adequate sites in non-residential areas.

He explained that placement of the antennas on the towers in the Watchung Mountains would result in numerous interference problems with Verizon's signals to other areas and would not reach the entire gap area.

Many of the residents at the meeting expressed their concerns to *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that the technology had not been proven safe and, because of this perception, would most likely have a negative impact on their property values. They also feared the antennas would pose a health risk to their children.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), however, has determined that the radio frequency emitted by the antennas are so small as to be an insignificant health threat, according to FCC published reports. Radio frequency emissions are therefore not considered a valid basis for denial by municipalities.

Studies have been conducted evaluating the health risks from living in close proximity to these types of antennas and to the towers' electrical lines. There have also been studies of the risks involved in using cellular telephones.

The results of all of these studies

have been conflicting and inconclusive, according to scientific studies that have been published on the Internet.

During the public portion of the meeting, several residents questioned Mr. Stern's statements about the safety of the antenna technology. Planning Board consultant Charles Whelan, of Salient Associates, who specializes in telecommunications, also questioned Mr. Stern regarding the data, on which Verizon had based its information.

Board Chairman Gregory Cummings asked why Verizon consultants did not consider placement of the antennas on top of The Chelsea at Fanwood, a senior citizens residential facility on South Avenue.

Mr. Stern admitted that he did not know about The Chelsea. Mr. Cummings suggested there might be other sites, which the consultants had overlooked.

Several board members asked Mr. Stern if he could provide data to prove that more antennas in Fanwood were needed.

The hearing on the Verizon application will continue at the board's regular meeting on Wednesday, July 24, at 8 p.m., when Verizon will present additional testimony from a radio-frequency engineer and a professional planner.

## Westfield High School BASH 2002 Declared Successful

WESTFIELD - Approximately 275 or 85 percent of Westfield High School (WHS) seniors celebrated graduation on June 24 with an all-night, drug- and alcohol-free party, BASH 2002, at the Racquet Racquet Club in South Plainfield.

Co-sponsored by the Optimist Club of Westfield, the WHS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and the Westfield Recreation Commission, the party was organized and supported by the Westfield Board of Education, parents, teachers, local businesses, clubs, professionals, corporations, sponsors and the senior class. Several chaperones also attended all evening.

Activities included massages, crafting photo buttons, fortune telling, nail art, psychic and palm readings, a celebrity video booth with laser karaoke, "Super Sumo Wrestling" and "American Gladiator Pedestal Joust," a lip sync contest, dance contest, teacher impersonations, a listing of 10 reasons to graduate WHS, and breakfast.

All evening long, the graduates played volleyball, swam, enjoyed racquetball, wallyball, basketball,

dancing, assorted board games, and a graffiti wall, while munching on soda, pizza, subs, assorted deli meats and ice cream sundaes.

Door prizes and grand prizes were also awarded, along with free BASH 2002 "Scooby-Doo" T-shirts to the first 100 graduates.

"I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of those individuals who supported or worked on BASH 2002. We can all be proud of the response of our community

to make this worthy undertaking for the Class of 2002 and future seniors at WHS," stated Project Chairman Donald Pray.



BALLOON ART...Westfield High School seniors show off the colorful balloon art of Magic Bob at BASH 2002.

### Westfield HS - BASH 2002 Supporters

We wish to thank the many parents, teachers, and individuals who made this event possible and the following contributors (parents noted donated \$100 or more in support of BASH 2001).

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| <b>GRAND FOUNDER (\$1,000 or more)</b> | Fairview Cemetery                    | Westfield Recreation Commission       |
| OPTIMIST Club of Westfield             | Scherling Plough Corporation         | Westfield Service League              |
|  |                                      | Westfield "Y"                         |
| <b>FOUNDER (\$500)</b>                 | Garden State Screen Printing         | Racquets Etc./ The Augis Family       |
| Moto Photo                             | Photo Buttons N' More / Sherri Kevoe | Town & Country Fine Wines and Spirits |
| <b>PACESETTER (\$250)</b>              | Education Fund of Westfield          | Town Bank of Westfield                |
| Elm Radio and TV                       | Haven Savings Bank                   | Westfield HS PTO                      |
| Joseph D. DeMaio, DDS                  | Mack Camera & Video / Mel Kevoe      | Parents of Michael Charnatz           |
| Opti-Care of Westfield                 | Print Tech                           | Parents of Remington Cherin           |
|  |                                      | Parents of Dillon DePalmer            |
|  |                                      | Parents of Pamela Fried               |
|  |                                      | Parents of Megan O'Brien              |
| <b>BENEFACTOR (\$100)</b>              | Arena Sports                         | Galaxy Coach                          |
| Boyle Financial Assoc.                 | Brummer's Chocolates                 | Hershey's Subs & Deli                 |
| Chartwells                             | Clyne and Murphy                     | Integrated Solutions                  |
| Dominos's So. Plainfield               | Dr. Stephen Bosonac                  | Leader Store                          |
|  |                                      | Michael Kohn Jewelers                 |
|  |                                      | PNC Bank                              |
|  |                                      | Rialto Theater                        |
|  |                                      | Sound Station                         |
|  |                                      | Thomas Lincoln Mercury                |
|  |                                      | Tropical Air and Heating Co.          |
|  |                                      | Vick's Diner                          |
|  |                                      | Westfield Auto Wash                   |
|  |                                      | Westfield Leader                      |
|  |                                      | Westfield Rotary                      |

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| <b>Parents of:</b> | Daniel Agüero        | Daniel Finstein    | Michael Lau       | Blair Richardson  |
| Kristin Antoro     | Robert Freundlich    | Robert Freundlich  | Matthew Leiz      | Christine Romano  |
| Rachel Bavolar     | Christopher Gismondi | Brian Levy         | David Santoriello | David Santoriello |
| Tara Behr          | Bethany Goldman      | David Louie        | Scott Satkin      | Scott Satkin      |
| James Bridgeman    | Jessica Gordon       | Brian Ludlum       | Daniel Sawicki    | Daniel Sawicki    |
| Gregory Buntain    | Adam Gormley         | Jeffery Luker      | Kurt Schoenberg   | Kurt Schoenberg   |
| Tara Christakos    | Alvaro Guerra        | Michael Mackechnie | Rory Schulman     | Rory Schulman     |
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