



**BATTER UP...**Last Saturday morning, under blue skies and perfect temperatures, the Westfield Baseball League (WBL) ushered in Opening Day with a parade from Mindowaskin Park to Gumbert Field. Participants were treated to pins, posters and a carnival at Gumbert prior to the start of the new season. Pictured, back seat, left to right, are: WBL Vice President Gary Fox, Elizabeth Fox, Max Fusaro and WBL President Frank Fusaro. Ray D'Amato was the driver of the car and Jake Fox is the front seat passenger.

## Mountainside Voters OK \$13 Mil. BOE Budget; Perrin and Worswick Win Seats

**By BETSEY BURGDORF**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader*

MOUNTAINSIDE — In what proved to be very low turnout at the polls, the \$13 million operating budget was adopted by a 63 percent margin with 426 residents voting in favor and 249 voting against.

Better late than never proved to be the winning ticket for Mountainside Board of Education write-in candidate Sergeant Scot Worswick, who walked away Tuesday night claiming one of the two open seats on the board. Incumbent John Perrin walked

away with the other victory.

Board member MaryBeth Schaumburg stated, "Voter turnout was pathetic." Referring to the fact that the school board race was far from a competition, Mrs. Schaumburg continued saying, "The more contested, the higher the turnout."

A write-in candidate is required by law to obtain 10 votes at the polls on Election Day in order to be elected. Sgt. Worswick, a 22-year veteran on the Mountainside Police Department, claimed 318 votes.

Mr. Perrin, who was seeking re-

election for a third term, received 435, while past board member Linda Esemplare, who tried for a nod at reelection as a write-in candidate took 119 votes.

According to School Board Business Administrator Paul Vizzuso, Tuesday night's numbers are unofficial.

The winning candidates will be officially sworn in at the next regularly scheduled school board meeting on Tuesday, April 26, at 8 p.m. in the Media Center at Beechwood School.

At this time, officers for the new term will be elected.

## Sidewalk Replacement Program, Capital Improvements Approved by Council

**By DAVID DANESE**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader*

WESTFIELD — As part of its ongoing effort to, in the words of First Ward Councilman Peter Echausse, "be very aggressive on [the improvement of] roads," Town Council Tuesday night unanimously approved all three capital ordinances introduced at its March 29 meeting.

The largest of the three special ordinances appropriates \$3,043,000 for a variety of capital projects, including road improvements to Highland

Avenue and the installation of new sidewalks on Scotch Plains Avenue between South Avenue and Broad Street.

In addition to those road projects, the ordinance also calls for improvements to various public buildings, such as the municipal building, the town library, and the town's two firehouses, and for new communications and signal systems equipment for the police department.

Of the remaining two special ordinances passed at Tuesday night's

meeting, one earmarks \$261,000 for the replacement of existing curbing and construction of new curbing on Tuttle Parkway, Terrace Place, Forest Avenue, and North Euclid Avenue, in addition to various road reconstruction and storm drain installation projects.

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## Ward Age-Restricted Project Hearing Tabled

**By KIMBERLY BROADWELL**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader*

WESTFIELD — Because of the late hour during a special meeting held on April 14, the decision from the Westfield Planning Board on an appeal from In-Town Condominium Construction Company, LLC, to construct a 35-unit age restricted building was postponed to a May 19 meeting.

The applicants, development company Ward & O'Donnell, are proposing to build a four-story building, including a parking garage, for people who are over the age of 55.

The project is set for Prospect Street, at the location where Statistical Research was housed for many years.

Testimony was heard from Domingo Diaz, architect for the project, who stated that there were some changes to the plan because of recommendations made by Blais Brancheau, Planner for the Town of Westfield.

Mr. Domingo stated that the design of the roof was modified, as well as the location of the handicapped parking space.

Traffic Engineer Elizabeth Dolen also testified on behalf of the development company stating that the width of the parking spaces for the 35 units were proposed at 8.5 feet per space and that she felt this was an adequate measurement for the site.

She noted that this measurement was in line with the standards set forth by the Institute for Traffic Engineers and that other lots in Westfield including the municipal lot across the street from the proposed site had the same width measurement.

She added that, according to her research, the age-restricted building would generate approximately 10-15 car trips per hour to the parking garage located on the lower level of the project. She stated that as much as 20 trips per hour could also be met depending on if the residents were retired or not.

Civil Engineer Michael Disko also testified on behalf of the applicants. He stated that according to plans, a 16-inch sewer line ran along the site where the parking garage is proposed,

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Those pleas were spurred by last Friday's three-car accident at the intersection of Lawrence and Dudley, which occurred shortly after the end of the school day for students at the nearby Roosevelt Intermediate School.

Resident Jackie Cash's sentiment that "we were lucky this time" was

Unofficial Area School Voting Results - April 19, 2005											
Westfield	WF	Scotch Plains-Fanwood	FW	SP	SP-F	Mountainside	MS	Garwood	GW		
Alice Hunnicutt * (3yr)	1,605	Sasha Sloucm (FW) * (3yr)	676			John Perrin * (3yr)	435	Gary Maher * (3yr)	246		
Ann Ormsby Cary * (3yr)	1,435	Don Parisi (SP) * (3yr)		1,575		Scot Worswick (WI) * (3yr)	318	Debbie Courtney * (2yr)	241		
Gary McCready * (3yr)	1,375	Warren McFall (SP) * (3yr)		1,124		Linda Esemplare (WI)	119	Monty Brown * (3yr)	241		
William Ziff	1,368	Trip Whitehouse (SP)		1,104				Tracey Schadewald * (2yr)	235		
Steven Dorry	1,039							Christine Guerriero (WI) * (3yr)	140		
Budget-Yes	1,463	Budget-Yes *	484	1,309	1,793	Budget-Yes *	426	Budget-Yes *	230		
Budget-No *	1,529	Budget-No	480	1,181	1,661	Budget-No	249	Budget-No	123		
Voters	2,991	Voters	964	2,490	3,454	Voters	675	Voters	353		
Registered Voters	20,441	Registered Voters	5,013	15,361	20,374	Registered Voters	4,808	Registered Voters	2,440		
Turnout	14.6%	Turnout	19.2%	16.2%	17.0%	Turnout	14.0%	Turnout	14.5%		

BOE Notes: WF elected 3 members; FW elected 1 member; SP elected 2 members; MS elected 2 members; GW elected 5 members; (WI) = write-in

## HUNNICUTT, ORMSBY CARY, McCREADY WIN BOE SEATS

## Voters Defeat BOE Budget By Margin of 1,528 to 1,463

**By ED COONEY**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader*

WESTFIELD — For the first time in a decade, Westfield voters defeated the budget proposed by the town's board of education (BOE). The vote, which was held Tuesday, concluded with 1,528 Westfield voters against the budget and 1,463 voting in favor of it.

Incumbent Alice Hunnicutt and

newcomers Ann Ormsby Cary and Gary McCready won the three seats up for grabs on the board. Ms. Hunnicutt received 1,605 votes, Ms. Ormsby Cary received 1,435 tallies, and Mr. McCready received 1,375 votes, narrowly defeating incumbent William Ziff for the third seat on the board.

Mr. Ziff received 1,368 votes. Candidate Steven Dorry received 1,039

tallies. The three winners will take their seats on the board on Tuesday, April 26, at the board's annual re-organizational meeting.

The budget defeat came as a surprise to many board members, who gathered at board member Richard Solomon's house to await the results.

"I think we worked very hard to try and meet the needs of our schools," said Board President Anne Riegel. "I'm disappointed more parents didn't vote."

## McDermott Resigning, Moving Out of Town

**By PAUL J. PEYTON**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader*

WESTFIELD — Mayor Greg McDermott has officially purchased a home in Bernardsville and is expected to resign as mayor by the end of the school year. *The Westfield Leader* had previously reported that Mr. McDermott's Lawrence Avenue home was for sale.

Third Ward Councilman Andy Skibitsky is expected to be named by the Westfield Republican Committee to carry out the remainder of Mr. McDermott's term, which expires on December 31. The councilman was previously selected by the committee as the GOP's mayoral candidate this year.

Mayor McDermott and his wife, Andrea, also have a son, Bryan, a sophomore at William & Mary College in Williamsburg, Va., and two younger daughters, Melissa, a sophomore at WHS, and Patricia, a sixth grader at Roosevelt Intermediate School.

According to the Westfield Town Code, the GOP Committee would have 15 days upon the date of Mr. McDermott's resignation to provide the full Town Council with three names to fill the mayoral vacancy. The council would have 35 days to make the appointment.

Mayor McDermott was first elected mayor in 2000 and was reelected in 2002.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley said he felt the failure of the budget to pass represents "a tipping point in regards to property taxes."

He added, "Given pressure on the board, the town council, and the county, people are having a problem."

At this point in the budgetary process, the 2005-2006 school budget lays in the hands of the Town Council. The board must submit the full budget to the council by today, April 21, at which point the council will look over the budget and make discretionary cuts.

The Town Council must make its recommendation by Thursday, May 19, at which point the board has 15 days to appeal any cuts to the State Board of Education.

The last time the school budget was defeated in a public election was in May of 1994. The Town Council proceeded to cut \$765,900 out of the tax levy of \$41,306,636.

The board did not appeal the council's decision.



**KEEPING THE PEACE...**Westfield Police Detective Jim McCullough keeps the streets orderly during the annual Spring Fling last Sunday in downtown Westfield.

## Resident Sentenced to Five Years For Trying to Obtain Kids for Sex

MIAMI, Fla. — George Clarke, 43, a former middle school math and science teacher from Westfield, was sentenced last week to five years in prison by United States District Court Judge Cecilia Altonaga, in Miami, Fla., following his conviction by a federal jury in Miami of attempting to engage in sexual relations with minors in Costa Rica, according to United States Attorney for the South-

ern District of Florida, Marcos Daniel Jimenez.

Clarke was arrested at Miami International Airport in August of 2004, when he attempted to board a plane bound for Costa Rica, authorities said.

The prosecution of Clarke stemmed from Operation Turn Around, an undercover operation led by the FBI, with the assistance of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and coop-

eration of the United States Embassy in Costa Rica and Costa Rican law enforcement authorities.

Clarke's arrest was the result of his ongoing conversations with the undercover travel agency that was set up by the FBI, which culminated in his payment of \$1,610 for a trip to Costa Rica that would include the sexual services of two 12-year old girls, au-

## Hike in Mountainside Municipal Budget; Tax Bill Increases Discussed by Mayor Viglianti

**By KIMBERLY BROADWELL**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader*

MOUNTAINSIDE — During the Mountainside council meeting held on Tuesday evening, Mayor Robert Viglianti introduced the borough's 2005 municipal budget. He announced that the total budget for 2005

was \$9,380,799.67, which is an increase of \$317,463 from last year.

Mayor Viglianti noted that there were three big increases for the budget which included insurance premiums, worker's compensation insurance and fees for the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

He stated that other increases came from police salary and wages, police and fire retirement funds and public employee retirement.

The mayor also stated that because of mandated increases from the state and from rising insurance costs, the average Mountainside household would see a municipal increase of \$88 in their tax bill. He stated that he could not say definitively what the school board, or county portion of the tax bill would bring, but did make an estimate.

He said that based on what he could access; he thought the school board

portion would increase by \$169 per household and that the county would increase by \$206. This, the mayor noted, was an estimated increase of \$463 per household based on an average accessed home of \$160,000.

Mayor Viglianti stated at last week's meeting that in the budget for 2004 there was \$1.8 million allotted for surplus and that only \$1.445 was replenished.

At that time, he stated, "We cannot keep taking from our surplus."

He noted, however, that a payment of \$175,000 from the school board's

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**DANGEROUS JUNCTION...**...The intersection of Lawrence and East Dudley Avenues was the site of a serious car accident involving three motor vehicles last Friday afternoon at 3:03 p.m. According to police, the driver of the Volvo, traveling south on Lawrence, attempted to cross East Dudley in an unsafe manner when the driver of the Chevy Suburban struck the side of the Volvo sending it into the garden of 304 East Dudley Avenue. The Suburban was spun 90 degrees and hit the minivan head-on. All three vehicles were towed. Minor injuries were reported and a summons was issued to the driver of the Volvo.

## Sidewalk Replacement, Capital Improvements OK'd by Town

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echoed by several others, including Lynne Partridge, who went on to state that "we don't have time for all this bickering," referring to the Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee's lengthy process for proposing and implementing traffic safety measures at the town's problem intersections.

Acknowledging the urgency of the matter, First Ward Councilman Sal Caruana expressed a desire to make immediate changes at those problem intersections on Dudley Avenue, and in addition, he emphasized the importance of making children aware that safer options for crossing Dudley Avenue, such as at Clark Street and Elm Street, are also available.

Later in the open discussion session, Manhattan Bagel owner Joshua Lang complained about the closing of the South Avenue corridor for the Westfield Criterium bicycle race during the morning and early afternoon hours last Saturday, suggesting that the town should consult with local business owners before closing main roads in the future.

On hand to respond was race organizer Michael Jennings, who apologized for any detrimental effects that the race had on local businesses and promised to work together with business owners to ensure that the race does not negatively impact business in subsequent years.

In other matters, the council unanimously approved a number of resolutions put forth by the town's Finance Policy Committee, including the adoption of the 2005 Special Improvement District budget of \$377,575 and the insertion of special items for the police department's Body Armor Fund (including the Bulletproof Vest Program) and the Tobacco Age-of-Sale Enforcement Fund into the municipal budget.

The council also unanimously passed resolutions authorizing Mayor Gregory McDermott to apply for financial assistance from the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Mu-

nicipal Aid Program for the reconstruction of Boulevard from South Avenue to Grove Street, improvements to Grove Street between Rahway and Central Avenues, reconstruction of Prospect Street between Ferris Place and Cowperthwaite Place, and improvements to South Chestnut Street between East Broad Street and the Garwood border.

Finally, in another unanimous vote, the council passed the Code Review and Town Property Committee's resolution to approve a person-to-person and place-to-place transfer of a full liquor license for Northside Trattoria. The license will enable the restaurant, located on Prospect Street, to have a bar. A number of restaurants have controlled licenses, which limit the establishments to only serve alcoholic drinks at tables where food is being served.

## Clarke

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thorities said.

In January of 2005, Clarke was found guilty by a federal jury in Miami of attempting to travel in foreign commerce to engage in sexual relations with a minor, attempting to engage in a commercial sex act with a minor, and attempting to induce a minor child to engage in prostitution.

Authorities said Operation Turnaround was formed to address the problem of United States citizens traveling to Central American countries to engage in sex with minor children. The operation involved the FBI's creation of an undercover travel agency that offered travel packages to Costa Rica that purportedly included the sexual services of minors.

In all, Operation Turnaround resulted in the prosecutions charging a total of 11 defendants. All 11 defendants were convicted, four at trial and seven by plea. The convictions also included a police officer, a carnival worker, and a real estate agent.

## Tax Levy Passes; Five Elected to School Bd.

By ANNA GITHENS  
Specially Written for The Leader and The Times

**GARWOOD** - Borough voters approved the \$6.4 million school tax levy on Tuesday as well as casting their vote for the five open seats on Board of Education (BOE).

With a record five seats up for grabs, two incumbents and three newcomers walked away triumphant. The four candidates who filed petitions prior to the February 7 deadline, as well as one write in candidate were elected.

Incumbent Gary Maher was re-elected, pulling in 246 votes, while newcomer Debbie Courtney and incumbent Monty Brown claimed 241 votes each. Tracey Schadewald, a first-timer vying for a chance to serve, pulled in 235 votes.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Maher will serve three-year terms, while Mrs. Courtney's and Ms. Schadewald's tenure will be for two years each. Christine Guerriero, a write in candidate, won a three-year seat and received 140 write-in votes.

Ms. Guerriero, a school nurse employed in Somerville, is a previous board member who served from 1990 to 1993.

The \$6.4 million school budget passed by a tally of 230 for to 123 against out of 2,440 registered voters.

According to write in candidate Christine Guerriero, the favorable turnout was most likely due to the lack of an increase in the local tax levy. She also stated that the school board worked hard to preserve this flat district tax and, as a result, "received overwhelming support from voters."

The lack of a tax increase was due, in part, to the receipt of deregionalization money received from the borough's contract with Clark's Arthur L. Johnson High

School.

The BOE's task of limiting local tax increases was difficult mainly because of the ongoing school construction project that is scheduled for completion by December 2005.

According to information obtained from the BOE, local students are housed in the district's two school facilities. Kindergarten and pre-kindergarten pupils attend Washington School. Grades one through eight attend Lincoln School.

Construction of the new facilities will provide updated technology programs, including Internet access in all classrooms, and needed space for student instruction and curriculum requirements. The completed construction will allow the district to provide a full service lunch program in the new cafeteria and a new, modern library facility.

Included in the 2005/2006 budget, according to the borough's BOE, is funding for a projected enrollment of 417 regular and special education students from grades pre-k through eight. It also includes tuition for students in grades nine through 12, amounting to approximately 185 students, to attend high school in Clark.

Also included in the adopted budget is salary and benefits for approximately 59 full and part-time employees, which include teachers, administrators and custodial staff.

The re-organization meeting of the BOE will be held Tuesday, April 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Washington School. The swearing-in of the newly elected members will take place at that time.

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**WESTFIELDER HONORED...**Westfield resident Julie Phelan recently received a special award from Lafayette College, where she is a senior. Julie, right, is doing research with the guidance of Susan Bosow, Dana Professor of Psychology, left.

## Psychology Award Granted To Julie Phelan of Westfield

**WESTFIELD** - Julie Phelan of Westfield received Lafayette College's Burton H. Cohen Memorial Prize during the college's Honors Convocation on April 17.

The award is presented annually to a senior psychology major who has demonstrated the inclination, intellectual curiosity, determination, and potential to become a dedicated, creative, selfless teacher.

A double-major in psychology and art, Julie was invited to make a presentation about her research on the society's tolerance of mental illnesses at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research from April 20 to 23 in Lexington, Va.

Julie is doing research with the guidance of Susan Bosow, Dana Professor of Psychology.



**GIDDY UP...**Westfield Police Chief Bernard Tracy keeps a tight grip on his two and a half year old granddaughter, Kaylee Marchese, as she enjoys a pony ride at the Spring Fling this past Sunday.



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**WINNING SMILE...**Interim Chief School Administrator Walter Rusak, right, congratulates Scot Worswick after winning a seat on the Mountinside Board of Education as a write in candidate as board members MaryBeth Schaumburg, front, Carmine Venes, left and Pat Knodel, second from left, look on.



## WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

A resident of the 1300 block of Frances Terrace reported the theft of keys and a credit card from his truck.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Stacy Wells, 35, of Westfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting a wallet valued at approximately \$155 from a North Avenue store. She was released on her own recognizance.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Venancio Carachure, 26, of Plainfield was arrested in the 900 block of West South Avenue and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was subsequently released to a responsible party pending an April 6 court date.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 5

A Park Street resident reported that

a total of \$800 was charged on his Capital One Visa card without his authorization.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Michael Mullings, 25, of Plainfield was arrested at South Avenue and Boulevard and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on his own recognizance with summonses pending an April 20 court date.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Joshua Newberg, 18, of Westfield was arrested on Summit Avenue and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. He was released on his own recognizance with a summons pending an April 13 court date.



**PHONE HOME...**Betty and Bruce Maloney received two donation checks for phone cards to be sent to United States troops overseas. One check was from the Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association Local No. 30 and the other from the Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 14. Lieutenant Robert Buccino of the Westfield Fire Department, who is also the Adjunct for the Disabled American Veteran's Chapter 14, presented the checks.

## Budget Hike and Tax Bill Discussed by Boro. Mayor

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de-regionalization suit was recently put into the surplus. This week he reported that \$1.65 million was designated for surplus. He told those in attendance that it was important to have a surplus in case of an unforeseen emergency.

The mayor also noted that if any Mountainside resident decides not to pay their taxes, the borough is still obligated by law to pay the school board and the county portion of their tax bill.

Earlier in the year, Mayor Vigilanti noted that because of the major increases mandated by a formula from the state, the library must be given an increase of \$60,000 in next year's budget. Last, year because of the same formula, the library had a \$49,000 increase.

The mayor noted that the library did not ask for this money and that he did not like to see this mandated increase "passed on to the taxpayer."

Mayor Vigilanti stated, "Next year we will see this again as Mountainside is building \$30 million in new homes."

It was also noted that money was being appropriated for the mandated ordinance that was passed upon second reading on Tuesday evening from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

The mayor stated that because of the mandated ordinance, called the Storm Water Control and Flooding Plan Ordinance, Mountainside, along with all other New Jersey municipalities, must comply with all of the engineering requirements of the ordinance as well as map all of the storm sewer drains.

The governing body did recognize an \$8,468 grant that had been awarded this past winter to help comply with the ordinance.

Other ordinances passed after a second reading included: an ordinance supplementing regulations regarding road-opening permits on newly paved roads and an ordinance to reduce the speed limit from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour on New Providence Road from Deer Path to Tracy Drive.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, at 8 p.m.

## Ward Age-Restricted Project Hearing Tabled Until May

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but that a careful study done by running a television camera through the inside of the pipe found it to be in "excellent condition."

He noted that the pipe ran underneath Prospect Street to the municipal lot across the street. He added that in order to remove the pipe, Prospect Street would have to be closed for months and that waiting for numerous permits would hold up the project from the Department of Environmental Protection.

Mr. Disko said, "My suggestion is not to remove something that is working well. I think it should be left in and monitored."

He added, "When this sewer pipe was built 50-75 years ago, it was top-notch construction."

He did state that the applicants want to install panels to the pipe, so that if repairs needed to be made, there would be easy access.

Town Engineer Kenneth Marsh noted that he agreed with Mr. Disko's assessment after reviewing the tape and added that he wanted a legal

agreement "crafted to protect the town" if, and when, maintenance or repairs are needed.

He stated that he wanted to make sure the town would not be liable for any loss to cars in the garage in the event of flooding.

Mr. Marsh stated, "Just because this has never happened in the past doesn't mean it never will happen."

Robert Newell, Planning Board member and acting Chairman added, "If the north side parking deck had gone through, the town would have been faced with the same situation."

Michael Zemsky, owner of Newpointe Realty of Westfield, as well as the Benefits Service Company located next to the proposed condominium, are opposed to the project.

Representing the two businesses are attorneys, Leslie Cascone and Joseph Murray, respectively.

The next meeting regarding the application is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, at 8 p.m.

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**MARCHING ON...**Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School sent 300 members of its Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble and Chorus to The Disney Magic Music Days. The Marching Band led in the Spectro Magic Parade at The Magic Kingdom on April 17, the Chorus sang at Epcot on April 15, while the Jazz Ensemble performed a stage show at a cafe on April 17.

## Planning Board Holds Old South Ave., First Downtown Redevelopment Hearings; New Storm Water Plan Drafted

By DEBORAH MADISON  
Specially Written for The Times

**FANWOOD** – The Fanwood Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments discussed several upcoming hearings at its Monday night agenda meeting. Each of the four applications that will be presented at the next regular meeting has been assigned a time slot in order to keep to the full schedule.

The continuation of an application for a sideyard variance for a bathroom addition on Montrose Avenue will be heard from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

The continuation of an application filed by Richard Trigo to build a Cape Cod dwelling requiring several variances on Elm Street will be presented from 8 to 8:30 p.m.

The third hearing will be the continuation of the application filed by Scotch Plains attorney Robert Kraus on behalf of Fanwood Plaza Partners, of which he is part owner. The application, which will be heard from 8:30 to 9:45 p.m., proposes to turn a wooded lot abutting several residential properties on Old South Avenue into a parking lot.

A new application filed by developer Michael Marcovecchio, for a site plan at 221 South Avenue, is scheduled for the 9:45 to 10:30 p.m. time slot. This application is the first to be filed with the borough as a part of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan.

A concept hearing for a proposed development at Staggard Place was not properly filed and, was removed from the agenda. Several neighboring residents, who attended the meeting, asked the board to inform them if

this application is rescheduled.

The board discussed its concerns that the lots on Staggard Place are in

a light industrial zone, surrounded by residential properties. As such, a developer could come in with a pro-

posal to build any number of industrial or commercial buildings without any recourse for the board to deny the

## Borough Resident, 19, Is Charged With Shooting Cat With Pellet Gun

By CHRISTIE STORMS  
Specially Written for The Times

**FANWOOD** — A cat was allegedly shot three times, once in the eye and twice in the stomach area, in a Fanwood backyard on Thursday evening, police said.

According to Police Lieutenant Richard Trigo, the Fanwood Police Department received a call from 19-year-old Fanwood resident Joseph Pearson.

He reportedly requested the telephone number and information for the local American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), stating that a cat in his yard had been shot with a pellet gun.

Fanwood police were dispatched to the scene to conduct an investigation. After questioning, Mr. Pearson revealed that he had shot the cat himself.

"Evidently, the family has cats and left a window open for them to enter and exit the house. When this stray cat came into the house, Mr. Pearson went to remove it, and the cat scratched him," Lieutenant Trigo re-

ported. "He then took the cat out into the yard and shot it three times with a .117 caliber pellet gun."

Mr. Pearson was subsequently arrested and charged with unlawful possession of a weapon. He was also



Photo Courtesy of Associated Humane Societies

**SURVIVOR...**The cat, pictured above, was allegedly shot three times by a 19-year-old Fanwood resident.

taken to the hospital to be treated for scratch marks. Bail was set at \$75,000, and he was remanded to the Union County jail.

Fanwood police contacted the Associated Humane Societies of Newark, which brought the cat directly to the emergency veterinary clinic in

West Caldwell, where its wounds were cleaned.

According to Roseann Trezza, Executive Director of the Associated Humane Societies, the cat was promptly sent to Dr. Tony Tavormina of V.I.P. Animal Hospital in Elizabeth the next morning.

Dr. Tavormina reportedly believed the cat was too stressed by the incident and too overweight to chance immediate anesthesia or surgery.

Ms. Trezza stated that the cat still had bullets lodged in its eye and stomach, and that Dr. Tavormina recommended the cat have them removed by a specialist.

At press time, the cat had been stabilized on fluids and was being transported to specialist Dr. Thomas Scavelli at Garden State Veterinary Specialists in Tinton Falls.

"This cat went through a lot of misery and pain. There was no reason for this," Ms. Trezza remarked. "Sadly, we see this stuff every day. We see horrors every day."

So far no one has come forward to claim the neutered male cat, which was described as a heavy, gray and black tiger cat with no other distinguishing marks.

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## Voters Pass School Tax Levy; Elect Newcomers to BOE

By MEREDITH MANNINO  
Specially Written for The Times

**SCOTCH PLAINS** – By seemingly the slimmest margin in four years, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school budget got the green light Tuesday, while two newcomers captured open Scotch Plains seats on the district school board.

The final numbers were very close on the budget vote, according to Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education President Linda Nelson, with 1,793 tallies in favor of the school tax levy, and 1,661 votes opposed to it.

Although absentee votes must be counted, Don Parisi and Warren McFall won the two Scotch Plains vacancies on the school board, receiving 1,575 and 1,124 votes, respectively. Incumbent Trip

Whitehouse failed to win a second, three-year term, garnering 1,104 votes.

Sasha Slocum was unopposed in her pursuit of the open Fanwood seat. She was voted in with 676 votes.

As a result of yesterday's vote favoring the \$58,662,794 school tax levy, Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents' property taxes will increase. Exactly 78.1 percent of the levy will raise Scotch Plains taxes, with the remaining 21.89 percent affecting Fanwood. This will add up to approximately \$300 annually for Scotch Plains homeowners, and almost \$400 per year for Fanwood residents.

Mrs. Nelson told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that community support of the school bud-

get will actually be beneficial to residents in the long run because it will help maintain the quality of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system, which will keep property values high.

She explained that even if residents had voted no to the levy, a tax boost would still occur due to an increase in fixed costs.

"If the budget goes down due to defeat, you're still paying high taxes, but you are also dismantling the school system, which will have an impact on our high property values right now. But fortunately, that didn't happen," she commented.

Mr. Parisi spoke highly of his opponents, and expressed his disappointment that there were only two seats open on the board. He appreciated voters' support, he said.

"I want to maintain community support by working tirelessly on the budget process," he stated.

The passage of the budget was more critical than the school board election, according to Mr. McFall.

He told *The Times* that he looks forward to serving on the board and wants to increase the channels of communication between the school board and the community.

Mr. Whitehouse said he had hoped more residents would have turned out for Candidates' Night to familiarize themselves with the election before casting their votes.

Ms. Slocum said she was thrilled that the school tax levy was passed, but expressed her concern with the close numbers, saying she hopes that in the future more people will support school budget issues.

"Hopefully, we can prove to the public how important it is and the next time the race will not be so close," Ms. Slocum said.



Brooks Crandall for The Times

**ROCKIN' THE 80s...**The annual Coles Elementary School Variety Show was held on Friday and Saturday at Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains. "WJAC Rocks the 80's" featured more than 250 talented performers from Coles School. The event was a fundraiser for the Coles Parent Teacher Association.

## Construction of Communications Tower Expected to Begin By June

By FRED ROSSI  
Specially Written for The Times

**SCOTCH PLAINS** – Township officials expect construction of the new communications tower at the south side firehouse to begin in early June and be completed within two months.

Township Manager Thomas Atkins told the Township Council at its conference meeting on Tuesday evening that an additional \$6,250 will need to be appropriated to pay for security fencing around the perimeter of the tower during the construction phase. It is expected the council will approve this expenditure at its meeting next week.

Earlier this year, the council awarded a \$484,900 contract to Procomm Systems Inc. to construct the new tower, which will replace one that is more than 40 years old and

allow for improved radio and cell phone communications among fire department and rescue squad members. Three bids were also awarded for the leasing of cellular telephone communications space on the new communications tower.

In other business, Mr. Atkins said the permit application process for the June bulky waste pick-up is going well. He reported that the Department of Public Property, which is handling the issuance of permits, is fielding many questions from residents about the process, but that overall, the process has been "smooth."

Councilman Frank Rossi asked what would happen if a resident, for some reason, forgot to secure a permit and missed the scheduled pick-up.

Mr. Atkins, noting that this will be the first year of the new pick-up procedure, said township officials will likely give such residents a few days to secure a permit and then their waste will be picked up.

"We want to work with people the first year," he said. "We're trying to be flexible."

A letter explaining the new system

was sent out several weeks ago to all township residents, and Mr. Atkins said that the quarterly township newsletter will be mailed soon and will include a permit application.

Mr. Atkins said that an emergency \$25,000 expenditure would be necessary to replace a comminutor, which is a grinder, at the Lamberts Mill Road pumping station. The existing apparatus has experienced operational problems recently, and Mr. Atkins said the council will need to pass a resolution next week declaring an emergency regarding the comminutor, which will allow the township to bypass the usual bidding procedures and, instead, award the contract quickly.

The township will receive two grants from the state Sharing Available Resources Efficiently (SHARE) program to pursue further shared services possibilities with Fanwood and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education. A \$20,000 grant will fund a parking and traffic feasibility study, while a \$15,000 grant will be used to determine the feasibility of shared public works between the three entities.

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Horace R. Corbin for The Times

**SPRING FLING FUN...**Fanwood resident Joanna Marsh, far left, strolls through downtown Westfield in search of some fun activities featured during the annual Spring Fling last Sunday.

Unofficial Area School Voting Results - April 19, 2005											
Westfield	WF	Scotch Plains-Fanwood	FW	SP	SP-F	Mountainside	MS	Garwood	GW		
Alice Hunnicut * (3yr)	1,605	Sasha Slocum (FW) * (3yr)	676			John Perrin * (3yr)	435	Gary Maher * (3yr)	246		
Ann Ormsby Cary * (3yr)	1,435	Don Parisi (SP) * (3yr)		1,575		Scot Worswick (WI) * (3yr)	318	Debbie Courtney * (2yr)	241		
Gary McCreedy * (3yr)	1,375	Warren McFall (SP) * (3yr)		1,124		Linda Esemplare (WI)	119	Monty Brown * (3yr)	241		
William Ziff	1,368	Trip Whitehouse (SP)		1,104		Tracey Schadewald * (2yr)		Christine Guerriero (WI) * (3yr)	140		
Steven Dorry	1,039							Budget-Yes *	230		
Budget-Yes	1,463	Budget-Yes *	484	1,309	1,793	Budget-Yes *	426	Budget-Yes *	123		
Budget-No *	1,528	Budget-No	480	1,181	1,661	Budget-No	249	Budget-No	353		
Voters	2,991	Voters	964	2,490	3,454	Voters	675	Voters	2,440		
Registered Voters	20,441	Registered Voters	5,013	15,361	20,374	Registered Voters	4,808	Registered Voters	14,5%		
Turnout	14.6%	Turnout	19.2%	16.2%	17.0%	Turnout	14.0%	Turnout			

BOE Notes: WF elected 3 members; FW elected 1 member; SP elected 2 members; MS elected 2 members; GW elected 5 members; (WI) = write-in

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL...Republican gubernatorial candidate John Murphy visited approximately 30 Fanwood Republicans at the Fanwood Train Station on Monday night. Pictured, left to right, are: Fanwood Borough Council candidate Maureen Mawby, Fanwood Republican Club President Joel Stroz, Mr. Murphy and freeholder candidate and current Councilman Stuart Kline.

## Matthew Metzger Receives Two Awards from Lafayette

FANWOOD — During Lafayette College's Honors Convocation on April 17, Matthew Metzger of Fanwood, a Trustee Scholar at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., was given two Lafayette academic awards.

Matthew received the American Institute of Chemists Award, which is presented by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Chemists to a senior chemical engineering major in recogni-

tion of his/her demonstrated record of leadership, character and scholastic achievement.

He also earned the Carl J. Staska Prize, which is awarded annually to a pupil who has demonstrated proficiency in chemical laboratory skills.

Matthew did collaborative research with chemical engineering faculty members Polly Pergiovanni and Scott Moor.



HONORED FANWOODIAN...Matthew Metzger of Fanwood, left, received two special awards from Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. He did collaborative research with chemical engineering faculty members Polly Pergiovanni, center, and Scott Moor, right.

## Baby Sign Language Class Planned at Play Away Studio

SCOTCH PLAINS — Fiona Murray, Director of The Play Away Studio in Scotch Plains will offer a Baby Sign Language class for the spring session.

The instructor, Audrey King, is a certified teacher of the deaf, with over 13 years of signing experience. "Babies are able to communicate using sign language before they have the physical ability to speak," said Ms. King. "Hearing parents can use sign language as a temporary means of communication with hearing babies as young as seven months old."

Parents will bond with their babies as they learn simple American Sign Language and boost infant communication skills. The focus is on vocabulary relevant to the child's needs and wants.

The class is open to 6 to 14 month olds and their parent.

The Play Away Studio will also offer an adult yoga class this spring. Certified instructor, Lisa DeMarco, will hold Prana Yoga classes.

Participants will release tension, experience increased energy, heighten body awareness and deepen the mind-body connection. No yoga experience is necessary.

Ms. DeMarco will guide the class through a series of gentle asanas, or postures.

Music Together, the music and movement class for infants through toddlers, will also be held at The Play Away Studio, along with Mommy & Me Art, Mommy & Me Dance, and Ballet.

For class schedules and availability, please call (908) 490-1330.

## Tax Levy Passes; Five Elected to School Bd.

By ANNA GITHENS  
Specially Written for The Leader and The Times

GARWOOD — Borough voters approved the \$6.4 million school tax levy on Tuesday as well as casting their vote for the five open seats on Board of Education (BOE).

With a record five seats up for grabs, two incumbents and three newcomers walked away triumphant. The four candidates who filed petitions prior to the February 7 deadline, as well as one write-in candidate were elected.

Incumbent Gary Maher was re-elected, pulling in 246 votes, while newcomer Debbie Courtney and incumbent Monty Brown claimed 241 votes each. Tracey Schadewald, a first-timer vying for a chance to serve, pulled in 235 votes.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Maher will serve three-year terms, while Mrs. Courtney and Ms. Schadewald tenure will be for two years each. Christine Guerriero, a write-in candidate, won a three-year seat and received 140 write-in votes.

Ms. Guerriero, a school nurse employed in Somerville, is a previous board member who served from 1990 to 1993.

The \$6.4 million school budget passed by a tally of 230 to 123 against out of 2,440 registered voters.

According to write in candidate Christine Guerriero, the favorable turnout was most likely due to the lack of an increase in the local tax levy. She also stated that the school board worked hard to preserve this flat district tax and, as a result, "received overwhelming support from voters."

The lack of a tax increase was due, in part, to the receipt of deregionalization money received

from the borough's contract with Clark's Arthur L. Johnson High School.

The BOE's task of limiting local tax increases was difficult mainly because of the ongoing school construction project that is scheduled for completion by December 2005.

According to information obtained from the BOE, local students are housed in the district's two school facilities. Kindergarten and pre-kindergarten pupils attend Washington School. Grades one through eight attend Lincoln School.

Construction of the new facilities will provide updated technology programs, including Internet access in all classrooms, and needed space for student instruction and curriculum requirements. The completed construction will allow the district to provide a full service lunch program in the new cafeteria and a new, modern library facility.

Included in the 2005/2006 budget, according to the borough's BOE, is funding for a projected enrollment of 417 regular and special education students from grades pre-k through eight. It also includes tuition for students in grades nine through 12, amounting to approximately 185 students, to attend high school in Clark.

Also included in the adopted budget is salary and benefits for approximately 59 full and part-time employees, which include teachers, administrators and custodial staff.

The re-organization meeting of the BOE will be held Tuesday, April 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Washington School. The swearing-in of the newly elected members will take place at that time.



REVITALIZE AND MAINTAIN... The Scotch Plains Volunteer Firefighters Association honored PH Robinson Landscape and Design Company at their annual awards dinner on February 19 at the Berkeley Plaza. PH Robinson has donated materials and labor over the past two years to revitalize and maintain the front of Scotch Plains Fire House No. 2 located on the corner of Raritan Road and Martine Avenue. Pictured, left to right, are: Fire Captain Michael Cuccurullo, Mayor Martin Marks, Paul Robinson and Firefighter David Triano.

## BOE Thanks Saridaki For Years On Board

By MATT MARINO  
Specially Written for The Times

SCOTCH PLAINS — In the final meeting before this past Tuesday's election (please see related story on Page 1), the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education honored board member Edward Saridaki, who stepped down from the board after nine years.

Board members paid tribute to Mr. Saridaki's years of service, with many of them pointing out his steadfast convictions to issues, even if it meant being the lone dissenting vote.

Board member Lance Porter told Mr. Saridaki, "You are a man of deep, deep conviction."

Thomas Russo, who moved the special resolution, noted that with regards to financial matters, Mr. Saridaki was the "fiscal conscience of this board."

Likewise, board member Trip Whitehouse stated that, "he truly had your (residents') pocketbook along with the students" in his best interests.

Board President Linda Nelson added that many discussions and meetings with Mr. Saridaki often resulted in a new piece of information being revealed that had been previously unknown by many others.

"There wasn't a discussion on the board that I didn't learn from Ed," commented Mrs. Nelson.

Members of the public along with Mr. Saridaki's family attended the meeting to offer their thanks and praise for nine years on the school board.

Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks acknowledged all that Mr. Saridaki had done throughout his time in office.

Mayor Marks even joked that he would "announce the construction of the Edward J. Saridaki ice skating rink," an allusion to the ongoing de-

bate regarding an ice hockey team at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

For his part, Mr. Saridaki admitted that the budget actually pushed him to run for a seat on the board nine years ago. Before running for office, he had attended two years' worth of meetings to become more familiar with the board members and board procedures, especially as they related to finances.

"I did my homework," said Mr. Saridaki.

He also referenced his outspoken nature, admitting that often he stood alone on certain issues. He added that while he scrutinized others, it was often a reflection of how he viewed himself.

"I don't judge anyone more sternly than I judge myself," Mr. Saridaki commented.

In other business, the board members heard from Nancy Bauer, the president of the newly-formed Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ice Hockey Association.

Mrs. Bauer addressed several issues concerning the formation of a high school ice hockey team. Specifically, she responded to the financial commitment required for a team in the district, again stating that parents would pay for the team.

However, said Mrs. Bauer, it was becoming difficult to raise money for a team that up to this point, does not exist.

"What we need is a commitment to have a team," she stated.

She also talked about other districts and their procedures for paying for a team, and she added that new policies could expedite the process of establishing ice hockey in Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools.

Mr. Russo, who serves as Chairman of the Policy Committee, responded that the committee had two meetings since the previous ice hockey presentation and that "the ice hockey issue dominated both of those meetings."

He added that while the committee may have a draft policy in place by the next meeting, time constraints may prevent the board from a firm commitment toward a team for next year.

Mrs. Nelson explained that such a decision would not come as quick as Mrs. Bauer hoped, but that many factors had to be taken into consideration. It is a "big step for us (the board) to take," she said, and stated that any such decision required a preliminary cost breakdown with a schedule of who would be paying for what.



Horace R. Corbin for The Times

GIDDY UP...Westfield Police Chief Bernard Tracy keeps a tight grip on his two and a half year old granddaughter, Kaylee Marchese, as she enjoys a pony ride at the Spring Fling this past Sunday.

## Planning Bd.

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suggested that the board needs to place the plan on the agenda to be ratified, after making any amendments. The next phase will be to adopt it as part of the Master Plan and then update the borough's storm water ordinance.

The plan was drafted from a general outline provided by the Department of Environmental Protection and then customized to fit the borough's needs, Mr. Pryor said.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be on Wednesday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room.

## Injured Cat

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"He's a very sweet cat," Ms. Trezza added, maintaining that the cat must belong to someone. "Cats that are just left out on their own don't get that heavy."

The Humane Societies is still hoping to return it to its owner, authorities said. However, if no one claims it, the organization would like to find someone who will give it a lifelong home.

For more information, interested individuals may contact Lieutenant Trigo at Fanwood Police headquarters, (908) 322-5000, or Ms. Trezza at (973) 824-7080.



HONORING AN ALUMNUS...Fifth graders Aryaman Nichani of Scotch Plains and Lauren Levine of Fanwood present Wardlaw-Hartridge alumnus Greg Casagrande with a "You Make a Difference" certificate on behalf of the students and Head of Wardlaw-Hartridge School Chris Williamson, right.

## Dignitary Alumnus Speaks To Wardlaw-Hartridge Pupils

EDISON — Greg Casagrande, a Wardlaw-Hartridge graduate from the Class of 1981 recently spoke to high school and middle school students at his alma mater and was presented with an honor from the lower school students.

Mr. Casagrande is one of 16 people worldwide named to a United Nations Advisory Panel in this United Nations Year of Microcredit to help develop a plan to cut world poverty in half by 2015, in part through microcredit.

His particular focus is providing economic support to women in Samoa, having found that this leads to measurable gains in economic independence for families and then communities. South Pacific Business Development (SPBD), his charitable, Samoan-based, micro-enterprise development organization, is dedicated to providing poor women with real opportunity for self-employment.

On this trip to the states, Mr. Casagrande spoke at Harvard's

Kennedy School of Government since his Foundation in New Zealand is being used in a case study.

During his visit to Wardlaw-Hartridge, he addressed economic classes in upper school, history classes in middle school and the Science and Math Club during his afternoon at the school in late spring.

At lunchtime, Head of School Chris Williamson welcomed the alumnus and introduced two lower school fifth graders, Aryaman Nichani and Lauren Levine, who presented the honored guest with a "You Make a Difference" certificate.

"He had no idea that we were going to present this award and was clearly honored and even a little overwhelmed," Mr. Williamson said.

Mr. Casagrande told the students that the certificate mattered more to him than anything he had received on his trip.

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## Volunteers Needed to Join ‘Bio-Blitz’ in Lenape Park

CRANFORD – Scientists and environmentalists, assisted by community volunteers, will fan out across Lenape Park in Cranford over a 24-hour period on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, to conduct New Jersey’s first “urban bio-blitz.”

A bio-blitz is an intensive effort to identify every living plant or animal found in a given area – in this case, the 450-acre Union County park that borders on Cranford, Kenilworth, Springfield, Union Township and Westfield.

The event is being sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Rahway River Association in partnership with the Arthur Kill Coalition, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Watershed Ambassador Program, the Friends of Lenape Park, and National Biodiversity Parks Inc.

“The goal of this effort is to raise awareness of the incredible diversity of life in this suburban park and the wonderful resources Lenape Park offers for recreation and as an outdoor classroom and science lab,” said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski of Cranford, Liaison to the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

“Specialists in areas ranging from birds and insects to mushrooms have already been recruited, but more volunteer workers are needed to identify the hundreds of species to be found in the park in the springtime,” she said. The “blitz” will start in the park at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 20, with some workers on hand throughout the night. Other volunteers will work in shifts throughout May 21, until 6 p.m.

A Bio-Blitz Headquarters tent will be set up where results and identifications will be posted.

Scientists and lay people interested in volunteering for the event must call Holly Jantz at the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation

at (908) 527-4032 or Betty Ann Kelly at (908) 527-4231 to register.

Some members of the public will have an opportunity to work alongside the scientists during parts of the 24-hour period; advance registration is also required for this.

For further information, please call Dennis Miranda, Committee Chairman and President of the Rahway River Association, at (973) 209-6321.

### Engineers Group To Tour Vo-Tech

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Professional Engineers Society of Union County will hold an evening tour and dinner meeting on Tuesday, April 26, at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, located at 1776 Raritan Road, West, in Scotch Plains.

The tour will include the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology and a short presentation on the Vo-Tech and Magnet High School programs, including remarks by Superintendent Dr. Thomas Bistocchi.

The tour will begin in front of Baxel Hall at 6 p.m. Dinner will follow the tour at Fanwood’s Sun Tavern at 7:30 p.m. at South Avenue near Terrill Road in Fanwood. For reservations, e-mail marcwpe@waage.com or call (908) 245-9363.

### Garwood Knights Plan Blood Drive

GARWOOD – The Garwood Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive on Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their Council Hall, 37 South Avenue in Garwood (opposite PathMark).

Parking is available behind the building off Willow Avenue. For more information, please call the Knights at (908) 789-9809 after 4 p.m. or the Blood Center of New Jersey at (973) 676-4700, or visit [www.bloodnj.org](http://www.bloodnj.org).



OUT WITH THE OLD...The old Thomas and Betts building, located across the street from the Garwood ShopRite, was demolished last week to make room for 21,000 square feet of residential and commercial development in a Main Street-like setting. The project is expected to be completed by the fall.

## Recyclable Electronics To Be Collected April 30

AREA – The County of Union will sponsor a recycling event for electronics and automobile tires on Saturday, April 30, so Union County residents can get rid of unwanted tires, computers and other electronic equipment in an environmentally proper manner.

The collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arthur Johnson High School, located at 365 Westfield Avenue, east of Raritan Road, in Clark.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost.

“Computer monitors and televisions are the source of a considerable amount of lead – about five pounds per screen,” said Freeholder Chester Holmes, Liaison to the Union County Solid Waste Advisory Board. “Up to 95 percent of most electronic appliances can be recycled. This is a responsible way to keep hazardous heavy metals out of our environment.”

Electronic equipment that will be accepted on April 30 includes computer monitors, hard drives, modems, keyboards, CPUs, mice, printers, scanners, speakers, televisions,

VCRs, fax machines, telephones, and circuit boards.

“This is a great opportunity to get rid of old automobile tires as well,” said Freeholder Holmes. “In warm weather, unwanted tires can become a breeding site for mosquitoes.”

All that residents need to do is drive to the site with their unwanted electronic equipment and as many as eight automobile tires, without rims. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles.

Pre-registration is not required for this special Saturday collection.

Refrigerators, washers and dryers, microwaves, and air conditioners will not be accepted.

A complete list of the materials that will be accepted is available at the Union County Environmental Services website, [www.ucnj.org](http://www.ucnj.org).

The electronics collection and tire recycling will be held rain or shine, for Union County residents only and not for businesses. Proof of Union County residency is required.

For more information, please call the Bureau of Environmental Services Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

## Ex-Candidate Is Warned Again for ‘Crossing Line’

By DAVID GIALANELLA  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

COUNTY — Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders warned Bruce Paterson of Garwood, a 2004 Republican freeholder candidate, that he’d once again “crossed the line” with his comments at last Thursday’s regular meeting.

The warning came after Mr. Paterson remarked how “the county fits right in” with recent allegations of corruption in New Jersey’s political arena, and how easy it is “connecting the dots.”

Mr. Paterson referred to a newspaper article about the tapes recently released of South Jersey political boss George Norcross. The article quoted Mr. Norcross as saying that New Jersey engineering and consulting firm and Democratic campaign contributor Schoor DePalma would “do fantastic in a Democratic administration.”

Schoor DePalma’s Municipal Services Division does business in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

Schoor DePalma has been awarded several contracts in Union County, including the Borough of Fanwood, where the company is helping with the borough’s downtown redevelopment.

“Am I crossing the line yet?” Mr. Paterson asked while explaining his position, after having been specifically warned at the board’s March 31 meeting about addressing the freeholders civilly.

Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor of Rahway said Mr. Paterson was indeed “coming close” to unacceptable comments to the board. However, it was Mr. Paterson’s declaration that, “I think you’re unethical people funneling money” that caused a slight uproar and even laughter from the board, indicating that he had gone too far in his comments.

On another matter, Freeholder Angel Estrada reported that Mr. Paterson’s remarks on the construction project at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains, as stated at the March 31 board meeting, were not accurate.

Freeholder Estrada said 21,168 square feet of Baxel Hall, the main building on the vo-tech campus, will be renovated. Another 25,323 square feet of new construction will be added to the building.

At West Hall, a total of 12,489 square feet is being renovated, with new construction totaling 21,385 feet.

Freeholder Estrada said the cost breakdown on the \$19.8 million project is \$226 per square foot at Baxel Hall and \$259 per square foot at West Hall.

Mr. Paterson had said the project added up to \$570 per square foot.

Freeholder Estrada said that once a bid is awarded to a contractor, the county will have a better idea of total construction costs.

In other business, the board passed a resolution allowing the Center for Hope Hospice of Scotch Plains to perform hospice services at Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights at no cost to the county.

The board appointed Dr. Bertram Warren of Fanwood to the Mental Health Board of Union County. The Mental Health Board provides referrals, crisis intervention and inpatient and outpatient services for county

residents.

The board passed a resolution expanding coverage of the Senior Citizen Home Improvement Program to Union and Elizabeth. The program grants seniors who qualify up to \$5,000 for home improvements.

The resolution also expands the county’s contract with Development Directions, LLC by \$120,000 until February 28, 2008. Previously, Union and Elizabeth had similar municipal programs.

Scotch Plains was granted permission to hang a banner across Park Avenue to publicize the National Day of Prayer observance scheduled for Thursday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. on the Village Green.

The board approved a resolution authorizing County Manager George Devanney to apply for a grant from the Fiscal Year 2005 Homeland Security Grant Program to bolster the county’s ability to react to acts of terrorism.

Mr. Devanney also will apply for a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the amount of \$45,264 that supplements a pollution control staff that will investigate odors emanating from the Terminal Avenue area of Clark, and evaluate pollution levels in the area. The county is required to put up \$158,743 if the EPA approves the grant.

Mr. Devanney additionally was authorized to enter the county into a mutual aid agreement with Somerset County that would allow emergency services between the two counties to be shared in the event of an emergency.

On another matter, the Township of Springfield and the 225th Anniversary Committee of the Battle of Springfield were given permission to close Echo Lake Plaza and North Trivett Avenue between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for a parade on Sunday, June 26. Permission also was granted to hang banners publicizing the event.

Another resolution was passed allowing Springfield to close Mountain Avenue between Caldwell Place and Morris Avenue from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 17 for the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Street Fair.

### Law Day to Include Nationalization Event

COUNTY — The Union Vicinage of the New Jersey Judiciary will host a program in celebration of Law Day on Monday, May 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the assignment judge’s courtroom on the first floor of the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth.

This year’s theme is “The American Jury: We the People in Action.”

A naturalization ceremony to welcome new citizens has been added to this year’s program. State Superior Court Assignment Judge for Union County, Walter Barisonek, said the naturalization ceremony is a way to tie into this year’s Law Day theme.

“Citizenship comes not only with privileges, but also duties, and jury service is a duty of all American citizens,” Judge Barisonek said.

As in past years’ events, dignitaries from various branches of Union County government will also be in attendance and give remarks.

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## Thirteen Candidates Seek 3 Seats on Freeholder Bd.

By PAUL PEYTON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

COUNTY – Thirteen candidates, eight Democrats and five Republicans, filed nominating petitions in April 11 for three seats on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. This year's Primary election will be held on Tuesday, June 7.

Incumbent Democrats Angel Estrada, Rick Proctor and Nancy Ward will face George O'Grady and Marlene Abitano of Elizabeth and Becky McHugh of Linden, running under the line "Union County Democrats" and Robert L. Bender and Rebecca L. Williams, both of Plainfield, running under the slogan "New Democrats of Plainfield."

The incumbents will run under the Regular Democratic Organization of Union County line. They are running on a line with Plainfield Mayor Albert McWilliams, who was bumped earlier this month by the county Democratic organization in his quest for reelection to a third term as the city's mayor.

Republicans Stuart Kline, Patricia Quattrocchia, and Al Dill will face Pete Peterson of Summit and Jeff Katz of Springfield in the Primary Election.

County GOP Chairman Phil Morin said Mr. Peterson and Mr. Katz are running on a line headed by Gubernatorial candidate Bret Schundler. Doug Forrester was given the Regular Organization Republican line upon his second ballot victory at the GOP convention in March.

Democrats have held a 9-0 majority in the at-large freeholder board since 1998. The party took control of the board in 1997 after unseating the GOP in the 1996 election. Republicans had control the previous five years.

Mr. Estrada, a resident of Elizabeth, is serving his second, three-year term on the board. He served as chairman in 2004. He is employed as a Department of Motor Vehicles agent in Elizabeth.

Mr. Proctor of Rahway, who is currently serving as board chairman, was named to the board in 2002 to replace

Linda Stender of Fanwood, who resigned following her election to the State Assembly. Freeholder Proctor was elected to a full, three-year term in November 2002.

Ms. Ward, an attorney and resident of Linden, was named late last year to fill the vacancy of John Wolhrab, who resigned following his arrest for domestic abuse. Mr. Wolhrab had been appointed by the county's Democratic Committee to replace Nicholas Scutari upon Mr. Scutari's election to the State Senate. Mr. Scutari and Ms. Ward are also residents of Linden.

Mrs. Quattrocchi, a Garwood resident, is a research manager and recruiter for Sherbrooke Associates Inc., an executive search firm based in Clark. A graduate of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, she attended the Taylor Business Institute in Plainfield. She is also a licensed domestic violence crisis intervention volunteer. She unsuccessfully ran for freeholder last year.

Mr. Kline, a Fanwood councilman who ran for freeholder in 2003, is an attorney. Now in his ninth year on the Fanwood Council, he has opted not to seek a fourth term.

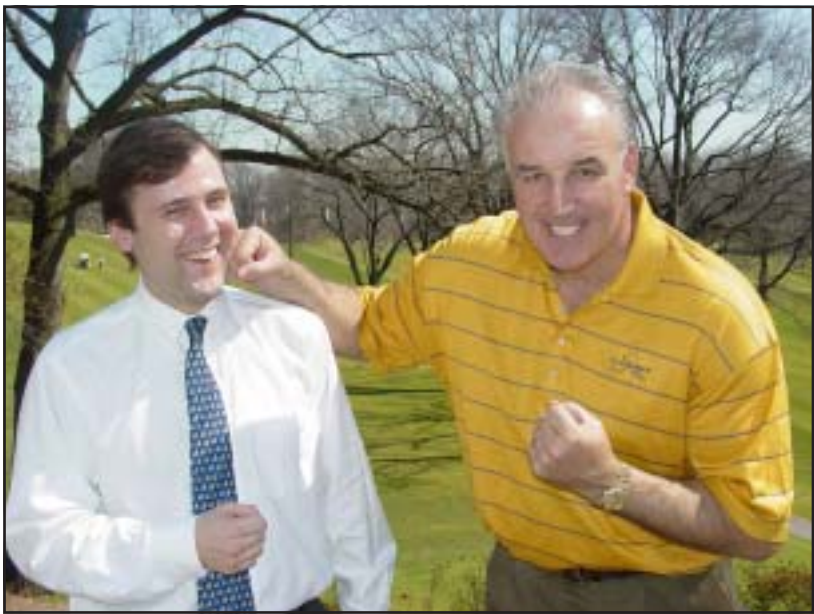
The candidate holds a Bachelor of Science degree from La Salle University, a master of business administration from Cornell University, and a law degree from Rutgers University.

Mr. Dill, a former Summit City Councilman, previously ran for freeholder in the 1990s. He is employed as an account executive with EEI, an Elizabeth-based technology firm.

County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, a Democrat, is seeking a third, five-year term. She previously served 12 years as Union County Register of Deeds and Mortgages, an office that was merged into the clerk's office.

She has a master's degree in public administration from Seton Hall University. Ms. Rajoppi received her undergraduate degree from Case Western University.

Republican Sandra P. Spector of Plainfield, a substitute teacher, is challenging Ms. Rajoppi this year in the November general election.



THE MAIN EVENT... "Gentleman" Gerry Cooney will take a jab at Senator Tom Kean at the Celebrity Boxing and Dinner event hosted by the Westfield Boxing Association and Mr. Cooney to be held at Temple Emanu-El on Saturday, April 30. The event will benefit the family of Tammy Giannobile, who has been battling cancer for two years, to assist with staggering medical bills.

## Forrester Unveils Plan To Cut Property Taxes

CRANFORD – Republican New Jersey gubernatorial candidate Doug Forrester unveiled his property tax relief plan on Monday at the Cranford Municipal Building. His proposal features a 30 percent property tax reduction for New Jersey homeowners in three years – guaranteed by a constitutional amendment.

"My plan – 30 percent in three, guaranteed – will cut property taxes 10 percent the first year, 20 percent the second year, and 30 percent in the final year," Mr. Forrester said. "The cuts will be guaranteed by a constitutional amendment."

Mr. Forrester said his property tax relief plan – which targets New Jersey homeowners, not corporations or second homes – "would finally bring accountability to state government and make rebates automatic."

He said he would eliminate "the corruption tax, which costs taxpayers millions of dollars every year."

"I'm going to take a business approach to the state budget, using zero-based budgeting to justify every dollar of state spending," Mr. Forrester said. "We are going to force the state to fund property tax relief and make the spending cuts to pay for it."

## Stender and Green Opposed In Assembly Reelection Bids

By PAUL PEYTON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

AREA — Assemblywoman Linda Stender and Assemblyman Gerald Green have filed for reelection in the 22nd Legislative District (which includes Scotch Plains and Fanwood) by the April 11 deadline. They will face a challenge from Barbara Todd Kerr and Charles F. Booker, both Plainfield residents who are running on a line with Plainfield Mayor Albert McWilliams, in the Tuesday, June 7 Primary Election.

Mayor McWilliams was bounced last this month by the Union County Democratic Committee in his quest for a third term. Plainfield is in the 22nd Legislative District.

Mr. McWilliams, reportedly, lost favor with County Democratic Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippo when Mr. McWilliams was said to have endorsed Plainfield City Council President Linda Carter for Assembly over Mr. Green.

Republicans running for the two Assembly seats are Nancy Malool, a Scotch Plains Councilwoman, and Elyse Bochicchio Medved of Rahway. They are unopposed in the primary election.

Assemblywoman Stender, a second-term assemblywoman from Fanwood, previously served nine

years on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and was chairwoman in 1997.

She currently serves as Vice Chairwoman of the Assembly Tourism and Gaming Committee. Assemblywoman Stender is also a member of the Transportation Committee.

Assemblywoman Stender, who is employed as volunteer services coordinator at Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights, served a term each as Mayor as a member of the Borough Council in Fanwood.

Assemblyman Green, a resident of Plainfield, is seeking his seventh term in the General Assembly, where he has served since 1992. He is currently Chairman of the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee. He is also a member of the Health and Human Services Committee.

He previously served as a member of the freeholder board from 1982 to 1984 and 1989 to 1991, serving as chairman in 1990.

Mrs. Malool, who has been a member of the Scotch Plains Council since 2002, was previously employed as chief legislative aide to the late Assemblyman Alan Augustine of Scotch Plains.

Ms. Medved, a former Rahway City Councilwoman, ran unsuccessfully for freeholder in 2002.



VOWING TO CUT TAXES... Republican Gubernatorial candidate Doug Forrester discusses his plan to reduce property taxes during a press conference held Monday in front of the Cranford Municipal Building. Also pictured, left to right, are: Roselle Park Mayor Joseph DeLorio, Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks, Roselle Park Councilman Ricky Badillo, Forrester for Governor spokeswoman Sherry Sylvester, Assemblyman Jon Brannick (R-21), and Mr. Forrester's wife, Andrea.

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# Jardim Versus Skitbitsky Mayoral Race Is Certain to Generate A Lot of Interest

Who said politics is boring? This year's municipal races for mayor and council seats in Westfield will pit a popular former two-term mayor against an incumbent councilman.

With both Republicans and Democrats expected to spend over \$100,000 each this fall, political insiders throughout Union County, if not the state, will be watching this election closely.

Tom Jardim, who stunned the local political world when in 1996 he became the first Democrat elected mayor of Westfield in 85 years, has opted to return to politics after a five-year absence. He will face current third ward Republican Councilman Andrew Skitbitsky in the race to succeed Mayor Greg McDermott who will be resigning and moving out town after a four-and-one-half-year incumbency.

In a few months, Mr. Skitbitsky is expected to become acting mayor with Danielle Walsh expected to be named to Mr. Skitbitsky's third ward seat as acting councilperson on the town council when Mayor McDermott resigns.

A Jardim-Skitbitsky race should prove to be quite a dynamic race. The victor in this contest will be the first mayor ever elected to a four-year term in Westfield. When Mr. Jardim was elected in 1996

and re-elected in 1998, the terms of the office were two years. The Westfield law for term lengths was subsequently changed in Trenton during Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco's term in June of 2001. Since that time, the Westfield term lengths have migrated from 2 years, then 3 years — and now four years as the permanent status as a result of the legislative action.

A number of issues will be debated in this year's campaign. The last budget adopted during the Jardim administration was \$24.4 million. That number has jumped to \$32.4 million in just five years. Last year voters overwhelmingly rejected a referendum to build a parking deck on the north side of town. Parking permit fees were raised from about \$300 per year to over \$700 per year to generate additional revenue. Those numbers have yet to be lowered.

The town has a new Parking Enforcement division with a full-time director and six employees. With this have come substantial increases in fines and complex administration details. The town will also be adding a Human Resources director in the coming months.

In addition to the mayor's race, council races include incumbent Sal Caruana vs. Audrey Fisch in the first ward; Vicki Kimmins vs. Frank Fusaro in the second ward;

Ms. Walsh, a former Westfield BOE President, vs. former Councilman David Haas in the third ward, and Eric Leuthold vs. Tom Bigosinski in the fourth ward.

Skyrocketing property taxes, artificially high parking fees, the building of oversized homes, or McMansions, and a lawsuit against a town employee for sexual harassment are just a few issues that come to the surface when looking ahead to this year's campaign.

Recent history has shown that area voters do not just blindly push the buttons for one party or another. In recent years, Clark elected a Republican mayor after many years under a Democratic mayor; Scotch Plains went from a quarter century under GOP rule to a Democratic majority in the late 1990s and back to Republican leadership in recent years. The mayor and council in Fanwood have gone from the Democrats to Republicans and back to the Democrats. Summit jumped to a Democratic mayor last year for the first time in its history.

We expect to see lively campaigns, starting very soon — much sooner than those normally starting in the fall. We enjoy "silly season," where the Republicans do their utmost to "pin the tail on the donkey," while the Dems hope to "pigeonhole the pachyderm."

## Contractors Association Says *Leader* Editorial Lacks Fundamental Understanding of State Bidding Laws

I am writing on behalf of the Utility and Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey in response to your editorial of April 14, addressing the issue of value engineering clauses on local public contracts.

Based on your editorial, it would appear that you have a fundamental misunderstanding of the construction industry, and our state's public bidding laws, as well as the "value" of value engineering. I only wish you had provided me the opportunity to discuss this issue with you prior to your impugning an entire industry, as well as disparaging the importance of a contract management tool, used for decades all over the nation.

According to the New Jersey Department of Transportation specifications for value engineering, "the purpose is to encourage the use of contractors ingenuity and experience in arriving at alternative, lower cost or time saving construction methods other than those reflected in the contract documents." The Department of Transportation has used value engineering before and after projects have been awarded, to save millions of taxpayer dollars.

Assembly Bill 2809 simply allows local contracting entities the same option to review this potential savings currently enjoyed by the state and federal government.

Value engineering does not, as your editorial states, mean that "design professionals are not doing their jobs." Projects are designed by designers,

projects are built by contractors, many of whom are also professional engineers. The simple fact is that contractors have field experience and expertise, which may allow them to identify different construction methods, of which a very competent design professional may simply be unaware. Local entities should at least be permitted to review these ideas.

The recently enacted value engineering law includes numerous provisions to protect the taxpayers and the integrity of the project.

The decision to approve a value engineering proposal rests solely with the public entity.

The value engineering proposal must produce a tax savings.

The contracting unit's engineer must review the proposal, at the contractor's cost, to certify the cost savings generated by the proposal.

The public's engineering professional must provide a written report to the entire governing body, which evaluates the merits of the proposal.

The value engineering proposal must achieve the same performance, reliability, quality and safety, and may not impair the essential functions and characteristics of the project.

Value engineering is limited to larger scale, non-building projects valued over \$5 million, such as bridges and treatment plants. Projects such as these typically require significant oversight from multiple levels of government.

As far as your editorial comments regarding pay to play, "handshake and envelope backroom agreements," as you refer to them, are already illegal with or without the option of value engineering. Every project for which a value engineering clause will apply is required to be publicly bid and awarded to the lowest, responsible bidder.

Among the 70 plus public officials recently indicted for public corruption, almost all deal with attempts to award no-bid projects. In addition, the value engineering process as established in Assembly Bill 2809 provides multiple levels of oversight from the professional engineer, and the entire governing body.

Value engineering is a proven, tested, and successful tool, which according to the Federal Highway Administration saves taxpayers over \$1 billion per year. With New Jersey property taxes at sky-high levels, responsible public officials should be thankful for the opportunity to use value engineering to reduce the cost of public projects.

**Kevin Monaco**  
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*Editor's Note: The author of the editorial in question has 30 years of Professional Engineering and construction experience in New Jersey and throughout the world on some of the largest and most complex projects, with both public and private financing.*

## Republican Assembly Plan Calls For 30 Percent Cut In Property Taxes

After three straight years of dramatic property tax increases, New Jersey citizens have been waiting for real property tax relief. As a member of the Assembly Republican caucus, we are happy to announce that relief may be on the way.

Recently, members of the Assembly Republican caucus unveiled our "Blueprint for Property Tax Reform." This reform plan will permanently cut property taxes for New Jersey homeowners by 30 percent, phased-in over a three-year period.

Unlike other programs the state has tried, homeowners will not have to wait for a rebate check. They will automatically receive a reduction in their property tax bill. This will eliminate the paperwork and bureaucracy inherent in rebate programs.

This plan would constitutionally mandate the 30 percent reduction so it can't be taken away by future administrations or lawmakers. In order to ensure

this property tax cut is not financed by raising taxes, this proposal includes a constitutional amendment to control state spending and requires a super-majority vote of the Legislature in order to raise taxes.

The blueprint also contains a 26-bill package designed to control state spending, cut government waste, and help local governments reduce costs.

This is a realistic, comprehensive, and well thought-out plan. All we need to enact it is the support of the Democratic leadership in the Legislature.

If you want to learn more about the plan or register your support for this plan, please feel free to contact our office at (908) 232-3673. New Jersey homeowners are demanding property tax relief, and that is what this plan will provide.

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## Residents Have Power to Decide Regarding Proposed Cellular Tower

Cingular Wireless, the cellular phone company, wants to erect an 85-foot tall cellular phone tower on the property of Wychwood Gardens Co-ops in Westfield. Cingular Wireless claims their customers in that area have poor cell-phone service.

Cingular Wireless claims that cell-phone towers, which emit a non-ionizing type of radiation, are entirely safe. Safe for our children, safe for the elderly, safe for women of child bearing age; safe for everyone. Cingular Wireless claims that 85-foot cellular phone towers disguised to look like flagpoles are attractive, and people, like Wychwood Gardens Co-op residents, welcome them in their backyards.

Cingular Wireless says the Wychwood Gardens area of Westfield has poor cell phone service. I disagree. I am a Cingular Wireless customer and have great cell phone service. As a matter of fact, I get better service in and around the Wychwood Gardens area than I do from most other areas around town, including downtown.

Cingular Wireless claims this area is a "white-area" — an area receiving the poorest cell-phone reception. They obviously have never made a cellular call from my house (located about a block from the proposed tower site and in a "white-area"). My husband, son, and I use our three Cingular Wireless cell phones daily for business and pleasure. We cannot recall ever having a dropped call or poor reception.

Neighbors we've spoken to, including many who have spoken out at the town-wide meeting regarding this issue, echo our satisfaction with our present Cingular cell-phone service. We do not need this cell-phone tower.

The Wychwood Gardens Co-ops are located in a residential area of Westfield. There are no tall buildings, no stores, and no factories, and we like it that way. An 85-foot cellular phone tower simply does not fit in to a neighborhood like this. Even if disguised as a huge flagpole, people will notice the incongruity. An 85-foot flagpole does not belong in Wychwood Gardens' backyard.

Cell phones and cell phone towers are a relatively new technology. Cell phone towers emit a non-ionizing type of radiation-supposedly safe. Upon surfing the Internet, (try Googling "cell phone tower safety") one finds a plethora of conflict-

ing facts and opinions regarding non-ionizing radiation's safety. There are countless anecdotes pointing to non-ionizing radiation's detrimental effects on humans and animals. These are not conclusive, but let's remember lead paint, asbestos, and Vioxx; all thought to be safe not long ago.

Do we need a new cell phone tower in this area of our town? Is it safe? Is it unsightly? Is it duplication of a service we already have? We have the power to decide. Let's make our voices heard.

**Karen Milrod**  
Westfield

## Serious Accident Proves Need For Guard at Dudley/Lawrence

Last Friday afternoon, there was a near fatal accident involving three cars at 3 p.m. on the corner of Dudley and Lawrence Avenues — yes, right when all the kids from Roosevelt Intermediate School are walking home from school. This is the second and even worse accident that has happened on this corner within the year — same time, same place.

While the town council debates traffic calming measures (and have for years), please get a policeman or crossing guard to monitor this intersection now, before there is a fatality similar to what occurred near Temple Emanu-El. Our children's lives are at stake.

Do people realize that Dudley and Lawrence are single lane roads? They should not be pulling up along the right to make a right turn — this obstructs the vision of the person in the appropriate lane to pull forward or make a left.

Please remember this is the law (and should be better posted or reinforced for

## County Biggest Enemy to Taxpayers, Not Town Government or School Bd.

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Our enemy is not the Westfield school system or our town, it is the county. What value are you getting from the \$40,000 that has been allocated to Acting Governor Richard Codey's brother for one year so he can increase his pension \$10,000 per year for life?

**Ronnie Wood**  
Westfield

## Community Thanked For Tsunami Donations

In January 2005, the United Methodist Committee on Relief and the Health and Welfare Ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church sent out an urgent request for local congregations, working together with Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA), to assemble and contribute medical supplies to assist tsunami victims.

The First United Methodist Church of Westfield (FUMC) responded by collecting money, with \$375 per kit required for IMA to purchase prescription medicines at a discount from pharmaceutical companies as well as donations of a variety of over-the-counter items.

We are pleased to announce that through the generosity of many in Westfield and surrounding communities, we were able to send eight complete medicine box kits to IMA for tsunami relief.

According to IMA Communications manager Vickie Johnson, each complete kit provides supplies to support 1000 people for up to three months.

We at FUMC-Westfield wish to thank each and every one whose generosity made possible this important contribution. Please rest assured that your donations are being put to work to assist those who need help the most at this time.

**Debra Leonard,**  
First United Methodist Church of Westfield

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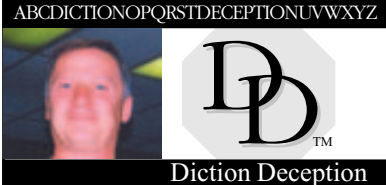
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Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions — only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?

If you can guess one correctly — good guess. If you get two — well-read individual. If you get three — word expert. If you get all four — You must have a lot of free time!

**All words and correct definitions come from the board game Diction Deception.**

**Answers to last week's arcane words.**

1. Tienda — A booth or shop
2. Sapo — The toadfish
3. Carabao — A Philippine water buffalo
4. Pandit — In India, a scholar or learned man

### PARLE

1. A sort of coarse canvas
2. A long handled battle-axe
3. To thrash or beat
4. To converse

### PISK

1. A pustule or pimple
2. The common night hawk of America
3. A stem, stalk or support
4. The rock trout of California

### PECUNDATION

1. The act of making fruitful or prolific
2. Revenge; reprisal
3. A process of cleansing the body; fasting
4. Starvation

### VACA

1. Round or oval in form
2. Very small amount; a pinch
3. A cow in the Southwest
4. Dark; gloomy

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MR. AND MRS. ROBERT ALLEN DAVIS, JR.  
(She is the former Miss Christine Subjack)

Miss Christine Subjack  
Weds Robert A. Davis, Jr.

Miss Christine Subjack of Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Subjack of Surry, Va., formerly of Westfield, was married on Monday, March 14, to Robert Allen Davis, Jr., also of Chicago. He is the son of Mrs. Natalie Riegel of Alexandria, Va. and the late Robert A. Davis, Sr.

Son, Bode Charles,  
Born to Monningers

James and Kathy Monninger of Oakley, Utah have announced the birth of their son, Bode Charles Monninger, on Saturday, April 2, at 11 p.m. at St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Bode weighed 9 pounds and 3 ounces and measured 20½ inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Judy Malloy of Brattleboro, Vt. and Frank Saranita of Las Vegas, Nev.

His paternal grandparents are Bill and Patty Monninger of Lake Owassa, N.J., formerly of Westfield.

The couple was married in a traditional Hawaiian ceremony that took place in the morning in Maui, Hawaii. The bride wore an ivory Ralph Lauren dress and carried a bouquet of tuberose and anthuriums.

A 1994 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Textile Arts from the Art Institute of Chicago in 1998. She also holds a Master of Science degree in Oriental Medicine from the Midwest College of Oriental Medicine in Chicago. She is a licensed acupuncturist, practicing in Chicago.

The bridegroom has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Asian Art from Northern Illinois University and has also studied at the University of Peking in China. Mr. Davis is employed by the Chicago Board of Education as Manager of the Chinese Studies Program. In 2004, he accompanied Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley on his tour of China.

Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple resides in Chicago.

Parade Committee to Hold  
Planning Meeting April 25

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Memorial Day Parade Committee is inviting anyone interested in taking part in this year's parade to come to a planning meeting on Monday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will take place upstairs at American Legion Martin Wallberg Post No. 3, located at 1003 North Avenue, West, in Westfield.

This year's parade is scheduled for Monday, May 30, starting at 9 a.m. Those organizations interested in marching are asked to have a representative at the planning meeting.

Members of the community also may sponsor a wreath to be placed at the Monument to Veterans of World War I during opening ceremonies, or make financial contributions to help

offset the costs of running the parade.

This year, the parade will again be covered by TV36. The committee has requested that all participating organizations bring a five-inch by eight-inch index card with a brief description of the organization, officers and any pertinent information it might want mentioned during the parade coverage. These cards will be collected in the Lord & Taylor parking lot prior to the start of the parade.

The committee also is seeking any information about Mountainside or Westfield residents who have family or friends who have served or currently are serving in the Middle East. A tribute will be discussed at Monday's meeting. For more information, please call Stan Cuba at (908) 233-2767.

Area Residents Invited to Tea  
Sunday With 'Margaret Cory'

WESTFIELD – This Sunday, April 24, from 2 to 4 p.m., the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield will feature "Tea with Margaret Darby Cory," presented by Renate Maroney and Darlene Palombo, both of Scotch Plains.

Margaret Darby Cory was the wife of Joseph Cory, the first Cory to occupy the 1740 farmhouse, which is located at 614 Mountain Avenue.

On Sunday, "Margaret" will entertain guests and discuss the issues of her day – the celebration plans for Westfield becoming a township and late 18th century women's fashions.

Diane King of Cranford and Jean Peters of Edison will prepare seasonal

foods over the open-heart fireplace in the Frazee Building, using authentic 18th century recipes. Tea and cookies will be available for visitors.

Costumed volunteer docents will conduct tours of the museum, with the last tour starting at 3:30 p.m. The museum's gift shop also will be open. Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under age six.

On Sunday, May 1, Miller-Cory will celebrate May Day. For more information about the museum, upcoming spring events and the many volunteer opportunities available, please call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

CONTACT to Commence  
Spring Training Session

WESTFIELD – CONTACT We Care, the 24-hour crisis hotline, will begin a new spring training class on Saturday, April 30. The opening session will be an orientation to CONTACT services and programs.

Afterwards, classes will take place every Wednesday evening. All classes will be held at the Westfield Area "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield.

In addition to the 12-session training class, which concludes on Saturday, June 25, new volunteers serve nine internship shifts and then two, four-hour shifts on the line each month.

The class will cover a range of topics designed to inform and improve the listening skills of volunteer telephone workers. They include values clarification, active listening, dealing with grief, mental illness, alcohol and substance abuse, and coping with the suicidal caller.

CONTACT volunteers field nearly 10,000 calls a year and place reassurance calls to the homebound elderly and disabled in a primary service area

that covers Union, Essex, Middlesex, Somerset and Morris Counties.

CONTACT, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary in Union County this year, is part of a nationwide network of crisis centers overseen by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and coordinated by the Mental Health Association of New York.

The network, with its new number, (800) 273-TALK, is active in suicide prevention. CONTACT is certified by the American Association of Suicidology and affiliated with CONTACT USA and Lifeline International.

Space in the training class is still available. Interested individuals should call CONTACT Training Supervisor Sue Fasano at the CONTACT office, (908) 301-1899, for more information.

CONTACT We Care is supported by United Way agencies in Union and Somerset Counties, including the United Way of Westfield, as well as the United Way of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT JOSEPH HURLEY  
(She is the former Miss Michele Kathryn Hallo)

Miss Michele Kathryn Hallo  
Weds Robert Joseph Hurley

Miss Michele Kathryn Hallo, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hild of Pocono Pines, Pa. and Mr. and Mrs. James Hallo of Bridgewater, was married on Saturday, August 7, to Robert Joseph Hurley. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurley of Hazlet.

The afternoon ceremony took place at the Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church in Pocono Pines, Pa. Monsignor Philip A. Gray, a cousin of the bride, officiated. A reception followed at the Great Bear Country Club in East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Given in marriage by her father, James Hallo, the bride wore an ivory, strapless, peau de soie gown designed by Rena Koh, with a silk organza overlay, drop waist, box pleats and a wide cummerbund encrusted with seed pearls and crystals. Her gown also featured a chapel-length train with clusters of seed pearls and crystals, and was complemented by a cathedral-length veil. She carried a bouquet of white daisies, blue hydrangea florets, pink roses and ivy.

Mrs. Kerry Jean Moore of Sparta was the Matron of Honor, with Mrs. Sharon Koorbusch of Leesburg, Va. and Miss Jennifer Megison of Pineville, La. serving as bridal attendants.

All wore smoky blue, strapless, floor-length gowns with a sweep train and bobbinet overlay, designed by Vera Wang, and carried bouquets

of white daisies, blue hydrangea florets and ivy.

John Hurley of Albuquerque, N.M. was his brother's best man. Brian Hurley of Hazlet, also a brother of the bridegroom, and Robert Schnoor of Atlantic Highlands were ushers.

Miss Rebecca Moore, the bride's goddaughter, and Miss Abigail Moore, both of Sparta, were the flower girls. They wore ivory, tea-length dresses with an embroidered scalloped hem and carried small daisy and hydrangea bouquets.

A graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, the bride earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Mass. and her Master of Business Administration degree from Fordham University in New York City. She is employed as a project manager.

The bridegroom, a graduate of St. John Vianney High School in Holmdel, N.Y., received a Bachelor of Science degree from Trenton State College in Trenton. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Koorbusch and Miss Megison hosted a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Moore.

The rehearsal party was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Hurley at the Mountaintop Lodge in Pocono Pines. Following a wedding trip to French Polynesia – the islands of Bora Bora, Moorea and Tahaa – the couple resides in Manhattan.

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DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY...The Woman's Club of Fanwood and some special guests celebrate the club's 75th anniversary with a luncheon and program. Pictured, from left to right, are: Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr; Mary Pat Marcello, First Vice-President of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC); actress and storyteller Laurie MacDonnell-Gaulke; Woman's Club of Fanwood President Shirley McGuinness and Karen Gustafson, Financial Secretary of the NJSFWC.

## Woman's Club of Fanwood Celebrates 75th Anniversary

FANWOOD – Despite icy streets and snowy weather, members and guests of the Woman's Club of Fanwood gathered March 9 at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church to celebrate the club's 75th anniversary of community service, fellowship and education.

Founded by a group of 12 local women on March 28, 1930, the club officially became a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) on May 7, 1930.

Over the years, members have given their time, talents and financial support to projects of the General and State Federations, as well as to many local civic and welfare causes. The club also has awarded annual scholarships to Fanwood students graduating from local high schools.

During the anniversary celebration, Shirley McGuinness of Scotch Plains, current club president, welcomed those in attendance.

Past club presidents Marguerite Jahnsen and Margery Palmer conducted the opening exercises, and Margaret Lermond led the singing of "America the Beautiful." Faye Wilder Monroe provided piano music during the luncheon, served by the Hospitality Committee, which is chaired by Barbara Dumont.

Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr brought greetings from the Borough Council and related highlights of life in America over the past 75 years.

Mrs. McGuinness introduced the many guests from women's clubs throughout the state. Among those in

attendance were club presidents and department chairwomen from the Sixth District, of which the Fanwood club is a part, and Sixth District Vice President Mary Ann Iannitto.

Also on hand were several officers of the NJSFWC Executive Committee, including Financial Secretary Karen Gustafson, Treasurer Sonia Bauer and First Vice-President Mary Pat Marcello, who gave Mrs. McGuinness a NJSFWC certificate honoring the Fanwood club's 75 years of service on the local and state level.

Special accolades were extended to two Fanwood club members who have been actively involved for more than 50 years – Gladys Haley and Estelle Donovan. A third, Helen Lindsay, was unable to attend the celebration.

Mrs. McGuinness thanked Joseph Nagy and George Weiss of Fanwood TV-35 for their assistance in taping the proceedings.

Past President Barbara Lea Couphos introduced actress/storyteller Laurie MacDonnell-Gaulke from Gillette, who presented a program entitled "Encountering the Suffragists," highlighting efforts a century ago to gain women the right to vote.

The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month from September to June at 12:30 p.m. at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information about the club and its activities, please call Mrs. McGuinness at (908) 754-9122 or Jean Stephens, Membership Chairwoman, at (908) 889-2076.

## Historical Society to Learn History of the Crusades

FANWOOD – The monthly meeting of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, at the Fanwood train station, located at North and Martine Avenues.

Guest speaker Hassan "Sam" Mahmoud will give a lecture on the history of the Crusades, Christian Europeans who waged seven military campaigns against the Middle Eastern countries for over two centuries.

More than three million people on both sides died during these campaigns, which began with an un-

founded belief that Christians were being persecuted in the Middle East and needed saving.

A native of Egypt, Mr. Mahmoud came to the United States 35 years ago and has resided in Westfield for 12 years, where he is active in the community. He also is a world traveler, author and lecturer.

The meeting is free and open to everyone. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program. For more information, please call Historical Society President Richard Bousquet at (908) 232-1199.

## Renate Bieber to Co-Chair Hadassah Spring Conference

WESTFIELD – Renate Bieber of Westfield and Andrea Pass of Fair Lawn will serve as Co-Chairwomen of the Northern New Jersey (NNJ) Region of Hadassah's Spring Conference 2005 on Sunday and Monday, May 15 and 16, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in The Meadowlands.

The NNJ Region of Hadassah represents 40 chapters and spans six New Jersey counties and parts of Staten Island, N.Y.

This year's conference will feature the theme "A Kaleidoscope of Hadassah," will include the installation of region officers, announcement of chapter awards, seminars, speakers, working sessions, a boutique and book store, plus a banquet and special associates cocktail party.

Both co-chairwomen are long-time

active members of Hadassah who have worked on behalf of the NNJ Region of Hadassah and their local communities.



Renate Bieber

Ms. Bieber is recording secretary and bulletin editor for the NNJ Region of Hadassah and a Past President of Westfield Hadassah and the McKinley Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization of Westfield. She has been named Woman of the Year from Westfield Hadassah.

Ms. Pass serves on the executive board of the NNJ Region of Hadassah, is a past president of Fair Lawn Hadassah and is Co-President of the Fair Lawn Jewish Center sisterhood.

For further information about the Spring Conference next month, please call the Region office at (973) 472-1401.

## Club's Garden Education Day To Feature Many Activities

WESTFIELD – The Garden Club of Westfield will celebrate Earth Day 2005 by presenting Garden Education Day this Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer Street in Westfield.

Club members will display information on various garden topics, in-

cluding caring for roses; using native plants and wildflowers in the garden; the wonders of compost and mulch; invasive plant species in New Jersey gardens, and the Asian Longhorn Beetle and other pests.

Union County Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and sell soil test kits. Joe Licesse, a member of the Northeast Organic Farming Association, will discuss organic lawn care.

Additionally, members of the Garden Club will sell plants propagated in their own gardens, as well as their homemade baked goods.

Environmental specialist Betty Ann Kelly, a member of the Union County Parks and Recreation Department, will speak at 11 a.m. on "Illegal Aliens of the Leafy Kind," and at 1 p.m., Master Gardener Mary Roberts will speak on landscape design.

Active in the community since 1922, the Garden Club of Westfield performs a variety of beautification projects in the town throughout the year. Admission to the Garden Education Day program is free.

### Temple Sholom Plans Congregational Seder

FANWOOD – Temple Sholom has invited the community to its Congregational Seder in observance of Passover this Sunday, April 24, starting at 6 p.m. at the temple, located at Martine and LaGrande Avenues in Fanwood.

Rabbi Joel Abraham and Cantor Shira Nafshi will lead the Seder from the Reform movement's Baskin Haggadah. Those who have a special family Seder plate may bring it with them to share some of their family's traditions.

The cost of the Seder for adults is \$22 for members and \$27 for non-members. For children under 13, it is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. The price includes the service as well as the Seder meal.

For more information or to make a reservation, please contact the temple office at (908) 889-4900 or welcome@sholomnj.org.

### Seminar Set Sunday On Long-Term Care

WESTFIELD – This Sunday, April 24, the First Baptist Church of Westfield will host a seminar at 12:30 p.m. on long-term care options in the church's Fellowship Hall, located at 170 Elm Street.

During this program, the options available to those who must arrange care for elderly family members will be discussed and compared, including adult living, assisted living, continuing care, home care and nursing home care.

Gorden Meyer, an attorney who represents The Cliffs, a Baptist assisted living community in Eagle Rock, will lead the seminar.

All are invited to attend, and a cold buffet lunch will be served for \$2 per person. For more information, please call the church at (908) 233-2278 or email firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

### St. John's Officers Plan Annual Service

SCOTCH PLAINS – The St. John's Baptist Church Officers will present their Annual Service this Sunday, April 24, at 4 p.m. at the church, located at 2387 Morse Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Deacons, deaconesses and trustees from throughout the state, as well as members of the public, have been invited to attend.

The Reverend Albert Morgan, Pastor of the Union Temple Baptist Church in Bridgeton, will be the guest speaker. Accompanying him will be his officers, choir and members of his congregation. For more information, please call (908) 232-6972.



SIGNS OF SPRING...The Friends of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield will present the church's Parish Choir in concert on Sunday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at the church, located at 414 East Broad Street. Featuring St. Paul's new organ, the works to be performed include Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* and *Messe Cum Jubilo*. The choir will be joined by nationally renowned soloists and members of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Charles M. Banks. Donations of \$10 will be taken at the door. For more information, please call Mr. Banks at (908) 232-8506, extension no. 17.

## Congregations Encouraged To Celebrate Earth Day

WESTFIELD – The interfaith Environmental Stewardship Coalition (ESC) of the Westfield/Mountainside Ministerium has invited all to celebrate Earth Day tomorrow through Sunday, April 22, 23 and 24, by participating in a town-wide "Walk to Worship."

Individuals may walk, bicycle, skateboard or roller blade to services. The idea is to get there by means other than by a gas-powered vehicle.

### Walk-a-thon to Benefit Scholarship Ministry

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scholarship Ministry of St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains will sponsor a walk-a-thon on Saturday, April 30, in Cedarbrook Park in Plainfield.

Registration and stretching will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants may walk either 5K (3.1 miles) or five miles. A donation of \$1 per mile is requested. The walk, rain or shine, will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 1 p.m.

The theme will be "Walk for Jesus and Scholarships, Too." Funds raised will benefit the Scholarship Ministry, which assists young people in furthering their education. The registration fee is \$5 per adult participant and \$2 for children age three to 10.

Anyone interested in making a donation or being a sponsor may make checks payable to: St. John's Baptist Church. They may be mailed to the church at 2387 Morse Avenue in Scotch Plains. For more information, please call (908) 322-7597 or (908) 232-6972.

One participating church, First Baptist of Westfield, has noted that if walkers and bicyclers sign in by email at thegelbers@earthlink.net with ESC on the subject line, the ESC will estimate the fossil fuel that was not burned and the cumulative calories that were.

The Coalition is an interfaith effort in formation, made up of houses of worship and service organizations in the Westfield/Mountainside area. It seeks to develop ministries that are faithful, relevant and effective in working toward environmental sustainability.

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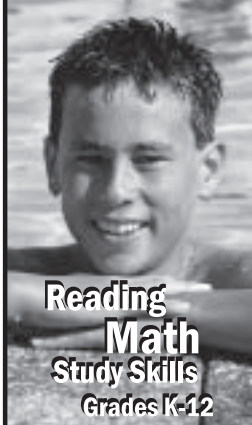
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## SETTE, CIANCIOTTA RAP 2 HITS EACH, SCORE RUNS

# Raiders Rally in Fourth, Top Cougar Lady Softballers, 2-1

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

Long fingernails were at a minimum in the top of the seventh inning when the visiting Cranford High School softball team, down 2-0, scored a run, had the bases loaded with two outs and No. 5 batter Lisa

Levonas ripped a liner to centerfield. Fortunately, for the home team, centerfielder Kelli Kaskiw darted to her left and snagged the liner to earn the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls a 2-1 victory on April 13.

The 4-4 Raiders, who were edged, 3-2, by the Cougars on opening day,

April 1, made strong timely defensive plays and got timely hitting when they needed it to go along with a fine pitching performance from Jess Moore who struck out three, walked four and allowed seven hits – four in the seventh inning. Cougar pitcher Elena Morge

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LAYING DOWN A FINE BUNT...Raider Melissa Sette lays down a fine bunt to move the base runner. Sette finished 2-for-3 with a run scored and ignited a two-run rally in the fourth inning.

## TRIMBLE, SIWULEC, MASEL NET TWO GOALS APIECE

# Bridgewater Erupts to Beat Blue Devil Lady Laxers, 13-6

By FRED LECOMTE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

A furious attack sparked by five unanswered goals just before half-time earned the Bridgewater-Raritan High School girls' lacrosse team a

13-6 victory over a young, aggressive and feisty Westfield squad at Tamaques Park in Westfield on April 16. Despite the loss, first-year Blue Devil Head Coach Liz Coulson was pleased with the way her team per-

formed against the 6-0 Panthers.

"We definitely put pressure on them all throughout the field and our midfield transition was so much better. In past games we struggled looking up to use our cutters and it really worked very effectively for us today. We were looking for each other, making those passes and connections to goal. However, we definitely need to improve on dropping to double team and our defense needs to be a little tighter and we need to win those fifty-fifty ground balls."

The Blue Devils exhibited fine defensive and offensive skills including superb efforts from seniors, Tri-Captain first home Lizzie Trimble, tackling Anne Siwulec and second home Sarah Masel who each scored two goals. Third home Jessica Schor, junior defensive wing Rachel Tucker, sophomore center Mary Kate Luker and junior third home Amy Santoriello each contributed an assist. Senior goalkeeper Jackie Burns made eight fine saves.

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SCORING A GOAL...Blue Devil Tri-Captain Liz Trimble, No. 12, scored two goals against the Bridgewater-Raritan Panthers.



CLINCHING THE POLE VAULT TITLE...Blue Devil Mike Woods clears 13 feet and teammate Mike Gorski cleared 12-6 to take first in the team pole vault with a height of 25-6.

## DEVIL BOYS WIN 4X800, POLE VAULT; GIRLS WIN 4X800

# Four Meet Records Broken At Blue Devil Track Classic

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

Four meet records were broken – two by the Old Bridge High School boys and two by the Piscataway High School girls – at the Blue Devil Track & Field Relays at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on April 16. The Blue Devil boys took top honors in two events – the team pole vault and the 4x800 meters – and the Blue Devil girls reigned supreme once again in the 4x800 meters.

Not only did the Piscataway girls set two records but they also won five of the 13 girls events. The first girls' record breaker came in the 4x200 meters when Ronnah Parham, Asia Washington, Collene Cumberbatch and Michelle Losey combined for a time of 1:42.4 to top the previous record of 1:43.8 set by Plainfield in 1996. Losey, Parham, Cumberbatch and Washington also established a new record in the sprint medley relay with a time of 4:10.3. The former record of 4:20.7 was set by Randolph in 1994.

Old Bridge presented its own definition of "rapid transit" when Dawan Riddick, Allan Lunkenheimer, Paul Racioppi and Bryant McCombs finished the 4x100 in 43 seconds to break the previous record of 43.3 set in 1988 by Elizabeth, Lunkenheimer, Nick Carbone, Racioppi and McCombs set a new meet record in the 4x400 with a time of 3:21.8, topping the previous record of 3:23.6 set by Camden in 1995.

Needing to finish under 8:15 in the 4x800, the Blue Devil foursome of Ameer Rogers, Rob Broadbent, Jeff Perrella and Jay Hoban combined for a time of 8:14.2 to win the event and be considered for the upcoming Penn Relays. Running the first leg, Rogers handed off the baton to Broadbent in fourth place. Broadbent finished his

leg in 1:57.7 to give Perrella a 10-yard lead over the second-placed Morristown runner. Perrella extended the lead to 40 yards when he handed off to Hoban. Morristown finished second in 8:15.1. The Westfield "B" team of John Meredith, Eric Scudato, Scott Steinberg and Raymond Chen finished sixth with a time of 8:52.4.

"I wanted to put in everything I could so the boys can go to Penn Relays. We came out with that goal in mind. I think we got that goal," said Perrella whose split was 2:00.9.

"I came by in the first 400 pretty fast, about 55 (seconds). I was trying to catch them. I thought I would go for it because they were going pretty slow and I knew I could go faster,"

said Broadbent. "We did what we wanted to do and I think we are all happy about that."

Considering he only had less than a week of practice, Blue Devil Mike Gorski started to get back in the groove to clear 12-6 in the pole vault while teammate Mike Woods cleared 13-0 to win the event with a total of 25-6. Voorhees finished second with a height of 24 feet.

Woods, who set a personal-best of 14-6 in winter track, injured his neck and shoulder early in the spring season and has been battling mentally to get back in strong form.

"I really missed training with him (Gorski) in the winter but I came out all

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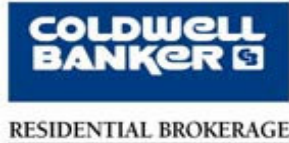
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READY TO FIRE THE BALL DOWN FIELD...Blue Devil sophomore laxer Ryan Yarusi, No. 4, prepares to fire the ball down field in the game against the Moorestown Quakers.

**BIALICK, PATELLA NET BLUE DEVILS' ONLY GOALS**

# Blue Devils Collapse in Second Half, Quaker Laxers Win, 9-2

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

One fine half of lacrosse became just a memory after the Westfield High School boys lacrosse team seemed to self destruct in the second half, allowing sixth-ranked Moorestown to go on a scoring frenzy and depart from Westfield with a 9-2 victory on April 14. The 1-1 Quakers, whose loss was to national power Springfield, Pa., scored five unanswered goals in the third quarter and outscored the Blue Devils, 2-1, in the final quarter.

The Blue Devils got a goal from junior Mike Bialick, who scooped up a backhanded shot from sophomore attacker Joe Simone and stuffed it in the net in the second quarter, and their final goal from senior Mike Patella on a furious 25-yard sidarm flick with two minutes remaining in the game. Seven Quakers scored at least a goal and were led by Stelios Wilson and Sean Delaney who netted two goals and an assist each. Chris Andreola contributed a goal and two assists and Andrew Kraemer added a goal and an assist.

Initially, the Blue Devils were on their game in the first half of the first quarter, kept the ball in Quaker territory and just missed a few scoring opportunities – one a nullified goal from Ryan Sharkey who was inside the crease on a wraparound. With less than two minutes remaining in the quarter, Delaney,

assisted by Tim Healey, penetrated the middle and scored.

After continued pressure, the Blue Devils tied the score on Bialick's goal late in the second quarter but the Quakers answered within a minute with Mike Darling's goal. Just before the half, Simone, on a wraparound, tried to stuff the net but just missed left. Westfield finished the half with 18 ground balls and 16 shots on goal while the Quakers had 17 ground balls and nine shots on goal.

Disaster struck in the second half as the Blue Devils' synchronization crumbled while the Quakers' teamwork peaked. Wilson flicked in the first two goals of the third quarter followed by Andreola, Kraemer and Kyle Hadden to give the Quakers a 7-1 lead.

Rob Hartman added a goal early in the fourth quarter and Delaney barreled through the middle for another score to increase Moorestown's lead to 9-1. Patella's goal finalized the scoring. Both teams were even in faceoffs, 6-6, but the Quakers outshot the Blue Devils, 15-4, in the second half and totally dominated the ground balls. Blue Devil goalie Chris Zaffuto finished with 11 saves, including four fine blocks, and Quaker goalie John Gilfillen also made several fine saves and finished with 12.

In the second half, "We didn't play as a team. We didn't win ground balls. We didn't shoot. We didn't play la-

crosse. We were out there running around," expressed a disappointed Blue Devil Head Coach Gerry Benaquista. "The thing that gets me is when you are not hustling on the field. You've got to love the game. If you are out there, you should want to be out there. You should want to go 110 percent. Until that happens, we are going to struggle."

Moorestown	1	1	5	2	9
Westfield	0	1	0	1	2



JUST CHECKING...Blue Devil laxer Brian Bottini, No. 16, checks Quaker attacker Sterios Wilson, No. 20.



**Devil's Den**

## WHS Girls Face Stevens In Big Game Tomorrow

By BRUCE JOHNSON  
*Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

The WHS softball team made the long trip Saturday down to Eastampton, Burlington County, to play in the first-year Rancocas Valley Elite Tournament. While WHS came up short against New Egypt, the trip is the kind a team has to make if it wants to be competing for county and sectional titles when late May and early June roll around.

New Egypt, while only a Group 1 school, will be considered among the favorites to win that title this year, led by super talented shortstop Shannon Houston, a junior who has already committed to the University of California. Also in the field Saturday was defending Group 4 champion Steinert, defending Group 3 champion Montgomery, plus solid teams like the host, Washington Township, Conwell Egan Catholic of Pennsylvania, Cherokee, J.P. Stevens and several others.

Westfield lost 5-2, mainly because of Houston, who struck out leading off the game, but homered with two outs in the third, tripled and scored the next time up and reached on an error and, after two stolen bases (we won't debate whether or not she left too soon on each pitch), scored on an error.

But Lauren Gelmetti pitched a solid game, the infield defense was sparkling, with 3B Ann McGrath, SS Kris Fietkiewicz and 2B Katie Smith, and Mary Kate Flannery had several nice catches in centerfield.

Third-year coach Tara Pignoli should be commended for searching out top-notch tournaments for her team. Gelmetti, Fietkiewicz and Flannery play travel ball all summer, so they're used to this type of compe-

tion. But the rest of the team needs to play against the best if they want to be the best, and Pignoli is getting that for them.

Speaking of top competition, the Blue Devils will be hosting J.P. Stevens tomorrow at 4 p.m. The Hawks of North Edison have been a powerhouse team for years. Last year, coach Pete Catenacci's team was beaten by Westfield 1-0 in 12 innings for the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 title. That was WHS's first sectional softball title since 1990, and first title of any kind since the 1998 Union County Tournament.

**NOT GIVING UP**

The WHS baseball team might have come up short Saturday against Watchung Hills in the Carl Riccio Memorial Tournament, but that doesn't make coach Bob Brewster's club any less of a threat when the county and state tournaments arrive.

The 1-2 pitching punch of Billy Hearon and Tom Ricciuti will keep them in most games. Mike Murray is one of the top catchers in the state, Mike Diaz is a very good all-around player, and first baseman Alex Zieler has made the adjustment from jayvee to varsity in a big way – tying the school record for home runs in a game (two, by Dick Myers, Skeeter MacCloskey, Kevin Stock, Ron Nobile and Lamont Turner) and RBI in a game (eight, by Nobile and Jay Cook) last week. He also is believed to be the first Blue Devil to hit two grand slams in one game, albeit in a 17-16 loss to Bridgewater.

Speaking of the baseball team, is it possible Jayshawn King could break the school record for runs in a season, without getting an at-bat? King, who is the designated runner for catcher Murray, turns almost every Murray walk into at least a double and sometimes a triple with his ability to steal bases. The record for runs in a season is 38, shared by Chuck Mueller, Drew Keehn, Ryu Saito and Brian Ciemniecki.

One final thing about WHS baseball for this week. If anybody has final statistics for the 1966 team, the one that went 22-4 under coach Norm Koury, I'm trying to find out how many innings Frank Tokash pitched during his sophomore season. His record was 5-1 and he struck out 30 batters, but the amount of innings is what I need.

**THE OL' BALLPARK**

Did you know that the main baseball field in Westfield used to be located at Recreation Park (now Recreation Field, or Kehler Stadium)? From looking at old pictures, home plate was near what is now Westfield Ave.,

next to the old Lincoln School. A very long home run to dead center would put the ball somewhere in the bleachers of Kehler Stadium. There were no houses on the third base side, so that was used for parking cars and for fans to line the foul (fair?) lines.

There are several very cool pictures at the Westfield Historical Society (third floor, Elm Street School) of the beautiful field and the big crowds that used to follow the local teams.

Among the other fields that WHS used to play home games on were at Unami Park in Garwood, Nomahegan Park in Cranford and Tamaques Park, Westfield. The last 40-plus seasons have been played behind Edison.

**DEN TRIVIA**

What is former major leaguer Al Ferrara's connection with Westfield?

**CATCHING UP WITH ...**

Former WHS swimmer Justin Byrnes (WHS 78) is now a triathlete living in Fountain Hills, Ariz. Byrnes, who swam on the winning 400-free relay at the 1977 state finals, is still a competitive swimmer in Arizona Masters meets. The former WHS sprinter reports he can still go "about 5:25 in the 500, which is competitive for a 46-year-old!" He and his wife, Judi, another triathlete, have two Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

**IS IT JUST ME ...**

Or did the Rolling Stones come up with the perfect title for the album "Sucking in the '70s"? The world's most overrated rock 'n' roll band hasn't been the same since Brian Jones, the group's founder, died in 1969. Outside of the song Beast of Burden, and maybe Angie, there hasn't been anything memorable in 3½ decades!

**REMEMBER WHEN ...**

**April 21, 1958:** WHS's Frank Bell scores an eagle 3 on the par-5 fourth hole at Echo Lake during a match against West Orange.

**April 22, 1930:** Carl Blank strikes out 16 batters in a 16-1 WHS win over Rahway.

**April 24, 1937:** Roselle Park's Ray Schmidt fans 16 in Roselle Park's win over WHS.

**April 24, 1985:** The WHS boys lacrosse team is ranked No. 1 in the state for the first time.

**April 27, 1948:** WHS is no-hit by Linden's W. Brightwell, but wins the game 3-2. It is the first known no-hitter against the Blue Devils.

**TRIVIA ANSWER**

Ferrara shared a 1964 Dodgers rookie baseball card with former WHS captain and All-Stater Jeff Torborg.

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**LAST LINE OF DEFENSE...**Blue Devil lacrosse goalie, Jackie Burns made eight saves against Bridgewater-Raritan.

## Bridgewater Erupts to Beat Blue Devil Lady Laxers, 13-6

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"There were four shots that went off of me and into the goal which is very frustrating," said Burns. "They were really great on the rolls. We just need to get the double teams there and I need to work on some of my stuff, but overall our team played so well."

Panther Megan Fenton scored six goals while Krista Fieselmann netted four. Goalie Kim Imbesi came up with 14 big saves.

The game featured several momentum shifts that appeared to be ruled by which team scooped up the most ground balls. Bridgewater took the initiative early with respective goals by Fenton and Fieselmann. Blue Devil Trimble, assisted by Schor, retaliated by scorching the Panther cage at 23:13 off a transition from the midfield. Fenton netted her second goal to put the Panthers up, 3-1, but Masel fired back with a goal.

The Blue Devil defense seemed to get a bit out of position as the Panthers added five unanswered goals to extend the lead to 8-2 at the half.

"We were down a little, but never gave up," said Siwulec. "We had better transitions. At first we were not

getting the ground balls but then we started running through them, settled it down, passed it around the goal and got our shots because of the cuts."

In the second half, the Blue Devils stepped it up and Masel scored at 22:46. However, less than 60 ticks later, Bridgewater scored. Siwulec, assisted by Tucker, mangled the Panther cage at 20:36. The Panthers roared back and notched three successive goals powered by Fenton and Fieselmann to extend the deficit to 12-4. Not to be denied, Siwulec, assisted by Luker, powered her way through a host of defenders and fired off a shot into the goal with 4:08 remaining. Two minutes later, Trimble was awarded the final goal off a feed from Santoriello.

"It hit off my defenders stick and found it's way into the goal," explained Trimble. "I think we really put some pressure on them, especially offensively. Whenever we had the ball we worked it down field, used each other as cuts and took good shots. We just need to work on hustling for ground balls and maintain possession."

## KONCEN, 2 RBI; HONEYMAR, 3 HITS Lion Baseball Boys Rip Viking Baseballers, 11-3

By FRED LECOMTE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Costly mistakes causing an 11-3 setback at the hands of visiting Roselle Catholic temporarily put a damper on the Union Catholic High School baseball team's fine season on April 13 in Scotch Plains. Four errors and four hit batsman allowed the Lions to creep seven runs across the plate in the decisive fifth inning.

"We actually have been running a nice streak here until today," said Viking Head Coach Jim Regan. "We're surely glad we got all of this one out of our angst and out of our system. We got a little sloppy. We hit a couple of guys and were unable to make the plays when we needed to. During the past few weeks, we have made those plays but today it did not happen."

All was not bad, however, as Viking junior pitcher Dave Klimowicz (1-2) fanned six Lions, yielded five hits and walked two in four-and-two-third innings and sophomore Anthony Marsall burned three Lions and yielded one hit in his two-and-one-third innings. Offensively, shortstop Mike Honeymar whacked three hits, including an RBI single and a double and Andy Koncen clubbed a two-run single. Matt Oliveto, Chris Whittemore and Chris Esperon each thumped two hits.

Lion pitcher Bob Tretola scattered nine hits, struck out nine and walked one in seven innings. Catcher Pete Arce had two RBI and scored twice, leadoff hitter John Eger and desig-

nated hitter Matt Perlmutter each scored two runs.

Three Lions crossed the plate in the second inning. Perlmutter singled, Don Gould doubled and Arce ripped an RBI double then scored on a throwing error. Union Catholic tied the score with three runs in the third. Oliveto singled, Rob Downer hopped a single over second and Whittemore stung a single to load them up. The stage was set for a Lion disaster when Honeymar lined an RBI single, however Tretola countered by striking out two Vikings. Koncen then stepped to the plate and rapped a two-run single.

"I thought we showed a lot of resiliency and did a nice job coming back after we were down 3-0 today," said Regan.

The Lions added a run in the fourth when Gould reached safely on a Viking infield miscue, advanced on a sacrifice bunt and scored on Eger's fly ball to center. But the Lions sent 10 batters to the plate in the fifth and amassed seven runs, which included an RBI single by Eger.

"Klimowicz, I thought did a real nice job for us until he got into that fifth inning," said Regan. "His pitch count went up to about 80 pitches. He started to get fatigued and got a little sloppy. We now have a nice chunk of time available for us to practice. Not having to play for a week, we will be able to go over some basic fundamentals. We have a 5-2 record, which is a pretty good start."

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**SLIDING SAFELY INTO THIRD...**Viking Christian Cortizo face slides into third and gets the "safe" call from the ump.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**SAFE AT SECOND BASE...**After ripping an RBI single, Raider Lauren Mains slides safely into second base in the fourth inning after the Cougars pulled off a "Cranford Cut" pickoff play in an attempt to catch Raider Taylor Cianiotta between third and home base. Cianiotta was safe with the eventual winning run.

## Raiders Rally in Fourth, Top Cougar Lady Softballers, 2-1

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yielded only one walk while fanning seven and allowing six hits.

Raiders Melissa Sette and Taylor Cianiotta each went 2-for-3 and scored a run. Catcher Lauren Mains, a sophomore, had an RBI single and a stolen base and Lauren Benovegno had a single and a stolen base. Morge and Jillian Berkowitz each went 2-for-4 for the 3-2 Cougars while Sarah Capodise had an RBI single.

Moore ran into a little trouble in the first inning, giving up two singles but freshman third baseman Nicole Colineri made a heads-up toss to nail Morge heading to second for the second out and second baseman Cianiotta ended the threat by grabbing a grounder and tossing to first for the out.

Moore, once again, got into a wobbly situation in the second inning when she gave up a single and two walks to load the bases with two outs. Again, Cianiotta ended the threat by grabbing a sharp grounder and tossing to first for the out. Afterwards, Moore settled down, allowing only two walks over the next four innings while Benovegno in right and Kaskiw in center made several fine catches. Throughout the game, Mains left nothing get by her behind the plate.

"Our outfielders were really on today. They were reading the ball well in the sun. Kelli is a really good outfielder and 'Beno' is a solid right fielder and a solid first baseman as well," commented Raider Head Coach Kelly Covert. "I don't think Mains gets the credit she's due. She holds us together. Normally I call pitches but today Mains would look at me and I said, 'You go!' Because she's behind the plate and can see what is coming in from Jess."

The Raiders have had the good fortune of having two fine pitchers to present on the mound this season, Moore with her flame throwing style, and Elaine Piniat, a control pitcher who faced the Cougars on opening day.

"Mentally, she is so strong," said Covert of Moore. "You would think, after a couple of innings like that, she could easily go down. Every single time I would think about changing (pitchers) she would come back strong. On April 1, we had just seen Cranford, so Piniat was still fresh in their minds. Elaine has a lot of movement, Jess has power and you can not teach that firing in."

Sette led off the fateful fourth by beating out an infield single. Cianiotta, who hit the ball hard in every at bat, drilled a single down the right field line as Sette settled at third. Mains skid her RBI single past short and Cianiotta pulled into third. With a first-and-third situation, Mains dashed toward second to draw a throw from the catcher who attempted a "Cranford Cutoff" play in an effort to catch Cianiotta between third and home. The ball dropped, Cianiotta scored and Mains slid into second.

"Sette is a smart base runner. Taylor is going to contact, Sette is going to go and we try to get that first and third situation going," said Covert.

Cranford's final offensive began with an infield single by Tara Scaramuzzi who moved to second on Berkowitz's single, advanced to third on Morge's two-out infield single and scored on Capodise's single.

"It was a huge win," expressed Covert.

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CHAMPIONS IN THE 4X800 METERS...Miriam Becker-Cohen, top left, receives the baton from Annie Onishi to begin the second leg of the 4x800 meters. Onishi, Becker-Cohen, Meg Driscoll and Emily MacNeil won the event. Blue Devil Jeff Perrella, bottom left, receives the baton from Rob Broadbent to begin the third leg of the 4x800 meters. Ameer Rogers, Broadbent, Perrella and Jay Hoban won the event to qualify for the Penn Relays.



## Scotch Plains-Fanwood Sweeps Phillipsburg in 12U Baseball

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) 12U Cerbo baseball team defeated Phillipsburg, 7-3, then followed with a 9-2 triumph to up its record to 4-0 and its home run total to six.

In Game 1, after allowing two runs in the top of the first, SPF answered with three runs in the bottom of the first. Ryan Haggerty and Connor Thompson each ripped a single. Alex Graham smacked an RBI double to deep left center and Brian Dempsey yanked a two-run single to left.

In the third, Graham doubled. Mike Perez reached on an infield hit. Dempsey delivered Graham on a fielder's choice and John Foti hit a two-run line drive off the wall in left center. Haggerty hit a home run well over the leftfield fence.

Sean Reilly relieved Dempsey on

the mound and got the win with three no-hit innings. Anthony Scalfaro pitched the sixth for the save.

In Game 2, Joe Carroll matched the Phillipsburg hurler with three shut-out innings. In the fourth, Thompson singled and stole second. Graham bashed an RBI single, stole second and third and scored on Carroll's grounder to the right side. Perez followed with home run to deep center to give SPF a 3-0 lead.

In the fifth, Reilly walked and Nowell Whitehouse had a bunt single. Haggerty hammered a two-run double. Scalfaro spanked an RBI single and scored on Graham's single. Graham later stole home. Daniel Lesce launched a solo home run over the right field wall. Graham relieved Carroll and pitched the last three innings.

## Girls 4x200, Sprint Medley; Boys 4x100, 4x400 Records Broken At Blue Devil Track & Field Relays in Kehler Stadium

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right. For the amount of time he's been back, he is doing great. His runs are looking good. His takeoffs are looking good," Woods said. "I lost my grip on the pole outdoors so I've started on short runs with small poles. I'm trying to build up for Penn and do the best I can. I'm looking forward to that."

Raiders Kyle Robotham and Sean Smith placed in a tie for fourth in the high jump with a height of 11-6. Mike Miller, Robotham, Smith and Josh Zinman finished sixth in the distance medley relay with a time of 11:13.5. Rowbotham, Smith, Nehemiah Burney-Porter and Zinman took fifth in the sprint medley with a time of 3:51.2 followed by Westfield at 3:51.4. Teddy Acosta and Mike Allenman also placed fifth in the shot put with a distance of 88-2.25.

Annie Onishi split 2:22.2, Miriam Becker-Cohen split 2:30.0, Meg Driscoll split 2:29.3 and Emily MacNeil split 2:20.5 for a total time of 9:42.0 to win the girls 4x800. In 2004, Driscoll, Deenie Quinn, Onishi and MacNeil won the event with a time of 9:32.7, which was three seconds off the meet record. In either victory, the Blue Devil girls won the event handily with no pressure from any competitor.

"We won it last year and wanted to keep that going. We all did our best and wanted to keep improving our time for Penn because we know there is stiff competition down there," said Driscoll.

MacNeil (1:02.7), Becker-Cohen (1:05.3), Driscoll (1:06.7) and Onishi (1:02.6) finished third in the 4x400 with a time of 4:16.8. Olena Borkowsky, with a toss of 91 feet, and Karolyn Cook, who threw 68-6, placed fourth in the javelin with a total distance of 159-6.

Union Catholic Vikings, sophomore Katie Eppinger at 5-0 and freshman Tiara Brown at 4-10, tied Voorhees for first in the high jump with a height of 9-10. Sophomores Ashley Broderick and Aerielle Belk, junior Lesley Hendricks and sophomore Jen Seniszyn placed third in the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 52.7. Sophomore Alisa Harris, Brown,

country champion Laura Gallo. "Our first three girls stayed tough, really pushed and put me in great position. Bridget Cornwell is our new 800 runner and she ran well. We have been training really hard. Laura (Gallo) is an awesome runner," Shashaty said.

Raiders Kat Berka and Carlaya Jones placed fifth in the shot put with



BLOWIN' IN THE WIND...Raider Nehemiah Burney-Porter goes airborne in the long jump and finishes with a leap of 18-4.

Belk and freshman Samantha Peters placed fourth in the sprint medley with a time of 4:41.9 while Raiders Michelle Regg, Danielle Vena, Bridget Cornwell and Mary Shashaty took third with a time of 4:33.

Raiders Laura Harrison, Vena, Cornwell and Shashaty finished second with a time of 13:13.2 in the distance medley behind Cranford (13:08.5) anchored by county cross-

a distance of 60-2 and fifth in the discus with a distance of 169-9.

**BOYS RESULTS:**  
**4x100:** Old Bridge (Riddick, Lunkenheimer, Racioppi, McCombs):43 Meet record; former record 43.3, Elizabeth in 1988  
**4x200:** Union (Paul Harper, Latif Brewer, Adonijah Asjley, Matt Walker) 1:31.6  
**4x400:** Old Bridge (Lunkenheimer, Nick Carbone, Racioppi, McCombs) 3:21.8 Meet record; former record 3:23.6, Camde3n in 1995  
**4x800:** Westfield (Rogers, Broadbent, Perrella, Hoban) 8:14.2  
**Sprint medley:** Phillipsburg (Justin Gaymon, Mike Turner, Malcolm Dock, Josh Davis) 3:37.6  
**Distance medley:** P-burg (Bryan Lein, Turner, Gaymon, Davis) 10:28.2  
**Shuttle hurdles:** Morristown (Shaun Adair, Derek Adair, Marcus Alston, Rich Tangle) 1:05.9  
**High Jump:** Old Bridge (Phil Payne,



BEGINNING THE FINAL LAP...Raider Mary Shashaty, left, gets the baton from Bridget Cornwell to begin the final lap of the distance medley relay. Laura Harrison, Danielle Vena, Cornwell and Shashaty finished second.

### Devil Nine Drop, 17-16, Thriller to BidgeH2O

The Westfield High School baseball team lost a barn burning, 17-16, thriller to Bridgewater-Raritan in Bridgewater on April 13. Junior Alex Zierler hammered two grand slam homers and added a single to account for half of the 4-2 Blue Devils' runs.

Westfield took a 15-13 lead in the seventh when Zierler launched his second grand shot and Sam Kim later scored in the inning on an infield error. Mike Murray had four hits and Tom Ricciuti drilled two doubles.

**Ken Cardullo) 11-10**  
**Long Jump:** Union (Chris Haley, Tracy Daugherty) 39-9  
**Shot Put:** Morristown (Khyle Osborne, Frankie Simmons) 98-8.75  
**Discus:** Old Bridge (Jamaar Figueroa, Ajaas Sharif) 264-2  
**Javelin:** A. L. Johnson (Mark Washington, Ray Dobroski) 333-0  
**Pole Vault:** Westfield (Woods, Gorski) 25-6

**GIRLS RESULTS:**  
**4x100:** Piscataway (Allen, Washington, Parham, Losey) 49.9  
**4x200:** Piscataway (Parham, Washington, Collene Cumberbatch, Losey) 1:42.4 Meet record; former record 1:43.8, Plainfield, 1996  
**4x400:** Union Nicole Bryant, Ijeoma Chimezie, Tolu Oyetunde, Zainab Bisiloly) 4:16.3  
**4x800:** Westfield (Onishi, Becker-Cohen, Driscoll, MacNeil) 9:42  
**Sprint medley:** Piscataway (Losey, Parham, Cumberbatch, Washington) 4:10.3 Meet record; former record 4:20.7, Randolph in 1994  
**Distance medley:** Cranford (Jen Hanke, Mary Rose Mullen, Caitlin Curtis, Laura Gallo) 13:08.5  
**Shuttle hurdles:** Union (Ashley Battle, Katelyn Reiter, Bryant, Oyetunde) 1:08.3  
**High Jump:** Union Catholic (Epinger, Brown) and Voorhees (Kirsten Gerbeby, Kelly Contrinas) 9-10  
**Long Jump:** Middletown South (Lauren Dosil, Samantha Mak) 29-9.5  
**Shot Put:** Piscataway (Taisha Shaw, Joanna Martin) 71-5.5  
**Discus:** Piscataway (Shaw, Martin) 187-10  
**Javelin:** Voorhees (Rachel Ferdinand, Ellen Rudeman) 184-2  
**Pole Vault:** Hunterdon Central (Tara Oberg, Carly Miller) 19-6

### Blue Devil Golfers Win Watchung Conference

The Westfield High School golf team won the Watchung Conference A Division title for the third year in a row at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains on April 18. Blue Devil junior Jimmy Arbes shot a five-over-par 76 to win the individual title.

Last year, Westfield out-shot Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 157-172, in a rain-shortened nine hole event and in 2003 the Blue Devils out-shot the Raiders 307-331 for the title. This year, Westfield finished with a 320 total to the Raiders' 323. Cranford was third at 341 and Union was fourth at 377. Linden won the B Division with a 213 total (9 holes).

Arbes, who shot a 42 front nine, rallied to finish the back nine with a 34. Raider Clayton Balch finished second at 78 followed by Blue Devil Garrett Cockren with an 80 and Raider Brian Halpin also at 80. Blue Devil Ryan Shallcross, who won the event the past two years, finished sixth at 82 followed by Raider Mike Sprung with an 82. Blue Devil Chris Tropeano at 82 and Raider Jack Davis at 83. Linden's Amber Hughes shot a 47 to grab the B Division crown.

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GETTING RECOGNITION...Girls swim Head Coach Jaime Ruzsala was recognized for her team's success by Westfield Boosters' President John Bennett at the April 14 meeting.

## Westfield Boosters Highlight Coaches Benaquista, Ruzsala

Though not as high profile as other sports at the high school, two successful Westfield High School sports programs were highlighted by their coaches at the Westfield School Boosters Association meeting on April 14. Boys Lacrosse Head Coach Gerry Benaquista and girls' swim Head Coach Jaime Ruzsala summarized their seasons and pointed to their considerable successes.

Coach Benaquista cited the success of the boys' lacrosse team but was concerned at the number of

graduation seniors and a decline in the number of players for next year. However, he was optimistic that the town's lacrosse league would be infusing a larger number of players into the lacrosse system.

Coach Ruzsala reviewed the astounding success of the boys' and girls' swim teams. The boys won the Union County Championship for the 48th time out of 49 years and won the sectional title. The girls were also sectional champs and went to the state finals. Coach Ruzsala believes that next year will be even a better one for both teams.

The Boosters pledged their continued support of both programs as well as all the sports programs at the high school.

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## SPF Orioles No Hit White Sox, Shutout SPF Yankees, 3-0

Orioles Nick Galasso and Brian Dempsey combined to throw a no-hitter in Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association Major League action then went on to shutout the Yankees, 3-0. Galasso pitched the first three innings against the White Sox and struck out six then Dempsey arrived in the fourth to slam the door.

Ian Johnston and Dempsey each stole home in the first inning. In the third, Galasso ripped a single, stole second and scored on Johnston's single. Dempsey followed with an RBI double and Nowell Whitehouse

whacked an RBI single. In the fifth, Johnston and Dempsey walked and promptly stole second and third. Sam Brown delivered Johnston with a base hit. Whitehouse brought home Dempsey and Brown with a hit. In the sixth, Galasso doubled, and stole third and home.

In a pitchers' duel with the Yankees, Galasso pitched three superb innings, scattering two hits and a couple of walks. Dempsey entered in the fourth and permitted no hits.

The Orioles broke through in the third with a two out rally. Galasso drilled a hard single to center, and moved to third on a hit by Johnston. Dempsey poked an RBI single to left. In the fifth, Galasso led off with a double and scored on Johnston's single. Johnston stole third and scored on Dempsey's fielders choice.

## Shackamaxon Pro Explains 'How to Hit a Pitch Shot'

You have hit a couple of good shots on a long par four or a par five and you are trying to hit a good pitch shot. A pitch is a short shot from 10 to 60 yards and the ball will be high in the air and land on the green. The ques-

### SP-F Coach McBride To Run Hoops Camp

Lori Gear McBride, who is in her first year as the head girls basketball coach at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and is about to complete her first year of teaching at Brunner and Evergreen Elementary schools, will conduct the Next Level Basketball Camp during the first two weeks of August for all children interested in improving in the sport. The camps will take place at Park Middle School.

The first week runs from Monday, August 1, through Thursday, August 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Geared towards children 6-12, the camp will focus on fundamentals and team concepts and will be tailored for both novice and experienced campers.

The second week, which runs from Monday, August 8, through Thursday, August 11, (also from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) for ages 8-16 will concentrate on the individual player and the development of skills.

More information, including fees and a listing of camp staff, can be obtained by visiting [www.nextlevelballcamp.com](http://www.nextlevelballcamp.com)

tion is how to hit the shot and control the distance?

The pitch shot is a small golf swing. You will set up with your feet shoulder width apart and the ball in the front of your stance. You may want to grip slightly lower and swing a bit smoother.

The most important thing to remember for a pitch is that the swing must be even. This means that your backswing is the same distance as your follow through. Trying to keep the swing even will start to make your golf ball travel different distances. Let me explain.

There are three different length swings you are going to want to practice. First, swing the club head back to your right knee and then through to your left knee. Second, swing the club head back to your right hip and then through to your left hip. Finally, swing the club head back to your right shoulder and then through to your left shoulder. These three different length swings, with the same rhythm, will hit the golf ball different distances. Try this with all of your wedges and you may discover many different length shots. Remember, practice makes perfect because you want to land the ball a specific distance.

Michael Kierner is the Head Teaching Professional at Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club. For more information about lessons, please call, (908) 233-3989.



David B. Corbin (2004 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club Pro Michael Kierner

## SPF/WF Diamond Dogs Maul Garden State Storm, 15-1

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood/Westfield Diamond Dogs 14-year-old baseball club improved to 2-0 with a 15-1 win over previously unbeaten Garden State Storm in four-and-one-half innings on April 17. Kevin Maroney went 3-for-3 with three runs scored and pitched three innings of three-hit ball to lead the Diamond Dogs.

The Diamond Dogs scored two quick runs in the first. Maroney led off with a single and promptly stole second. After a walk to Todd Saunders (1-1, RBI, two runs scored), a wild pitch scored Maroney and Jimmy Burke (2-

3, RBI, two runs scored) lined a double to left center to plate Saunders.

The Diamond Dogs broke open the game in the second with seven runs. Brendan Burgdorf (1-2, two runs) led off with a walk and was followed with hits by Anthony D'Annunzio, Maroney, Saunders, Chris Jenkins (2-3, two runs) and Nick Bonadies to keep the rally alive.

Colin Grimm and Matt Isabella each pitched a scoreless inning in the victory. The Diamond Dogs next play this Saturday at 4:15 p.m. at Forest Road Park in Fanwood.

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**SUCCESSFUL SEASON...**The Westfield Boys fourth grade Travel B team completed an undefeated season in the Union County League and finished runner-up in a season-ending tournament in the GSL Basketball Championship. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Coach Rich Dursee, Quinn Dursee, Matt Kaveney, Joe Burke, Shane Kronick and Christian Fekhter; second row, Daniel Luzzi, Ben Fine, Nicholas Grawehr and Spencer Kolek; back row, Coach Pete Demers, Brenton Harries, Eric Demers, Nicholas Arnold and Coach Tom Luzzi.

**Roller Hockey Clinics:** Students will learn basic skills or fine-tune their skills with George Giresi and the Westfield High School Ice Hockey Team. The class is offered to children aged 6 to 12, from Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Tamaques Park. The cost is \$60 per child.

**Night Place:** The Night Place program is held throughout the school year on select Friday evenings. This program is open to all middle school students. The program is held from



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7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School. The cost is \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door. The remaining date is May 13.

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## The Baseball School 13’s Start Season in Very Strong Fashion

The Baseball School (TBS) 13-year-old team, made up of mostly boys from Scotch Plains and Fanwood, showed that their winter training paid off as they opened their season with a strong start. TBS took third place in the prestigious Elite Championship Tournament Baseball (ECTB) Hardball Brawl tournament in Reading, Pennsylvania the weekend of April 9 and 10.

TBS competed against teams from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York and New England. In the preliminary round, TBS beat the Eckley (PA) Reds, 8-1, and the Brooklyn Bulldogs, 3-1, but fell to the Columbia (MD) Bulldawgs, 4-3. By giving up only five runs, TBS took top seed in their bracket and advanced to the championship round. In the semifinals, TBS lost to the eventual champions the Long Island Bluejays, 7-6.

Competing in the Central Jersey

Spring League, TBS opened with a convincing, 19-3, win against the Jersey Sliders out of Matawan. Gary Binkiewicz and John Maxwell had key two-out hits early in the game prior to the entire team breaking the game open. Mike Minniti (2 innings), Ryan McCarthy (1), Maxwell (2), Dylan Papa (1) and Matt Greaney (1) handled the pitching duties. TBS turned a nifty 1-6-3 (Greaney to Minniti to Maxwell) double play to end the game.

The TBS boys from Scotch Plains and Fanwood are Gary Binkiewicz, Steven Bello, Matt Greaney, Michael Henkels, John Maxwell, Louis Mazzella, Ryan McCarthy, Mike Ridge, Marcus Rivera, Taylor Schon and Anthony Zukofsky. Rounding out the team are Brendan Jacobi, Joe Esposito, Dylan Papa, Mike Minniti and Austin Tomaszewicz. The TBS team is managed by Ralph Dinizo.



**SOARING WITH EAGLES...**In March, the Henderson Eagles boys' gymnastic team competed at the USAG New Jersey State Men's Gymnastic Tournament in Linden. Every Eagle showed improvement and many earned ribbons and medals. Many of the boys have earned the opportunity to attend the USAG Regional Meet this month. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Daniel Palmer, William Schubiger, Nick Mavrogiannis of Westfield and Nathan Rutter; back row, Vladimir Karvacky, Coach Alex Balich, Philip Longo, Matthew Siegrist, Trevor Yelencics, Joshua Berman and John Sottiriu.

## Rhythmic Gymnastics to Host ‘Lady Luck International’

**RAHWAY –** Rhythmic Gymnastics Club Attitude in Rahway will sponsor the Lady Luck International Invitational to be held at Rahway Recreation Center from April 29 to May 1. Lady Luck will feature rhythmic gymnasts from Russia, Germany, Canada and elite level gymnasts from across the US.

Club Attitude, headed by Coach Tamara Ivankova, is a Junior Olympic certified team, and has successfully hosted seven events, including invitational meets, state championships and exhibitions. The team in-

cludes several members who have places in the 2004 US Nationals, and have qualified for the upcoming 2005 Nationals.

Club Attitude has invited the Russian Junior Olympic School No. 26 to send a team of 10 athletes and their coach for two weeks to train with club members. Some of the visitors will be housed in Westfield with local club members during their visit. The club is looking for area residents to be sponsors to help defray some of the costs. Sponsors will be acknowledged with banners placed in the gym during the competition and ads in a souvenir program.

For additional information please call Tamara Ivankova at the Rahway Recreation Center at (732) 669-3600.

### Scotch Hills Women Tell Golf Results:

A spokeswoman for the Scotch Hills Women's Golf Association of Scotch Plains announced the results of the 100% Handicap Stroke Tournament held April 5 and the Odd Holes Count Tournament on April 12.

**APRIL 5 – FLIGHT A:**  
Low Gross: Lisa Sanguilliano 41  
Low Net: 1. Sanguilliano 32, 2. Rosemary DeWitt 33, 3. Charleen Szenyi/Janet Newell 37  
**FLIGHT B:**  
Low Gross: Ronnie Buob 57  
Low Net: 1. Buob 38 (only 4 in B Flight)  
**FLIGHT C:**  
Low Gross: Mary Pearsall 68  
Low Net: 1. Pearsall 38, 2. Betty Fitterer/Nettie Maguire 45  
Low Putts: Pearsall/DeWitt  
Chip-in: Joann Voci #1  
Birdie: Newell #8

**APRIL 12 – FLIGHT A:**  
Low Gross: Carol Nichols/Lisa Sanguilliano 44  
Low Net: 1. Mary Kay Danskin 13.5, 2. Rosemary DeWitt/Nichols 16

**FLIGHT B:**  
Low Gross: Tania Dente 57  
Low Net: 1. Kathy Sjonell 15.5, 2. Kathy Blatt/Francis Gibbons 19.5

**FLIGHT C:**  
Low Gross: Olga Rose 54  
Low Net: 1. Dolores Veghte/Arlene LaTourette 15.5, 2. Nancy Christensen 18.5  
Low Putts: Marge Grimmer 13  
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registration begins on Wednesday, June 1, for the Junior Playground Program, Teen Scene Playground, and the C.I.T. Playground Program. The program is available for school-aged Westfield residents only.

**Road Race:** The 15th annual 5-Miler and 1-Mile Fun Run will be held on a Saturday, April 23. The 1-Mile Fun Run will begin at 9 a.m., and the 5-Miler race begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration forms can be obtained at the recreation office or on the department's website, westfieldnj.net/townhall/recreation.

**Sport Squirts:** This one-hour course introduces children ages three to five years old to a variety of sports from around the world. The course will be held at Tamaques Park on Tuesdays from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or from noon to 1 p.m. from Monday, April 18, to Monday, June 6. The cost of the program is \$95 per child. There will be no class on Memorial Day.

**Stroller-Size:** This one-hour total body workout is aimed at improving one's cardiovascular endurance, strength and flexibility. The class will be held in Tamaques Park on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. through May 25. The fee is \$48 per person.

**Summer Camps:** The Recreation Department is taking registrations for summer camps. Camps are available for baseball, basketball, bowling, golf, roller hockey, soccer, tennis, multi-sports and wrestling.

**Teen Center:** The Teen Center is open on most Friday evenings during the school year between the hours of 7 and 11 p.m. for all Westfield High School students.

**Total Toning:** Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Community Room, 425 East Broad Street. Each session includes 10 classes. The fee is \$65 per person.



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*Summer Parks, ages 6 to 12, and Small Fry Program, ages 3 to 5.* Registration for this program begins Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to noon in Room 113 of the Municipal Building. Registration is \$40 before June 10 and \$50 after June 13. Space is limited on all trips on the Small Fry program.

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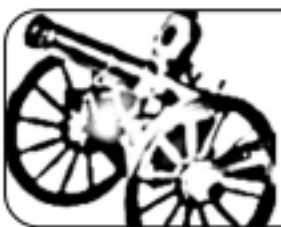
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**Scotch Plains Recreation Department Events Calendar**  
by: Allison Halperin  
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bring a racquet and a can of balls. Registration will be held from April 5 to 22. The lessons will be given in two sessions. Session one runs Mondays and Wednesdays, May 2 to 25, from 7 to 8 p.m. Session 2 runs Mondays and

Wednesdays from June 6 to 29. The cost is \$45 per person but \$50 after April 22. Children's times are from 6 to 7 p.m. All classes are held at Kramer Manor Park.  
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mission and Municipal Alliance Committee will offer this program on Thursday, June 16, on the Village Green from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Ping-pong, knok hockey, and basketball will be featured along with a DJ. Chap-erones are needed. There is no fee to attend this event.

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DOCKET NO. F-16633-03  
FILE NO. 7570-03

## NOTICE TO REDEEM

JEFFREY WHITTMANN, HIS  
HEIRS, REPRESENTATIVES  
AND ASSIGNS, ALL RIGHT,  
INTEREST, PROPERTY AND  
ESTATE VS. LOUIS BARTEE,  
HIS HEIRS DEVISEES AND  
PERSONAL REPRESENTA-  
TIVES AND THEIR OR ANY  
OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN  
RIGHT, TITLE AND INTER-  
EST; MRS. LOUIS BARTEE,  
WIFE OF LOUIS BARTEE;  
SUMMIT AND ELIZABETH  
TRUST COMPANY N/K/A  
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FUNB AS CUSTODIAN FOR  
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TIN MEDVIN; VICKY MEDVIN;  
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

TO: LOUIS BARTEE, his heirs devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their successors in right, title and interest; MRS. LOUIS BARTEE, WIFE OF LOUIS BARTEE; GERALDINE RHODES;

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an order made on April 6, 2005, the Superior Court Fixed May 20, 2005 between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, prevailing time, at the office of the Tax Collector of the CITY OF RAHWAY, located at 1 CITY HALL PLAZA, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY 07065, as the time and place when and where you may pay to the plaintiff the amount so found due for principal and interest on its certificate of tax sale as follows:

LOT 7 BLOCK 292 on the tax duplicate of the CITY OF RAHWAY. Total amount required to redeem is \$16,824.81, together with interest from September 13, 2004 and costs.

And that unless, at the same time and place, you or one of you redeem by paying the aforesaid sum so found due to plaintiff, then you, and each of you shall be debarred and foreclosed of and from all right and equity of redemption of, in and to the lands and premises above set out and described in the complaint and every part thereof, and that the plaintiff be vested with an absolute and inalienable estate of inheritance in fee simple in said lands and premises.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, redemption shall be permitted up until the entry of final judgment including the whole of the last date upon which judgment is entered.

Michael G. Pellegrino, Esq.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
CASALE & PELLEGRINO, L.L.C.  
One Gatehall Drive  
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054  
1 T - 4/21/05, The Leader Fee: \$62.73

## PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on MAY 5, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, the Scotch Plains Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing to consider the following appeal(s):

**Robert and Sally Rowland (Continued)** for a Variance in order to permit the construction of a rear addition at the property located at **14 Johnson Street (Block 4401, Lot 19)**, Scotch Plains, contrary to the following section of the Zoning Ordinance:

**Section 23-3.4A, Paragraph G, Column 10** whereby minimum rear-yard setback required is thirty (30) feet; proposed: approximately twenty-four (24) feet [by plan].

**Michel Jacober (Continued)** for a Variance in order to permit the erection of an eight-foot-high fence with a six-foot-high gate at the property located at **1410 Rahway Road (Block 5901, Lot 1)**, Scotch Plains, contrary to the following section of the Zoning Ordinance:

**Section 23-2.3o** whereby "fences may be erected...to a height of nominally four feet above ground level when located in the front yard area, or to a height of nominally six feet above ground level if located elsewhere on the lot, except that in no case shall any fence be higher than nominally four feet above ground level when located beyond a projection of any front building line of any adjacent improved lots or the setback line of any adjacent unimproved lots..." Proposed fences: eight feet above ground level with six-foot-high gate.

**Cumberland Farms, Inc. (Continued)**, a non-conforming use in the R-2 residential zone, for a Use Variance and Site Plan Approval in conjunction with proposed improvements to the existing service station, including the installation of a canopy, at the property located at **2660 Route 22 @ Mountain Avenue (Block 5503, Lot 1)**, Scotch Plains, contrary to the following section of the Zoning Ordinance:

**Section 23-6.1(3)** whereby "no non-conforming use may be expanded."

**Douglas and Joanne Layne** for a Variance to permit the construction of an addition to the rear of the premises located at **1129 Lincoln Avenue (Block 8704, Lot 3.02)**, Scotch Plains, contrary to the following section of the Zoning Ordinance:

**Section 23-3.4A, Paragraph G, Column 10** whereby minimum rear-yard setback required is thirty (30) feet; proposed: approximately twenty-three (23) feet.

**Jonathan Shopiro** for a Temporary Operating Permit to allow the utilization of the premises located at **540 Forest Road (Block 1401, Lot 39)**, Scotch Plains, as a massage therapy office with one (1) therapist and no signage. Said permission, if granted, is for a maximum period of one (1) year, pursuant to **Section 23-4.3** of the Zoning Ordinance.

**Heather Glen at Scotch Plains, LLC**, for a Variance to permit the construction of a single-family dwelling at the property located at **19 Johnson Street (Block 6103, Lot 6)**, Scotch Plains, contrary to the following section of the Zoning Ordinance:

**Section 23-3.4A, Paragraph G, Column 3** whereby minimum lot size required is 40,000 square feet; existing and proposed: 33,405 square feet.

All interested persons may be present and be heard.

The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains, and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Linda M. Lies  
Board Secretary  
1 T - 4/21/05, The Times Fee: \$89.76

## Westfield Area 'Y' Offers Women's Spa Day May 7

WESTFIELD – As a Mother's Day gift to the community, the Westfield Area "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield, is offering a Women's Spa Day for \$20 on Saturday, May 7.

The package will include a manicure, chair and foot massage, the opportunity to speak with various health professionals, relaxation techniques, healthy treats from the juice bar and a presentation by registered dietician Dee Grasso entitled "Psychological Aspects of Weight Management."

The presentation will begin at 11 a.m. at the "Y," with the remaining activities taking place from noon to 2 p.m. Spa Day certificates are available at the front desk of the "Y."

Advance registration is requested.

The "Y" has extended appreciation to the following professionals for their participation: Margot Lorenzi from Guillotine Hair, Skin & Nails and Gail Mone, for manicures; certified massage therapist John Grace, for foot massage; certified massage therapists Neil Pinkman of the Dharma Center and Charlie Behm, for chair massage; Ms. Grasso, and Trinitas Hospital for medical information.

For more information, please call MaryAnn McCormick at (908) 966-9344 or Mike Johnson at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 251, or e-mail MaryAnn McCormick at mmccormick@westfieldnj.org.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of the Westfield School District, Union County, New Jersey, at the Board of Education, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey, for the following supplies, equipment or services:

**BID FOR:**  
**B06-08 FIRE ALARM EQUIPMENT SERVICE FOR WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**  
**JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006**

**BIDS DUE:**  
**MAY 20, 2005 AT 2:00 PM**

The bids will be received at the Administration Building, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, on the date and at the time indicated, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be in strict compliance with specifications. Specifications may be secured from, Purchasing Office 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 (908) 789-4407. Bids must be made on the proposal forms in the manner designated. Proposals must be endorsed on the outside of the sealed envelope, with the name of the bidder, the bidder's address and the name of the supplies, equipment, or services for which the bid is submitted. It is understood and agreed that proposals may be delivered before the time or at the place specified for opening. The Board of Education assumes no responsibility for bids mailed or misdirected in delivery.

The Board of Education of the Town of Westfield, in Union County, New Jersey, reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids for the whole or any part and waive any informalities in the interest of the Board of Education. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

Bidding shall be in conformance with the applicable requirements of N.J.S.A.18A:18A-1 et seq., pertaining to the "Public School Contracts Law".

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Affirmative Action Regulations of P.L. 1975, C.127, (NJAC 17:27).

**BIDDERS NOTE:** Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Westfield Board of Education, for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total bid, however, not to exceed \$20,000.

By order of the Town of Westfield Board of Education, Union County, New Jersey,  
Robert A. Berman  
Board Secretary

1 T - 4/21/05, The Leader Fee: \$54.06

## PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
UNION COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. F-5596-05  
FILE NO. XWZ V 68596

## NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: **GEORGE C. CLARKE, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HIS, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment To Foreclosure Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., is plaintiff, and GEORGE C. CLARKE, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-559605 within thirty-five (35) days after April 21, 2005 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment To Foreclosure Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market Street, CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated July 28, 2000, made by MANUEL RODRIGUES, as Mortgagor(s), to SUMMIT BANK, recorded on August 14, 2000, in Book 7800 of Mortgages for UNION County, Page 334, and subsequently assigned to the plaintiff, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns the premises commonly known as: 17 WATSON AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07201.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 908-249-5000. You may also contact the lawyer referral service of UNION the County of Venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue by calling 908-354-4340.

You, **ALICE BRISSETTE, HER HEIRS DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HERS, THEIRS OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT TITLE AND INTEREST** are made party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the heirs of the deceased judgement creditor, ALICE BRISSETTE, and as such may have an interest in the mortgaged premises, and you have a right to Notice of this action for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, to, or against the said mortgaged premises.

You, **RAMON BRETON**, hold a mortgage/lien/judgement that may affect the mortgaged premises and the mortgage being foreclosed herein. You are entitled to Notice of this action for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, to or against said mortgaged premises.

DONALD F. PHELAN, Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey  
Frank J. Martone, P.C.  
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Blomfield, New Jersey 07003  
1 T - 4/21/05, The Leader Fee: \$71.40



**PRESERVING WESTFIELD'S PAST...**The Westfield Historical Society recently held a series of meetings to develop a long-range plan for the Reeve House Museum project. This past winter, members of the Westfield Jaycees, pictured, above, lent a hand cleaning out the Reeve House on a cold Saturday.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD  
BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on April 19, 2005, and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available, at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

**TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,043,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

**The purposes, appropriations, bonds/notes authorized and grants appropriated in this multipurpose bond ordinance are as follows:**

## SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of the following road improvements: (i) improvement of Highland Avenue (from Hillside Avenue to Birch Avenue), including roadway reconstruction, installation of curbs, and drainage improvements and reconstruction of driveway aprons, where necessary, (ii) undertaking of traffic safety and traffic calming improvements at various locations and (iii) resurfacing or reconstruction of various roads (including curb installation or replacement and drainage improvements, where necessary, and the installation of new sidewalks on Scotch Plains Avenue between South Avenue and West Broad Street), as set forth on a list prepared by the Town Engineer on file or to be placed on file with the Town Clerk, and hereby approved as if set forth herein in full. Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Town Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the list referred to in clause (iii) of the preceding sentence. It is hereby determined and stated that the streets being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,911,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$ 160,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 83,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$1,667,500
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Undertaking of storm water drainage and sanitary sewer improvements at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 157,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 7,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 150,000
Period of Usefulness	40 years

C. Undertaking of various improvements to the Municipal Building and the Public Works Complex, and replacement of the roof on the North Side Train Station. It is hereby determined and stated that the public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 176,400
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 8,400
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 168,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

D. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Engineering Department consisting of (i) land surveying equipment and (ii) computer equipment for a geographic information system (GIS) for Town data.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 5,250
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 5,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

E. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Department of Public Works ("DPW") consisting of (i) a street sweeper and (ii) various equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 142,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 7,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 135,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

F. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the DPW consisting of (i) a dump truck, (ii) a mechanics truck, (iii) a tractor-trailer truck and (iv) various equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 337,050
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 258,280
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 78,770
Period of Usefulness	5 years

G. Supplemental funding for roof replacement at the Free Public Library. It is hereby determined and stated that (a) said public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law, (b) the Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Town have requested, pursuant to Section 40:54-25 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, as amended, that the Town raise the sum of \$46,200 in order to finance the aforesaid improvement and (c) the Trustees of the Free Public Library are hereby authorized and empowered to expend said sum of \$46,200 to pay for the aforesaid improvement.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 46,200
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,200
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 44,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

H. Undertaking of various renovations and improvements to Fire House Nos. 1 and 2 and the acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Fire Department consisting of self-contained breathing apparatus equipment and various items of fire fighting and safety equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 57,750
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,750
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 55,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years

I. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment for the use of the Police Department consisting of (i) radar equipment, (ii) defibrillators, (iii) radio equipment, (iv) emergency light bars, (v) security cameras, (vi) mobile cameras and (vii) mobile data terminals.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 76,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,770
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 72,730
Period of Usefulness	10 years

J. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of telephone, computer and other information technology equipment and improvements for the use of various Town departments, offices and agencies.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 26,250
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 25,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

K. Partial funding for the refurbishing of the Mindowaskin Park Gazebo.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 31,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 30,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

L. Undertaking of energy efficiency lighting improvements at the Municipal Building and throughout the Town's traffic signal system.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 75,600
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,600
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 72,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$3,043,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$ 160,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 380,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$2,503,000

**Section 20 Costs: \$145,270**  
**Useful Life: 12.07 years**

Claire J. Gray, Acting Town Clerk  
Town of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey  
1 T - 4/21/05, The Leader Fee: \$88.88

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

The Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre, Inc. admits young people of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to young people in the company. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic and national origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other company-administered programs.

1 T - 4/21/05, The Leader Fee: \$13.77

## PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD  
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF  
ORDINANCE 05-11-R 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 establishing a Conservation Easement for Real Property in the Borough of Fanwood designated as Lots 23 and 25, in Block 78.

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 05-04-71

**CONTRACTOR:** Appraisal Associates, Inc.; 29 South Union Avenue; Cranford, New Jersey 07016

**NATURE OF SERVICE:** Property Appraisal: 15 Old South Avenue, Block 61, Lot 14

**DURATION:** Period ending December 31, 2005

**AMOUNT:** Real Estate Impact Analysis Report Not to exceed \$2,500

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: \$19.38

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## TOWN OF WESTFIELD

Public Notice is hereby given that the ordinances as follows was passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting thereof held on April 19, 2005

Claire J. Gray  
Acting Town Clerk

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2106  
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING  
FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF  
CURBING AND CONSTRUCTION  
OF NEW CURBING, AND  
RECONSTRUCTION OF  
ROADWAY ON VARIOUS  
STREETS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF MONIES NECESSARY THEREFOR.SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2107  
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING  
FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF  
SIDEWALK AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SIDEWALK AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE TOWN AND THE APPROPRIATION OF MONIES NECESSARY THEREFOR.

1 T - 4/21/05, The Leader Fee: \$26.52

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD  
PLANNING BOARD

The Westfield Planning Board will meet on May 2, 2005 in Council Chambers in the Westfield Municipal Building, Westfield, New Jersey at 8:00 p.m. to hear and consider the following application:

**04-27(V)** Richard & Lisa Sanzalone, 572 First Street, Block 2911, Lot 12, seeking minor subdivision with variances. Applicant seeks to remove existing detached garage and create two (2) new single-family building lots from a single existing lot. Applicant proposes to retain the existing house on one of the newly created lots.

Applicant seeks variances from the following:

**List of New C.40:55D-70c Variances Requested for Proposed Lot 12.01:**

Section 11.09E1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires minimum lot area of 6,000 square feet. Proposed is 5,198 square feet.

Section 11.09E4 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires minimum lot depth of 120 feet. Proposed is 104 feet.

Section 11.09E2 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires minimum lot area within 120 feet of front lot line of 6,000 square feet. Proposed is 5,198 square feet.

**List of New C40:55D-70c Variances Requested for Proposed Lot 12.02:**

Section 11.09E1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires minimum lot area 6,000 square feet. Proposed is 5,316 square feet.

Section 11.09E2 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires minimum lot width of 50 feet. Proposed is 45.53 feet.

Section 11.09E2 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires minimum area within 120 feet of front lot line of 6,000 square feet. Proposed is 5,316 square feet.

Section 11.09E3 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires minimum lot frontage of 50 feet. Proposed is 45.16 feet.

Section 11.09E4 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires minimum lot depth of 120 feet. Proposed is 104.94 feet.

Section 11.09E10/12.04F.1 of the Land Ordinance. Ordinance requires maximum allowable building coverage of 20%. Proposed is 23.3%.

Variances, waivers or exceptions from certain site plan details or relief from requirements may be sought as appropriate.

Plans and application are on file in the Office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Ave. W., Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kenneth B. Marsh  
Secretary



## Pauline M. Appel, 88, Comptometer For Company That Became Verizon

Pauline M. Appel, 88, of Union died on Thursday, April 7, at the Berkeley Heights Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Newark, she had lived there and in East Orange before moving to Union in 1970.

Prior to retiring, Mrs. Appel had worked as a comptometer for Wilber B. Driver & Co. in Newark, which later became GTE before becoming Verizon.

She was the oldest member of the Bayern Verein, a German dance group from Newark, and a member of the Deutscher Club of Clark, the Union Senior Citizens and the Jersey Central Railroad Veterans Association.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alfred W. Appel; two brothers, Clemens Hergenhan and Louis Hergenhan, and a sister, Margaret Meeh.

Surviving are a son, Walter A. Appel; a daughter, Christine Wild; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Thursday, April 14, from the Bradley, Haebler & Barth Funeral Home in Union. A Funeral Mass followed at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Maplewood. Interment was at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.

For further information or to send a message of condolence, please visit [bradleyfuneralhomes.com](http://bradleyfuneralhomes.com).

April 21, 2005

## Robert Ehrnman, 59, WHS Graduate; Was Senior Foreign Service Officer

Robert Bruce Ehrnman, 59, of Alexandria, Va. died on Sunday, April 17, at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Conn.

The son of George and Frances Ehrnman of Westfield, he was a Merit Scholar graduate of Westfield High School and first honor student in his 1963 class. He graduated from Denison University in 1967, and completed doctoral studies at the University of North Carolina and Princeton.

A Senior Foreign Service Officer at the United States Department of State, Mr. Ehrnman most recently was the United States representative at the Darfur-Sudan peace talks in Abuja, Nigeria.

Previously, he had worked with diplomats from the United Nations, Europe and Africa to negotiate the peace treaty between Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia. Other assignments included posts in Bosnia, Canada, Egypt, Syria, Germany and Afghanistan.

During the Vietnam War, Mr. Ehrnman served in the United States Naval Reserve as a Lieutenant, j.g., teaching political science at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his wife, Patricia Sadoff Ehrnman; two sons, Bradley Ehrnman of Bozeman, Mont. and Gregory Ehrnman of Seattle, Wash.; two stepdaughters, Shari Bennett Speer and Shane Speer, both of Richmond, Va., and a brother, Richard L. Ehrnman of Piscataway.

Memorial services will be held on dates to be announced at the State Department in Washington, D.C. and at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 124 Park Street S.E., Vienna, Va. 22180-0699.

April 21, 2005

## Medication Change Among Topics for FSO Workshop

WESTFIELD – Parents of children with emotional or behavioral challenges are invited to attend a resource workshop on Tuesday, April 26, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Westfield office of the Family Support Organization (FSO) of Union County, located at 137 Elmer Street.

The featured speaker will be Joyce Hatchett, a parent, professional Emergency Room nurse with psychiatric experience and Board President of the FSO of Union County.

### Unitarian Society To Hold May Fair

PLAINFIELD – The First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, which includes members from Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood, will hold its May Fair celebration on Sunday, May 1, from noon to 4 p.m. at the church, located at 724 Park Avenue in Plainfield.

The annual spring family event will feature a May Pole dance, face painting, a Bouncy House to jump in, arts and crafts, games and refreshments. The church has a large, enclosed lawn where children can enjoy the fair safely in sight of parents.

Additionally this year, representatives of community agencies will be on hand to provide information about their services and opportunities.

There is a suggested donation of \$3 per person or \$10 per family to defray costs. Parking is available in the municipal lot across the street from the church. For more information, please call (908) 756-0750.

Ms. Hatchett will offer information on when the best time is to start a new medication, as well as diet and other practical tips. She also will conduct an open discussion and help answer any questions attendees may have about raising a child with emotional or behavioral challenges.

Individuals planning to attend are invited to submit specific problems and questions to the FSO in advance of the event.

The FSO of Union County is a partner in the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Child Behavioral Health Services. This event is offered free of charge, but reservations are suggested. To submit advance questions and situations or to reserve a place, please call Gail, Kathy or Vickie at (908) 789-7625.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 05-10- R 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 the Borough Code to increase the maximum amount of fines for certain violations of the Code from \$1,000 to \$1,200.

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

#### BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDINANCE 05-09-S AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Bond Ordinance published herewith **Ordinance No. 05-09-S** was introduced and passed upon first reading at the meeting of Council of the Borough of Fanwood in the County of Union, New Jersey, held on **April 12, 2005**. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Council on **May 10, 2005** at Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Eleanor McGovern  
Borough Clerk

#### BOROUGH OF FANWOOD ORDINANCE 05-09-S

#### BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 02-09-S FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, NEW JERSEY ON MAY 20, 2002

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The Bond Ordinance of the Borough Council of the Borough of Fanwood, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Borough") entitled "Bond Ordinance Providing an Appropriation of \$1,192,350 for Various Capital Improvements for and by the Borough of Fanwood in the County of Union, New Jersey and Authorizing the Issuance of \$752,750 Bond or Notes of the Borough for Financing Part of the Appropriation" finally adopted on May 20, 2002 (the "Ordinance") is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

**Section 2.** Section 3(a)2 of the Ordinance is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Usefulness Bonds or Notes	Period of
2. (i) Sanitary sewer improvements at various locations, reconstruction of Byron Lane drainage, and reconstruction of Saville Row drainage, including all work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.	285,500	271,250	40
(ii) Improvements at Forest Road Park Building, including all work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.	29,000	27,550	15

**Section 3.** Section 6(b) of the Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting "23.23 years" and substituting in lieu thereof "22.32 years".

**Section 4.** The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolutions in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

**Section 5.** All other provisions of the Ordinance shall remain unchanged.

**Section 6.** This amendatory bond ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final adoption as provided by Local Bond Law.

Introduction: April 12, 2005.

Colleen Mahr, Mayor

Eleanor McGovern, Borough Clerk

1 T - 4/21/05, The Times

Fee: \$98.94

## Obituaries

### DEATH NOTICE

## Elsa White, 81, Exceptional Quilter; Enjoyed Family, Nature and Music

Elsa Kortwich White, 81, formerly of Mountainside, died on Friday, April 15, in the Lopatcong Care Center due to complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Born April 13, 1924 in Elizabeth, she was the daughter of the late Paul E. and Florence Jacobsen Kortwich. She received an associate's degree in business from Pace University in 1944 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in 1967.

Many years ago, Elsa had worked as an executive secretary in New York City. Years later, she became a master teacher of quilting, having earned registration in "Who's Who in American Quilting."

Elsa enjoyed playing the piano, listening to classical music, sewing, knitting, flower arranging, gardening, tennis, bicycling, entertaining, bug and butterfly collecting, vacationing at the family lake house, raising bees and bird watching. She loved everything related to nature and the outdoors, and this was evidenced in her quilts.

She will be remembered as a loving and involved mother, a supportive wife and a caring and gracious friend and human being.

A member of the First United Methodist Church in Westfield for more

than 50 years, Elsa also was a member of the Garden State Quilters and a past member of the N.H. League of Craftsmen and the T & T Quilters Group.

She was predeceased by her husband, Orville, on April 12, 1994. A brother, Paul, 2nd, and a sister, Helen Hill, also died earlier.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel and his wife, Diane, of Bloomsbury and Timothy and his wife, Rebecca, of Bedford, N.H.; a daughter, Nancy White-Schram and her husband, Robert, of Boulder, Colo.; five grandchildren, Sophie Schram, Dorie Schram, Willow Schram, Christine White and Amy White.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, at the Bloomsbury United Methodist Church, located on Church Street in Bloomsbury. Visitation will be tomorrow, Friday, April 22, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Rush-Devlin Funeral Home, 42 Church Street in Bloomsbury. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Lehigh Valley Chapter, 617A Main Street, Hellertown, Pa. 18055.

April 21, 2005

## More Community/Area News

## Barbara Swenson to Preside At Annual P.E.O. Convention

SCOTCH PLAINS – Barbara "Bobbie" Swenson of Scotch Plains will preside as State President at the 63rd Annual Convention of the New Jersey State Chapter of P.E.O., a Philanthropic Educational Organization.

The convention will take place Friday and Saturday, April 29 to 30, at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany.

Mrs. Swenson has been a member of Chapter E Westfield since 1983 and has held many offices both in her local chapter and on the state level. She and her husband, Carl Swenson, have two children, Keith and Amy.

Local delegates for Chapter E Westfield to the convention will be Louise Anderson and Mary Decker, both of Scotch Plains. During the convention, other members of the chapter will serve in a variety of positions or attend as visitors.

They include Margaret Sosa of Elizabeth; Libby Andrew, Ruth Lindgren, Amy Swenson and Evelyn

Swenson, of Fanwood; Carol Hafz of Mountainside; Jean Kocher, Janet Newell, Margaret Oakley, Joan Poe,



Barbara Swenson

Sally Rand, Lynne Schwartz and Dee Vanelis of Scotch Plains; Rebecca Wampler of Springfield; Vera Lough, Jane Stafford and Terry Wooster of Westfield, and former area resident Lynda Bregy of State College, Pa.

P.E.O. is a philanthropic and educational organization dedicated to promoting educational opportunities for women. It owns and supports Cottey College, a two-year college for women in Nevada, Mo.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood provides International Peace Scholarships for foreign graduate students to study in the United States or Canada, and loans for women who need assistance for education beyond high school.

It also provides grants to women in the United States and Canada who need to resume their educational studies later in life and awards select graduate students in the United States and Canada.

## SAGE Eldercare to Present 'Living Well Lecture Series'

SUMMIT – SAGE Eldercare, a community resource for the elderly, has announced its Fourth Annual "Living Well Lecture Series" spring programs, all of which are offered free of charge.

This year's series will focus on the wellness of the whole person. All "Living Well" lectures will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at SAGE Eldercare's new location, 290 Broad Street in Summit. Refreshments will be served.

The programs will include: "Planning for a Financially Healthy Future," presented by Gary Mazart, Estate Long Term Care Planning Attorney, on April 27; "Stress Reduction Tips to Increase Productivity in Your Professional and Personal Life," with Beth Pinkus of the Mind Body Wellness Center, on May 10, and "Practical Strategies for Leading a Smoke Free Life," with Lorraine Kowalski of Prevention Links of Union County, on May 24.

Pre-registration is suggested, although walk-ins will be welcome.

Interested individuals are asked to call (908) 598-5520. For more information about SAGE programs and services, please call (908) 273-5550 or visit [www.sageeldercare.org](http://www.sageeldercare.org).

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## Nancy Smith, 83, Fulbright Scholar; Languages Teacher at High Schools

Nancy Sinclair Smith, 83, of Fanwood died on Saturday, April 16, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Elizabeth, she had lived in North Plainfield before moving to Fanwood in 1954.

Mrs. Smith had taught French at Boonton High School from 1942 to 1945, Spanish at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield from 1946 to 1947, then French at Rahway High School prior to retiring in 1983.

She received her A.B. degree in French from Wilson College in 1942 and her Master of Arts degree in French from Middlebury College in 1951. Mrs. Smith was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Paris from 1952 to 1953.

She was a member of the Monday Afternoon Club in Plainfield; the American Association of University Women; the American Association of Teachers of French and the English Speaking Union.

Additionally, she was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in

Westfield and a former member of the Grace Episcopal Church in Plainfield.

She also had served on the Joint Committee of Classical and Modern Languages and as secretary of the New Jersey State Modern Language Association.

Surviving are her husband, Harlan M. Smith; three sons, Harlan M. Smith, 2nd, of Huntington, W. Va., Gregory Smith of Lexington, Ky. and Donald Smith of Toronto, Canada; two sisters, Barbara Berkovitch of Santa Fe, N.M. and Amy Vannelli of Mahwah, and three granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield at a later date.

Arrangements are by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's "Friends of Music," 414 East Broad Street, Westfield 07090.

April 21, 2005

## Fundraiser to Be Held For Mother With ALS

WESTFIELD – The Leslie McCarthy Family Fund will hold a fundraiser at the Oasis Christian Centre, 2052 St. Georges Avenue in Rahway, on Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m.

Mrs. McCarthy, of Westfield, a 37-year-old wife and mother of two young children, has been battling Lou Gehrig's Disease for five years.

Officially known as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), the disease causes motor nerves to progressively deteriorate. The condition has lead to Mrs. McCarthy's paralysis and inability to speak, swallow or breathe without the aid of a ventilator.

Although Mrs. McCarthy requires 24-hour care and she is confined to her bed, her mind remains unaffected. She continues to be very involved in day-to-day family life with eight-year-old Brittney and four-year-old Andrew. She is active in church ministries with her husband, Pastor Fred McCarthy of Oasis Christian Centre. He interacts daily with her family, friends and caregivers.

A graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and Seton Hall University in South Orange, Mrs. McCarthy worked as a paralegal in an Upper Montclair law firm.

The Leslie McCarthy Family Fund was created in 2001 to help defray the \$8,000 per month cost of her nursing care. Since insurance only covers home healthcare nurses who are not trained in procedures she requires, her friends and family must generate the necessary funds privately, according to a spokesman for the fund.

This year's fundraising event will feature a walk-a-thon (registration starts at 10 a.m.), a tricky tray, food and family fun (including a moon walk and face painting for kids). Tricky tray items include sports memorabilia from the New York Jets and New York Giants, jewelry, cosmetics and restaurant gift certificates. A disc jockey and other local bands will provide music. All events will be held rain or shine.

For more information or to obtain a sponsorship envelope, please call Oasis Christian Centre at (732) 499-0040 or e-mail [lm1uisi@yahoo.com](mailto:lm1uisi@yahoo.com). Donations may also be made to: The Leslie McCarthy Family Fund, c/o 84 Montrose Avenue, Fanwood 07023.

## Walk For Animals Is Slated May 15 at Nomahegan Park

WESTFIELD – People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization, will sponsor its annual Walk for Animals on Sunday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nomahegan Park in Cranford.

Participants are asked to begin collecting pledges now to donate on the day of the walk. All proceeds from the walk will benefit homeless cats and dogs awaiting adoption.

All are welcome to join the walk, with or without a dog. The walk is approximately two miles in length, but participants may walk a shorter distance.

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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 participated with the Junior Statesman 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.

**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

## 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 Mazziotti-Gillan.

For more information or to make reservations, please e-mail Program Coordinator John Cheddar at jcheddar@westfieldnj.k12.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.

In addition to serving as Mayor of Bayonne, Sen. Doria serves as vice chair of the Labor and Economic Growth Committee of the state Senate. He is a member of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Joint Committee on the

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.



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.

**Local Parents Help Organize Fundraiser At Winston School**

AREA – Jane Collins and Andrea Flood of Westfield, Ronnie Golland of Scotch Plains and Terri Cerrito 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**

**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

**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



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.

**Marist College Places Smith on Dean's List**

FANWOOD – Bryan Smith of Fanwood, a member of the Class of 2008 at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., has been placed on the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester. He is majoring in communications.



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.



## Annual Tour of Notable Homes On May 14 Will Aid Symphony

**WESTFIELD** — The Friends of Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) will produce its 21st Annual Tour of Notable Homes to benefit the orchestra's education and outreach programs on Saturday, May 14.

According to its chairwomen, Lee Corcoran and Lisel Perselay, "The tour is a one-time-only opportunity for the public to view five outstanding residences in some of the area's most prestigious neighborhoods."

The chairwomen noted that one of the homes scheduled on the tour, a renovated classic colonial, located in the storied Wychwood section of town, "contains Colonial design elements which have been produced according to the highest levels of taste, authenticity and craftsmanship."

The owners' selection of period furniture, fabrics and wall coverings mixed with more contemporary elements

door prizes, opportunities to purchase chances to win an array of luxury merchandise donated by local merchants, cultural organizations and restaurants; a plant sale, complimentary refreshments and more.

Dr. Norman Luka, President of the WSO's Board of Trustees, explained, "The WSO depends on this outstanding effort by The Friends each year and we are grateful for the continuing support. In addition to our critically acclaimed concert season this revenue literally makes our community outreach possible."

Tickets purchased in advance are \$25 and increase to \$30 on tour day. They are available in town at Burgdorff Realtors, Coldwell Banker Realtors, Weichert Realtors, Lancaster, Poppyfields, and The Town Bank of Westfield. In Cranford they are available at Martin Jewelers, and at Irma's Hallmark in Fanwood and Mary's



**PRESTIGIOUS HOME...**This Hawthorne Drive home will be featured during the Westfield Symphony Orchestra Friends' 21st Annual Tour of Notable Homes on Saturday, May 14.

make for what Mrs. Corcoran referred to as a "uniquely sophisticated home environment."

In addition to the tours, activities scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to Mrs. Perselay, will include live musical interludes, refreshments,

Hallmark in Clark.

Addresses of tour locations and a map are printed on the tickets. For further information or to obtain a schedule of upcoming concerts, please call the WSO at (908) 232-9400 or visit [www.westfieldsymphony.com](http://www.westfieldsymphony.com).

## Festival of Harmony to Feature High School, College Singers

**AREA** — The fifth annual a cappella Festival of Harmony, funded by the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chapter of

### Flynn

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Mrs. Flynn has been very active with the Westfield Education Association as its Second Vice-President, Treasurer, and Executive Council. She also serves on the District Technology Committee.

"I have prepared technology workshops for art educators as part of professional development for teachers this year," noted Mrs. Flynn, who worked with Ms. Happe-Conway on revising the entire high school curriculum this year.

When asked about how long she would like to continue art instruction in the school district, she said, "I am going to take one year at a time. It's work, but I'm still having a lot of fun."

Then, after a brief pause, she quipped, "Maybe when I can stop lifting 50-pound bags of clay!"



**MAGICAL MUSIC...**The Westfield High School Marching Band, under the direction of Michael Fackelman, played at the Magical Music Days at Disney World. Pictured, above, are some of the 103 members of the band that represented Westfield at Epcot on April 16. The members were able to enjoy Disney MGM/Epcot, The Magic Kingdom, as well as Downtown Disney. The band played selections from its fall season.

## Applications for Union County History Grants Now Available

**COUNTY** — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is seeking applications from Union County-based history organizations and other non-profit groups for the Union County History Grant Program.

"The purpose of the grant program is to provide funds to historical societies and other groups for the development and presentation of quality programs and projects that preserve, teach and promote better understanding of Union County and local history," reported Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor.

"The deadline for proposals is Monday, May 23," said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, liaison to the county's Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "The grants support activities taking place during the period from September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006."

Grant funds are awarded on a competitive basis. The maximum request for a General Operating Budget grant is \$7,500, which is available only to Union County-based history organi-

zations; other non-profit groups may request up to \$5,000 to expand their history programming.

Funds from the history grant program can support activities such as public exhibitions, lectures, educational projects that focus on Union County, or any aspect of New Jersey history, conservation and preservation of historical material, speakers, honoraria/expenses, oral history projects and tape transcription, ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) assistive services, technical assistance, and project-related supplies.

The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs administers the Union County History Grant Program, which is funded by a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State.

To request an application and guidelines, please contact the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth 07202, call (908) 558-2550 or e-mail [culturalinfo@ucnj.org](mailto:culturalinfo@ucnj.org). Relay users may dial 7-1-1.

## Arts & Entertainment



**STANDING TALL...**Noreen Farley, Angela Della Ventura of Mountainside, and Barbara Guidi of Scotch Plains are the *Three Tall Women* in The Theater Project's production of Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, running from Thursday, April 21, to Sunday, May 8, at Union County College.

## Three Tall Women Will Be Staged by Theater Project

**CRANFORD** — *Three Tall Women*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Edward Albee, will open at The Theater Project (TTP), Union County College's (UCC) professional theater company, today, Thursday, April 21, at 8 p.m. at UCC, 1033 Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

Directed by TTP Artistic Director Mark Spina, with a cast that includes Angela Della Ventura of Mountainside, Noreen Farley of Clinton, and Barbara Guidi of Scotch Plains, the production team includes Jessica Parks (set design), Jeff Greenberg (lighting design), Katie Falk (costume design), and Mike Magnifico (sound design).

Audiences are invited to meet the actors following each performance.

In *Three Tall Women*, ladies in dif-

ferent stages of life compare notes about love and sex, death and taxes.

"Albee is unflinchingly honest," said Mr. Spina. "His insights about what we lose and what we gain as we grow older, about the inability sometimes of one generation to sympathize with another, are so striking that the play is irresistible."

*Three Tall Women* will be staged through Sunday, May 8, on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.

General admission is \$18. April 24, the first Sunday of the play's run, is designated "Senior Sunday" when all senior citizen tickets are \$10. Student tickets are always \$10.

To reserve tickets, please call the TTP Box Office at (908) 659-5189.



## POPCORN™ Fever Pitch: Lukewarm Outing

By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER  
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As recurrent as opening day itself, Hollywood routinely celebrates the beginning of the baseball season by releasing a movie about our national pastime. This April it's *Fever Pitch*, starring Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon as would-be lovers vexed by the spirits annually unleashed when the ump yells play ball!

It's a good time for what the directors, Bobby Farrelly and Peter Farrelly, are trying to accomplish. And that is to dissect, examine and classify just what it means to be a diehard, true-blue, dyed-in-the-wool fan of the sport. They are almost successful.

All of which might have been hunky-dory if *Fever Pitch* were a movie about horseshoes, the only sport where almost counts. But then again, does that almost count stuff also extend to movies about horseshoes?

I'm giving that a "yes", based solely on the assumption that people so traditionally accepting of near success would naturally be tolerant of a film that almost achieved its goal. Besides, when was the last time someone made a movie about horseshoes? So what if it isn't that great? They should be happy someone bothered.

But the Farrellys didn't pick a sport whose audience so readily embraces mediocrity, whether on the field or as portrayed on celluloid. Rather, what they chose is, in a poetic way, about perfection. And we have definite feelings.

In fact, until road rage bullied its way into first place, baseball was the leisure activity that best exemplified our national character. For within that diamond exists an ideal world parallel to our own, where purity of deed excels, fairness rules, and justice prevails. We know about it the way we know about democracy ... some even better. So, in fashioning a film concerning its culture, there is little room for error.

In all fairness, Fallon's Red Sox-crazed Ben Wrightman, who keeps himself busy in the off-season by teaching middle school math, almost achieves that air of absolute devotion and sincerity.

Almost as convincing in spots is Barrymore as Lindsey Meeks, the high-powered executive, who at first wonders what possible flaw this seemingly terrific guy might possess. Okay, so he doesn't make much money. But he's already 30. Why isn't he taken?

Truth be told, when they first meet in winter, Ben, like the ashamedly honest guy who descends from a long line of axe murderers, figures it best to put the family embarrassment right on the table. So out it comes. He is a baseball fan ... a Red Sox adherent, to be specific. The indoctrination began when he was seven, just after his father died. Uncle Karl introduced him to Fenway Park, the curse of the Bambino and all. And when Karl passed, he bequeathed Ben his season tickets.

Lindsey thinks it's cute. How nice that he has a hobby ... especially one with such a pastoral connotation. Most of the guys she's been dating have been fast track, single-minded workaholics, like herself.

But come opening day, while this may be a change, it isn't quite so refreshing. He said fan ... not zealot. Which in his case means attending every home game, where his summer family of comical cohorts seasonally enravens him. Don't think said group doesn't exert its influence. They have something to say ... especially when they fear that Ben's love interest may dislodge him from their mitts.

Of course Lindsey should have seen the handwriting on the wall, particularly the one in his apartment. It's a facsimile of Fenway's infamous Green Monster. Other baseball souvenirs and memorabilia populate, nay, permeate, the dwelling.

The premise sufficiently set, Barrymore and Fallon go about the business of doing the romantic comedy thing. Alas, in attempting to infatuate us with their take on the dating process, they are only almost

successful.

Fallon is no great actor, at least not as of this writing. Still, he has a likeability that lends reasonable credibility to the role of sports fiend.

Barrymore, on the other hand, is an accomplished actress. She too has an enamoring quality. It's been delighting us ever since her debut in *E.T.* (1982). Only thing is, grown-up Drew's done this winsome fluff thing so many times before that by now it seems like she can do the role in her sleep. There's no originality. No vivacity. Hey, you're a Barrymore. We know you can do it.

Perhaps as a complication of these thespic factors, there is little chemistry between the two. Unlike with the Tracy-Hepburn variety of romantic comedy, the standard by which we judge practically all other attempts at the genre, we aren't so much rooting for Barrymore and Fallon as we are simply interested in seeing love win out. Quite the reverse, there is little doubt that we are keenly concerned with the well-being of Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal in *When Harry Met Sally* (1989).

Further adding to *Fever Pitch*'s numbers in the loss column, there isn't much in the way of subtext to bolster the weak-kneed plot. There are, however, some notions that almost work.

For example, there's the divorced couple among Ben's summer family who maintain a box-seat relationship; Lindsey's slightly askew, absurdly coiffed dad, hesitant to offer his approval of her new beau, and Ben's oddball gaggle of childhood pals who, similarly smitten by the Red Sox syndrome, are forever vying for that guest ticket. But the failure to follow through on these ideas, a process as important in storytelling as it is in baseball, limits the comic value in each case.

There's just one more criticism. Well, maybe just one more. Writers Babaloo Mandel and Lowell Ganz, known for much more creative efforts (*A League of Their Own*), and likewise les Freres Farrelly (*There's Something About Mary*), received an unexpected bonus when, during filming, the Beantown crew finally broke the aforementioned curse. But while managing to integrate the surprise into the script, the full magnitude of this magic doesn't completely make it to the screen. It almost does.

It could be there's another curse at work here. Purportedly based on the novel by Nick Hornby, *Fever Pitch* was originally about a British soccer fan's unbridled enthusiasm for the Arsenal team. As a result, the attribution to Mr. Hornby's book has a cadre of his devotees up in arms over the change in venue. Maybe it should have been horseshoes all along.

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*Fever Pitch*, rated PG-13, is a 20th Century Fox release directed by Bobby Farrelly and Peter Farrelly and stars Drew Barrymore, Jimmy Fallon and Willie Carson. Running time: 101 minutes.

## Browne

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"Aspen Heir" is published by AuthorHouse Publishers.

For more information on Ms. Browne or to purchase a copy of "Aspen Heir" or any of her other books, please visit [www.marlenebrowne.com](http://www.marlenebrowne.com).

### Clarification

The April 7 article regarding Leah Jarvis should have noted that, during Senior Recognition Night at Westfield High School, over \$15,000 in scholarships and grants is distributed, not over \$1,500 as previously noted.

## S. Plains & Fanwood Arts Assn. Sets Members Show

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — The Scotch Plains & Fanwood Arts Association's annual members show will be held from Monday, April 25, to Saturday, April 30, during library hours at the Scotch Plains Public Library, located at 1927 Bartle Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Joe Hulsen, a well-known local artist, will judge this year's exhibition. He works in a variety of techniques, ranging from wheels of an automotive, to scenes of nature.

Collages created by Mr. Hulsen were recently exhibited at Les Malamut Gallery in Union.

Presently, he is a board member at the Yard School of Art and the Westfield Art Association.

A special reception, during which visitors can meet the artists, will be held on April 30 at 11 a.m. An awards presentation will be held at noon.

For more information, please call Tom Yeager at (908) 322-5438.

## LOCAL STARS



**THOUGHT-PROVOKING ARTIST...**Wardlaw-Hartridge art teacher Gale Goldman presents Craig Torpey, a senior from Scotch Plains, with a certificate naming him a Gold Key recipient from the Scholastic Art Awards of 2005 for his mixed media piece, "Flight."

## Scotch Plains Teenager Captures Gold Key for Mixed Media Piece

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Scotch Plains resident Craig Torpey, a senior at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, has been notified that he won a Gold Key in the Region-at-Large competition of The Scholastic Art Awards of 2005.

His mixed media creation, "Flight," and the work of other Gold Key award recipients from around the country have been forwarded into the national level of judging.

Craig, who has attended Wardlaw-Hartridge since sixth grade, has studied under Wardlaw's Upper School art teacher Gale Goldman for four years of high school and was under the tutelage of middle school art teacher Tanda Tucker for his seventh and eighth grade art studies.

Ms. Goldman described Craig's award-winning piece as "cut paper in a series of cells which, tells the story of man's destruction of nature."

She added that Craig's strengths include "his intellect combined with his artistic skills."

"All of Craig's work is thought-provoking," noted Ms. Goldman.

Panels of distinguished artists, writers and arts professionals will now make the final selections from the 2,000 art entries who have made the cut.

In this particular national contest, there are 14 visual arts categories and 11 writing categories. All entries are judged for originality, technical proficiency and the emergence of personal style, voice and vision.

## Fanwood Resident Cooks Up Her Way While in Australia

**FANWOOD** — Ariel Prasad of Fanwood, who has chosen to spend her summer in Australia, is representing Johnson & Wales University's Providence, R.I. campus in the third annual "Taste Down Under" recipe contest held at the school.

Ariel will prepare her "Triple Marscapone Mousse" for a panel of judges at the end of this month. The Grand Prize in all categories is a culinary tour of Australia — a combination of sightseeing, sampling Australian produce and wine, and

go great in a mascarpone-based mousse."

After graduation, Ariel plans to "pursue a career where I can create new desserts with new textures and tastes."



Ariel Prasad

working with Men at Work.



Photo courtesy of Meredith Moore, Johnson & Wales University  
**YUMMY...**Ariel Prasad's Triple Marscapone Mousse, which has been entered into the third annual "Taste Down Under" recipe contest, is pictured, above.

The Taste Down Under Culinary Competition and its related events promote Australian cuisine and culture in America. Now in its third year, the competition was open to Johnson & Wales students, faculty and alumni.

Participants were required to submit an original recipe using Australian boneless leg of lamb; wattleseed, an indigenous Australian spice; or one of three featured seafoods: Western Australian rock lobster, royal Tasmanian salmon, and Western Australian tiger prawns.



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## Get Outta The House

By CAROL F. DAVIS  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

Now through Friday, May 13, **The Arts Guild of Rahway** is showing **The Assembled Image: Recent Digital Collage**, bringing together five talented local artists: Kristen Faughnan, Elizabeth Jacobs, Leslie Nobler-Farber, Joohyun Pyune and Jay Seldin, who are all currently working with digital collage. The opening reception will be held tomorrow, Friday, April 22, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free. Call (732) 381-7511 or visit [www.rahwayartsguild.org](http://www.rahwayartsguild.org) for more information.

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The political season is officially starting with **Late Night With Jon Corzine**, a special event to help the senator become elected as the 53rd Governor of New Jersey, at Liberty Science Center at Liberty State Park in Jersey City on Wednesday, April 27. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the program begins at 9 p.m. There will be drinks and dancing at Studio 53, and special guest Max Weinberg of "The Conan O'Brien Show," and the E-Street Band. Admission is — you guessed it — \$53. To purchase tickets, visit <http://tinyurl.com/5g5qb> or [www.corzineforgovernor.com](http://www.corzineforgovernor.com), or e-mail [studio53@votecorzine.org](mailto:studio53@votecorzine.org). Stick around for late night disco after the celebration.

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Also at Liberty State Park, remember the importance of nature and Earth preservation on Saturday, April 23, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Interpretive Center on Freedom Way. The festival will offer a diversity of presentations, demonstrations and activities, including magic, musical entertainment, arts and crafts, a volunteer clean up in the park, theatrical performances and a live falconry demonstration for adults and children of all ages. Admission is free. Take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 14B, and follow signs to the center.

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**The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Arts Association's Annual Member Show** will take place from Monday, April 25, through Saturday, April 30, at the Scotch Plains Public Library. Up to 50 member artists are expected to participate. There will be a reception on the 30th at 11 a.m., and awards will be given out at noon. This year's judge is Joe Hulsen, who exhibits at Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union.

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**MUSIC MENTOR.** Karen Yula, a music teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield, poses while playing piano inside one of the classrooms.

## Karen Yula: Decades Of Music Education In Westfield Schools

By KERRIANNE SPELLMAN CORT  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

**WESTFIELD** — Karen Yula, a resident of Somerset, has been teaching music in the Westfield public school system for decades.

Many local schools, including Wilson and Washington Elementary Schools have had the pleasure of Ms. Yula's tutelage. She currently instructs grades 2 through 5 at Jefferson School, where she has worked for 10 years.

She received her bachelor's degree from Kean University in Union and continued her advanced education at Trenton State.

Raised in Rahway during the racial riots, which occurred roughly between 1968 and 1969, Ms. Yula attended high school in Westfield.

She told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that she feels honored to have taught for so many years in the exceptional Westfield school system. She credits many people for her success, particularly Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley and Supervisor of Fine Arts Dr. Linda King.

Along with countless other teachers and students, Ms. Yula recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of Jefferson School. Portions of the festivities were filmed for local television station, Channel 33, including a musical concert, directed by Ms. Yula, which included past and present students of Jefferson.

On Wednesday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Jefferson School, she will proudly

present an evening of "cowboy-themed songs," featuring her fifth grade students.

In addition to her full-time teaching duties at Jefferson School, Ms. Yula helps the outstanding Artists Performing and Entertainment Program (APE) during the summer months. Approximately 50 to 60 students in grades 3 through 5 participate in the fast paced four-week program.

Nine vigorous rehearsals culminate with a final performance at Roosevelt Intermediate School. This year's production, *The Best Little Theater in Town* will be presented on Wednesday, July 13.

Ms. Yula is passionate about music and the positive effect that musical instruction has on its students. She ensures that all of her pupils are featured in the productions and "every kid on that stage" is encouraged to participate and explore their creativity.

"It's amazing when you see that they really understand, they really get it," she told *The Leader/Times*.

Aside from music, Ms. Yula has also found a rewarding second career. She currently teaches Yoga for Stress Management to her fellow teachers at Jefferson School every Thursday, and also teaches at Michelle's in Garwood.

Yoga has been a wonderful addition to Ms. Yula's life. As a music teacher, focus and breathing are already an inherent part of her life, and yoga positively reinforces those basic principles.

"I feel so blessed," she said.

To reach Ms. Yula, please e-mail [Kyula@westfieldnj.com](mailto:Kyula@westfieldnj.com).



**WELCOMING SPRING WITH GLEE...** On Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, the Westfield Glee Club will sing in spring with a special concert program.

## Westfield Glee Club to Sing Spring Concerts Apr. 29, 30

**WESTFIELD** — The Westfield Glee Club, under the direction of Thomas Booth, will perform 80th year Spring Concerts on Friday, April 29, at 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Roselle, and on Saturday, April 30, at 8 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford.

Accompanist George Lachenaue will be joined by Howard Dreizler on some selections.

The first section of the Glee program includes classic men's songs with tunes like the "Whiffenpoof Song" and "How Can I Keep From Singing?" The next section of religious songs features "Swing Low, Swing Down" and "I Will Call Upon the Lord."

**Masterwork Concert Will Include Residents**

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Scotch Plains residents David Barker, Anastasia Carumpalos and Ann DeCamp, members of the Masterwork Chorus, will celebrate the ensemble's 50th anniversary with a concert/lecture/complimentary reception on Saturday, May 7, at 7 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Madison.

The lecture will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a complimentary reception. For tickets, please call the church at (973) 377-1600 or visit [www.presbyterian-madison.org](http://www.presbyterian-madison.org).

**Breznitsky Publishes Poem and Screenplay**

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Erin Breznitsky of Scotch Plains will have a poem, "My Uncle's Laugh," and a screenplay, *Welcome to Serena*, published by *RiverCraft*, a campus literary magazine at Susquehanna University in Selingsgrove, Pa.

The poem and screenplay were selected through academic competition for publication this spring.

Erin is a junior majoring in writing at Susquehanna. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Breznitsky of Scotch Plains, she is a 2002 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.



**HONORED ARTISTS...** Six Union County students had their artwork selected to represent their county at the Statehouse in Trenton. The pieces were displayed for Youth Art Month in March, which is sponsored by the Art Educators of New Jersey. Pictured, left to right, are: top row, Union County Youth Art Month Chairperson and art educator in Roselle Park, Carrie Davey; and Westfield art educator Marylee Massenzio; bottom row, artists Coral Cooper of Westfield and Lilliana Leonards of Cranford. Not pictured are: artists Joseph Appello of Roselle Park, Nicole Spera of Westfield, Zachary Robbin of Union and Jennifer Isaza of Union.

## Arts & Entertainment

### Ms. Browne Publishes 'Aspen Heir'

By MARYLOU MORANO  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

**WESTFIELD** — Westfield attorney-turned-author, Marlene Browne has recently released her latest book, "Aspen Heir," a story of "love, heartbreak and redemption," which she co-wrote with political writer, Robert Tourville.

A book of polarities on many levels, including setting and characterization, "Aspen Heir" takes the reader back to the glamour of the 80s and 90s and offers a glimpse of the lives of two baby boomers who meet on the ski slopes of Vermont.

Ms. Browne is a graduate of Boston College and Emory University School of Law. Licensed in New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Colorado, she has practiced family law since 1986.

"I have always written, and a lawyer does a lot of writing of certifications, affidavits and briefs," she told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*, when asked how her career progressed from law to writing.

Ms. Browne's first book, "The Divorce Process" was released 12 days before September 11, 2001, and was overshadowed by the ensuing media coverage of the tragedy. Her second book, a novel entitled "To Prepare a Face," was released in 2003. It was followed by "The Boomers Guide to Divorce (and a New Life)" and "Aspen Heir."

"To Prepare a Face" and "Aspen Heir" are both works of fiction.



**Marlene Browne**

"The Boomers Guide to Divorce" is not an intimidating book," said Ms. Browne, who is herself a divorced, and remarried boomer.

"It is useful and humorous," she noted.

An only child, Ms. Browne credits her parents for encouraging her to be self-reliant. Her mother, Dr. Marie Browne, has had a private psychology practice in Westfield for 34 years. Her father, Francis Browne, now a substitute teacher at Westfield High School, was for many years Vice President of Operations of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, working on the 103rd floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Ms. Browne also credits her mentor, fellow Westfield attorney Jim Yudes, for the successful career she now enjoys.

"I was lucky enough to have him give me his time and attention from the time I was age 24 to 28," said Ms. Browne. "He's a very well respected family law attorney, known throughout the country."

She was also the first female partner in the Westfield law firm of Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook, P.C.

Currently, in place of a busy law practice, Ms. Browne consults and lectures on family law. She has appeared nationally on radio and television, including Court TV's "Catherine Crier Live," FOX 5's "Good Day, New York," and CBS's "The Early Show."

She is also at work on a new book for women about how to protect marriage from the outside forces that cause divorce.

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Michelle Helen Le Poidevin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**SHAPING LIVES...** Westfield High School Ceramics and Graphic Design teacher Barbara Flynn poses in Room 237 with two treasured ceramic pieces. She has served the Westfield public school district for approximately 19 years.

## Point, Click, Fire, and Glaze: Flynn Unites Diverse Disciplines

By MICHELLE HELEN Le POIDEVIN  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

**WESTFIELD** — Westfield High School (WHS) Ceramics and Graphic Design teacher Barbara Flynn merges two diverse disciplines for students — one more hands-on and the other more technical — in order to help them flourish creatively.

Mrs. Flynn served Hillside Public Schools for 12 years prior to coming to Westfield, where she has been teaching for 19 years.

She received a Bachelor of Arts Education degree from Montclair State University in Upper Montclair and, very recently, she obtained a Masters of Art degree in Education Technology from New Jersey City University in Jersey City.

When she began serving the Westfield public school district as a part-time art teacher, Mrs. Flynn had to divide her attention and her budget to accommodate four different disciplines and courses — Art I, Art II, Crafts and Ceramics.

Today, she focuses on two disciplines (four Ceramics classes and one Graphic Arts), with 90 to 100 students per day, and is able to funnel funds into ceramics supplies like clays, glazes, slides and posters, instead of materials needed for graphic design courses, except for "nice papers to print out on" because equipment such as computers, scanners and software have been supplied through the public school district.

During an interview on April 11 inside Room 237 at WHS, Mrs. Flynn told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that an increasing demand for graphic arts/design coursework has caused the district to add one more class in the fall of 2005.

"Nineteen years ago, there was one fulltime teacher in the arts department," explained Mrs. Flynn. She described other changes and shifts, which have occurred over the years, especially in the area of industrial arts. For example, five teachers were in WHS' business department, while only one remains because techniques such as keyboarding have now been integrated into another curriculum.

Currently, Mrs. Flynn noted, there are five fulltime instructors (Roy Chambers, Annora Happe-Conway, Leah Jarvis, Timothy Stumbers, Ms. Flynn) and one part-time teacher (Lauren Schwartzberg) in the arts department.

Echoing previous accolades by Ms. Jarvis regarding the support of the arts by the Westfield community and public school district, Mrs. Flynn pointed to the encouragement students receive from facilities outside of the schools, such as the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA), playground programs, NJWA's Westfield Summer Workshop, and activities at the Westfield Y.

"There are always opportunities for enrichment," said Mrs. Flynn.

In a world where most students only have to point and click on an icon and computer screen to create, it can make students anxious when they are going

through a more time-consuming process like those used in ceramics, she explained.

"For some (students), it is harder to stay focused because they want things done instantly and they are anxious about the process," she said.

Mrs. Flynn joked that, for example, when clay is wet and must go through many steps to become a work of art, it can't just be placed in a microwave to harden. The kiln, and processes such as firing and glazing must still take place.

When asked about a particular student whose professionalism stands out above the rest, Mrs. Flynn cited Courtney Franko, who also honed her skills outside of the WHS classroom and loved the craft enough to purchase her own pottery wheel. Currently, Courtney does independent study with Mrs. Flynn.

When it comes to her instruction of graphic design techniques, Mrs. Flynn said she must continue to "raise the bar" for students who are more experienced with applications such as Adobe



Photo by Dan Chabanov  
**TAKING SHAPE...** Students in Barbara Flynn's Ceramics class enjoy a hands-on experience at the pottery wheels.

Photoshop, while being cognizant of the needs of less tech-ready pupils.

No matter the student's comfort level, continuous practice of computer skills is key to success, she noted.

For students in her Ceramics class, Mrs. Flynn incorporates graphic design and computer applications by teaching the students to take digital images of their ceramics and creating a slideshow or portfolio. She even encouraged her students to use a video she created about tile-making and apply their television production skills (editing, etc.) to invent their own video.

Before the conclusion of her interview with *The Leader/Times*, Mrs. Flynn demonstrated one of the slideshows assembled by a student in her ceramics class, which was quite professionally presented.

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## 'Take 3' Westfilm 2005 To Return on May 2, 9

**WESTFIELD** — "Take 3" Westfilm 2005, the Westfield Independent Film Festival at the Rialto Theatre in Westfield, will return to town on Mondays, May 2 and 9. On both evenings, festivities will begin at 7 p.m.

A brief question and answer session with the filmmakers will be held after each screening. The festival's screening schedule is currently being organized.

This year's festival will be run in cooperation with the Scotch Plains and Fanwood libraries' "Movies In May" Film Festival on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7.

For more information on "Movies In May," please visit [www.fanwoodlibrary.org/filmfest](http://www.fanwoodlibrary.org/filmfest). During Westfilm, features, shorts and student films will be presented.

To view a complete listing of films screening at the festival, please visit [www.westfilmfestival.com](http://www.westfilmfestival.com) and check back for further developments.

The cost for entry to each festival is \$7. Tickets will be available at the Rialto Theater Box Office, located at 250 East Broad Street, each night of the festival.

Past festival features included *Just Add Pepper*, *Catching Fire*, *Rave.n*, *Reality & Stuff* and *Bel Air*. DVDs of the film *Just Add Pepper*, distributed by Alpha Video, will be available during the festival for \$6 each.

For more information on Westfilm, please call Peter Paul Basler at the TomorrowProject at (732) 396-4419 or (973) 769-3661 or e-mail [tomorrowproject@comcast.net](mailto:tomorrowproject@comcast.net).