

CONCEPTS & THOUGHT



WINNING WESTFIELDERS...The Westfield students who won state titles in the 2005 Destination Imagination competition are pictured, above. These pupils have qualified for the global championships that will be held in Knoxville, Tenn. in May.

Westfield Students Capture Destination Imagination Titles

WESTFIELD – For the past six months or so, Westfield pupils have participated in local, regional and statewide competitions in the 2005 Destination Imagination competition. On April 9, thousands of New Jersey students competed in the state finals of the New Jersey Destination Imagination problem-solving competition at Sayreville War Memorial High School. The makeup of the 50 students who represented Westfield comprised of six teams from Wilson Elementary School, one team from Washington Elementary School, and one team from Westfield High School. Two of these teams have earned the right to represent the state of New Jersey in the Destination Imagination Global Finals to be held in Knoxville, Tenn. in May. Out of five teams that were entered, six contestants on the Dizzy Derby Team and seven on the Radio DJ Team captured first-place prizes in the challenges, earning the right to move onto the Global Finals. Additionally, Westfield teams earned one second-place award, one third-place award and specialty honors for two teams that demonstrated particular creativity and engineering excellence. To help the Westfield Destination Imagination team defray the costs of the trip to Knoxville, please send donations to: Westfield Destination Imagination Fundraiser, c/o Wilson Elementary School, 301 Linden Avenue, Westfield 07090. Checks should be made payable to Wilson School PTO.



THANK YOU...Michael Fleck, a student in the Jumpstart Pre-Kindergarten class at Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains, gives a "thank you" hug to a tree after learning about the many things he uses and eats that come from trees.

Brunner Jumpstart Students Thank Trees for Arbor Day

SCOTCH PLAINS – Children enrolled in the Jumpstart Pre-Kindergarten classes at Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains observed Arbor Day with learning activities that focused on the beauty and importance of trees. After reading the book, "Have You Seen Trees?" by Joanne Oppenheim, each child used crayons and paint to depict how trees look during each season. The students in each class worked together to create a large tree that is displayed in the classroom. The pupils discovered that many items used everyday in the classroom and at home come from trees. They also ate from plates filled with foods that come from trees. Tree snacks included apples, pears, peaches, apricots, bananas, oranges, figs, dates, olives, maple syrup, coconut and chocolate. Following the classroom activities, each child found a tree on the school grounds to hug as a "thank you" for the fruits they bear. The students are also working together to collect a stack of newspapers, three feet high, so that they can see how many newspapers must be collected to be recycled to save one tree.

Holy Trinity School Slates Clothing Drive on May 7

WESTFIELD – Holy Trinity Interparochial School, located at 336 First Street in Westfield, will hold a spring bulk clothing drive on Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the school. Individuals may bring donations by entering the school in the front through the gymnasium doors. Items accepted include clothes, blankets, linens, shoes and boots, hats, belts, pocketbooks and stuffed animals, all in good condition. All items should be placed in plastic bags and fastened. No hangers, toys, appliances or furniture will be accepted. For more information, please call Melanie Penders at (908) 233-7482.



GENEROUS GIFT...Kelsey Coupe, left, and Caitlin Bunin, two students from Evergreen Elementary School in Scotch Plains, recently donated over 10 inches of their hair to Locks for Love, an organization that provides wigs to children with cancer.

Award-Winning Poet to Visit Westfield High School May 3

WESTFIELD – The award-winning poet Li-Young Lee will conduct a reading followed by a book signing at the fourth installment of the Westfield High School (WHS) Visiting Poets Series Program on Tuesday, May 3, at 7 p.m. in the WHS auditorium. The reading is open to the community.



Li-Young Lee

Mr. Lee is the author of three collections of poetry: "Rose," "The City in Which I Love You," and "Book of My Nights." He also received the American Book Award for his memoir, "The Winged Seed: A Remem-

brance." The annual WHS Visiting Poets Series Program is made possible through a grant provided by the Education Fund of Westfield, and through additional funding provided by the WHS Parent Teacher Student Organization.

Poets participating in the series in previous years include Mark Doty, Marie Howe and Maria Mazzio-Gillan. For more information or to make reservations, please e-mail Program Coordinator John Cheddar at jcheddar@westfieldnj12.com.

Two Residents, One Company Lauded by Educational Group

WESTFIELD – The Union County Educational Services Foundation, the fundraising arm of the Union County Educational Services Commission, a local provider of special services for students with mild to severe disabilities, will present three awards. The 2005 Humanitarian Award will be given to Victor Richel Jr., the Individual Commitment to Education Award will be presented to Senator Joseph Doria Jr., and the Corporate Commitment to Education Award will be given to Commerce Bank.

The presentations will be made at the Foundation's 10th Annual Awards Reception on Thursday, April 28. "These awards are symbols of the dedication of both individuals and corporations to education in Union County," noted Kenneth Kraly, president of the foundation's board of directors. "The three awardees this year have demonstrated a consistent and unswerving commitment, for which the foundation feels they deserve public recognition."

Mr. Richel, Vice Chairman of Independence Community Bank, serves as chairman of the board of trustees of Union County College and is a member of the board of governors at the college. He is a member of the board of regents at St. Peter's College in Jersey City and is an advisory board member of Pace University's Lubin School of Business. He serves as a director of All-State International, Trinitas Hospital, and Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation. He is also a trustee of the Garden State Cancer Center.



GALA AFFAIR...Oratory Prep's Spring Gala, "A Night in Monte Carlo," which was held on April 8 at the Bridgewater Marriott, was attended by residents from Westfield and Scotch Plains, including Terri and Stephen Macri of Westfield, Ellen and Joseph Kenny of Westfield, Sue Moryan of Westfield, Juliet and Daniel Perrine of Scotch Plains, as well as William Renee Barry of Scotch Plains. Pictured, left to right, are: Mr. and Mrs. Macri and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kenny.

DECA Seeks Donations For Memorial Day Parade

SCOTCH PLAINS – Students from DECA, an association of marketing students at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS), are seeking monetary donations from the community to offset the cost of American flags, which will be distributed during this year's Memorial Day Parade. Donations may be sent to SPFHS, c/o DECA, 667 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains 07076. DECA students participate in marketing events and competitions, as well as numerous community service projects. The organization has already hosted its annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Halloween Party, and Christmas Party for the homeless. For more information, please call SPFHS at (908) 889-8600.

Public Schools and is the Chairman of the Commission on Business Efficiency in Public Schools.

Sen. Doria began his career as a social studies teacher. He later taught, and then became an administrator, at St. Peter's College. He was elected to the Bayonne Board of Education in 1975 and served as Board President from 1976 to 1979. He was also President of the Hudson County School Boards Association from 1978 to 1979. Commerce Bank provides more than \$2 million to support educational programs and scholarships such as Commercial WOWzone, which is a financial literacy program for grades K to 12. Camp Business allows high school students to explore and learn about business roles. BASE is a partnership with New Jersey schools that offers internships to high school students. Through LEAP Academy, Pre-K to eighth-grade students are provided computer labs to help them master technology, science, and math. Commerce Bank's Corporate Giving Program has contributed more than \$38 million – 5,100 contributions and \$7.8 million in 2004 alone – to nonprofit organizations, helping improve the quality of life of the people living in the communities served by the bank. Over the last three years, Commerce has donated an average of three percent of its pre-tax income to beneficiaries – nearly double Corporate America's average of 1.6 percent, according to the Giving USA Foundation's 2004 annual report on philanthropy. Commerce Bank provides financial and other support to educational, arts, community, human service and health-related programs, many of which focus on improving the welfare of children and families.



AL ROKER?...McKinley Elementary fourth grader Henry Brown displays his weather map and does his best impression of weatherman Al Roker during a special presentation at the school. As part of the celebration of February as Black History Month and March as Women's History Month, fourth graders presented "Madame McKinley's Wax Museum." Guests walked through the museum and pushed buttons of the individual students, who portrayed famous African-Americans and women. They were also treated to a short speech that revealed their biographies and the pupils explained why they were famous.

Stephanie Shomade to Receive Scholarship from NANBPWC

SCOTCH PLAINS – The National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC) has announced that Stephanie Shomade, a senior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS), will be one of six graduating seniors to receive a scholarship from the organization. Stephanie will receive the scholarship during the club's 33rd Annual Founders' Day Luncheon on Saturday,

April 23, at The Westwood in Garwood. The club will also present awards to residents of Plainfield and Elizabeth. Stephanie has participated with the Junior Statesmen Association at SPFHS. She is an active member of St. John Baptist Church in Scotch Plains. She plans to attend William Patterson University, where she will major in criminal justice.



SPECIAL VISITOR...Author Patricia Lakin autographs books for Franklin Elementary School first graders Jacob Furst, Christina Sloan and Catherine Serratelli.

Author Patricia Lakin Visits Franklin Elementary Pupils

WESTFIELD – Patricia Lakin, author of more than 30 children's books, visited with students at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield on April 13 and 14 as part of Visiting Author Days, sponsored annually by the Franklin Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). This was Franklin's second set of Visiting Author Days this year as biographer Elizabeth Raum had recently spent two days at the school, meeting with third, fourth and fifth grade students in February. A former elementary school teacher, Ms. Lakin discussed how she became

a writer and shared her seven-step writing process with small groups of kindergarten, first and second graders. She emphasized the importance of persistence and believing in oneself. Ms. Lakin also read some of her books aloud and held a question and answer session. During her lunch hour, she talked with first and second grade students specially selected to meet with her. Prior to Ms. Lakin's visit, Franklin Librarian Debra Stern had introduced students to the author's books, which include "Amelia Earhart: More Than a Flier," "Beach Day!" and "Clarence the Copy Cat." First graders drew their own versions of copy cats and hung them in the school library. Mrs. Stern also asked Ms. Lakin to sign special "Clarence the Copy Cat" bookmarks created for the occasion and distributed them to the children. Additionally, Ms. Lakin autographed copies of her books that the children had purchased prior to her visit.

Saint Joseph's University Honors Stefanie Courtney

WESTFIELD – Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pa. has reported that Stefanie Courtney of Westfield has been placed on the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester. Stefanie is a freshman majoring in environmental science. She is an active member of the Saint Joseph's University Pep Band. She has also accepted the position of Supplemental Instruction Leader in chemistry next fall. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Courtney, she is a graduate of Westfield High School.

Franklin PTO Plans Special Plant Sale For Mother's Day

WESTFIELD – The Franklin Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will host its annual Mother's Day Plant Sale on Friday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., rain or shine, in the front of the school on Prospect Street in Westfield. An assortment of flowers and herbs will be available in pots, flats, hanging baskets, and Mother's Day planters. Volunteers will be available to help shoppers with their purchases.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

RESOLUTION 05-04-74
CONTRACTOR: Daniel McCarthy; Rogut, McCarthy, Troy LLC; 37 Alden Street; Cranford, New Jersey 07016-2106
NATURE OF SERVICE: Economic Developer/Redevelopment Coordinator
DURATION: Period ending March 31, 2006
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$30,000.00
A Copy of the Resolution and Contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 4/21/05, The Times Fee: \$17.85

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 05-08-S AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on April 12, 2005. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapters 86 and 67, Salaries and Compensation establishing salary ranges for Borough employees.

This ordinance is scheduled for adoption on May 10, 2005, 7:30 P.M., Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.
Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 4/21/05, The Times Fee: \$20.40

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

RESOLUTION 05-04-75
CONTRACTOR: T & M Associates; Eleven Tindal Road; Middletown, New Jersey 07748
NATURE OF SERVICE: Professional Planning Services for Specific Planning Board Applications
222 South Avenue, LLC, Not to exceed \$4,000.00
Fanwood Plaza Partners, 15 Old South Avenue, Block 61, Lot 14, Not to exceed \$2,000.00
DURATION: Period ending March 31, 2006
AMOUNT: Not to exceed as above
A Copy of the Resolution and Contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk, Fanwood Municipal Building, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 4/21/05, The Times Fee: \$23.97

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

RESOLUTION 05-04-67
CONTRACTOR: John Drakiewicz, Esq.; Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione; One River Front Plaza; Newark, New Jersey 07102-5497
NATURE OF SERVICE: Bond Counsel
DURATION: Period ending December 31, 2005 or until his successor is appointed
AMOUNT: Bond Sale and review of Official Statement \$3,500 plus \$1.00 per \$1,000 bonds Preparation of Bond Ordinance: \$375.00 - \$550.00
A Copy of the Resolution and Contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 4/21/05, The Times Fee: \$20.91

Local Parents Help Organize Fundraiser At Winston School

AREA – Jane Collins and Andrea Flood of Westfield, Ronnie Goland of Scotch Plains and Terri Cerritto of Fanwood have been serving on a special committee to organize The Winston School's annual Pops Fundraiser. The event, which will be held on Saturday, May 7, at 7 p.m. at The North Maple Inn in Basking Ridge, will include cocktails, diner, dancing with Tim McCloone and the Shirleys, a live and silent auction and a raffle. The fundraiser will be held to honor the school's students and alumni. All proceeds will benefit educational programming at The Winston School. For more information on the fundraiser, please call Winnie McDonough at (973) 379-4114.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 05-07-R

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9 OF CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD TO INCREASE THE COST FOR OBTAINING CERTIFIED COPIES OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS

was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on April 12, 2005. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.
Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 4/21/05, The Times Fee: \$18.87