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There are many stars in our community and these people enrich our lives in many ways. This edition of This is Westfield spotlights these very diverse individuals, who have impacted the lives of many throughout the state and the world. From their global influence, the theme for this year’s edition, “Planet Westfield”, was conceived.

The “Planet Westfield” theme is featured on the front cover by the creative skills of Brion Devlin. The journalists and editors carry the theme throughout the rest of this special publication. I hope you enjoy it. The staff and contributing journalists worked hard to produce this edition.

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Notable Personalities Build Pride in Westfield

By MICHELLE H. LOPODEVIN
Specially Written for This Is Westfield

Is it something in the drinking water? The Town of Westfield has a special knack for turning out notable personalities in all walks of life.

Some of these individuals have decided to move on from Westfield to pursue the goals that make them so notable. Others have opted to plant their roots in Westfield’s soil for good.

The Westfielders featured in our 29th Edition of This Is Westfield are profiles in civic duty, creativity, leadership, science, government, sports, medicine and courage. The number of notable characters who have made Westfield their home is as innumerable as the stars in the heavens. We simply cannot count them all. Our spotlighted stars are a small sampling of those who touch our lives as Westfielders in countless ways.

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Profiles in Government

Renee Trabert, who serves as chief advisor to Acting New Jersey Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco of Scotch Plains, can boast a family tree with strong branches that have deeply entwined in improving the welfare of Westfield, with roots that make them so notable. Others have learned that Mr. McDermott, the father of Westfield Mayor Gregory S. McDermott, seeks to keep the New Jersey Turnpike running as smoothly as possible.

Mr. McDermott, who served as Republican Counsel during the Whitewater hearings, praised the excellence maintained throughout the Westfield School District.

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Mayor’s Note

Mayor McDermott Salutes Residents Who Work to Help Westfield Thrive

By MAYOR GREGORY S. MCDERMOTT
Specially Written for This Is Westfield

Westfield is a community in which ordinary people do extraordinary things each and every day.

There is, in fact, a tradition of public service in this community that dates back to our town’s settler days.

Some three hundred years ago, Westfield’s first act of business as a newly-incorporated township in 1794 was to commit to raising $100 for the support of the poor.

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We established a premier downtown with a wide range of businesses, retail stores and restaurants.

Our top-notch school system, high quality of living, community spirit and enthusiasm attract new residents to Westfield each and every year and inspire generations of families to call Westfield their home.

Strong and vital communities like Westfield don’t just happen. They are cultivated, maintained and encouraged by concerned individuals who are willing to make it happen. And there are so many here in Westfield who make it happen not just for our community, but also for our neighbors throughout the state.

I salute Westfield’s many exceptional residents and thank all of the individuals and organizations that work tirelessly to support our town, to ensure its continued prosperity and to better the world around us.

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Westfield Native Dr. Pindaros Roy Vagelos
Knows Meaning of Being True Humanitarian

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specially Written for This Is Westfield

For nearly 50 years, Dr. Pindaros Roy Vagelos has been touching lives and his contributions to medicine have improved the quality of life for people throughout the world.

A Westfield native, Dr. Vagelos’ parents immigrated from Lesbos, a small Greek island located off the coast of Turkey. Joining family members already settled in Westfield, the Vagelos family owned and operated the Westfield Sweet Shop and the Westfield Candy Kitchen.

Oddly enough, Dr. Vagelos’ love of medicine began while helping his parents with another family business, Estelle’s Sweet Shop in Rahway. The scientists employed at Merck and Co., Inc. would stop in for lunch and while waiting tables, Dr Vagelos would hear them talking about their projects.

It was those lunch time conversations that inspired Dr. Vagelos to major in science at the University of Pennsylvania and pursue a medical degree at Columbia University School of Medicine.

After Columbia, Dr. Vagelos cared for heart patients at National Institutes of Health and chaired the Department of Biochemistry at Washington University School of Medicine. He discovered the acyl carrier protein which helps synthesize fatty acids.

In 1976, Dr. Vagelos was appointed President of Merck, Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories. He then moved on to Chairman of the Board and CEO of Merck, a position he held for 19 years.

“I had to retire from Merck at age 65”, Dr. Vagelos, now age 72, explained to This Is Westfield. “It was company policy.”

While CEO of Merck, Dr. Vagelos set a precedent for socially-responsible medicine. Mectizan, an anti-parasitic medication developed by Merck, had been found effective in killing the parasitic worm, onchocerca vulvulus, transmitted by flies. Bites from infected flies cause a condition known as river blindness in humans.

Clinical trials conducted by Merck in Africa showed the drug to be safe for humans. Just one pill a year prevents river blindness. When the countries with the highest incidence of River Blindness were economically unable to obtain Mectizan, Dr. Vagelos arranged for Merck to distribute the drug at no cost worldwide, thereby preventing River Blindness in an estimated 21 million people.

“The River Blindness project continued long after I retired,” commented Dr. Vagelos, adding that the project has been an example and an encouragement to other pharmaceutical companies to help those countries that can’t afford necessary medication.

Two other widely-used drugs were also developed under Dr. Vagelos’ direction at Merck - Mevacor to lower cholesterol and Proscar to treat enlarged prostate glands.

Dr. Vagelos received the Bower Award for Business Leadership from the Franklin Institute for his role in the Mectizan Project. He is also the recipient of the Pupin Medal presented by the Columbia Engineering School for distinguished service to the nation in Engineering, Science and Technology, as well as many other honors bestowed by the scientific community.

He is a member of the American Academy of the Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Sciences and the American Philosophical Society. Dr. Vagelos is the author of over 100 scientific papers.

Dr. Vagelos and his wife, Dr. Diana...
Vagelos have founded the Roy and Diana Vagelos Laboratories of the Institute for Advanced Science and Technology at the University of Pennsylvania.

They have established the Vagelos Scholars Program in Molecular Life Sciences also at the University of Pennsylvania, and they tirelessly raise funds for the award, which is presented to students interested in the biological sciences.

The Drs. Vagelos currently live in Peapack-Gladstone. They have been married 46 years and are the parents of four grown children.

The same week he retired from Merck in 1994, Dr. Vagelos accepted a position as Director and Chairman of the Board of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc., a small company in Tarrytown, N.Y. He now directs an additional company, Advanced Medicine Inc., located in San Francisco.

Both companies are involved in the development of new medication.

"The pharmaceutical industry has gone through many changes over the years and more changes will follow," commented Dr. Vagelos. "My career has been a lot of fun and very busy and continues to be so." His long and distinguished career as a humanitarian and as a doctor is a testimony to his words, as well as his life.
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Throughout Her Acting Career, Allison Siko Admires Buckley, Gibson, But Mostly Mom

By KERRIANNE SPELLMAN CORT
Specially Written for This Is Westfield

There is something truly special about Westfield resident Allison Siko. It is not the fact that at the ripe old age of 13 she is a professional actress with many remarkable credits.

Allison began performing in commercials when she was three, and has since appeared in movies and on the professional stage. One of the directors that she worked with on a Fisher Price commercial liked her so much that he sent her the toy that was featured in the spot as a gift.

Allison also had the honor of starring alongside Betty Buckley and Deborah Gibson in Paper Mill Playhouse’s acclaimed production of Gypsy. Indeed, Allison has hobnobbed with the stars. But that isn’t what makes her special either.

She is special because she is just so cool. This Is Westfield was thoroughly impressed with how grounded Allison is, not to mention the young actress’ intelligence and wisdom.

Grounded, intelligent and wise, at 13. While she loves her entertainment work, she made it very clear that it was really just a hobby, an “after-school job.” Her schoolwork comes first and she isn’t upset about that at all. In fact, she likes it that way. When asked what her favorite subject in school was, she wittily replied that “I’m sure most kids would say lunch was their favorite subject, but I think I like art class the best.”

Allison explained that she really likes all of her classes, with Spanish and the sciences also being favorites, but that art class was a peaceful time of the school day.

She told This Is Westfield about a trip that she took to Los Angeles to visit her friend, actress Hallee Hirsch. Instead of describing the business contacts she made and what kind of work she might have done in LA, she told This Is Westfield about how much fun she had doing tourist-y things. Strolling down Hollywood’s Walk of Fame, visiting the Hollywood Sign. Just being a kid, hanging around in the City of Angels with her best friend.

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From Whitewater to Westfield: Former U.S. Attorney Michael Chertoff Is One of This Town’s Jewels

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for This Is Westfield

After his four-year tenure as United States Attorney concluded, Michael Chertoff and his family were looking to move from their Mountainside residence to a new home.

“We knew Westfield, we patronized the stores, we had friends who lived there,” he told This Is Westfield.

So in the mid-1990s, Mr. Chertoff, 47, settled on the north side of town, where he has lived ever since.

Calling Westfield “a wonderful town,” Mr. Chertoff, who is employed as a Partner in the Litigation Department in the Newark-based office of the Latham & Watkins law firm, said he likes the town for several reasons.

“There is a warm, wonderful group of people here. We have a lot of friends here,” noted Mr. Chertoff, who served as U.S. Attorney from 1990-1994.

For approximately 10 years, he shouldered the responsibilities of federal prosecutor for New Jersey and the southern area of New York. During that time, Mr. Chertoff collaborated with the Customs Service while investigating cases involving money laundering, narcotics trafficking and export control violations.

Mr. Chertoff was also responsible for overseeing probes into organized crime and white collar crime.

From 1991-1994, he participated in some of the top levels of the Department of Justice while serving as a member of the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys.

From 1995-1996, he took the helm and headlined as Republican Counsel to the Senate Whitewater Committee, investigating the Whitewater real estate transaction.

In that role, which he held for approximately 13 months, Mr. Chertoff confronted the current New York State Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and others, asking the toughest questions.

In October 2000, he agreed to aid the Senate Committee in analyzing New Jersey police documents in order to determine the involvement by Former New Jersey Attorney General Peter Verniero in racial profiling throughout the state.

A native of Elizabeth, he also stated that he likes the way Westfield is geographically laid out.

“The center of the town has a nice mix. It’s a real downtown without being overwhelmingly large. It’s not like a big shopping mall, but more like a classically New England town,” he explained.

Mr. Chertoff also pointed to the fact that there are “plenty of things to do” in town, including the variety of restaurants and stores.

Mr. Chertoff, whose wife works in town, also lauded the public schools in Westfield, which his daughter attended for a time.
Renee Trabert: Right Hand to Governor DiFrancesco

By DAVID PALLADINO
Specially Written for This Is Westfield

Grounded in hometown tradition, Renee Trabert is a true daughter of Westfield — a shining example of the best that the town has to offer.

Ms. Trabert is a woman who has become comfortable with the ultimate balancing act: creating the super family, a dynamic career, and serving as a civic leader to be reckoned with.

Along with her husband William Heinbokel, Ms. Trabert, is the mother of two children bearing great Irish names, Maura, 5, and Liam, 2.

With a professional and civic-oriented career, which has spanned the highest levels of public service from the local to the state level, Ms. Trabert has assumed a new role — traveling daily to Trenton to serve as Advisor to the Governor.

Starting, as always, with the family, Renee and her husband William are devoted parents. She commented that her children love music, adding that Maura is especially drawn to Celtic music — perhaps even a future Irish step dancer.

Ms. Trabert commented that young Maura has even shown an early interest in politics. She said that the first question her daughter would ask in the morning during the recent neck to neck election was “Mommy, who is our new president?”

It is in fact, tough dividing time between work and family, but Ms. Trabert confided, “Bill and I have created a manageable balance between home and work.”

Political and civic service have after all been one of the central focal points of the Irish-dominated Trabert clan, and Renee is, quite inescapably, the inheritor of a great political tradition of a family totally devoted to the welfare of Westfield.

In fact, one could refer to them as our own hometown version of political Camelot.

Not only the daughter of Former Westfield Republican Chairman Dick Trabert, Renee is first cousin to the current Mayor of Westfield Gregory S. McDermott, and the wife of a Westfield Board of Adjustment member.

But also, in her own shining light, she holds the position as “right hand” to first politician of the state, Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco.

Ms. Trabert has been and is in the midst of the best in New Jersey politics. In fact, if Governor DiFrancesco is giving a speech, you can bet that Renee wrote it.

“My work for Don DiFrancesco, has been going on since even before I got out of college.” She worked for then Representative DiFrancesco during summer recess and school breaks.

Upon graduation from college, she received a call from Governor DiFrancesco, asking her to come and work for him for at least a year. After about a year in his district office, she went on to work at several of the leading advertising agencies in Manhattan and New Jersey, which specialized in...
Ms. Trabert also remembered much of the French she learned at Westfield High School, which she considered today to be “passable.” Très bon.

Not wandering too far after high school, she continued her studies at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., where she kept on the competitive and cutting edge.

Choosing Muhlenberg because of its Communications Department, she went on to further design her own major of Human Resource Management, later implemented as an official program by the school.

While at Muhlenberg, she was also instrumental in starting a chapter of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority on campus, serving as their first president.

Ms. Trabert commented, “It’s kind of strange to know that my name has to be memorized by all pledges to the Sorority for all time!”

She has kept in touch with goings on since her graduation from Muhlenberg by acting as a New Jersey liaison for prospective and current students of Muhlenberg from the area.

On top of her commitments to her home life and demanding career, Ms. Trabert is also devoted to the artistic culture of our region through her work for the Westfield Symphony Orchestra and church-related activities.

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ON THE JOB...Juggling work and family is at the top of Renee Trabert’s resume. Ms. Trabert serves as top advisor to Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco. Pictured, left to right, are: Ms. Trabert, Mr. DiFrancesco and Rae Hutton of the Governor’s Office.

Ms. Trabert returned to work for Governor DiFrancesco in a more active role. She became involved with speechwriting and branched into legislation.

Ms. Trabert, in fact, was involved in several significant and important legal advances. “We are especially proud of initiating the series of laws which became known as “Megan’s Law” as well as contributions to criminal history screening and state child care laws.”

Involvement in the field of politics certainly seemed to be in the cards for Ms. Trabert. Her earliest childhood recollections included riding in Fourth of July parades and handing out literature in the area and at shopping malls for her families various political campaigns.

Having attended Westfield Public Schools, Ms. Trabert commented that she was well prepared educationally, for the writing rigors that were to come.

She proudly stated that she had “some of the best teachers” who helped influence her career.

Involved in Advanced Placement English and Sophomore Honors Program, she fondly remembered English teacher Bob Eyre. She also recalled other instructors, including the well-respected Walt Clarkson, who provided effective guidance in writing skills and college preparation.

In fact, Ms. Trabert served as a co-editor in the triumvirate leadership of Westfield High School’s award-winning newspaper, *Hi’s Eye*.

Other extra-curricular activities at Westfield High School also saw Ms. Trabert performing on the clarinet as well as holding the position of concert mistress of the concert band. She additionally served as assistant drum major in the marching band.
A LEADER AT THE PAC...Shayne A. Miller of Westfield stands outside of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center where he serves as Asst. Publicist for the dynamic arts facility.

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"NJ Performing Arts Center Assistant Publicist Shayne Miller: The Embodiment of Upward Motion"

By DAVID PALLADINO

Originally hailing from South Plainfield, Assistant Publicist at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark Shayne Austin Miller, an up and coming Westfield star, embodies the exact attributes that every one of us like to see — a healthy abundance of talent, enthusiasm, charm and a sincere desire to make our community a better place.

Mr. Miller, who is certainly no stranger to the area, said, “I moved to Westfield because it was just the place that I wanted to be.” He further noted that “there is so much life here, so many great shops, a movie theater, a Starbucks, and even a great symphony orchestra”

“What else could anyone wish for?” he asked.

A man who believes strongly in a mission, Mr. Miller’s objective fits Westfield perfectly — the desire for building community. His strongest wish is to enrich the area culturally by giving back as much as he can to the community through his talents and professional work at NJPAC.

Mr. Miller graduated just this past year with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theater from Kean University. While at Kean, he worked with the Human Rights Campaign for a semester down in Washington D.C., another mission he strongly believes in.

A LEADER AT THE PAC...Shayne A. Miller of Westfield stands outside of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center where he serves as Asst. Publicist for the dynamic arts facility.

After the recent election concluded, Mr. Miller applied for and obtained a position as Assistant Publicist at NJPAC, where he currently handles media relations with the press including television, print and radio.

Mr. Miller was seen on FOX’s morning program “Good Day New York,” performed piano on NBC’s “Sunday Today Show,” and was interviewed on “Talking with Lee Leonard” on News 12 New Jersey.

“I have been with NJPAC for a little over four months now and love working there. We have some of the best people in the field on staff and I feel so fortunate to be a part of it all,” he told This Is Westfield.

Many Westfielders have already visited, and in fact, regularly visit, the cultural marvel known as NJPAC, which stands solidly at the center of the cultural revival of the once great diamond of a city, Newark.

Mr. Miller commented, “NJPAC is adding to the Renaissance of Newark and truly serves to help fuel the great economic engine of the revitalization efforts. This revitalization is so important to me personally, and to all of my associates, as it clearly shows that we are being successful in our attempt to rebuild our community in an even more meaningful and positive way.”

NJPAC has indeed become a focal point for what is best in New Jersey performing arts. Mr. Miller is particularly pleased that the facility is considered New Jersey’s premier arts education center for students and their families.

“This educational mission is also important to me because I am also so personally devoted to education,” he confided.

In his free time, Mr. Miller has devoted...
FROM PUBLICIST TO ACTOR...Shayne Austin Miller portrays Jesus Christ in a recent production of Godspell.

his talent and experience by serving as Drama Director at South Plainfield High School and the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop.

In addition to his duties at NJPAC, Mr. Miller certainly keeps active as a theatrical performer. He has starred in such honored roles as Tony in West Side Story, Jack in Into the Woods, Curly in Oklahoma and Jesus in Godspell.

In fact, he delivered an encore performance of Jesus in Godspell at the First Congregational Church in Westfield on Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18, with the Rainbow Experience Theatre Company.

In addition to professional theater, he has also been featured in a show at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson in which he completed over 300 performances.

He also has a permanent singing engagement as tenor in the choir of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in New Providence—a true Renaissance man of many talents.

Mr. Miller is the embodiment of upward mobility and a star in his own right. Through the likes of his work for culture and community, we all can certainly appreciate and honor what one dedicated individual can accomplish when engaged in a worthy and great cause.

--Shayne Miller Assistant Publicist, New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC)

ACTING UP...Shayne Austin Miller takes center stage during the Rainbow Experience Theatre Company’s production of Godspell.
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- July 6 and 20
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- September 14 and 28
- October 12 and 26
- November 9 and 23
- December 7 and 21

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- Westfield Municipal Building (908) 789-4030

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- Westfield Municipal Alliance/PANDA Drug Awareness Week

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**October**
- Turkey Trot at Tamaques Park
- Westfield Municipal Elections

**November**
- First Night Westfield
- Our 29th Annual Edition

**December**
- Westfield Public Schools start Holiday Concerts.

**January**
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, Essay Contest

**March**
- Westfield Symphony Orchestra Fundraiser Gala
- Rotary Club of Westfield Pancake Day
- Read Across America in Westfield Schools
- Westfield Municipal Alliance/PANDA Drug Awareness Week held

**April**
- Westfield Board of Education holds elections
- Spring Fling Festival held in downtown area

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- Nursery Schools, Westfield Symphony holds
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Westfield Municipal Government at a Glance

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HARD WORKING SHOES...Councilman Carl Salisbury gives credit to his shoes for carrying him to victory (January 1999).
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By KERRIANNE SPELLMAN CORT
Specially Written for This Is Westfield

On her journey from Korea to Westfield, Hye-Young Choi, made a few interesting detours along the way.

Although she is a Scotch Plains resident, she spends an enormous amount of time and energy making contributions to the Westfield community as the Number One Coldwell Banker realtor for the Westfield area.

The classically trained soprano left her homeland to study at The Manhattan School of Music where she earned masters degrees in music and music education. She received critical acclaim for her Carnegie Recital Hall debut and soon found herself starring opposite Yul Brynner in the Broadway smash hit, The King and I.

Long before Ms. Choi was winning awards for her remarkable real estate reputation, she was singing the glorious music of Rodgers and Hammerstein, eight shows a week for nearly seven years. That translates to approximately 2000 performances as Lady Thiang, the head wife to the King of Siam.

The character of Lady Thiang sings one of the more recognizable songs from the show, the beloved “Something Wonderful.”

Ms. Choi was so terrific in the role that she was chosen by Mr. Brynner to accompany him to London to star in the West End production of The King and I, where she had the opportunity to perform for the Royal Family.

So how does an opera and Broadway star unwind in the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club? Discipline. She claims her track record at Coldwell Banker, Westfield, speaks for itself.

Ms. Choi told This is Westfield that her career in real estate, like her amazing run on the great white way, requires focus and the utmost discipline.

Singing for 3,000 people each evening is no easy task, and Ms. Choi approaches her real estate career in the same manner.

“I can’t do anything halfway,” she told This is Westfield. “I like to focus on only one thing at a time, and I commit to it 100 percent.”

So why did she choose real estate after such a successful career in the arts?

Ms. Choi told This is Westfield that when her husband, Paul Tse, was hired as the Music Department Chairman at
A GRACIOUS TALENT...One of the highlights of Hye-Young Choi’s career included performing with the legendary Yul Brynner.

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Westfielder Mark B. Boyd, who spends his days in Trenton as New Jersey Commissioner of Labor, actually grew up in Mountainside, but spent a great deal of time as a youth in downtown Westfield, including going to the movies at the Rialto Theater.

“So when it was time to buy a house in 1989,” he told This Is Westfield, “the choice was obvious.”

Mr. Boyd, who has headed the Labor Department since last June, stated, “A number of things attracted me to Westfield.”

First, was the school system. He wanted his two oldest children, who 12 years ago were set to start school, to receive “a first-class education,” and said he had “no doubt that Westfield fit that criteria.”

Second, was the downtown business district, which Mr. Boyd termed “one of the great jewels” not only in the area but in all of New Jersey. He also listed a number of other factors that drew him to Westfield, including the train station, which is located just a few steps away from his house on Boulevard, and what Mr. Boyd called “the basic infrastructure of the community,” such as its sports teams and recreation programs.

All these factors, he said, have brought his family “a wonderful lifestyle.”

He called himself “incredibly fortunate” to live in Westfield, where he once served on the Planning Board and ran for the Westfield Board of Education several years ago.

Despite his busy schedule, Mr. Boyd said he continues to be involved with the flag football program. His three children are now spread across the school system.

In his role as Labor Commissioner, Mr. Boyd noted that his primary interests are workplace literacy programs and helping the disabled community move into the economic mainstream.
Town Recreation Facilities: Fun For All Seasons

**Brightwood Park**
Prospect Street
44 acres
Pond, dam, picnic areas, nature trails

**Clark Park**
Clark Street
9.5 acres
Memorial trees and gardens, jogging path

**Elm Street Park**
Elm Street
4 tennis courts available

**Gumbert Field**
Fourth Avenue and South Chestnut Street
8.3 acres
4 basketball courts with lights lit until 10 p.m., 3 Little League fields, jogging path, play area.

**Windsor Park**
Windsor Avenue
1 acre
Basketball court, children’s play area

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Mindowaskin Park 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Tamaques Park 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Memorial Park 8 a.m. - Dusk
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Peter Houlihan 8 a.m. - Dusk
Sycamore Field 8 a.m. - Dusk
Brightwood Park Dawn - Dusk
Clark Park 8 a.m. - Dusk
Windsor Avenue Park 8 a.m. - Dusk

**RULES & REGULATIONS**
No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the parks.
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Play on all fields is restricted to playable conditions.
Permits are required for fireplaces, picnic tables, ballfields, and tennis court play.

Assemblies are allowed by special permit from the Westfield Recreation Commission.
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All animals must be leashed and curbed at all times.
All commercial vehicles are banned from park grounds.
Wading, swimming, skating or boating is prohibited, except in designated areas.
Fishing is restricted to persons under 18 years old and to daylight hours.
Bicycles are restricted to paths and roadways.
Golf playing or practice is prohibited.
Mopeds and motorcycles are restricted to roadways only.

**Balloons and Magnolias**
Every year, The Nursery School of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield joins the pre-schools in town to mark April as the month of the young child. Mindowaskin Park, the site of the festivities, becomes sprinkled by a sea of 1,600 balloons in a rainbow of colors. The Westfield Symphony Orchestra supplies background music in a special program for the event. The pre-schools of Temple Emanu-El, Wesley Hall Nursery School, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Westfield Cooperative Nursery School, the Westfield Day Care Center, and Westfield Y pre-school are annual participants.

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**Sycamore Field**
Sycamore Street
1.5 acres
Soccer and lacrosse field and play equipment

**Mindowaskin Park**
East Broad Street, adjacent to Municipal Building
12.6 acres
Children’s play area, ice skating, parking lot and memorial trees, spray fountains, gazebo

**Tamaques Park**
Lamberts Mill Road and Dickson Drive
4 acres
18 picnic and firepace areas, 2 basketball courts, 8 tennis courts with lights until 10 p.m., 6 shuffleboard courts, 4 softball fields, 2 baseball fields, 2 handball courts, 8-mile jogging oval, children’s play area, pond, ice skating (in Season), recreation service building with restroom and public telephone.

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Westfield High School Sports

Devil V’ballers Serve Up Successful, 17-6, Season

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

“I’m glad to see that the quality of play in Westfield is improving,” stated Westfield High School girls volleyball Head Coach Bev Torok. “Of course the level of play in the area has also improved.”

This season, the Blue Devils made it to the semifinals of the Union County tournament, played in the quarterfinals of the NJSIAA State tournament and finished with a 17-6 record.

“Our girls took the team the farthest ever in the state tournament,” pointed out Torok. “there will be tough shoes to fill.”

The Westfield girls advanced to the quarterfinals by defeating a fine Bridgewater-Raritan team, 12-15, 15-7, 15-11, then were stopped by West Windsor, 16-14, 15-12. But perhaps their finest hour and a half came on October 20 when they defeated the then seventh-ranked Union Catholic High School girls, 15-9, 3-15, 15-12.

“Hands down, that Union Catholic game was the best game we played this season,” expressed Torok.

“It was really a strong group this year,” said Torok. “Although we had the same record as last year, we were more experienced and were a much better team.”

Lady Devils’ Defense Played Key Role in Soccer Success

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Strong defense was key to the Westfield High School girls soccer team’s successful season record of 14-6-3. The Blue Devils outscored opponents, 45-17, and were never blown out in any of their losses.

The last line of defense, senior keeper Michelle Meglaughlin, was spectacular. In the 21 games that she participated in, she yielded just 16 goals, recorded 133 saves and had 13 shutouts.

Senior Susan Hinds and sophomore Susan Williams were the Blue Devils’ primary scoring threats. Hinds did most of the scoring and netted 15 goals. Williams was second in scoring with seven goals and five assists.

LEADING SCORER...Susan Hinds led the Blue Devil girls soccer team with 15 goals.

Achievement

Annual Powder Puff Game

Powder Puff Game Assumes Posture of Presidential Race

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

This was the scenario when the Westfield High School senior girls battled to a 12-12, overtime tie with the juniors in the annual Powder Puff game at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on November 22. What initially seemed to be a lock for the seniors – projected winners – became frozen in time while the juniors, after scoring a fourth quarter touchdown, came back again and were judged to have scored just as regulation time ran out.

The Powder Puff game could be eerily paralleled to the ongoing presidential race. One side got a big jump and, as the final 1:30 in regulation seemed to last five minutes, the other side edged back to gain a tie in the nick of time to force the overtime.

Both scenarios had their degree of heavy hitting; however, unlike the election situation, the Powder Puff game was played in the athletic arena of spirit and good “clean” fun and the hitting was actually part of the game and not done with malice.

Responsible
Blue Devils Quietly Build Girls X-Country Dynasty

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Ten-straight Union County championships, six-straight Watchung Conference titles, five North Jersey, Section 2 titles since 1991, two-straight St. Dominic’s Academy Invitational titles and 68-straight dual meet victories! Not bad! But the 2000 Westfield High School girls cross country team has done even more by winning the Shore Coaches Invitational B race for the first time in WSHS history, placing third in the Group 4 state championships and by finishing ninth at the Meet of Champions.

In the past, Westfield has been known for its exceptional boys swimming teams – 42-straight Union County titles – football teams – 48-straight victories and a state No. 1 recognition in 1977 – wrestling teams – during the 70’s to the mid-80’s – gymnastics program – seven-straight Union County titles – and girls soccer program.

But now, the Blue Devil girls cross country “Pac” have quietly built their own dynasty. Head Coach Tom Hornish, who has been with the Westfield High School cross country program for 28 years, deserves plenty of credit for this success. Hornish unselfishly recognized and complimented the efforts of other teams in the county and conference. And, this past season, Hornish was recognized for his efforts by being awarded the Union County Sportsmanship Award. Although Westfield won via tie breaker over Morristown at the Mt. St. Dominc’s Academy Invitational, Hornish considered the toughest meet to be at the UC championships when Union brought back 2-3-4-5 runners behind Blue Devil Alexis Anzelone and forced Westfield to place the remainder of their runners in the top-12 to pull out the victory.

“The Union girls and coach Don Erdman really had a fine season and put the pressure on us in the counties,” said Hornish. “And that makes both teams better.”

All seven of the Devil “Pac” – Rachel Ackerman, Anzelone, Jackie Cusimano, Kyle Legones, Sarah Mahran, Erin McClellan and Carolyn Harbaugh – were named to the All-Union County list and Anzelone was selected as the UC Runner of the Year.

This year’s team could be recognized as the best ever Blue Devils cross country team. Although the 1995 team placed sixth at the Meet of Champions the 2000 “Pac” turned in a better team time. Additionally, all seven 2000 front “Pac” members placed on the WHS All-Time top-20 list for dual meets at Warinanco Park (Roselle) and six placed on the WHS top-20 for times recorded at Holmdel, Warinanco Championship course and at Tamaques in Westfield.

Anzelone recorded the second-best WSHS times at Tamaques and on the Warinanco Championship course both behind Cindy Best, who set the number-one standard on all four courses in 1982.

Yes, Westfield has surely built another dynasty not just in talent but in numbers.

“The girls team was formed in 1980 and through the decade of the 80s there were usually between nine and 16 girls on the team,” pointed out Hornish. “But in recent years, we have carried over 40 runners.”

Caravello Selected Gymnast of the Year

Westfield High School junior Lauren Caravello has been selected as the North Jersey, Section 2 Gymnast of the Year by The Star Ledger. Caravello received All-Section honors in every event at this year’s sectional. Her sister Jessica also received All-Section honors on the floor exercises and Blue Devil freshman Kristien Valla received All-Section honors on the uneven bars.

Lauren Caravello has won the all-around in the sectional tournament in all three of her appearances. Each time, she has improved her total. As a freshman, she won with a total of 36.2 and as a sophmore, she won with a total of 36.7. This year, she upped her winning total to 37.5.
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Westfield High School Sports

Westfield Wrestling

Highly Improved Blue Devil Matmen Stun Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders, 39-29

Two years ago, the Westfield High School wrestling program hit rock bottom. Head Coach Glen Kurz had just a handful of wrestlers – only a few with experience – and was faced with forfeiting as many as five weight classes – 30 team points. As a matter of fact, the Blue Devils suffered their most humiliating defeat, 63 to minus 1, against Caldwell.

As the program began to build, the Blue Devils still took their lumps, but improvement was made. This year, Westfield, still with a very young team, has improved in every match and stunned rival Scotch Plains-Fanwood – also a very young team – 39-29 in Scotch Plains on January 17.

“Every time our kids go out on the mat, they get better,” said Coach Kurz. “It started with the loss to Kearny. We lost to them by 11 this season and last year, they beat us by 50. We’ve gotten better in every match that we wrestled. We are very much in a positive mind frame right now.”

The Blue Devils came prepared and ready to wrestle.

Westfield Boys Basketball

Devil Hoopmen Finish Strong, Winning 6 of 8; Westfield Will Return All Five Starters

The Westfield High School boys basketball team sputtered early this season with a record of 3-10. Finishing with only four wins last year, their season seemed to be going down that same tube. Then, the Blue Devils stepped it up and won six of their final eight games to finish with a respectable 9-12 record.

Westfield Head Coach Kevin Everly pointed out, “It’s probably the toughest conference in the state. When you’ve got Watching Conference members competing against each other in the state Group 3 and 4 finals, you know it’s talented.”

Highlighting Westfield’s season were juniors Dan Deserio, Jay Cook and Jim McKeon. Deserio led the team in points (268) and rebounds (151). Cook pulled 72 rebounds and seized 25 steals. McKeon glittered with 197 points and 20 three-pointers.

This season’s top Blue Devil team effort came against Linden late in the season as they handed the Tigers a 67-59 defeat. It was the first time in over 15 years the Blue Devils had achieved that feat. This feat was even more special, considering Linden’s triumph over St. Patrick’s in the Union County Tournament finals.

“Next year we’ll get better. We’ll have all five starters coming back. Plus, we did okay with mostly juniors this year,” concluded Everly.

Westfield Boys Lacrosse

The Blue Devil boys laxers prefer to mix it up with the best teams in the state.
Westfield High School Sports

Westfield Boys & Girls Swimming

Devil Swim Boys, Girls Met the Best; The Future Looks Very Bright

When was the last time the Westfield High School (WHS) boys swim team lost six meets in a season? In the last 47 years, it has only happened twice. The 1983 team was 10-6 and the 1954 team was 5-6.

But appearances can be deceiving. This year’s WHS boys’ team went 10-6, but the six losses were to teams ranked No. 1 (Cherry Hill East), 2 (Holy Spirit), 4 (St. Joseph), 5 (CBA), 7 (Bridgewater-Raritan) and 8 (Shawnee) in the state. And most of them were close enough to be considered winnable.

“We had a really successful season ... and the future looks very bright,” Johnson said. “Cherry Hill East has the best junior class in the state, but Westfield has the best sophomore and freshman classes in the state.”

The Blue Devils, coached by Martha Heintzelman and Jamie Ruszala, posted a 12-3 record — losing only to top-ranked Immaculate Heart, No. 2 Vineland and a very strong Shawnee squad — while winning the Union County championship and the sectional title.

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Westfield Golf

Blue Devils Grab Second At UC Golf Tounry

Three titles in-a-row was not in the cards for the Westfield High School golf team as the Cranford squad captured the Union County Golf Crown held on May 11, 2000 at the par 36 Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield for the 36th-straight year. The Cougars totaled 332 to the Blue Devils’ 343.

In 1999 the Blue Devils had a record-setting 310 Union County Tournament total to capture the team title and Brent Bramnick fired a three-over par 75 to edge teammate Ronnie Kashlak who shot 76. The previous team total had been first set by Scotch Plains-Fanwood in 1970 then tied by Westfield in 1992.

Boys and Girls Cross Country

Westfield Softball

Devil Softballers Make Defense a Priority

Building a strong defense may be a priority this season for the Westfield High School girls softball team. Finishing 13-12 last year, the major problem appeared to be with the defense. However, strong offense will come from seniors Courtney Thornton and Lindsay Gueriero, and juniors Caitlin MacDonald and Nicole DiFabio Thornton and Gueriero, the team captains, will play shortstop and third base, respectively. Thornton has probably the strongest arm in the county and is working on her body positioning for accuracy. Lindsay played a lot at third base last year and will be a strength.

“The right side has good, talented young players,” answered McFadden. “It is a matter of how well they respond to playing at the varsity level. I think they are going to be fine.”

Girls Lacrosse

The Lady laxers won their first state playoff game last season.
An Author, Therapist and Spiritual Leader: The Tale of the Good Doctor, Peter Kalellis

By MICHELLE H. LEPOIDEVIN / Special to This Is Westfield

If you ask Dr. Peter M. Kalellis about his life story, it’s a good idea to bring a tape recorder or a chunky notepad and a pack of pens, because few personal histories are as captivating and worth chronicling.

A licensed psychotherapist, marriage and family therapist, Dr. Kalellis has maintained his practice in Westfield since 1975. While he has profoundly touched the lives of every patient who passes through his office, the mild-mannered native of Philadelphia has had to contend with his own hardships.

While growing up on the Greek island of Lesbos in the Aegean Sea, a young Peter Kalellis lived under the Nazi juggernaut for about four years. The experience left him traumatized with flashbacks of the nightmares he was forced to endure.

However, Dr. Kalellis turned his pain into published work when he wrote “One More Spring,” a poignant novel based on his experiences laboring under Nazi rule. On the book’s dedication page, Dr. Kalellis writes, “Besieged by land and sea, starved, tormented, haunted by daily executions, our hearts yearned for justice and freedom.”

After World War II drew to a close, Dr. Kalellis returned to America, entering the Greek Theological Seminary in Brookline, Mass. to study for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest in the Greek Orthodox Church, serving the spiritual needs of that community for approximately 21 years.

Dr. Kalellis maintained a strong interest in promoting spirituality, but decided to extend his mission beyond church walls through outreach programs and educating others.

Between 1967 and 1974, Dr. Kalellis organized the “Heart Mission,” in which he took American doctors to Athens, Greece to perform open heart surgery, a skill that the Greek doctors were not familiar with. With the help of Dr. Kalellis and the generosity of late millionaire ship owner Aristotle S. Onassis, approximately 1,000 individuals received free heart surgeries from the Seventh Day Adventist doctors.

As a result of these successful operations, Greek doctors became trained by the American physicians and the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Centre in Athens was established, performing about 2,000 operations per year.

From 1975 to 1987, students at the Graduate School of Psychology of Seton Hall University in South Orange were instructed by Dr. Kalellis. The pupils eventually went on to become licensed therapists, following in their teacher’s footsteps.

Approximately 10 years ago, Dr. Kalellis traveled to Africa with his wife, Pat, and daughter, Katina, to serve as missionaries for a month. While he taught family living skills and self-esteem, Mrs. Kalellis put her teaching expertise to use by supplying the African people with techniques for effective education.

Daughter Katina acted as a nurse for children who had been injured, while also teaching them songs and games from America.

Dr. Kalellis’ work with the cardiac doctors in Athens, missionary work in Africa and role as an educator at Seton Hall were pivotal milestones for the Westfield therapist.

“These three events have taught me more about human beings and their potential than any other school that I have attended,” revealed Dr. Kalellis.

“As a result, I continue to be creatively active in my practice and feel very rewarded in whatever project I undertake,” he added.

Dr. Kalellis’ contributions extend beyond the worlds of medicine, philanthropy and psychology. An accomplished author, he has reached the hearts of many through the written word.
Academy Award Winner Anne Revere
Relished Her Role As Westfield Resident

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for This Is Westfield

Among the luminaries who have called Westfield home was the late character actress Anne Revere, an Academy Award winner whose career was distinguished by roles in some of the past century’s best known films and stage plays. Miss Revere, who moved to Westfield with her family from New York’s Upper West Side as a youngster, was the daughter of Clinton T. Revere, a successful commodities broker and descendant of Revolutionary patriot Paul Revere.

The future actress, who grew up in a house on Grove Street, graduated from Westfield High School in 1922. Four years later, she was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Wellesley College in Massachusetts. Miss Revere also studied at the American Laboratory School in New York City prior to becoming an actress.

Miss Revere, whose talents were first showcased in regional theater roles, made a name for herself on Broadway in Lillian Hellman’s 1934 drama The Children’s Hour, in which she played one of two teachers victimized by a student’s lies. The part, which earned her plaudits, led to further theater credits and ultimately to the silver screen.

Miss Revere is perhaps best known for playing Elizabeth Taylor’s mother in the 1945 movie classic National Velvet, for which she garnered a Best Supporting Actress Oscar.

The actress appeared in nearly three dozen films between 1934 and 1951. She played the mother of the lead characters in such films as Body and Soul (1947), The Song of Bernadette (1943) and A Place in the Sun (1951).

Despite earning two additional Academy Award nominations, for supporting roles in The Song of Bernadette and 1947’s Gentleman’s Agreement, Miss Revere found herself blacklisted in the 1950s after she refused to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning alleged links to the Communist Party.

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Making Turnpike Run Smoothly, Partner in Law, Politician Frank X. McDermott Is Up to the Tasks

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for This Is Westfield

As Chairman of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA), Westfield resident, Frank X. McDermott enjoys the challenging role of making the 145 miles of New Jersey Turnpike run more efficiently.

Appointed in 1994 as Chairman by Former Governor and current Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency Christine Todd Whitman, and re-appointed in 1999, Mr. McDermott has overseen 1500 employees and a yearly budget of more than $450 million for the past seven years.

His agency, the NJTA, is responsible for overseeing repairs and maintenance of the Turnpike, construction and expansions, toll bridges and collection of tolls, Easy Pass administration as well as all of the typical administrative responsibilities of running any major company, such as employee benefits and budgeting.

The employees of the NJTA include engineers, administrative personnel, tollbooth employees, and a segment of the New Jersey State Police assigned to enforce the laws on the Turnpike.

Additionally, the NJTA is landlord to many major corporate businesses, such as Sunoco and Marriott Hotels, which rent property all along the highway.

Mr. McDermott said that he sees the Turnpike as, “the engine that pumps the economy of New Jersey. The Turnpike is the major transportation route for most of New Jersey’s trucks, enabling the State’s economy to flourish.” Mr. McDermott stated.

“My job is very challenging. We are always expanding or looking for new ways to operate more efficiently.” --Frank X. McDermott

Economic and traffic studies also enable Mr. McDermott’s office to assess future development projects.

“By analyzing economic growth and development, we can determine when and where the Turnpike needs to expand,” he revealed.

Mr. McDermott is also a practicing lawyer and partner in the firm, Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro and Murphy, based in Liberty Corner, which specializes in Labor Law. He has also had a very active political career, beginning with election to the Assembly in 1963 and becoming the Assistant Majority Leader in 1965.

In 1966, Mr. McDermott was the Republican Minority Leader and then the Majority Leader after being elected to the Senate in 1967. He became Senate President in 1969 and the Senate President Pro Temp in 1970.

Mr. McDermott lost re-election to the Senate in 1973, but was re-elected to the Assembly in 1976. He became Chairman of the Union County Republican Party in 1989. In the interim, between 1978 and 1989, he worked on campaigns for Former Governor Whitman and Matthew J. Rinaldo.
Dave Brown graduated from Westfield High School (WHS) in the spring of 1988. However, his name and face have been a mainstay in the national spotlight for quite some time.

Mr. Brown, whose team jersey boasts number 17, currently plays for the Arizona Cardinals, a National Football League (NFL) team playing out of Tempe, Ariz.

Last season, he threw for 467 yards and a touchdown while handling quarterback back-up duties to Jake Plummer.

Mr. Brown was a two-year varsity starter at quarterback for Westfield High School, and his accomplishments were plentiful as both a player and a person.

While at WHS, he earned Honorable Mention All-America and All-State in football. He was an All-County and All-Conference choice as he threw for more than 2,000 yards as a senior. He also earned the title of team MVP as a junior and senior. His legacy as an outstanding basketball and lacrosse player earned him team MVP honors in basketball and first-team All-State recognition in lacrosse.

In his senior season, Mr. Brown "gets paid well for a back-up," he still would like to get another shot at starting in the NFL.

Mr. Brown married his high-school sweetheart, Katie Lynch. They currently reside in the Tempe, Ariz. area. However, home is where the heart is for the Brown Family. The pair recently purchased a house in Westfield as well.

Mr. Brown is enjoying his NFL lifestyle, and the successes of his skill. But, as Coach Tranchina revealed, he always will have a back-up plan.

"He’s pretty good at golf, too,” he said.

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"He feels 100 percent healthy with the Cardinals, which is better than he did when playing for the Giants." --Westfield High School Coach Ed Tranchina
YULETIDE TREATS...Brownie Troop No. 76 from Franklin Elementary School in Westfield delivered homemade brownies to members of the Westfield Police Department, the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, both firehouses and the Union County Police Department who were on duty during the Christmas holiday. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Emma Franks, Julia Harbaugh, Nikki Koll, Caroline Kupfer, Charlotte Lorenzo and Charlotte Murtishaw, and back row, Patrolman Robert Beaton and Sergeant Patrick Gray of the Westfield Police Department.

WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT...In 2000, newly-sworn in Police Chief Bernard Tracy, right, congratulated the town’s newest police officer, Preston Freeman. Mr. Freeman was the first officer to be assigned to the Westfield Police Department by Chief Tracy.
Westfield Fire Department

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the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad and were treated to a tour and a presentation
on safety tips. Pictured, left to right, are: back row, Emergency Medical Technicians
Bettylou Yevich and Lauren Pass; front row, Jonathan Erman, Daniel Sproull, and
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**Downtown Westfield Is Where the Heart Is**

**For Politician Thomas Kean, Jr. and His Family**

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
**Specially Written for This Is Westfield**

When Tom Kean Jr. and his wife, Rhonda, a lifelong New Jersey resident, decided to buy a home in town, they chose Westfield largely because of its downtown and the sense of a close-knit community.

The parents of a two-year old, Elizabeth, reside in the Wilson Elementary School district. The couple were married in 1994 and moved to Westfield in December 1999 from Cambridge, Mass.

Residing in Massachusetts while Mr. Kean was completing his doctoral dissertation at Tufts University in international relations, the couple knew they wanted to live in Union County. After all, four generations of the Kean family were involved in the ownership/management of Elizabethtown Water since its organization in 1854. The company is based in Westfield.

But why did the couple move to Westfield?

“I left it up to Rhonda who fell in love with the downtown,” Mr. Kean said. They were lucky enough to find a house – on Harrison Street – that was within walking distance of Mindowaskin Park and the downtown.

“There was just a great sense of community that we both loved,” he said during an interview with *This Is Westfield* at The Westfield Diner in February. Mr. Kean grew up in Livingston and graduated from the Delbarton School in Morristown.

The Keans are quickly becoming involved in the community. Rhonda has joined the Friends of The Westfield Symphony and Tom is a Republican Committeeman from the First Ward, Sixth District.

Mr. Kean also plans to joins the Volunteer Company of the Westfield Fire Department. He is a trained Emergency Medical Technician and former volunteer firefighter with the Hyattsville Volunteer Department in Maryland.

The son of former Governor Thomas H. Kean (1982-1990), he ran for Congress last year and is a candidate for State Assembly this year.

The Kean family’s roots in politics can be traced back to John Kean, who served in Continental Congress from South Carolina before moving north to serve as the first cashier of The Bank of United States. The family is also linked through marriage to William Livingston, New Jersey’s first Constitutional Governor who served from 1776 until his death in 1790.

Two Keans also served in the United States Senate. Hamilton F. Kean served from 1929 to 1937 with his brother, John Kean serving from 1899 to 1911. Senators were appointed by the Legislature in those days.

Tom Kean Jr.’s grandfather, Robert Winthrop Kean, who was President of the Livingston National Bank, served in Congress from 1939 to 1959.

“I’m a New Jerseyan, born and bred and we love it here,” he told *This Is Westfield*.

Mr. Kean graduated from Dartmouth College in 1990 and is completing his dissertation in international relations from Tufts University’s Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.
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The Office of the Town Clerk: Bernard A. Heeney Manages Westfield Affairs, Strives to Update Office Technology

By PAUL J. PEYTON

Specialty Writer for This is Westfield

The hub of communication in any municipality is the clerk’s office. Since 1999, that responsibility in Westfield has been handled by Bernard A. Heeney. “When people don’t know who to call, they call the clerk,” Mr. Heeney said.

Taking over for long-time Clerk Joy Vreeland in 1999, Mr. Heeney’s duties include everything from being the town’s chief election official to swearing in new police officers, firefighters, as well as Town Council members.

The Clerk’s Office, located on the first floor of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, handles everything from issuing dog and cat licenses to maintaining the list of persons holding commuter and downtown employee parking permits. These permits are issued by the office.

The clerk and his staff also register new voters while working in conjunction with the Union County Clerk’s Office.

Mr. Heeney said his office is ready to assist the public whenever needed.

Mr. Heeney attends all council meetings (held on Tuesday nights) where he records votes on action taken by the council as well as maintaining an audio tape of proceedings which is used to produce council minutes.

In addition to Mr. Heeney, the clerk’s office staff includes:

- Camille Roscigno, Deputy Town Clerk, in charge of preparing Town Council agendas, meeting minutes and packages of resolutions, ordinances and other communication delivered to the Mayor and Town Council members on Fridays. The Deputy Clerk also fills in for Mr. Heeney when necessary.
- Sue Beahm issues limousine, dog, kennel and used car licenses.
- Jean Lay is responsible for dog licenses and bookkeeping.

Mr. Heeney’s goals are to make the office fully accessible by e-mail. The office was only recently computerized.

Mr. Heeney holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Pace College (now Pace University) and a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University-Rutherford. He is a state licensed municipal clerk.

The hearing their vows...

One of the duties carried out by Westfield Town Clerk Bernard A. Heeney includes swearing in Town Council members. Below, Republican Councilman Peter Echausse prepares for his swearing in while his wife and son look on.

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Old One Horn at Westfield’s Fairview Cemetery: A Town Artifact or Fiction?

Editors’ Note: Frank Sullebarger of Fairview Cemetery submitted this story about Old One Horn, a little-known artifact nestled in the cemetery.

Resting among the graves of Westfield’s military heroes atop the highest hill in Fairview Cemetery, stands a battered old cannon, affectionately known as “Old One Horn.” It is distinctive both because its right trunnion or mounting “horn” has been broken off, and also because its history has been clouded by conflicting accounts of its origin.

In the words of Westfield historian and scholar Ralph H. Jones, “In the absence of hard evidence, the ‘One Horn’ story is not history, but folklore.”

The popular account of the gun has been related in the writings of three old Westfield residents. It first appears in the “Brief History of Westfield” in 1897 by The Reverend Newton W. Cadwell, the Presbyterian Pastor from 1882-1902.

Basically, the same account is offered by Charles A Philhower in 1923, and the 1950s writings of Arthur N. Pierson, a descendant of Henry Baker who is prominently mentioned in all of the accounts.

Rev. Cadwell’s account is as follows. “Early in the morning of June 23, 1780, the citizens of Westfield were called out by the warning peals of the old church bell...sprang to arms and thronged the highways. The British troops...advanced in two divisions from Elizabethtown under Sir Henry Clinton. A small detachment took the Westfield Road, capturing citizens and plundering farm houses as they advanced.”

“The family of William Pierson (residing where 629 East Broad Street is now), was on the alert. The mother, standing on a pile of wood, suddenly saw them and shouted ‘The red coats are coming!’ The husband ran out and hid in the orchard. Soon the house was surrounded by and filled with British. ‘Where is that damned old rebel?’ they demanded. But failing to find him or elicit any information, they contented themselves by taking a fine horse from the barn, leaving a young colt.

“Hastening forward they next stopped at the old Baker homestead, then occupied by Henry Baker. The officer in command asked for a drink of cider and promised protection to the family if the wants of himself and his men were supplied. Finding themselves un molested, they became boisterous and inquiring. A ‘minute man’ by the name of Captain Litell hid himself in the bushes close to the house to watch and, if necessary, render the family assistance. When one of the men approached Mrs. Baker and forced her, at the point of the bayonet, to the wall of one of the rooms of the old farm house, he fired and seriously wounded the officer in command. The British sprang to their saddles, but in the quick turn, one of the cannons was thrown over against a large rock, and one of its arms or ‘horns’ was broken off. It has ever since been called Old One Horn”. Rev. Cadwell based his report on interviews with several aged Westfield natives between 1872 and 1887.

“Old One Horn” was moved to Fairview Cemetery and set into a concrete emplacement on Decoration (Memorial) Day in 1889, where it remains to this day. The wonderful tale of its origin is unfortunately in conflict with facts presented by two highly qualified Westfield scholars, Dr. J. A. Morgan, and Mr. Jones.

James Appleton Morgan was an internationally famous Shakespearean scholar and lawyer. He was the founder and President of the Shakespeare Society of New York and the editor of a 22 volume “Bankside Shakespeare,” and author of several books on Shakespeare and his writings. He was also a meticulous critic and seeker of the truth. He claimed to be a direct descendant of the infamous James Morgan, the siren who was hung on Gallows Hill for the murder of Rev. Cadwell, Elizabethtown’s “Fighting Parson.”

Dr. Morgan did considerable research on that incident and declared, “It was not Morgan who committed murder but the jury which convicted him on the shallowest circumstantial evidence.”

Dr. Morgan’s personal writing on July 17, 1908 in the Union County Standard, a now defunct newspaper, reports “The Old ‘One Horn’ cannon now in the Soldier’s plot in the (Fairview) cemetery is not a revolutionary relic. It is not a field piece. At my request the late Daniel Morgan Taylor of the U. S. Ordinance Department and Superintendent at the time of the Springfield Massachusetts Arsenal examined it.”

His idea was that it was probably a condemned piece such as were thrown out by the hundreds at the beginning of the Civil War when the government rementioned all the forts. It is of the sort that was called a parapet or barbetto gun or it might have been in a casemate when local patriotism in Civil War times demanded something to fire saluties with as good news from the front, these old pieces were in demand...Colonel Taylor thought that it might have been cast at about the date of the Mexican War (1846-1848), but there are no foundry marks thereon to settle this...it is an interesting old relic, whatever it is.

Dr. Morgan also did a study of the British and American reports of the Battle of Springfield and reported that no iron guns were used on either side,
Mr. Jones, in his series of three articles on “Old One Horn” published in December 1989 states, “The accepted story of the capture on old ‘One Horn’ (Cadwell’s phrase) strains credibility in many ways. It says that the famous militia captain, Eliakim Littell, came to the rescue of Mrs. Baker that day, shooting an officer who molested her and causing the hasty departure of the British contingent. Captain Littell would certainly not have been in Westfield on a day when the militia unit he headed was defending his own home and others at Hobart’s Pass, above Springfield, and picking off the British on their hasty retreat down the Vauxhall and Connecticut Farms roads towards Staten Island. Blood lust gripped these farmers who had seen their homes and churches burned in Springfield and Connecticut Farms.”

Historian Jones points out that “neither Cadwell’s nor Philhower’s histories were noteworthy for attributions and bibliographies. A far more credible work on local Revolutionary events is Frederick C. Detweiler’s ‘War in the Countrywide: The Battle of Plunder of the Short Hills, New Jersey, June 1777.’ Detweiler’s fully annotated work published in 1777, clearly reflects the many invaluable sources he uncovered in archives and libraries around the country. It is an illuminating contribution to local history.”

“Mr. Detweiler did not mention ‘Old One Horn’ (no surprise), but there is much to say for his contention that the incident of the (Presbyterian Church) bell and the taking of prisoners took place during the British Army’s bivouac in Westfield on June 26-27, 1777, following the skirmish at the Short Hills near Raritan Road on the outskirts of Scotch Plains. This visit of the main British Army is well documented. The British did take over the church on that occasion and they looted a number of houses nearby. They probably heard the bell’s warning of their approach, and as no one was about to seriously challenge this invading army of 8,000 professional soldiers, they could have taken the bell, or anything else they wanted on that day!”

Mr. Jones then questions if the “One Horn” incident might have happened on that occasion, and he posed an interesting hypothetical scenario.

“Granted, the gun at Fairview is a 19th century parapet gun. But during that century, the young men of Westfield, Scotch Plains (who claimed the gun was left behind on their village green), Plainfield, Rahway, and New Market were stealing relic guns back and forth to use on the Fourth of July. Sometimes ‘Old One Horn’ was missing for many years. Following such a period a ‘tip’ was received that it was sitting on the bottom of a millpond in a neighboring town. It was retrieved on a midnight raid, but it wasn’t the Revolutionary fieldpiece. Someone had knocked the right trunnion off with a sledge to make it look like One Horn, and the youths who retrieved it, who hadn’t seen the fabled gun before, were fooled. Under this scenario, somewhere in Rahway, or Plainfield, or New Market, there may even now rest a genuine Revolutionary fieldpiece, with one trunnion missing, that the British abandoned in Westfield on June 27, 1777.

“Oh, as far as the date is concerned, it could have happened after the first Battle of Springfield on December 17, 1776. The British did control Elizabethtown at that time, and there is historical support for a British column advancing and retreating through Westfield. Did the storytellers confuse the earlier clash in Springfield with the more publicized battle three and a half years later? So, here’s to Old One Horn. May it rest in peace where it has rested for the last 100 years — Fairview Cemetery.”

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ALLISON SIKO

When asked about her role models, Allison named Ms. Buckley and Ms. Gibson from the Gypsy production, but quickly added that her mother, Cheryl Siko, was her ultimate role model. She mentioned that while she would love to be on Broadway and on the silver screen when she finishes school, she also wouldn’t mind being an interior decorator or a forensic scientist.

Allison listed musicals, painting and drawing as some of her favorite things and thinks one of the best things about living in Westfield is the shopping.

She is currently waiting to hear from The Paper Mill Playhouse to see if she was cast in their upcoming production of Carousel. If not, she isn’t worried.

Something else will come along. She recently got a dog and was happily taking her time trying to come up with the perfect name for her new pet.

As the interview continued, Allison laughed and said that the questions kept getting harder, like on ABC’s “Who wants to be a Millionaire?” Yet, she always had a terrific, thoughtful answer.

As far as future plans, Allison said that she just wanted to live her life well, have fun and be healthy. Wise words from a wise little lady. Stay tuned. We are all going to hear from Allison Siko.

At the forefront of public service, she continues her work as publicist with the Friends of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra and is also working closely on the orchestra’s largest fundraiser, the Tour of Notable Homes held each spring.

Ms. Trabert also faithfully fulfills her duties to God. Every Tuesday afternoon, she goes to the Saint Helen’s Parish Religious Education program and other church functions.

Her final comments on Westfield represent her sincere demeanor: “I truly love living here because we have such a great atmosphere which embodies much of the best in New Jersey suburban life - great schools, great stores, clean streets and parks, beautiful architecture and landmarks and one of the best things of all, friendly and caring people.”

We have an environment where our local citizens enjoy giving back not just a little, but a lot,” she said.

The balancing act can be difficult one, but Renee Trabert has proved to be a master of dividing time, so essential in modern society. And for it, she deserves to be recognized as a true local hero and a true celebrity.

She reflected, “All aspects of my life are very rewarding for me, and I am thankful to have been so very fortunate.”
The Tale of the Good Doctor: Peter Kalellis

“"I believe in the printed word," stated Dr. Kalellis. "People hear messages, remember them for a while, and they forget. But, when they read something in a book, they remember it or underline it, and refer back to it.”

Dr. Kalellis has penned “Pick Up Your Couch and Walk: How to Take Back Control of Your Life,” “Restoring Relationships, Five Things to Try Before You Say Goodbye,” and the aforementioned novel, “One More Spring.” He has also written “On the Other Hand: A New Self Image” and “Wedded or Wedlocked?”. During a recent interview with This Is Westfield, Dr. Kalellis revealed that he is working on another book, based on the tale of “The Phoenix.” The book, which will be under the category of fiction writing, is just the right niche for Dr. Kalellis. “I feel freer in that form,” he said.

The producer and host of a television program, “Our Family,” Dr. Kalellis utilizes the media form to help others with family issues. The program is aired five times per week on Larchmont Mamaroneck Community Television.

With a bounty of accomplishments behind him and the endless verve which keeps him forging forward in his craft, Dr. Kalellis is not about to stop bringing peace of mind to the world. “In every human being, there is a vitality, an inner force that can be translated into action,” said Kalellis, the father of four children, grandfather of two and owner of two cats, Lucy and Ethel. "God put it there, although some people are afraid to use it," he said. "If I don't use this inner force creatively, if I block it, it will never materialize and will be lost.”

Hye-Young Choi

Working with him was a wonderful experience and something she will never forget. Ms. Choi told This is Westfield that Mr. Brynner was a perfectionist and always found something new in his role, despite the fact that he did over 4000 performances. “He always kept it interesting, and I think I did my best work in the show because of him,” she said.

Opera singer, Broadway star and a pioneer in the world of real estate. What could be next for the lovely and gracious Hye-Young Choi? She told This Is Westfield that she is quite content where she is and that it is just so remarkable that she has found another career that truly makes her happy. After speaking with Ms. Choi, there is no question that she will excel in anything that she chooses to do. She is “Something Wonderful,” indeed.

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