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ARTHUR! ARTHUR!... "Arthur," the popular children's show aardvark, is surrounded by a group of young fans last Saturday during the Rotary Club of Westfield's "Pancake Day" at Westfield High School. Besides breakfast, the 32nd annual event featured a Children's Fair with a variety of games and activities, as well as musical entertainment and sales.



PLAYING IT SAFE... Officer Sandra Chambers of the Westfield Police Department fingerprints youngsters for a child identification program during the Rotary Club of Westfield's "Pancake Day" last Saturday at Westfield High School. Children were also photographed courtesy of Moto Photo of Westfield, which donated its services during the event.

While Fire Officials Plead for 2 Trucks, Council OKs One

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Three months after the Westfield Fire Department submitted an official budget request for two new fire pumpers to replace aging engines, the Town Council opted for one truck Tuesday night.

The council defeated a motion by Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, to buy both trucks now, through a 5-4 tally, as Republican Second Ward Councilman James J. Gruba joined the four Democrats on the council who supported only a third pumper at this time.

The town has six engines, four of which are pumpers, housed at the main Fire Headquarters on North Avenue and the Central Avenue fire house. Department officials are seeking to replace two trucks dating back to the mid and late 1970s. The newer pumpers were bought in 1991 and 1995, with an aerial ladder truck purchased in 1991.

Mr. Sullivan had asked council members, prior to Tuesday's vote, to abstain rather than vote against the second pumper, thus enabling fire officials to speak before the governing body one last time at a public hearing.

With the vote by the council, though, the hearing on the capital lease ordinance, set for Tuesday, March 23, at 8 p.m., will be for the Department of Public Works equipment and one fire pumper, as well as a new fire communications system.

Fire officials have labeled the need for two fire pumpers rather than one

as an urgency to avoid what they felt could be a potential disaster.

Currently, two pumpers are sent to structure fires, one from each station. The third pumper is occasionally sent out as needed, officials indicated.

The town will purchase the one pumper through the Union County Improvement Authority's lease program at a price tag of \$350,000. In addition, the town is purchasing Public Works trucks and equipment at a cost of \$737,000 through the same program. The annual payments by the town, of around \$200,000, will begin next year.

At its meeting for the 1999 municipal budget Monday night, the council also agreed to hire a consultant to begin reviewing staffing starting with the fire department.

Fire Chief Paul A. Battiloro, Jr., speaking before the Town Council's Public Safety Committee prior to the budget session, indicated that the request for two trucks was "was not a brainchild of Paul Battiloro," but rather the result of a 19-month study by a special department committee formed by the chief.

"We have a very urgent situation here in Westfield with those two (older) pumpers," noted Deputy Fire Chief John Castellano.

Chief Battiloro noted that Engine 2, a 1976 model year pumper, is no longer certified by the state. Engine 3, a 1978 pumper, received repairs estimated at \$60,000 just a few years ago.

"It was a gamble; we lost," Chief Battiloro told the Committee.

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CAUGHT IN THE ACT... This youngster makes sure to get his Vitamin C as he reaches for a carton of orange juice during the Rotary Club of Westfield's 32nd annual "Pancake Day" at Westfield High School last Saturday. The event, which benefits the Rotary Foundation's scholarship fund, drew 1,600 people between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Rotary 'Pancake Day' Draws 1,600 People

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

For the 32nd year, the Rotary Club of Westfield invited the community over for breakfast - and wound up welcoming about 1,600 guests to one of the most successful "Pancake Day" events ever last Saturday.

"It was one of our best turnouts in many years," enthused Dr. D. Michael Hart, President of the Rotary Foundation, who said the annual fundraiser for the foundation's scholarship fund typically draws between 1,100 and 1,200 people.

"I think it was because we changed our focus. We focused more on families and children this year," he remarked. In addition to the main event in the Westfield High School cafeteria, a Children's Fair was also included in another cafeteria for the second year in a row.

Approximately 300 youngsters and their parents attended the fair following a hearty breakfast, enjoying a bevy of games and activities enlivened with music by a disk jockey.

In addition, 165 children were fingerprinted and photographed for a child identification program conducted during the event by Moto Photo of Westfield, which donated its services, in cooperation with the Westfield Police Department.

While it is always a popular event, Dr. Hart revealed that Rotarians were nevertheless bowled over by the enormous turnout, and were soon dishing up pancakes, eggs and sausages as fast as they could prepare them to keep up with the hungry crowd.

"Pancake Day" began at 8 a.m., and within half an hour "the line was out the door," Dr. Hart confirmed. He said people continued to arrive in a steady stream until about 12:30 p.m., when things finally be-

gan to slow down. The event concluded at 2 p.m.

"We ran out of syrup at 11 a.m.," Dr. Hart confided, adding that organizers ultimately had to make four trips for additional supplies during the course of the event. He observed, however, that 89 volunteers, including 50 Rotarians, helped to keep things running smoothly.

Among those who helped to make this year's "Pancake Day" such a rousing success, he noted, were members of Westfield High School's Interact and Key clubs, local Girl Scout troops, and the spouses and children of Rotarians.

While enjoying traditional break-

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OPENING NUMBER... The Sharps and Flats from Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield kick off the musical entertainment Saturday morning at the Rotary Club of Westfield's "Pancake Day." More than half a dozen school and community groups performed during the event, which lasted from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ornithologist Pleads for Council To Leave Brightwood Park Alone

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The quiet sanctity of Westfield's Brightwood Park is more than just open space, it is a natural habitat for over 160 bird species, including "extremely and increasingly rare migrants," according to Forest Avenue resident Andrew Lamy, a field ornithologist specializing in birdsong.

Mr. Lamy spoke before the Town Council Tuesday night in opposition to a proposal by Westfield Recreation officials to create a multi-use ball

field in the pan-handle area of the park on the Scotch Plains border.

The Recreation Commission, at its March 1 meeting, approved a \$1,000 preliminary wetland investigation of the park.

"In order for any constructive dialogue to take place regarding the property and its potential uses, if any, the Commission believes that this is a most prudent step for the town to take," Recreation Director Glenn S. Burrell indicated in a letter to Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko,

dated March 2.

Officials are looking to find additional space for organized softball and baseball games. In defense of the Brightwood proposal, they have cited both the increasing population of children in the town's public schools and major improvements planned for Memorial Park and Sycamore Field. These repairs could knock both fields out of use for an entire season.

Town Engineer and Public Works Director Kenneth B. Marsh indicated

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Westfield Extends Warm Welcome To Visiting Students From Japan

By MICHELLE H. LEPOIDEVIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Based upon the enthusiastic and anticipatory expressions of seven visiting students from Tokoha Gakuen Kikugawa High School in Japan, there is no translation necessary - they are happy to be in Westfield.

In the first non-European exchange trip sponsored by the Social Studies Department of Westfield High School (WHS), five girls and two boys from Japan will see the sights of Westfield, learn about the American culture and language and take a tour of the Big Apple before returning home on Tuesday, March 30.

The exchange program has been spearheaded by Social Studies Teachers Valerie Torquati and Thom Hornish.

Freshmen students were given the opportunity to volunteer as "hosts" for the exchange students because they are studying Japan as a component of the Global Perspectives curriculum, according to Social Studies Teacher Susie Cho.

Naoko Kasahara will be hosted by Sara Laskow; Yurika Sato will stay with Tara Behr; Sachi Ishizu will be paired with Jennifer Rosenthal; Masano Saito will be hosted by Julee Noguchi; Justin Bernard will welcome Kunpei Nakano; Pedro Ruiz will greet Hiroki Toyohara; and Sarah and Ryan Burke will open their home to Eriko Akahori.

Former Westfield Mayor Bud Boothe and his wife, math teacher Gaile Boothe, and the O'Connor family will host the Japanese instructor,

Toshihiro Fukuyo.

The exchange students are visiting the suburban atmosphere of Westfield High School from their high school, which is approximately 200 kilometers west of Tokyo. Within the school's vicinity is the largest tea plantation in Japan.

Arriving at the Westfield "Y" on Sunday, March 7, the students convened early Monday morning, March 8, in the Social Studies Resource Center of WHS to enjoy bagels and

beverages, after obtaining informational folders about the high school.

Later in the evening, the students sampled an authentic American pot luck dinner in Cafeteria A of WHS.

Mr. Fukuyo, who teaches English and grammar in Japan, told *The Westfield Leader* that the students have been "very surprised to meet people who speak Japanese."

Although this is Mr. Fukuyo's 10th trip to the United States, this is his

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Prosecutor Warns Junior Students About Danger of Date Rape Drugs

By MICHELLE H. LEPOIDEVIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Odorless, colorless, tasteless and packing a punch 10 times more powerful than valium - it is rohypnol, one of many date rape drugs that are sedating male and female victims worldwide and cautioning them to think before they drink.

Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan gave high school juniors a stern warning about the dangers of date rape drugs and the circumstances surrounding their use during a powerful lecture at Westfield High School on Tuesday.

One dissolved tablet of rohypnol, or flunitrazepam, in a drink can create hazy unconsciousness within 20 to 30 minutes. The result is commonly an opportunity for a perpetrator to take advantage of someone's drugged vulnerability - usually for sexual purposes.

The Prosecutor, who has been an attorney for 21 years, told the students that he was presenting the lecture to diffuse their belief that they are immortal and unable to be harmed. "I come to you as much as a

parent as a prosecutor," he stated.

Mr. Manahan also explained that although drugs are often called "recreational," they cannot be associated with harmless fun. "There is no such thing as a recreational drug. The connotation is wrong."

Some of the reported street names for rohypnol are "roachies," "la roche," "rope," "rib," "roche," "rophies," and "ruffies." A one- to two-milligram tablet of rohypnol is inexpensive - approximately \$1.50 to \$5 each, making it even more accessible and affordable for high school and college students.

An illegal drug in the United States, rohypnol is available in Europe, Mexico, South America and Asia. The drug has been manufactured by Hoffmann-La Roche Pharmaceuticals, Inc. since the 1960s for the purpose of helping individuals with sleep disorders.

Rohypnol, which has also been nicknamed the "Quaalude of the '90s," has left many women unaware that they have been sexually assaulted or raped because the drug creates an amnesia which leaves the victim with-

out any memory of the event.

The consequences of mixing rohypnol or any other date rape drug with alcohol or other altering substances may be fatal, according to Mr. Manahan.

Another destructive substance, "Special K," or "ketamine," was also discussed by Prosecutor Manahan. Ketamine is commonly used by veterinarians as a tranquilizer for cats, but causes humans to experience hallucinations, delirium, and respiratory problems.

With an approximate cost of \$20 to \$40 per dose, "Special K" is popular among college students, causing blackouts and erasing memories for up to an entire day.

Recognizing that most students experiment with ketamine for an easy escape, Mr. Manahan stated, "Some people go away and never come back."

GHB, or gamma hydroxybutyrate, was another drug discussed by the Prosecutor. The substance, which is also nicknamed "Easy Lay," "Liquid Ecstasy" or "Liquid X," is brewed in basement chemistry labs with instructions that may be found in libraries or on the Internet.

GHB is often used as a steroid substitute but has no specific, legitimate medical purpose, according to

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Fire Officials Ask for Two Trucks, Council OKs One

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Fire officials noted that if the council were to purchase just one pumper, Westfield would become only the fourth town in Union County with only three pumpers. Fanwood, Garwood and Winfield Park, much smaller communities than Westfield, have three pumpers, with a fourth as a reserve vehicle.

Due to the condition of the older pumpers, which were only sent out on 27 calls combined in 1998, the 1994 and 1995 model year pumpers handled between 800 and 900 calls. Chief Battiloro said if the overdue continues on the newer trucks, they will likely only last another eight years.

"We are just nurturing them (the older trucks) along...We just can't push these trucks," explained Deputy Fire Chief Dennis C. Burke.

"This is why you rotate your apparatus," Chief Battiloro said.

Some members of the council have suggested filling the void by utilizing mutual aid agreements with surrounding communities.

Fire officials, though, said these agreements are only to be used to back up a town when all of its apparatus is at a fire scene. The agreements also can be used when a town's full manpower has yet to arrive at their designated firehouse after being paged from their homes.

"You have to use all your resources before you can call for mutual aid," explained Chief Battiloro.

Councilman Sullivan, in fact, said the new truck would cost the town roughly \$40,000 a year over the course of 10 years. He said the town would have saved between \$15,000 and \$20,000 up front in engineering costs had the second truck been purchased this year.

"Four dollars (per average property taxpayer in town per year during the lease) is certainly a small insurance policy for the residents of Westfield to feel that level of comfort and security which we all expect and deserve," added Fourth Ward Councilwoman Janis Fried Weinstein, a member of the Public Safety Committee along with Mr. Goldman and Mr. Sullivan.

Councilman Gruba, though, said at the public meeting Tuesday night he was "not persuaded that the truck is needed to replace an existing truck for reasons of safety or otherwise at this time."

First Ward Councilman Carl A. Salisbury said that purchasing the pumper now does not preclude the town from purchasing the second truck at a later time, after the council has obtained

additional information from outside sources.

With the deadline for the lease program being Thursday, April 1, officials noted that action was needed at this time to ensure the town's inclusion in the program. Mr. Sullivan said that without the four pumpers, one side of town will be exposed since all trucks in a particular station will be at a fire call.

Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman said the proposal by Mr. Sullivan to approve the purchase of both trucks this month (the public hearing is on Tuesday, March 23), "forces our (the council's) hand" to make an immediate purchase of a second truck without further research.

He said buying a truck now because the town "might" need it later, along with the savings of purchasing two trucks at the same time, is "not the fiscally prudent way" to buy such an expensive piece of equipment.

"I am personally satisfied in the short term that with one new pumper, the public safety requirements of the residents of this community are met," said Councilman Goldman.

Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh suggested that if the council felt there was an urgency to buy a second truck, as the need for two trucks would indicate, than the governing body should dip into its sale of town assets account.

This account includes revenue generated from the sale of town equipment, such as aging police cars; the Police Department's sale of unclaimed bicycles found by the town, as well as proceeds from the sale of town-owned land—the biggest portion of the account. That account currently stands at roughly \$5.5 million.

He said he did not want to put the burden for an additional truck on town taxpayers, given that the town is faced with the \$200,000 appropriation for the lease program before it even starts its 2000 budget process.

Fire Lieutenant Michael Brennon, who has maintained the department's fleet for 16 years, told the Public Safety Committee that the engines life span is between 20 and 25 years.

"You are pushing these vehicles beyond where they need to be," he said, noting that the older vehicles are unreliable, those putting the safety of the firefighters at risk.

Councilman Sullivan noted that the purchase of two trucks is a matter of "whether or not we have adequate fire protection in terms of apparatus."

1,600 People Attend Rotarian 'Pancake Day'

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fast fare, which also included bagels, juice, fruit cups, coffee and tea, members of the community were treated to a talented lineup of musical performances by school and community ensembles.

The groups were introduced by Stanley Kaslusky, President of the Westfield Rotary Club, who emceed the event and also greeted people at the door.

Rounding out the day's festivities were an art sale, bake sale, free balloons and drawings rendered by an artist. Costumed characters from popular children's television shows also made the rounds at the event.

Mugs and T-shirts were available for sale, along with commemorative prints of a Westfield fire truck painting by Scott Jacobs. The winner of the 50-50 prize of \$1,050 — the highest in five years — was Jim Case of Westfield.

While the total proceeds from the event were still being tallied at press time, Mr. Kaslusky said "Pancake Day" programs generally net about \$10,000 in profits. He added that the Rotary Club expects to award \$90,000 in scholarships to Westfield High School students this year, generated by this event and other club activities.

Dr. Hart revealed that the most tick-

ets to the breakfast were sold by former Westfield Mayor H. Emerson Thomas, who sold about \$800 worth.

He also commended the efforts of 93-year-old James Coventry, a 30-year Rotary member, who sold tickets from the Masonic Home in Burlington County where he now lives. Burlington County residents were among those in attendance, the Rotary Foundation President said.

Others at the event included Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and members of the Town Council, Assemblymen Richard H. Bagger and Alan M. Augustine, and District Governor for Rotary Torben Hugh-Jensen, who oversees Rotary clubs in five Central New Jersey counties.

"The thing we thought was great was how much of a community event it was, with families and children," remarked Mr. Kaslusky, noting how people lingered over breakfast while chatting with friends and neighbors. "It was a wonderful event that helps build a sense of community in Westfield," he said.

"I think its wonderful the way the community supports the Scholarship Program," added Dr. Hart. Looking ahead to next year, though, he said "maybe we'll get more syrup."

Westfield Extends Welcome To Visiting Japanese Students

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first venture to the East Coast. While his other trips have been to California, he revealed that a friend told him, "The real Americans lie in the East of the United States."

The instructor explained that each of the exchange students are visiting the Westfield area to explore a specific theme.

He stated that during Kumpel's visit, he will strive to discover the definition and perception of Japan through life in America. After visiting Canada a few years ago, he said that Kumpel hopes to find more Japanese culture in the life of Americans.

According to Mr. Fukuyo, the students started learning English at the age of 13 when they entered the seventh grade.

"This is a rare chance to speak with real Americans and learn English," he observed. "They (the exchange students) learn English from textbooks, but they don't know how it is really communicated."

When asked what the students are interested in observing, Mr. Fukuyo said that they would like to watch "things on television," sports in particular.

On Tuesday, March 9, Mr. Boothe supplied the students with a taste of local history with a tour of the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield. A delicious dessert was held with the high school's International Club in the evening.

Kindergartners from Wilson Elementary School welcomed the exchange students after lunch and throughout the afternoon on Wednesday, March 10.

The former mayor will take the students for a special tour of his alma mater, Princeton University, today, March 11.

The next steps will include a trip to Habitat for Humanity in Plainfield and a viewing of an evening performance of *Godspell* at the high school on Friday, March 12. Rounding out the weekend will be an adventure to the farm of Social Studies Instructor Dr. James Drummond on Saturday, March 13.

The week of March 14 to 21 will feature a trip to the World Trade Center, the South Street Seaport, Wall Street, Rockefeller Center and the Empire State Building in New York City.

The students will also become educated about government and sports during the first day of the Elizabeth Model United Nations conference and the Student Council Volleyball Tournament, both slated for Wednesday, March 17.

An Asian dinner will be prepared for the students by the Japanese-American Women's Association of Westfield on Thursday, March 18. A visit to Franklin Elementary School will occur on Friday, March 19.

The female students will spend an evening of overnight fun with local Girl Scouts, while the male students will experience the mind-bending, problem-solving wonders of the Odyssey of the Mind.

Offering a taste of their own cultural experience, Japanese poetry will be read by the exchange students in many Social Studies courses.

Some of the final adventures for the students will include attending a Westfield Town Council meeting with Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, a visit with students from Edison Intermediate School and Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger in Trenton.

A Farewell Dinner will be slated for Monday, March 29, before the students return to Japan.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

- Police received a report that \$60 in cash was stolen from the boys' locker room at Westfield High School.
- Christopher Conti, 22, of New Brunswick was arrested on Rahway Avenue and charged for the third time with driving with a revoked license, according to police.

Conti was also wanted on contempt of court warrants from South River, East Brunswick and Cranford, authorities said. Bail was set at \$1,000.

- Antonio F. Roberts, 21, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of more than 50 grams of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance, and possession within 500 feet of a public park, according to police.

He was also charged with hindering and eluding police after failing to obey an order to pull over, authorities confirmed. The suspect was finally apprehended on West Broad Street in Scotch Plains. He was held on \$10,000 bail.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

- A Summit Avenue resident reported the theft of \$667 worth of personal items which had been stored in a box, according to police.

- An employee of a South Avenue restaurant reported that someone stole money and credit cards from his coat, which was then discarded at the rear of the victim's place of business.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

- An 18-year-old student at a Lam-berts Mill Road facility reported that he was stabbed in the left bicep with a lead pencil by a 16-year-old fellow student, police said. Both are from Elizabeth.

The victim told police he planned to seek medical attention that day. As of press time, no charges had been filed in connection with the incident.

- A Westfield resident reported his bicycle was stolen from Westfield High School.

- A representative of a North Avenue store reported that someone took a mountain bicycle from the establishment for a test ride and failed to return it, according to police.

WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

MONDAY, MARCH 1

- One hundred block of Fairhill Road — service call.
- Eight hundred block of Village Green — water evacuation.
- Four hundred block of North Avenue West — emergency medical call.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

- Eight hundred block of Nancy Way — carbon monoxide detector activation.
- Eight hundred block of North Avenue West — assist police.
- Three hundred block of South Avenue East — good intent call.
- Seven hundred block of Marcellus Drive — smoke and odor removal.
- Seven hundred block of Lenape Trail — assist police.
- Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue — smoke and odor removal.
- One hundred block of Park Street — smoke scare.
- Six hundred block of Kimball Avenue — system malfunction.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

- Seven hundred block of Radley Road — assist police.
- Seven hundred block of West Broad Street — assist police.

Street — assist police.

- One hundred block of Elizabeth Avenue — electrical short.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

- One hundred block of Elizabeth Avenue — arcing wire.
- Seven hundred block of Radley Road — assist police.
- Three hundred block of Clark Street — system malfunction.
- One hundred block of Byron Court — unintentional alarm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

- Two hundred block of Hyslip Avenue — wire down.
- Eight hundred block of Dartmouth — lock out.
- Four hundred block of South Euclid Avenue — lock out.
- Five hundred block of Downer Street — odor investigation.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

- Five hundred block of Rahway Avenue — good intent call.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

- Five hundred block of Springfield Avenue — assist police.
- Fifteen hundred block of Central Avenue — automobile accident.

Prosecutor Warns Junior Students About Danger

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Mr. Manahan. Recalling the days when LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide) or "acid" were abused, the prosecutor stated that a "babysitter" would accompany the drug user to ensure that the individual would not do something increasingly destructive. However, he noted that such a babysitting system is unheard of with any of these drugs.

Prior to the lecture, the prosecutor told *The Westfield Leader* that he hoped to educate the students in terms of the street names, symptoms, and resulting dangers associated with the date rape drugs.

"I want them to understand that while these drugs have been used to carry out sexual assaults, they are being used as recreational drugs," he reported.

Mr. Manahan added that students abuse these drugs for the purpose of "forgetting their troubles" and escaping reality. One dose of the date rape drug can leave a user with blackouts and amnesia lasting from eight to 24 hours.

The prosecutor told the audience about a young woman who fell victim to a date rape drug. She never drank alcohol, but went to a bar with her friend. A man bought her a fruit juice beverage, and she woke up half clothed.

Mr. Manahan also hoped to impress the criminal ramifications upon the students during his lecture. "It's a crime. It's not fun," he stated.

Westfield High School Principal Dr. Robert G. Petix stressed that he believes young women in college are particularly susceptible, and high school students especially vulnerable. He recommended that women old enough to consume alcohol limit their intake and keep their beverages in sight so that no one can "doctor it."

Mr. Manahan stated that if an individual is charged with drugging someone with any substance such as rohypnol, "Special K," or GHB, they could face up to 20 years in state prison if convicted.

Possession of any of the substances carries a five-year prison sentence and a \$100,000 fine.

The Prosecutor asked the audience to remember these consequences if someone tempts them to "put something in someone's drink" at a bar or social occasion.

He advised female students never to leave beverages unattended. Mr. Manahan stated that if a drink does not seem to taste normal or leaves the drinker with an uneasy after-effect, they should seek medical attention immediately.

"Don't share beverages with someone," he stressed, adding that allowing someone else to pour a beverage may really equal "pouring yourself a lethal dose."

"Drugs are a lie. They will steal your life," he concluded.

Ornithologist Pleads for Town to Leave Brightwood

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that Public Works crews could be used in the spring to clean up the park, including removing large appliances, such as refrigerators, that have been abandoned in the sanctuary.

Also, he has suggested that residents or groups in town might be interested in taking advantage of the state's Adopt-a-Park Program. In addition, he proposed that a Clean Communities Grant — an annual allocation from the state — could be used to hire college students in the summer to clean up the park.

Mr. Lamy told the council that Brightwood has "great biological importance, a fact that is reflected in its strong attraction to naturalists of many kinds."

Monica Felsing of Dickson Drive said she, too, is against "destruction that will come to Brightwood Park."

She also continued her plea to the council not to proceed with a plan, now on hold, to create additional parking lots at Tamaques Park. The town will evaluate new parking and traffic rules this spring which forbid the parking or standing of vehicles in the oval roadway of the park.

"Many of us believe that there is no need for more lots, and this would only encourage more people to come to the park, creating more vehicular traffic circling around the park, and more people," she said.

On another matter, Commander Peter Hogaboom of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3, a Carleton Road resident, asked the council to consider renaming Clover Street in memory of fallen Vietnam War First Lieutenant Arthur Clifton Retzlaff. The parents of the deceased veteran reside on the lone house on the street.

Fourth Ward Councilwoman Janis Fried Weinstein explained that her concern was that such an action would be unfair to other families of Vietnam veterans killed in action.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim noted that the council was "trying to be sensitive to both sides" of the issue.

Second Ward Councilman Matthew P. Albano added that the governing body had to "look at the big picture" by taking all Vietnam veterans killed in action from town into account before renaming streets.

Mrs. Weinstein has suggested placing an honorary name of the roadway in memory of the veteran on top of the existing sign, as opposed to formerly changing the name of the street. The latter option, she has indicated, would require residents to change their legal address, which can be costly.

Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh, in support of renaming Clover Street, said the matter is separate from possible bids by other families who may seek similar action. He has said any such action should be based on a petition signed by a majority of residents on the street under discussion.

Robert Selig of Austin Street, the brother of another fallen veteran, said the town should take in account all nine veterans killed during the war and whose names are listed on a plaque at the Westfield Memorial Pool. The facility is dedicated to deceased Vietnam veterans from Westfield.

On St. Patrick's Day

There's a long green line that beckons and it calls us once-a-year we all know what it is saying 'cause its message speaks quite clear.

It proclaims a celebration that is called St. Patrick's Day when the multitudes will gather and the thought it will convey.

Is that everyone is welcome to come join the Celtic throngs that are viewing and are marching to familiar Irish songs.

And the crowds will heed that calling while the words you're sure to hear are "this Irish celebration just gets better every year!"

—Faye DeGoff



AWARDED SCOUTS...Boy Scout Troop No. 73, sponsored by Holy Trinity Church in Westfield, honored Eagle Scouts David McCabe and Ryan McManemin at its January Court of Honor. Pictured, left to right are: David McCabe, Scoutmaster Bob Frontling, and Ryan McManemin.

Troop No. 73 Eagle Scouts Receive Special Awards

WESTFIELD — Boy Scout Troop No. 73, sponsored by Holy Trinity Church in Westfield, honored Eagle Scouts David McCabe and Ryan McManemin at its January Court of Honor.

David and Ryan completed their Eagle Scout Projects during their senior year in high school and returned from college to receive their awards.

The Eagle Scout rank is achieved by fewer than 1 percent of the five million people involved in scouting each year. Eagle Scouts advance through all six scout ranks, earn at least 21 merit badges in safety, personal fitness and outdoor skills and complete a community-oriented volunteer project.

Eagle Scout projects require scouts to demonstrate organizational and supervisory skills, and to solicit volunteer workers and donations from individuals and merchants from the community.

Ryan, a Plainfield resident, served as Senior Patrol Leader of Troop No. 73 during his senior year at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen.

He and his volunteers speckled and painted two classrooms at St. Bernard's pre-school program in Plainfield. He supervised 19 volunteers who performed 105 hours of service for the project.

Ryan graduated cum laude from St. Joseph's, where he was a National Merit Commended Student, and attends Villanova University.

David, a Westfield resident, served as

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for Troop No. 73 during his senior year at Westfield High School.

His project was sponsored by the Westfield Town Engineer, Kenneth B. Marsh.

David renovated a garden at Tamaques Park of Westfield, and made signs for its six ballfields. He supervised 13 volunteers who performed 83 hours of service on the project.

The Westfield Department of Public Works donated plants and cedar mulch, and Homeowners Heaven, Taylor Hardware, and an anonymous Westfield merchant donated paint, hardware and lumber. Assistant Scoutmaster Al Riker instructed David in the safe operation of a router.

David attends Cook College at Rutgers University and received an Award of Excellence and Art Purchase Award for his works in the fine arts, while he attended Westfield High School.

Ryan and David were honored for their achievement by federal, state and local officials and organizations. Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan Jr. was the principal speaker.

Eagle Scout graduates of Troop No. 73, Tim Dougherty, Kevin Sullivan and Brendan Quirk, and Craig Long of Troop No. 72 attended the ceremony, and the Eagle Charge was given by David's brother, Andrew McCabe, a 1996 Eagle Scout graduate of Troop 73.

Paper Mill Playhouse Sets Wuthering Heights Drama

Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn will present a world premiere dramatization of *Wuthering Heights* on Thursday, April 1, at 8 p.m. A reception will be held after the show.

Wuthering Heights is the tale of Catherine and Heathcliff and their relationship that brings them together and drives them apart throughout their lives.

The production, which was conceived and directed by Robert Johanson, will run through Saturday, April 3, at Paper Mill Play-

house. The event will be sponsored by Alize Red Passion, Ling Ling Chinese Restaurant, Bally's Sports Club of Short Hills and Harvest Moon Brewery & Café.

A two-week free pass to Bally's Sport Club in Short Hills will be given to all singles night theatergoers, and participants will have the opportunity to sample foods from the sponsoring restaurants.

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