



HERE'S TO THE NIGHT...Julie Reed, Nellie Caballero and Lydia Sams took time to pose for a picture at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Senior Prom on June 2. The evening was capped off with the prom song, "Here's To The Night"; PARTY TIME...Senior Dan Ingram, right, jumps in front of the lens at the prom. Jessica McGarry and Derrick Chen, left, also had a great time dancing that evening.

SP-F Board of Ed. Discusses Superintendent Search

population in the town and the struggle to stay abreast of new technology and developments in the classroom. Community members also saw a "need to improve on ability to respond to crisis and ensure safety."

The audience discussed the kind of background, training and experience they thought a future superintendent should have. A ma-

majority of those present wanted someone with some background in teaching and experience in the classroom, some knowledge of child development, someone who had been in a leadership position as an administrator and someone who was business savvy.

Ms. Larsen asked, "What personal leadership style is important in our new superintendent?" The audience listed loyalty, trust and good listening skills.

The discussion shifted from the qualities the prospective new superintendent should have to one about the qualities Superintendent Choye possesses.

"She's an advocate for the district," one audience member said. "She's very personable. I've lived her for two years, and she knows me, and she knows my son...it's quite amazing."

Parents said that the choosing of a new superintendent affects the ones for whom the school system functions - the students. One parent said, "Her (the superintendent's) presence to the children is reflected in her decisions, her programs, the teachers she hires. Terrible leadership breeds terrible morale, and good leadership breeds good morale, and that transmits to the kids."

FW Brush Pickup

up much," Mr. Dickson said.

On a typical Saturday at the recycling center, residents often crowd around the large mound of decomposing woodchips, taking turns shoveling and filling buckets or other containers with the rich mulch for their home landscaping projects, he said.

He said that the brush collection program has been conducted for at least 20 years in the borough and has been "very successful."

Residents can get more information from the DPW by calling (908) 322-7404 or by visiting the web at www.visitfanwood.com.

Car Strikes, Kills Scotch Plains Resident

Lieutenant Donnelly refrained from disclosing the name of the driver, but did say that he was a 50 year old from Middlesex County.

According to witnesses, the driver stopped immediately after the accident and did not leave the scene. Lieutenant Donnelly said the Scotch Plains police received 911 calls from three witnesses.

Scotch Plains police responded to the scene first. Mr. Oatman was taken to Muhlenberg Medical Center in Plainfield, where he was pronounced dead.

"The case is closed for all intents and purposes," said Lieutenant Donnelly. He also said that the three witnesses told identical stories, which helped police conclude their investigation.

The Harding Ave.-Rt. 22 intersection is not known to be very

dangerous, he said. "I can't remember the last fatality. There was nothing unusual, and the road conditions were fine."

This is Scotch Plains' third driving-related fatality of the year. The most recent incident occurred in March, when a college student was killed. The driver of the vehicle was charged with death by auto in that accident.

Correction

A front-page story in last week's Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times reporting on the board of education's May 30 meeting should have reported that of the \$15 million the local school district spends on special education, \$4 million is generated from federal and state funding with the remaining \$11 million paid by the district. The reporter inadvertently reversed the figures.

Also at the meeting, a Scotch Plains resident Susan Buccola, a speech and language specialist, said she was misquoted at the meeting. The correct quote is as follows:

"The 25-plus year history of failing to settle contracts in a timely manner is negatively affecting its (the school district's) reputation. And, as a taxpayer, I am concerned as to how this is affecting my property value."

Primary Elections

McCarthy in the fall. Republicans did not file a candidate for mayor. Mr. Paterson is a former GOP candidate for freeholder and Garwood council.



ARRIVING IN STYLE...Arriving with 40 friends, Kahterine Paseka steps out of a party bus on her way to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Prom; DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY...Friends Jessica Levine and Jessica Churgin enjoyed a dance together at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Senior Prom.

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Dear Steve Kelley of the Federal Aviation Administration,

- I believe the FAA should focus on decreasing aircraft noise over residential neighborhoods in Union County, New Jersey.
- I oppose the proposed FAA airspace redesign plans that increase the number of airplanes that fly over Westfield, New Jersey.
- I oppose the proposed FAA airspace redesign plans that lower the altitude of airplanes that fly over Westfield, New Jersey.
- I support the proposed Ocean Routing airspace redesign plan which routes aircraft over the ocean and allows planes to gain altitude before flying over residential neighborhoods.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Scotch Plains

Tuesday, May 30, a student at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School said she received numerous unwanted phone calls from another student.

Wednesday, May 31, a resident of Montague Avenue reported that several rings were taken from her residence.

Wednesday, May 31, Mitch Cohen, 19, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute. The detective bureau arrested the suspect after a week-long investigation, police said. Cohen was processed and transported to the Union County jail.

Friday, June 2, Randolph Reina, 45, of Edison was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after responding to a disturbance call on Plainfield Avenue. Reina was processed and released with a summons, police said.

Friday, June 2, Janet Schafer, 30, of Roselle Park was arrested and charged for driving while intoxicated (DWI). Police made the arrest as part of an investigation of a possible hit and run accident, police said. Officers reported that they noticed an odor of alcohol on Schafer's breath. Schafer was arrested, processed and released with a summons, police said.

Saturday, June 3, Daniel Piccola, 19, of Fanwood was arrested and charged with criminal mischief after an investigation into a call from a Jerusalem Road business. Police said Piccola was observed driving his vehicle over the lawn. The suspect was processed and released with a summons, police said.

Fanwood

Tuesday, May 30, Henry Balbuena, 39, of Rahway was arrested for outstanding warrants out of Teaneck and Passaic following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue.

Tuesday, May 30, Deborah McClendon, 43, of Scotch Plains was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Martine Avenue for outstanding warrants out of Milburn, Hillside and Cranford. Ronald McClendon, 49, of Scotch Plains who was a passenger in the vehicle was also arrested and charged with an active warrant out of Irvington, police said.

Thursday, June 1, Vincent Gubernat, 38, of Fanwood was arrested in the 500 block of North Avenue following a motor vehicle stop, which revealed an active warrant out of South Brunswick.

Thursday, June 1, Verna Dillard, 56, of Roselle was arrested on an outstanding Mountainside warrant following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue.

Friday, June 2, Michael Niotis, 34, of Roselle Park was arrested following a motor vehicle stop, which revealed and outstanding warrant out of Union.

Friday, June 2, Althia Fiorentino, 34, of Scotch Plains was arrested on an outstanding Elizabeth warrant after a motor vehicle stop on Martine Avenue.

Saturday, June 3, Cynthia Dotoli, 44, of Springfield was arrested on an active Union County Sheriff's no bail

warrant. She was also charged with displaying a false insurance card and possessing a false insurance card, police said.

Sunday, June 4, Danielle Marino, 39, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding Fanwood warrant following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue.

Sunday, June 4, Kevin Crowley, 49, of Plainfield was arrested on an active Somerville warrant following a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road.

Sunday, June 4, Regan Edwards, 34, of Plainfield was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Martine Avenue, which revealed an outstanding Union warrant.

Sunday, June 4, Sean Burger, 28, of Staten Island was arrested on South Avenue for an outstanding Fanwood warrant following a field investigation.

Monday, June 5, Nancy Siganoff, 45, of Edison was arrested on a warrant out of Woodbridge following a field investigation.

Westfield

Wednesday, May 31, Lenin Quijada, 25, of West New York was arrested at the West New York Police Department on an outstanding \$623 Westfield criminal warrant. He was released after posting bail.

Wednesday, May 31, Terrell Williams, 21, of Scotch Plains was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at North Avenue and Clark Street on an outstanding \$500 traffic warrant issued by Scotch Plains. Williams posted bail and was released.

Thursday, June 1, Ju Kim, 42, of Staten Island, N.Y. was arrested at Central Avenue and East Broad Street and charged with DWI. Kim was released to a responsible individual.

Friday, June 2, Glenn Robert Straffi, 51, of Colonia was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at Central and North Avenues and charged with DWI and refusal to submit to an alcohol test. He was released to his wife pending a court date.

Saturday, June 3, Ljupco Pasevski, 31, of West Paterson was arrested and charged with DWI pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at Lamberts Mill Road and Bayberry Lane. He was released to a responsible individual.

Saturday, June 3, Thomas Bowden, 19, of Clark and four male juveniles were arrested following a motor vehicle stop at Central Avenue and Park Street and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance/under 50 grams of suspected marijuana; underage possession of alcohol and possession of fireworks.

Bowden was released on his own recognizance pending a court date. The juveniles, a 17-year-old and a 14-year-old from Clark, a 15-year-old from Cranford and a 15-year-old from Bridgewater, were released to their parents or another responsible adult.

Sunday, June 4, Olenka Pawlyshyn, 19, of Maplewood was arrested following a motor vehicle stop at Benson Place and charged with DWI. She was held at Westfield police headquarters until sober and then released with several summonses.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT...Hollace Hoffman receives a plaque from the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club. Ms. Hoffman, coordinator of Operation Archaeology for Union County and former director of the Trailside Museum, presented a lecture, "Life Before Supermarkets," to the group last Wednesday. The Rotary Club welcomes guests to its meetings, held Wednesdays at noon at Snuffy's Restaurant.

June 2006 Events at the Westfield Memorial Library
Starting on June 18, the Library will be open from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for the summer.

ADULT PROGRAMS

June 9	1:30 PM	TGIF: VD Day
June 14	10:00 AM	Computer Class: Genealogy
June 16	1:30 PM	TGIF: Botanical Gardens
June 23	1:30 PM	TGIF: Blues Musicians
June 27	7:00 PM	Author, Helen-Chantal Pike: Asbury Park
June 30	1:30 PM	TGIF: Emily Dickinson

TEEN PROGRAMS

June 13	7-10:00 PM	Teen Study Time
June 14	7-10:00 PM	Teen Study Time
June 15	7-10:00 PM	Teen Study Time
June 19	All Day	Registration for Online Summer Reading Begins

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

June 10	1:00 PM	Decorate the Library Quilt Project
June 19	All Day	Registration for Summer Reading Begins
June 26	10:00 AM	Baby Rhyme Time
June 27	10:00 AM	Preschool Storytime
June 28	10:00 AM	Mother Goose Group
June 28	6:30 PM	Chess
June 29	10:00 AM	Tots Storytime
June 29	2:00 PM	Preschool Storytime
June 29	4:00 PM	Creative Dramatics
June 30	10:00 PM	Color/Shape Bingo

Restrictions regarding pre-registration or age may apply to some programs. Call the library for further information.

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