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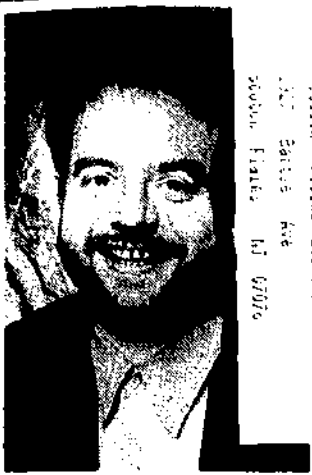
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MARC SHAIMAN BEGAN HIS CAREER BY PLAYING PIANO WITH SUMMER THEATER WORKSHOP

Former Resident of Scotch Plains Is in the Running For Academy Award for the Best Song in a Movie



Marc Shaiman

Former Scotch Plains resident, Mark Shaiman, has been nominated for an Academy Award for best song in a motion picture for his song "The Boyz n the Hood" from the movie "Boyz n the Hood." Shaiman wrote "A Wink and a Smile" for the movie "The Untouchables," "Smile" for "The Untouchables," "Harry Connick, Jr. in Sleepless in Seattle," and "The Boyz n the Hood" for "Boyz n the Hood." Shaiman was born in Newark. His family moved to the township before he started school, and he went through the Scotch Plains-Fanwood system until he was 16, at which time he received his

graduate equivalency diploma and began his professional music career in New York City. His first piano teacher was Mrs. Doris Andrews of Westfield, and he played the piano accompaniment while in high school for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Summer Theater Workshop under the direction of Mrs. Judy Cole and Mrs. Manya Ungar. This workshop did full productions of Broadway musicals, and from 1972 through 1974 Mr. Shaiman had been in-

involved with *The Sound of Music*, *Gypsy* and *Alma*. It was these experiences that led him to New York City and then to Hollywood, where he composed original film scores for such movies as *Sleepless in Seattle*, *The Addams Family*, *Addams Family Values*, *City Slickers*, *A Few Good Men*, *Sister Act*, *Mr. Saturday Night*, *Heart and Souls* and *Misery*. Mr. Shaiman also worked in Hollywood as a music supervisor and/or adapted and arranged music for *Beaches*, *When*

Harry Met Sally, *Hot Shots*, *For The Boys*, *Sister Act II*, and *That's Entertainment III*, which is being released next month. He has just completed the score for Rob Reiner's latest film, *North*, which will be shown in July, and he is now working on the score for *City Slickers II*. Mr. Shaiman got a great break at the early age of 17 by being in the right place at the right time. He said, "I was in New York seeing a show and ran into a friend. We went into

a piano bar, and I was fooling around at the piano when the bartender told me that there was a comedy revue next door that was looking for a piano player. I went next door and got the job." He moved into an apartment across the hall from one of the Harlettes, the backup singing group for Bette Midler. "I became their Musical Director," Mr. Shaiman noted, "and I absolutely loved Bette Midler. When she invited the Harlettes to go on the road with her, I

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March 28 Considered As Extra School Day

Tuesday Opening Backed to Avoid Passover Conflict

By TUCKER TRIMBLE
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader
The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education discussed its customary subject at the meeting Thursday, that of adding another day to the school calendar because of another day of education being lost due to snow. After thanking the board for previously approving a revised calendar reflecting added days, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carol B. Choye, proposed opening school on Monday, March 28, to make up what she hopes will have been the last snow day.

"The choices were the last week in June, Memorial Day, a day in spring break or Saturdays," she said. The best choice educationally seemed to be to make up the day as soon as possible, according to Dr. Choye. "We know it has its downside," she said, noting March 28 is the second day of Passover, "but it's the best of a number of bad choices."

Dr. Choye added teachers will be permitted to take a personal day for this date, as they did for the previously-added date in February. Board member, Mrs. Jessica L. Simpson, asked the Superintendent if she would consider opening school on Tuesday, March 29.

Those people who have plans to go away, will, she said, and, "We don't need to worry about them."

However, she pointed out there were three religious days in the week in question, and she asked what the difference would be to open school on a day other than Monday.

Dr. Choye responded it would be more disruptive to come back for one day after more than a weekend off.

"If you're going to choose one day why not choose one that's non-religious?" asked board member August Ruggiero.

Board Vice President, Mrs. Lilies M. Dettmar, pointed out, "This was always the plan if we had another snow day," and no objections were raised when the day previously was brought up.

Dr. Choye also noted she had mentioned the date in two public meetings attended by teachers and the public, and only one objection was heard.

Board President, Dr. Donald E. Sheldon, after saying a formal decision could not be taken on Thursday, nevertheless requested a straw ballot be taken to determine the board's preference.

Consequently the board voted to add a motion to the Thursday, March 24, agenda approving March 28 as a snow-day replacement. Mr. Ruggiero, Morris H. Gillet and Mrs. Simpson voted no, with all others approving.

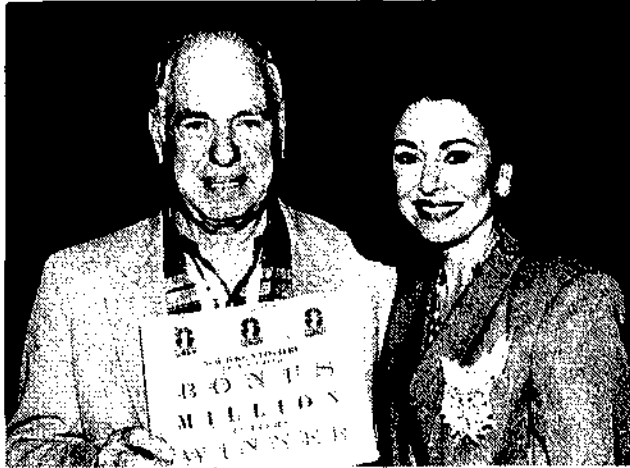
Dr. Choye also announced graduation will take place on Friday, June 24, at 6 p.m.

"We considered all the options," she said. A rabbi confirmed sundown that evening will be at 8:13 p.m., she said, and graduation should be finished before the Jewish Sabbath begins.

In other business, Dr. Sheldon noted the board receive a letter requesting buses for transportation to and from Project Graduation.

In the past, he said, bus companies employed by the district loaned their buses and the district paid the bus driver fees.

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IN THE MONEY... Joseph Dwyer of Scotch Plains, a \$5,000 winner in the New Jersey Lottery Pick-6 Bonus Million Grand Prize Drawing on March 9, is congratulated by Mrs. Helo Young, the New Jersey Lottery Hostess.

Sewer Use Costs Borough \$138,000

Officials Say Figures Should Be Recalculated

By TUCKER TRIMBLE
Specialty Writer for The Times

The Friendly Persuasions, a barber shop quartet from the Rahway Valley Chapter of the Jerseyaires, serenaded the Fanwood Mayor and Borough Council with *My Wild Irish Rose* at their meeting Wednesday, as the Mayor, Mrs. Linda D. Stender, proclaimed March Harmony Month.

The smiles left the faces of the members of the council; however, as Borough Attorney Dennis Estis reported, the Middlesex County Utilities Authority recently assessed an additional \$2.1 million over what had been anticipated by the Plainfield Joint Meeting for sewer use.

This translates into approximately \$138,000 for Fanwood, he said, since the borough pays about 6.344 per

cent of the overall charge. The utilities authority based its reassessment on tests over the past year which showed an increase in the suspended solids in the sewage flow, he continued.

However, the Plainfield Joint Meeting conducted similar tests about 250 feet away from the test site of the authority, and showed one third less flow than the utilities authority, Mr. Estis noted.

In response, the Plainfield Joint Meeting passed a resolution asking constituent municipalities not be required to pay the additional sum, now due on Monday, March 28, or not be liable for the interest due on that money.

Nevertheless, Mr. Estis explained, the constituents of the joint meeting must pay the fee by March 28.

"This is not good news," he said. "That is outrageous. They expect us to pay those sums on 30 days' notice," said the Mayor.

As Borough Clerk, Mrs. Eleanor McGovern, pointed out, a bill had not yet even been received, but Mr. Estis replied that made no difference.

In the beginning of this year, the Borough Attorney continued, the utilities authority informed the joint meeting of an additional assessment, the amount of which was then unknown.

"The only thing I fault Plainfield Joint Meeting for," he said, "is until last week we had no notice. Nothing filtered back from their February meeting."

"The Plainfield Joint Meeting has to vigorously pursue they shouldn't pay these increases," he stated. "We can't do that; they're not our numbers."

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Woodland Estates Set For Adoption March 22

Many Township Road Improvements Are on the Way

By GLENN R. KAPLANSKY
Specialty Writer for The Times

Items on the agenda for Tuesday's, March 22, public meeting will include the second reading of the controversial ordinance to re-zone the Woodland Estates area to permit 51 multiple-family dwellings including eight set aside for "Mt. Laurel" development.

John Garibaldi of 5 Short Hills Lane has been fighting the project for years, and he attended Tuesday's conference meeting. However, Mayor William F. McClintock, Jr. informed him the Woodland Estates matter will be fully debated and discussed and most likely voted on at the March 22 public meeting which is slated to begin at 8:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Plans for capital improvements dated March 8 were released. During the year, Raritan Road will be reconstructed from Lamberts Mill Road to the Winding Brook Bridge. The project totaling \$119,000 is now underway, and construction is estimated to take

about 45 days, if the weather is good.

During construction the road will be closed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The project involves paving and construction and installation of three storm sewers and granite block curbing.

Further improvements will be made to Hoe Avenue, Jackson Avenue and St. Ann Street. The township received \$65,000 from the Union County Development Revenue Sharing Committee. Scotch Plains will install a granite block curbing on both Jackson and Hoe Avenues. A two-inch overlay of macadam will then finish the job.

Much work was done on St. Ann Street last year. It is uncertain where the money will come from to effect the repairs on St. Ann Street now that the area has been ruled ineligible to get federal funds. It seems likely the township will have to appropriate money to finish the job this year.

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Deer-Hunt Report Indicates Herd Could Have Risen to Almost 475

Effort Seen Highly Successful in Reducing Animals Populating Reservation

Without a hunt to cut down the size of the deer herd in the Watchung Reservation, the herd would have grown from 300 to almost 475 by July, an increase of 58 per cent, according to a report released on the January hunt in the reservation.

Another conclusion reached in the report, presented at the beginning of this month to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders by the county Division of Parks and Recreation, was deer in the reservation have been in poorer condition than elsewhere in the state.

The harvesting that took place during two weekends in January will keep the herd down to approximately 310, a figure still considered more than triple the level the resources of the park can sustain, Parks and Recreation officials said in the report.

The officials added thinning the herd through hunting will produce a decrease in population, not an in-

crease as claimed by anti-hunting groups.

As a result of the hunt, 88 deer were killed, including 67 does, which officials were seeking to reduce.

Reproductive tracts removed from the female deer revealed 52 of the females were pregnant and carried between one and three embryos each, for a total of 81 viable embryos, according to the results of an examination by a biologist from the state Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

Before the hunt, the deer popula-

tion was estimated at 300, according to the county report — and the hunt reduced that number by 88 to 212.

The estimated 150 does were decreased by 67 to 83 by the hunt, the report said, and of those left after the hunt 77.6 per cent or 64 are likely to be pregnant and carrying between one and three embryos for a possible total of 96 new births this year.

Adding new births to the 212 surviving fawns and adults would result in a total of 308 of the animals by

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BEST BAKER...More than 750 people attended the recent "Taste of the Towns" benefit dinner held at the Pantaglas Restaurant in Scotch Plains. Twenty-eight Union organizations offered their best dishes for charity, raising over \$18,000. The Baking Program at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in the township received the committee's Choice Award for the best desserts. Shown, left to right, are: Joseph Knapp, the President of the Elizabeth Rotary Club which co-sponsored the event; Charles Sales, the Executive Director of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, another co-sponsor; Douglas Harris, the Chairman of the committee; Carmine DiIorio, an instructor of the vocational schools baking program; Mrs. Iannattono of Scotch Plains, the President of the vocational schools Board of Education, and Dr. Vito A. Gagliardi, the vocational schools Superintendent.

Representative Franks Releases Funding Report

He Ended Last Year With \$123,000 in His Campaign

By ROBERT R. FASZCZEWSKI
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The continuing flat state of the New Jersey economy and health care will be major issues during the 1994 campaign for the House of Representatives, Robert D. Franks, who is the legislator representing Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood in the lower house of Congress, said last week, on the heels of the release of the campaign-contribution reports by the Federal Election Commission.

The reports showed the Republican Representative beginning his campaign for a second two-year term with 11 times the amount of funds it had last summer.

Representative Franks had more than \$123,000 in his campaign treasury by the end of last year, compared to \$11,142 in the July 1 to December 31 reporting period.

The legislator, who joined Congress with 114 other newcomers in the 1992 election, reported of the \$149,826 he raised during the final six months of last year, about \$135,000, or 90 per cent, came from individuals.

Only 12 per cent of those contributors, according to the reports, resided outside the Garden State.

Of the total of 177 contributors, the commission's records show, over half of them, 91 people, gave the campaign \$1,000 or more. Another 78 contributed \$500 or more.

Only eight contributors, three of them residing outside the state, appear on a list of those who gave \$250 or less to the campaign.

Of the nearly \$263,000 Representative Franks accumulated during all of last year, nearly \$216,000 or 82 per cent, came from individuals, with contributions from political action committees and interest payments accounting for the rest.

The Franks for Congress campaign committee spent almost \$38,000 during the reporting period and about \$146,000 during all of 1993.



Representative-Elect Robert D. Franks

Now in his freshman term, the lawmaker won the 1992 election with 53 per cent of the votes cast in the state's Seventh Congressional District.

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For events which happen the week-end prior to publication, press releases should reach the Editor by Monday of the week of publication at 10 a.m.

Obituaries will be taken until Tuesday at 5 p.m.

For events which are planned weeks or months in advance, we encourage submission of stories as early as possible prior to the event.

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Recycled telephone books can be turned into animal bedding, ceiling tile, cellulose insulation, newsprint, cardboard boxes, egg cartons and packing material.

This year's collection period will extend from Wednesday, March 23, until Friday, April 29. Residents, non-residents and businesses may bring their telephone books to the Department of Public Property at 2445 Plainfield Avenue, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

No magazines or catalogues will be accepted since these items are recycled curbside on designated recycling days. For further information, please telephone the Scotch Plains Recycling Coordinator at 322-6700, Extension No. 243.

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