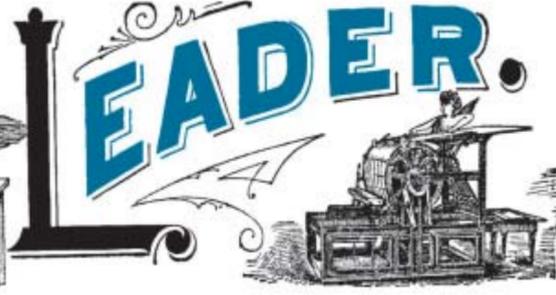


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## Two Nabbed In Burglary Of Residence

By SUZETTE F. STALKER  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Two Roselle Park men were arrested and charged with burglary Tuesday afternoon for allegedly breaking into a home in Westfield the previous day.

Joseph McEvoy, 21, was arrested at his home at about 1 p.m., while Robert Basile, 23, was taken into custody at Westfield police headquarters around 4 p.m., Westfield Police Captain Clifford Auchter said yesterday.

Both of the suspects were released after posting \$5,000 bail each. McEvoy was also wanted on contempt of court warrants out of Elizabeth, Newark and East Orange, Captain Auchter confirmed.

Basile and McEvoy are suspected of having entered a Springfield Avenue residence Monday morning. They reportedly told the homeowner they found them there that they were looking for an aunt, Captain Auchter said.

Nothing was reported missing and the suspects fled upon being asked by the homeowner to leave the premises. The homeowner jotted down the license plate number of the vehicle they were traveling in, which was traced to McEvoy, Captain Auchter said.

## WF and FW Street Fairs Entertain All

By SETH AUGENSTEIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The region was treated to two street fairs last Sunday — one in Westfield and one in Fanwood. The weather cooperated, and the events were suitably attended.

Westfield's Family Fest, in its second year, was especially varied with an array of entertainment. The soothing Ecuadorian pipes of "Agua Clara" were answered only a block or two away by the undulating guitar distortions from punk bands with names like, "Born by Accident" while a flea circus delighted those on Quimby Street who took the time to stop and stare.

Many in attendance seemed to be first timers in downtown Westfield. Democratic Congressional candidate Tim Carden estimated that less than half of the people he talked to while pressing flesh were from Westfield itself. "A lot of the people I talked to were from Scotch Plains, Cranford and the surrounding area," he said.

This was confirmed by Debbie Schmidt of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, who said that the street fairs in Westfield are often reliant on, "regional support" from the surrounding communities. Many of those attending were just sightseeing, according to vendors.

Bob Poznanski of Crystal Jewelry Design of Linden was not happy with his business. "We did the Spring Fling several weeks ago, and we did great. The crowds were comparable to these, but so far today, business has not been good at all. We haven't made our space money yet," he said, referring to the cost to have a space to set up shop at the Family Fest.

Other vendors were not pleased with business either. "Business is lousy," John Coscia said soberly. "The business is not what I expected," added Barbara Chiesa, who was selling towels to raise money for the Westfield High School swimming team. She had sold less than a half dozen towels by three in the afternoon.

Business was equally "lousy" in Fanwood, however, as independent artist Demetrius Patterson explained. "Well, I hoped for (business) to be better. There is more browsing than buying," he stated, motioning at the unsold paintings that were stacked behind him.

Vendors in Fanwood thought that the Westfield fair was siphoning off business, and vice-versa. Fairgoers in both places just wanted to enjoy a beautiful day in early June, and were not concerned with making purchases.

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AN EVENING TO REMEMBER...Ready to depart for the Westfield High School senior prom, Steven Krakauer, center, senior and reporter for *The Westfield Leader*, is surrounded by a bevy of beautiful friends at a home on Bailey Court. Pictured, left to right, are: Lindsey Ciarrocca, Liz Horan, Steven, Sarah Printz and Morgan Pearlman.



MAKING MEMORIES...Samantha Materek, a senior at Westfield High School, poses with her date Evan Molloy before attending Friday night's prom.



DAPPER DATES...Suited in black tuxedos, these gentlemen were decked out and ready for an enjoyable evening.

## MS to Amend Public Record Fees; Sewer Trunk Line Will Be Repaired

By MICHAEL POLLACK  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Mountainside Borough Council held their monthly agenda meeting on Tuesday, June 11.

The meeting began with a reminder of the public hearing and adoption of the Local Improvement Assessment Commission report scheduled for the

regular council meeting on June 18. The meeting will discuss the school improvements for 2002.

The council acknowledged a request from the finance officer for a Chapter 159 resolution to include a special item of revenue in the 2002 municipal budget from the Clean Communities Program in the amount

## County Republicans Reelect Frigerio As Party Chairman

By HORACE R. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Union County Republican Party organization met Tuesday evening, June 11 at the Westfield Municipal building and reelected Mr. Ron Frigerio of Westfield as Chairman of the Union County Republican Party.

Mr. Robert Dougherty of New Providence initiated a last minute, unexpected challenge for the party leadership two days previous. In response, there was an overflow crowd in attendance of party leaders from

throughout the 21 towns in the county. The Westfield Municipal Council Chamber was filled to standing room only with others in the hallways and some outside on the entrance steps to the building.

Mr. Dougherty withdrew his challenge and Mr. Frigerio was reelected at the hour-long meeting, which ended at about 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Frigerio told *The Westfield Leader* that, "the last 48 hours were totally shocking when the challenge was announced by Mr. Dougherty. I was in awe of the support I received. It served to unite the party even more and rejuvenate the people."

Mr. Frigerio said that he really good candidates such as Dou-

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## Authorities Continue Probe Into Furniture Store Fire

By SUZETTE F. STALKER  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

An investigation was continuing this week into the origin of a fire that broke out during the early evening on June 5 at a North Avenue furniture store in Westfield.

Detective Sergeant John Rowe of the Westfield Police Department said Tuesday that the fire, which began towards the rear of the building, was still considered under the category of suspicious, with the cause not fully determined.

"There's a lot of things we have to analyze," he said, noting the investigation would include interviews with the owners of the store and the building itself, as well as a study of evidence at the scene.

The probe is being conducted jointly by the Union County Fire Investigation Task Force, the Westfield Police Department, the Westfield Fire Department and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Firefighters from several towns responded to the blaze at Westfield Home Furnishings, a one-story building located some 100 yards from the Garwood border. There were no injuries.

Captain Clifford Auchter of the Westfield Police Department confirmed that an officer driving near

the site immediately reported the fire after he witnessed a window blow out on the building. It is believed that the business was closed at the time. Westfield firefighters were sup-

ported at the scene through Mutual Aid by units from Scotch Plains, Mountainside, Garwood, Kenilworth, Cranford and Roselle, said Captain Michael

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CALL TO DUTY...On June 5, members of the Westfield Fire Department responded to a fire at Westfield Home Furnishings on North Avenue. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

## MAYOR CALLS FOR ADJOURNMENT AFTER COUNCIL REJECTS CLOSED SESSION

## Town Council Objects to Salaries; Religious Symbols Deemed Legal

By LAUREN S. PASS  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Tuesday night's conference session of the Westfield Town Council began early so as to allow the council to go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations with the Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) and Town Labor Attorney Frederick Danser, 3rd.

Fourth Ward Democratic Councilwoman Lawrence Goldman objected to voting in favor of approving salaries for the Westfield Library.

Though the library's budget is set by the council, its board of directors sets the salaries and decides how the money is spent. The board is appointed by the mayor and council. The Recreation Department, Board of Health and Downtown Westfield Corporation work the same way. The library's budget for 2002 is \$1.35 million and the salary of its director, Barbara Thiele, is \$92,840.

Councilman Goldman questioned what would happen if the council voted down the salaries at next week's public meeting.

Town Administrator James Gildea said that it was his "guess" that either the library could contest that deci-

sion in court and win, or that they could return to the drawing board and give the council a new set of numbers.

Second Ward Republican Councilman Matthew Albano stated that the council cannot micromanage and that the way for it to control the salaries is by appointments to the board.

Third Ward Democratic Councilwoman Claire Lazarowitz questioned what the library director does that warrants the salary she receives, and compared it to the police and fire chiefs.

According to Mayor Gregory McDermott, Ms. Thiele's salary makes her the third highest paid town employee.

Mr. Gildea stated that he also did not like these salaries and used the example that if the council gave the library a \$10 budget they could spend \$9 on salaries and \$1 on books.

Mayor McDermott said that the council can say that they don't agree, but it does not matter.

Fourth Ward Democratic Councilwoman Susan Jacobson, who also sits on the library board, stated that the council has two options: one to vote "no" and the second, to not give them everything they ask for when they come in with their budget.

Councilman Albano asked Councilwoman Jacobson what had occurred on the board level when making the salary changes. Councilwoman Jacobson said the discussions took place in executive session

and that the only portion she would comment on was that the board was not working with any guides, or a knowledge base, only on recommendations.

Mr. Gildea explained that a "no" vote would delay employees' receipt of their retroactive pay from January.

Councilman Albano asked if each member of the council could abstain.

Town Clerk Bernard Heeney said that in 1979 the town had a similar problem with the Department of Health and that the town lost in court.

Second Ward Republican Councilman Rafael Betancourt said he felt it would be irresponsible for the council to abstain over something they have no control.

First Ward Democratic Councilman Carl Salisbury said that he was having visions of the old Soviet Union, being that he has the right to vote, but has to vote "yes." He stated his discontent over putting a stamp of approval on something he does not agree with. He also suggested that the council decide who would vote "yes" and who would vote "no," making the statement of their discontent with a 5-4 approval.

The Mayor asked what the ramifications were if the council were to defeat the salaries and then to come back in two weeks.

Mr. Gildea stated that the retro pay would be harder to calculate after the end of the second quarter.

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## Boro BOE Inches Toward Opening of Beechwood

By TRACY EVANS  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Tuesday's session of the Mountainside Board of Education made public the discussions of the previous night, which included a private meeting of the executive board with the town architect and consultant working on the reopening of the Beechwood School.

The school will teach Moppet (pre-school) through grade 2 children, leaving Deerfield to teach the children of grades 3 through 8.

President of the Board, Richard Kress, stated that both schools will open on target in September. All classrooms and facilities, he continued, will be available and safe for use. Mr. Kress explained that the consultant ensured the board on Monday evening that all extra efforts will be made over this summer to ensure the opening of the Beechwood School on time for the 2002-2003 school year.

The regularly scheduled public board meeting opened on Tuesday evening with a recap of a letter sent by

the Mountainside PTA on May 30.

PTA President Toni Baseil spoke of the Long-Range Planning Committee's efforts to build upon the schools' libraries and, "enhance all of the children and staff throughout the district."

A sum of \$15,000 was raised through various fundraisers throughout the year, increasing the appropriations for materials by \$5,000 from the previous year. This money will be used to supply the Beechwood School library, rather than draw from the accumulation of books at Deerfield. In addition, the money will go toward character education banners for both schools, as well as a granite sign for Beechwood School.

In addition to this announcement, the board moved to approve the continued use of the Dowling Food Service Management, Inc. as the food provider for the upcoming year. Students' interest in the food was discussed, and the menu was noted to remain the same.

Board member John Perrin in-

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# Governor McGreevey Visits SP, Highlights EDA Grant Program

By DEBORAH MADISON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD -- New Jersey Governor James McGreevey was in Scotch Plains on Thursday, June 6 paying a visit to Park Middle School. The Governor was at the school to highlight the funding of school construction projects by grants from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA), the Governor's Press Secretary, Skip Harrison told *The Westfield Leader*.

The Governor addressed members of the Town Council, Board of Education members and the press; highlighting aspects of the EDA's grant program.

Grant agreements between the EDA and the district have resulted in a total of \$11.6 million in State aid on the district's \$37.5 million school renovations projects.

The Governor told the audience that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood District was, "a model of how the program should work and among the most aggressive," referring to the district's eight different school facilities being partially funded by the EDA.

Currently, approximately \$10 million on renovations is being spent on Park Middle School, \$3.3 million of which was provided by EDA funding.

The Governor said that the EDA funding not only provided districts throughout New Jersey with state of the art schools, but also afforded local residents tax relief.

"This (district) is a tremendous example of a working partnership," Governor McGreevey told *The Leader*.

When asked why Park Middle School was selected for the Governor's visit, District Business Administrator, Anthony DelSordi told *The Leader* that Park Middle School was exemplary of before and after work in progress. The construction at Park Middle includes upgrades to the Media Center; renovations to the art, science and music rooms; a renovated auditorium, refurbished corridors; and a new computer lab. The construction is approximately 60 percent completed and is expected to be finished by the end of the year.

Assemblywoman Linda Stender and Assemblyman Gerry Green were also asked to speak at the event. Ms. Stender said that having graduated from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood District, she could attest

to the fact that it was an excellent school district. Assemblyman Green said that the last time he was in Park Middle School's gymnasium was 40 years ago when Park Middle was the High School.

After the Governor addressed the audience, Town Council, Board of Education members and several students posed with the Governor for photographs in the Media Center. He thanked Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carol Choye for providing coffee and pastries, in light of the State's budget deficit. The Governor emphatically shouted, "Go Scotch Plains!" as he left the Media Center.

The Governor was also at Park Middle to film a television commercial for Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey. Angelo Valente, Executive Director of the not for profit organization and a camera crew were in the cafeteria to film the Governor addressing a select group of sixth graders.

Several members of the press were not permitted inside the taping area while the commercial was being filmed, although approximately 20 Town Officials, Board of Education members and teachers were permitted to watch the filming. Mr. Valente told *The Leader* that the reporters were not permitted inside because, "we had to keep the set as quiet as possible without distracting the children."

Students who participated in the filming of the commercial, later told *The Leader* that they were instructed to act naturally, as if they were eating lunch and to pretend to talk. Several students asked questions of the Governor from a script. One student said that they had to do the scene over several times to get it right.

The Governor told *The Leader*, "the students were tremendous and better on screen than I was."

Mr. Valente said that the Governor's office contacted him asking to participate in their television campaign, promoting families eating together.

Studies have shown that children and parents who eat dinner together more than three times a week are less likely to use marijuana, Mr. Valente told *The Leader*. The Family and Food Campaign highlights this information.

The Governor also attended the DARE graduation ceremony of fifth graders from McGinn Elementary School, which was

held in the auditorium at Park Middle School.

The commercial, once edited, will air this Fall on more than 50 cable and local network television stations, including New Jersey's channel nine, Mr. Valente explained.

Notices went home with the students on Wednesday requesting parents' permission for their children to participate in the commercial.

## Street Fairs

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Food vendors did fairly well at both fairs, and the rides in the middle of the closed-off streets were irresistible to children. The monstrous inflatable dragon ruled East Broad Street in front of Victoria's Secret.

Fanwood organizers, Clayton Pierce and Donna Vella were happy just to get the tradition of a fair going, and to bring new people into downtown Fanwood.

"The overall effort has been superb for our first year, and everybody has been able to work together to make this event happen," Mr. Pierce said.

Mr. Pierce is the Coordinator of the non-profit sponsor The Business and Professional Association of Fanwood. He estimated that it took 1000 hours of work to make the fair happen. It apparently paid off.

Donna Vella of the promoters Advertising Alliance, Inc. claimed that 15 to 20,000 people showed up for the first-time fair, despite the fact that planning confusion resulted in its competition with the second-year Family Fest in Westfield.

Debbie Schmidt of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce was also pleased with the turnout at the Fest. She claimed that around 20,000 people turned out for the fair, and that business was as brisk as was originally expected. Mrs. Schmidt also addressed the reason for the conflicting date with the Fanwood fair.

"We set the date in November, and we were very disappointed to hear that their street fair was scheduled at the same time as ours. We would never have done anything to try to make their fair unsuccessful. We made that date, and they just were unaware of it," she said.

Conversely, Mrs. Vella and Mr. Pierce claimed that they had made their date before Westfield moved their date to June 9th.

Regardless, both fairs catered to new groups of people that had previously not been reached by established street fairs. Fanwood opened up the often-ignored downtown area around the corner of South and Martine Avenue to thousands of new visitors. This should give a boost to the economy of that immediate area, projected Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Vella. Although it was much smaller physically than the competition in Westfield, it bustled with activity throughout the late afternoon.

In addition to the group of new visitors to Westfield, teens were entertained on their own terms. The "Teen Extreme Sports Area" that was sponsored and created by the Westfield YMCA, offered several half-pipes within a parking lot for skateboarders and BMX'ers. A sound system pumped punk rock from revolving groups throughout the afternoon. Passers-by were taken back at the sheer decibel level coming from wailing guitars and screaming singers with spiked, fluorescent hair.

Passer byes could get an earful at the main stage at the corner of Quimby and Elm Street's of such acts as Agua Clara, the Westfield High School Jazz Quartet, the Rahway Valley Jersey Airs, and the Choice Entertainment Dancers. The Airs did a particularly stirring rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner".

Darryl Walker, President of the Chamber of Commerce, was particularly excited about the variety that was offered at the Westfield Family Fest. "It was a great fun day. Smiles were on the faces of children, parents, and grandparents alike," he stated.

Regardless of the business possibilities, everyone involved with the fairs felt that they were a good frittering of a sunny Sunday in June that would otherwise have been spent in a typical, lazy and hazy way. After all, no one wants to miss the spectacle of a flea circus on Quimby Street, except maybe the family dog.

## Store Fire

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Brennan of the Westfield Fire Department.

Members of the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad were also present to monitor the condition of firefighters as they tackled the blaze. Captain Aucther stated that about a dozen Westfield Police Department personnel also responded to the scene.

Plainfield fire personnel, meanwhile, manned Westfield fire headquarters while local firefighters were called away to the North Avenue fire, Captain Brennan said.

Captain Brennan, who took initial command at the scene followed by Deputy Fire Chief Raymond Luck, said the firefighters' intense efforts allowed the building itself to be saved, despite damage to the interior.

"They did an outstanding job," Captain Brennan told *The Westfield Leader* on Monday. "Based on the aggressive nature of the attack, there was minimal structural damage."

While the fire was brought under control within an hour, fire personnel remained on the scene until morning to check for any potential hot spots and because the threat of a thunderstorm that night delayed investigation of the fire until the following day, Captain Brennan said.

The 100- by 150-square-foot store is comprised of two showrooms and a small office area in the front. Various merchandise, including couches, beds, dressers, breakfronts and dining room tables, were either damaged or destroyed in the blaze, Captain Brennan acknowledged. A shed attached to the main building was destroyed.

Captain Aucther noted that North Avenue was closed off from Euclid Avenue to Chestnut Street until about 10 p.m. that night, during which time vehicular traffic was rerouted.



Lauren S. Pass for The Westfield Leader

**BEAUTY AND CLASS...Seniors at Sarah Round's home on Dudley Avenue enjoyed a pre-prom party before attending Friday evening's prom. Pictured, left to right, are: Heather Fishberg, Tara Behr, Sarah, Shannon Kunath, Lauren Solon and Miriam Zichlin.**

## Boro BOE

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quired about the conditions of the food service in the newly re-opened Beechwood School, to which Chief School Administrator Dr. Gerard Schaller responded that food would not only be served, but also prepared on premises.

Membership of the Board of Education in the School Alliance Insurance Fund (SAIF) was approved for the next three years, beginning in July.

The board approved the reduction of the budget for the 2002-2003 school year by \$486, 875. The cut was made by the Borough Council after the voters defeated the budget in the April elections.

At the recommendation of Dr. Schaller, Enviro Techniques, Inc. was approved by the board to monitor an ongoing asbestos removal and cleaning project at the Beechwood School, as well as complete a survey and abatement specification for the Deerfield School.

Upon the request of Mountainside resident Barbara Hendrak, Dr. Schaller provided information that the crews will be concluding their work in Beechwood as of Thursday June 11, and the school will be safe to reopen.

Among the issues dealing with Personnel and Curriculum, Barbara Hemmings, a Mountainside Spanish teacher, was given approval to write the World Language curriculum this summer. This movement is part of the board of education's district goals, which detail plans to review, evaluate, and revise several areas of study, also including the subjects of Language Arts Literacy, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics, and Art and Life Skills.

Mountainside resident Terry Rice addressed the board with a desire for parents to review such programs and the goals established toward their change. Mr. Kress and Dr. Schaller said that these goals are available to the public through a copy that remains in the library. They stated that the board of education welcomes and encourages questions by phone as well.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Mountainside Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, June 25 at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Library.

## Boro Council

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"This will mostly concern Springfield Avenue heading towards Kenilworth", Mayor Robert Vigilanti said. The borough recognized a request from the tax assessor and borough attorney for a tax appeal settlement to Prime Care One for tax years 2001 and 2002.

The council reminded the gathering of the regularly scheduled meeting next Tuesday, June 18. On the agenda for next Tuesday are the second readings for Ordinances seeking to amend the Borough of Mountainside's Uniform Fire Code under Chapter XVI. The other ordinance concerns the amending of the Borough of Mountainside's fees for fire inspections under Chapter IX. This will be a public hearing of both edicts.

The June 18 meeting will also feature the introduction of Ordinance 1051-2002, an "ordinance to amend the fee schedule of certain fees for copies of public records and for the completion and filing of certain vital statistic reports," Mayor Vigilanti said. This will be the first reading of said ordinance.

## Fairfield University Tells Graduation Of Timothy Ryan

WESTFIELD -- Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. has noted that Timothy R. Ryan of Westfield, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Ryan of Westfield, was a member of the graduating class during Fairfield's 52nd Commencement Exercises on May 19.

Timothy majored in history at Fairfield and was also active as Manager of the Men's Basketball Team. He also served as Resident Assistant for two years.

A graduate of Regis High School in New York City, N.Y., Timothy plans to attend graduate school at Fairfield University, focusing on a Masters in Business Administration Degree.

## Jason Grunberg Earns Degree From Syracuse

MOUNTAINSIDE -- The College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. has revealed that Jason Grunberg of Mountainside was the recipient of a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Policy Studies during the University's 148th Commencement Ceremony, which was held on May 12.



Photo Courtesy of Steven Krakauer  
**RIDING IN STYLE...Leaving the pre-prom festivities on Bailey Court, seniors are whisked away by a white stretch limousine and another black limousine.**

## WF Council Objects to Salaries; Religious Symbols Deemed Legal

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Mayor McDermott told *The Westfield Leader* that there was nothing personal about this and had nothing to do with the individuals at the library. He said it is a wonderful facility and that the council cannot tell them how to spend their money. He added that the philosophy of the members of the board has to change and that this is going to change the way the council interviews candidates for the various boards in town.

The council received a report from Bruce Kaufmann, Director of the Recreation Department, who said that the new construction at Memorial Pool will be completed on or before July 13. He also explained that the new category of membership for early lap swim, weekdays from 6 to 8 a.m. will be a separate membership costing \$25 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. This fee will also apply to each person participating in the long course swimming.

Mr. Gildea explained that if the town did not charge the fee, participants would not be covered by insurance, causing the town liability.

Councilwoman Jacobson said she wanted to go on record against the recreation department charging fees on a "case by case" basis for town groups.

The discussion of recreation fees was tabled until the next conference session. Director of Public Works Kenneth Marsh told the council that as of Wednesday the curbing and sidewalks on Rahway Avenue would be completed. He said that the grading is scheduled and that the paving would be done on Saturday.

Councilman Betancourt stated that the construction signs should be kept up until the markings were placed for the speed tables and raised crosswalks.

Mr. Marsh also reported that most of the contracts for road projects for the year 2002 would be awarded by July 2 and that this was the most diligent way the town has ever completed projects.

Town Attorney Robert Cockren said there will be a resolution to give the fire department permission to install emergency key boxes to allow the fire department to gain access to closed buildings.

Members of the council questioned the security of those boxes. Mr. Gildea said that he would get a report from Fire Chief John Castellano on the security issues.

Mr. Cockren told the council that he and his firm have gone over the statutes on use of religious holiday symbols on town property. He said that the key elements are what the items were, where they were placed and the message associated with them.

Mr. Cockren cited the Schundler cases, as the basis for his recommendations. In Schundler Two, a sign was erected to accompany the display and the third circuit court granted approval.

He stated that if the 2000 display were challenged in court that the town would be likely to succeed. Though the 2001 display would be a closer case, it is his feeling the town would also succeed in defending it. He recommends the addition of an all-encompassing secular statement, using the language set forth in the Schundler case, that the display never be placed in front of town hall, and that the area in front of the train station not be declared a public forum.

Mayor McDermott stated that he would like to put everything up that the town had last year. He also said that the reason he did not bring it to a vote was because it is a personal issue and that he did not want to put individuals on one side or another. He added that the council's job is to represent the town.

Councilwoman Jacobson stated that she feels the blue ribbon committee should receive a letter explaining what the council was doing, so that respect was given to their recommendations.

Councilman Albano stated that he felt since only three clergy members participated in the blue ribbon committee that it was not representative of all the clergy. Councilman Salisbury stated his objections to the display of a crèche and that putting more secular things around it would cheapen it.

Councilman Betancourt stated that the council has now taken adequate steps to protect the town. He stated, we "have to put this issue to rest and move forward."

Councilwoman Lazarowitz suggested that the mayor say it was his decision.

Councilman Goldman stated that he was not happy with the display in 1999, 2000 or 2001, and that he does not agree with continuing that. He stated his support for the committee's suggestion.

Democratic Third Ward Councilman Kevin Walsh questioned what would happen if a person that worships cat food wanted to erect something. He suggested that a use policy be established for the front of the train station.

Mayor McDermott stated that the town would continue as it had in the past and find something to add that would make it more correct without cheapening the display.

The mayor called for the council to go into closed session to discuss PBA negotiations and asked for a vote. The five democratic members of the council voted not to go into closed session against the three republican councilman and mayor.

Councilman Goldman wanted more information on alternative health care plan options.

Councilman Betancourt stated that they would not be able to come up with alternatives at that moment, and that the PBA negotiations needed to move forward. He stated that it was irresponsible to refuse to go into closed session.

Mr. Gildea said that he did not want to derail the PBA negotiations and that he would bring in an insurance consultant for the next meeting.

Out of frustration, and citing the late hour, Mayor McDermott asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was made by Republican First Ward Councilman Peter Echausse and seconded by Councilman Betancourt.

Councilwoman Jacobson said that she had questions to discuss in closed session and agreed to change her vote.

Councilman Echausse withdrew his motion to adjourn, and the council voted unanimously to go into closed session.

The next public meeting of the council is Tuesday, June 18, at 8 p.m.

## Mr. Frigerio

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glas Forrester who stands a good chance to defeat Senator Robert Torricelli and give New Jersey its first Republican in the spot since 1972. He said that Mike Ferguson is an excellent congressman for the district and will be reelected as a result, although likely facing a strong challenge from the Democrats.

## Vintage Skills Learned

### By Jefferson Students

WESTFIELD -- On May 10, the Miller-Cory House Museum's Showcase of 18th Century Skills visited Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield.

Anna Jane Sabbagh, a third grade teacher at Jefferson and last year's recipient of the Philhower Fellowship Award, donated the money she received from the award to host the assembly.

The showcase included five stations for the students to rotate to. Presentations were made at each station by women dressed in period costumes.

The docents described Colonial living as a child, Lenape Indian lore, the art of quilting, theorem painting and butter and cheese making.

The students were introduced to what 18th century life was like in our area.

## Berkeley Heights Pupil Earns Club Scholarship

BERKELEY HEIGHTS -- Allison Dencker, a student at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, will be the first student to receive the Mary K. Tennant Merit Scholarship from the local Summit College Club branch of the American Association of University Women and its Foundation.

## WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

### TUESDAY, MAY 28

• Malik Jumuah, 29, of Newark was arrested and charged with five counts of burglary, theft and criminal mischief in connection with several incidents that occurred at a local recreation facility involving locker break-ins. Bail was set at \$10,000.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

• Daniel Gruen, 19, and Joseph Petrosic, 18, both of Westfield, were arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. They were each issued a summons and released.

### FRIDAY, MAY 31

• Isabelle Chaiken, 40, of Westfield was arrested in the 1000 block of East Broad Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. She was released after being issued a summons.

• Robin Early, 20, of Westfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated following a motor vehicle accident on Westfield Avenue. She was released with a summons.

• Justin K. Rodrigues, 20, of Clark was arrested and charged with shoplifting at a North Avenue video store. He

was released on his own recognizance with a summons.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1

• A Mountainside resident reported being the victim of a simple assault at the corner of Elm and East Broad Streets.

### MONDAY, JUNE 3

• An employee of a Central Avenue real estate company reported the theft of her laptop computer, valued at \$2,900, from her office.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

• Curtis R. Dick, Jr., 22, of Garwood was arrested at Central Avenue and Clover Street and charged with possession of suspected cocaine, possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on his own recognizance with a summons.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 7

• James Adams, 45, of Westfield was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct on Dudley Avenue. He was released on a summons.

• A Fanwood resident reported that she was assaulted on Dudley Avenue by a fellow motorist with whom she had an altercation. No charges have been filed in connection with the incident.

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