

Lawyer Speak on Elder Law, Estate Tax and Medicare

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Y will offer a special seminar on May 17 at the main Y Facility, 220 Clark Street, from noon to 1 p.m.

Nicholas Giuditta 3rd, a Cranford attorney and member of the National Academy of Elder Law, will speak on "Elder Law and You."

Mr. Giuditta will address the significance of preparing or updating wills, powers of attorney and living wills. In addition, methods to eliminate or reduce the impact of the "new" New Jersey estate tax will be discussed. Information will also be provided regarding the new Medicare prescription drug program (part D)

Grant-Writing Wkshp. Offered For Arts Orgs.

WESTFIELD — Community arts organizations, schools, libraries, health and social service agencies and other non-profit organizations are invited to attend a grant-writing workshop on Wednesday, May 3, sponsored by the County of Union. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the Union County Annex Building, located at 300 North Avenue East, in Westfield.

The workshop will provide specific information and guidelines for completing applications for the Union County Arts Grant Program. Funds for this program are made available through the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

All non-profit groups and arts organizations that wish to offer an arts project to the public are eligible to apply for grant funds. Arts activities taking place between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007 are eligible for consideration.

To register for the free May 3 workshop, or for information about other programs and services, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, located at 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth. Call (908) 558-2550 or e-mail culturalinfo@ucnj.org. Relay users dial 711.

Town Book Store Hosts Meet and Greets

WESTFIELD — In a celebration of local talent, The Town Book Store of Westfield will host two meet-and-greet book signings this weekend.

On Saturday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Westfield author Roberta Temes will be in the store to promote his newest book, "The Tapping Cure: A Revolutionary System for Rapid Relief from Phobias, Anxiety, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and More."

Readers will discover the method that instantly allows one to alleviate emotional distress by gently tapping on the particular body parts that correspond to acupuncture meridians. Ms. Temes is also the author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Hypnosis."

Then, from 2 to 4 p.m., former Westfield resident Leslie Morgan Steiner will be in the store to promote her non-fiction hardcover, "Mommy Wars: Stay-at-Home and Career Moms Face Off on Their Choices, Their Lives, Their Families."

With motherhood comes one of the toughest decisions of a woman's life: Stay at home or pursue a career? The former Westfielder commissioned 26 outspoken mothers to write about their lives, their families and the choices that have worked for them.

If unable to attend these events, call and reserve an autographed copy at (908) 233-3535.

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and the Veterans pension benefit.

Mr. Giuditta has been an attorney for 18 years. He represents individuals seeking guidance with estate planning, probate and disability protection matters. He is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and of the New Jersey State Bar Association. The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) was established in 1987. NAELA is a national organization of elder law attorneys devoted to the continuing education and training of attorneys who deal with legal issues facing older adults, people with disabilities and their families.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided for all participants; reservations are required.

This presentation is a part of the new "Food for Thought" series of workshops and lectures for adults being offered at the Westfield Area Y. For more information and to reserve a seat, call Linda Christopher at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 414 or e-mail lchristopher@westfieldnj.org no later than Monday, May 15.

Singers Present "O Ladye Fayre"

WESTFIELD — The Madrigal Singers, directed by Elaine Fiorino, will present "O Ladye Fayre" on Sunday, May 7, at 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church at One East Broad Street, Westfield.

Judy Sullivan will introduce sacred and secular a cappella musical selections celebrating women and love with readings from Shakespeare, Kahlil Gibran, the English Romantics and contemporary poets.

Founded in 1948, The Madrigal Singers are dedicated to exploring the a cappella traditions that grew out of the musical flowering of the European Renaissance.

Local residents singing in this concert include Pamela Newell, Westfield, Kirk Robbins, Fanwood, John and Lynn Sichel, Mountainside and Margaret Thompson, Mountainside. Reader Judy Sullivan resides in Scotch Plains.

Admission is by donation at the door. For further information, call (908) 233-1570.



BEAUTIFYING MINDOWASKIN...The Friends of Mindowaskin has invested in cleaning 66 benches located throughout the park. Bob Christiano and Charlie Tyminski of TSS Handyman Services, pictured above, oversee the work being done. The Friends are also sponsoring a clean-up day this Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers should come with gloves and rakes.

Law Signed to Protect Developmentally Disabled

TRENTON — State officials must now obtain a court order before sending a developmentally disabled person to the criminal unit of the New Lisbon Developmental Center. Senator Tom Kean, Jr. and Assemblyman Eric Munoz (R-21) sponsored this legislation, which was unanimously passed by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Jon Corzine.

"Affording protection to individuals who cannot protect themselves is

a key function of all governing bodies," said Sen. Kean. "This legislation will safeguard our most vulnerable citizens from unethical and unwarranted incarceration."

The impetus for this bill came after Francis Macias, 38-year-old developmentally disabled individual, "signed himself in" to the 36-bed moderate security unit of the New Lisbon Developmental Center. Senior staff at New Lisbon ordered the placement even after a judge ruled that Mr. Macias was not competent to stand trial. He remained in the unit for more than a year after criminal charges pending against him had been dropped.

"This truly was a travesty of justice of our most vulnerable individuals, the developmentally disabled. This example exemplifies the need for legislative oversight, stated Asm. Munoz. "The significance of this bill was evident by the unanimous vote in both houses of the legislature."

"It is very unfortunate that this situation took place to begin with," concluded Kean. "However, it is reassuring to know that adequate and enforceable laws have been enacted to prevent it from happening again."

The law took effect immediately after Governor Corzine signed it.

Animal Communicator To Speak at Meeting

WESTFIELD — Animal communicator Pam Saylor will speak and answer questions at the regular meeting of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern New Jersey on Friday, May 5, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Westfield Community Center, 558 West Broad Street in Westfield.

Ms. Saylor is known for communicating with pets like cats, dogs and birds, as well as larger animals like horses, in an effort to help owners understand difficulties their pets may be experiencing. Admission will be \$3 and refreshments will be served. For more information, please call (908) 226-1872.

Union County Taxpayers Are Being Taken for a Ride

By Patricia Quattrocchi
Candidate for Union County Freeholder, GOP

A statement released by Union County Sheriff Ralph Froelich appearing in the March 16 edition of *The Westfield Leader* and other Union County newspapers obviously was intended to justify Union County Undersheriff/Assemblyman Joe Cryan's unlimited access of a county-owned vehicle. The vehicle in question was vandalized, by an alleged stalker, while parked in Trenton when the assemblyman was there for non-county business.

Sheriff Froelich indicated that there are three undersheriffs who, along with himself, have authorized and unlimited use of county vehicles to assist in fulfilling the respective requirements of their office to include quick responses to county emergencies. Mr. Cryan's county responsibilities are administrative in nature and include overseeing three clerks looking after contracts, payroll, budgets, purchasing and statistics collection, as well as the Training, Internal Affairs and Legal Process units that have their own individual commanding officers. I wonder just what part of his position necessitates unlimited use of a county-owned vehicle 24/7 in the first place; could it be when the purchase order numbers get out of sync? Lacking professional law enforcement experience, it seems unlikely that he would be of any real usefulness in the event of a security crisis or attack on Elizabeth Port.

Recently, on Good Friday, April

Evalyn Dunn's Gallery Presents Picture It First

WESTFIELD — Evalyn Dunn's Gallery in Westfield announced the arrival of Picture it First, a framing visualization system that allows a user to see a finished picture before any work is even started. Once a design has been laid out, a digital photo is taken of the art, mat and framing design.

Picture it First can even fill in the background with the appropriate color to know how it will look in an anticipated room before hanging. To try the new method, come to the gallery on South Avenue in Westfield.

14, at approximately 4:45 p.m., a county-owned vehicle was spotted in the parking lot of a local health club on North Avenue in Garwood. A review of the county "portal to portal" vehicle list showed that the vehicle in question, a 2003 Crown Victoria, is currently assigned to the head of the county finance department.

Chapter 139 of the county administrative code entitled "Vehicles, County Owned" states: "It shall be the policy of the County of Union that the use of a County-assigned vehicle by an employee shall be limited to official County business, and said vehicle shall not be used for personal purposes with the exception of authorized commuting use to and from the employee's workstation." It could be argued that this employee, who resides in the area, was on his way home from a hard days work and merely stopped off to relax in the sauna. The problem with that argument is that Union County government was closed for business that day and "portal to portal" doesn't mean home to work, to gym, to Shop Rite, with a stop at Star Bucks for a latte, then home again.

The inappropriate use of county-owned vehicles is intolerable; obviously the taxpayers are being taken advantage of in both of these situations. The travel requirements of both of these individuals could certainly be handled satisfactorily with a reimbursement for mileage on their personal vehicles, like the rest of the real world. Further, according to the county Administrative Codes: "Where determined by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to be appropriate, economy cars will be utilized by the County of Union." Now I may be wrong, but somehow it is highly doubtful that a Crown Victoria could be considered an economy car.

The GOP team of Quattrocchi, Mortimer and Barabas for Union County Freeholder want to ensure that the hardworking residents of Union County are not "taken for a ride" any longer, and ask for your vote of confidence on Election Day. For additional information about us please contact the UC Republican Committee at 908-789-0200 or at info@unioncountygop.org

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Sprawling Westfield Residence



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