



Betsy Burgdorf for The Westfield Leader and The Times RESTAURANTS ON THE MOVE...Mojave Grill restaurant on North Avenue in Westfield is moving to Elm Street. A Thai restaurant will take its place. Lime and Elm Street Cafe will close, and a new restaurant, to be named Isabella's, will open.



Betsy Burgdorf for The Westfield Leader and The Times NEW RESTAURANTS COMING...Lime and Elm Street Cafe in Westfield will close after five years in business.

### WF Restaurant Changing Locations, Two Closing

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Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
WESTFIELD — On Wednesday, August 31, Elm Street Cafe and Lime will close their doors after almost five years of catering to the palettes of local clientele. Cathi Tufaro and her brother, Joseph Mortarulo, sold both businesses to the owner of Theresa's Restaurant and Mojave Grille, Robert Scaleria.

Mojave Grille, which opened 11 years ago, will move from its current location on North Avenue into the space currently occupied by Lime. Mr. Scaleria plans on opening an American bistro called Isabella's to replace Elm Street Cafe, along with his partner and head chef, Gregory Farruggio.

"It will be American comfort food with a twist," Mr. Scaleria said, describing Isabella's American Bistro. The restaurant will open sometime in the near future. Mojave Grille will also close its North Avenue doors on August 31 and move to the new Elm Street location over Labor Day weekend. Mr. Scaleria told The Westfield Leader and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times that if everything goes smoothly, the restaurant would reopen on Tuesday,

September 6, with a new menu. A Thai restaurant will take over Mojave's current location. "I am looking forward to Mojave Grille having an outdoor cafe and the foot traffic," Mr. Scaleria said. He stated that he would renovate the interior and the exterior of both restaurants, which share a common kitchen. Ms. Tufaro stated that her family's decision to close the restaurants had nothing to do with a lack of business. Instead, it was her desire to be home with her four children, ranging in age from 15 to seven. "You do have to be there in order to have it work," she said about the long nights and weekend hours involved in running a successful restaurant.

Mr. Mortarulo, who designed and built both restaurants, is pursuing a career in construction. "His creativity needs an outlet," Ms. Tufaro said about her brother. "The day-to-day is not his thing. Construction offers him that outlet." "The people in Westfield have been wonderful to us. We have enjoyed ourselves tremendously," Ms. Tufaro said. "We are closing them (Elm Street Cafe and Lime) at this point, but eventually we will open them again."

### Back Room Politics Is Alive And Well in Union County

Discussions about "back room" politics generally conjure up the vision of a bunch of whiskey drinking men sitting around a table smoking fat cigars while carving up the political pie. It has been said that decisions about government, such as who would or would not be in positions of power, as well as what they were going to do, were decided in just this manner.

History has shown that this was certainly the case in some places and that sometimes it worked and other times it didn't. Most people would probably think that this method of getting things done went out with the "Lindy-Hop," and that these days there is no one behind the scenes pulling the strings, but it would appear that they are wrong.

There are those here in Union County who would insist that back room politics does not exist. I have to admit that the visual image is different. The players have changed, and what is decided, and how, is not quite what it was back in the day. One need only to attend three or four meetings of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to get the feeling that most of what goes on is obviously decided behind closed doors and not in the public's view.

It is mind boggling when one realizes the scope of issues which are addressed without any discussions in public, and the amount of money that is spent with almost no questions asked. It would be comforting to think that our elected county officials are experts on everything and understand all the ins and outs of civil and mechanical engineering, finance, human resources, social services, legal issues and the like.

However, it would appear that this is not the case, evidenced by the blank stares as their eyes seem to glaze over when an actual presentation is made by a department hoping to glean a few extra dollars for some special project. Yet when the project finally hits the agenda, they all vote yes!

Now, I am not saying that the group shouldn't be cohesive and able to work together. What I am saying is that it has been my experience that generally, when two or more people get together to make a decision, there is some sort of verbal exchange, some disagreement from someone who needs to be persuaded to see things the same as the rest of the group.

It is very apparent that more is being discussed in closed executive session than should be, and that all is decided and ironed out before the board takes their assigned seats on the dais. Actually, it would be refreshing if just once, just one freeholder would think for themselves and vote No!

The Republican team for Freeholder, Patricia Quattrocchi, Stu Kline and Al Dill, urge the residents of Union County to ask questions about the issues and to think for themselves on Election Day. Support us in our mission to open the doors of county government and bring everything out in the open. "What we know, you'll know."

## Barbara Rall to Be Honored At Ceremony In Washington

WESTFIELD — Barbara Rall of Westfield has been selected by U.S. Senator Jon Corzine to be one of 180 Congressional "Angels in Adoption" for the year 2005.



Barbara Rall

This event is hosted by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) at a national ceremony held in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, September 13. The Angels in Adoption program was created in 1999 to raise public awareness of the many ways individuals can help children and families through adoption.

tion, a Web site, lending library, warm line, parent training, resource directory and a newsletter. This is a statewide program serving the needs of adoptees, adoptive parents, birth parents and professionals who work with this population.

Previously, she was a senior social worker at Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey, in Elizabeth. She also has been an adoption case-worker for the Spence-Chapin agency in New York, a Quakertown, Pa., agency. She maintains a psychotherapy practice in Westfield. In all, she has been an adoption specialist for 22 years.

Mrs. Rall is the mother of two adopted and two birth children.



REEL FUN...Naturalist Jordan Warner of Westfield assists Andrew Pacheco of Berkeley Heights bait his fishing hook at a Trailside Explorers workshop, hosted by Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. Participants learn fishing skills and try their luck to catch a fish in Lake Surprise.

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<b>J Lohr</b> Seven Oaks Cabernet <b>1107</b>	<b>Meridian</b> Chardonnay, Cabernet, Merlot <b>777</b>	<b>Mondavi</b> Private Selection Cabernet, Merlot <b>767</b>	<b>Lindemans</b> Brut, Extra Dry <b>567</b>	<b>Korbel</b> Brut, Extra Dry <b>1027</b>	<b>Carlo Rossi</b> Paisano, Burgundy, Chablis, Chianti, Rhine, Sangria, Blush <b>819</b>
<b>Beringer</b> Founders Cabernet, Chardonnay, Merlot <b>737</b>	<b>Beringer</b> White Zinfandel <b>427</b>	<b>Ecco Domani</b> Pinot Grigio, Merlot <b>737</b>	<b>Clos du Bois</b> Chardonnay <b>957</b>	<b>Freixenet</b> Cordon Negro Brut, Extra Dry <b>807</b>	<b>Franzia</b> Blush, Chillable Red, Crisp White, Refreshing White <b>709</b>

### Sparkling

<b>Wynhand Est Shiraz Bin 555</b> <b>667</b>	<b>Andre-Brut Extra Dry Spumante</b> <b>327</b>	<b>Almaden Golden Chablis</b> <b>909</b>
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### Value Wines

<b>California / Washington 750ml</b>	<b>Estancia Red Meritage</b> <b>21.57</b>	<b>Rancho Zabaco Zinfandel Danon Bull</b> <b>5.67</b>	<b>Wynhand Est Shiraz Bin 555</b> <b>6.67</b>	<b>Andre-Brut Extra Dry Spumante</b> <b>3.27</b>	<b>Almaden Golden Chablis</b> <b>9.09</b>
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### Bourbon

<b>Jim Beam</b> Bourbon <b>2309</b>	<b>Southern Comfort</b> Bourbon <b>2210</b>	<b>Jack Daniel's</b> Black Label Bourbon <b>3409</b>
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### Gin

<b>Gordon's</b> Gin <b>1309</b>	<b>Bombay</b> Sage Gin <b>3409</b>	<b>Beefeater</b> Gin <b>2600</b>
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### Rum

<b>Bacardi Rum</b> Light, Gold <b>1909</b>	<b>Captain Morgan Rum</b> Spiced, Parrot Bay <b>2309</b>	<b>Jose Cuervo Tequila</b> Gold, Classico <b>3209</b>
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### Scotch

<b>Dewar's</b> Scotch <b>2909</b>	<b>Johnnie Walker</b> Red Label Scotch <b>2909</b>	<b>Clan MacGregor</b> Scotch <b>1509</b>
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### Vodka

<b>Smirnoff</b> Vodka <b>1800</b>	<b>Absolut</b> Vodka, Citron, Mandarin, Raspberry <b>3109</b>	<b>Ketel One</b> Vodka <b>3309</b>
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### Whiskey

<b>Seagram's VO</b> Whiskey <b>1929</b>	<b>Canadian Club</b> Whiskey <b>1509</b>	<b>Seagram's 7</b> Whiskey <b>1409</b>
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### OTHER LIQUORS, CORDIALS

<b>Bailey's Irish Cream</b> <b>175L</b>	<b>DeKuyper Peachtree Schnapps</b> <b>1.75L</b>	<b>Honigrot</b> <b>750ml</b>	<b>Jagermeister</b> <b>750ml</b>	<b>Kahlua</b> <b>750ml</b>	<b>Remy Martin VSOP</b> <b>750ml</b>	<b>Romana Sambuca</b> <b>750ml</b>	<b>TGI Fridays-Blender Mixes</b> <b>1.75L</b>
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### Domestic, Import & Microbrew Beer

<b>Samuel Adams</b> Boston Lager, Light <b>1149</b>	<b>Heineken</b> 12oz. CANS <b>2298</b>	<b>Corona Extra</b> Corona Light <b>2298</b>	<b>Beck's</b> Reg. Light, Dark <b>2398</b>	<b>Busch</b> Busch Light <b>1199</b>	<b>Michelob</b> Ultra, Light, Regular <b>849</b>
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