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## Local communities respond to Katrina Churches lead relief effort

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ  
THE RECORD-PRESS

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, organizations across the country have been frantically collecting donations for victims in New Orleans and across the Gulf Coast. Religious organizations throughout the area are doing the same.

On Monday, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Scotch Plains sent an 18-wheeler packed with much needed donations to Homa, La., a town about 30 miles from the most severe destruction.

The town has not seen any aid in the form of police presence or food, according to Father Kennedy of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. To offer help, the church collected 713 cases of water, 75 big cartons of food, 92 cases of baby food, three cartons of flashlights, two cartons of flashlight batteries, 15 cartons of paper goods, 10

cartons of medical supplies and 162 cartons of diapers, according to Kennedy.

After leaving the parish, the truck departed on a 30-hour drive to the town of Homa, which was featured Monday on "Good Morning America." "I'm really happy it's going to them," said Kennedy.

More than 60 people worked long hours Monday to collect items and fill the truck, but Kennedy said everyone was happy to spend Labor Day helping those less fortunate. "Everybody was working 12-15 hours and no gripes," said Kennedy. "They felt they were privileged to help."

The parish joined with Pastor Gahles and the Fellowship Village of Basking Ridge to collect the donations, according to the Rev. John Basil of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Donations were accepted through

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## Firefighters travel to the region

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ  
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WESTFIELD — With many victims of Hurricane Katrina still in desperate need of assistance, two local firefighters have responded to the call of duty, flying out to help the residents of the Gulf Coast.

Capt. Michael Brennan and Firefighter Thomas Ryan left from Newark Liberty Airport at 6 p.m. Saturday headed for Atlanta, Ga., where they received immunization shots and 72 hours of training, according to Westfield Fire Chief Daniel J. Kelly.

According to Kelly, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sent out a request on Sept. 1 to fire chiefs around the United States asking for 1,000 two-person teams as part of FEMA's community response effort. Brennan and Ryan sent paperwork electronically to be

approved for the mission on Friday, and were notified at 6 a.m. Saturday morning that they were approved and would fly out later that day, said Kelly.

Originally, FEMA asked Brennan and Ryan to fly out four hours after they had accepted the mission, but Kelly said he asked for a few more hours so they could take care of family matters and prepare for their mission.

Mayor Andy Skibitsky and Town Administrator Jim Gildea said goodbye to the two before they left on a Delta Airlines flight. "They seemed very ready and eager to go out there," said Skibitsky.

After a series of medical tests and immunizations, Brennan and Ryan were trained and sent to Texas and then Fort Smith, Ark. "That's where they were last night when I spoke with them," Kelly said

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### Blue Devils turn the page

With a new offense in place, Westfield looks to captain and quarterback Nick DeRosa to lead them into a strong 2005. DeRosa, along with co-captains Cowles Stewart and Andrew Schaefer, traveled to Livingston to scrimmage the Lancers last week. For more on Westfield's upcoming season, see Sports, Page C-1.



### Take a walk with local moms

Among its other activities, the Union County chapter of Mothers & More arranges walks in several local parks for moms and their young children. For more on the program, turn to Community Life, Page B-1.



### New teachers get an education

The 50 new staff members of the Westfield Public Schools actually started class last week with the district's New Teacher Institute, where they focused on classroom management, differentiated instruction and technology. For the story and a full list of new staff, see Page A-3.

### REMINDER

### Poetry reading, concert in Fanwood

Poet Catherine "Cat" Doty will offer a reading of her work at the Patricia Kuran Arts Center in Fanwood from 8-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8. Then, from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, the Irish folk music group the Bantry Boys will perform at the center. Both events are free. For more, call the Fanwood Arts Council at (908) 889-7223.

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## State approves deer hunt — by bow

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ  
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SCOTCH PLAINS — The state has granted permission to local officials to use a professional deer management team to remedy the overpopulation of deer near Ashbrook Reservation in the southern part of the township. However, the grant comes with a rather controversial stipulation: the use of bow-hunters.

"The state's decision is patently political," said Mayor Martin Marks at the Township Council conference meeting Tuesday night.

According to Marks, the hunting lobby has a large influence on the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, and the stipulation to use bow-hunters for a period of time before using a professional deer management team is a result of that influence.

"This is for safety, not for sport," Marks said of the planned hunt. He said his concerns with bow-hunting include efficiency and humaneness.

The issue of deer overpopulation has been a problem on the south side for some time now, dating back to at least 2000. Union County has been conducting a managed deer hunt in the Watchung Reservation, on the township's north end, for years. There was a major overpopulation issue there, with over 180 deer per square mile, according to Marks. According to the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, the appropriate amount of deer in the area is about 20 deer per square mile. "It was nine times higher than it should have been," said Marks.

But after authorities implemented a professional deer management program at Watchung Reservation, the deer population was brought down to 20 deer per square mile after a few years. "Vegetation returned, and the amount of vehicular accidents decreased," said Marks. "But it didn't help the south side by Ashbrook Reservation."

Marks said he has been asking the county to permit a deer hunt in the Ashbrook Reservation area for several years now and the county finally began discussion on it last year. "What we have here is a crisis, not just a problem," said Marks.

A census on the south side conducted last year showed the amount of deer in the area at 120 per square mile. "That's five to six times higher than it ought to be," said Marks, who has been focusing on the issue because of the high number of deer-related vehicular accidents and countless complaints he has received from residents about the deer problem. "We had close to 300 accidents in a four-year period, and many cases of Lyme disease," he said.

The plan is to decrease the

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### Sending summer off with a bang



BROOKS CRANDALL/  
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Labor Day weekend means Shore vacations, barbecues, and in Scotch Plains, the Italian festival at St. Bartholomew's Church. The popular event attracts residents every year with great food and lots of family fun. At left, Eileen DiNizio, who has been a volunteer at the festival for more than 30 years, serves up some delicious cannolis. Above, local attorney Renato Biribin was the roving 50/50 salesman.

## A summer spent teaching others Westfield teenager travels to Poland

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Summer is usually a time for teenagers to relax, hit the beach, and go on vacation. But for 17-year-old Andrea Molowa of Westfield, a student at St. Mary Academy in Watchung, it was also a time to teach.

After researching several programs on the Internet, Andrea, along with her mother, Carla, spent two weeks teaching English to eager students in Poland.

Andrea and her mother went on the trip as members of Global

Volunteers, a non-profit program based in Minnesota that allows people to volunteer in the United States or abroad. The two left July 5 and returned on July 23 after a life-changing experience.

"We had four classes a day, each one-hour long," said Andrea, who had six students, ages 13 or 14. Since the students were there as part of a camp, Andrea said, they spent the rest of their time doing performances and enjoying various other activities.

Andrea and her mother stayed with the camp in Siedlce, a town

about two hours away from Poland's capital, Warsaw. A Polish team leader lived in the area and explained the culture and educational system, giving the group many insights into the far different culture of the country.

Although Andrea said having her mother with her made the trip easier, she did admit teaching could be a challenge. "Sometimes it was hard, but it was a lot of fun," said Andrea.

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## Council reviews traffic upgrades

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Town Council members continued their discussion of a series of traffic hot spots at Tuesday's conference meeting, and said a more detailed public presentation will be offered at next week's official meeting.

Councilman Mark Ciarrocca said there had been about 15 meetings to discuss improvements at the eight locations. The transportation and public safety committee spent much of the summer working on these changes, Ciarrocca said. Letters were sent out to residents of the affected areas and town officials discussed the work with residents, making a number of modifications to the proposed changes.

The planned changes include work on North Avenue and Tuttle Street to make Tuttle Street one-way southbound over the bridge, in order to create better safety for pedestrians.

Also, latex paint in an assortment of colors may be used near Franklin School to make for a safer drop off and pick up area, according to Ciarrocca. The budget for the changes at Franklin School is \$18,000, he said.

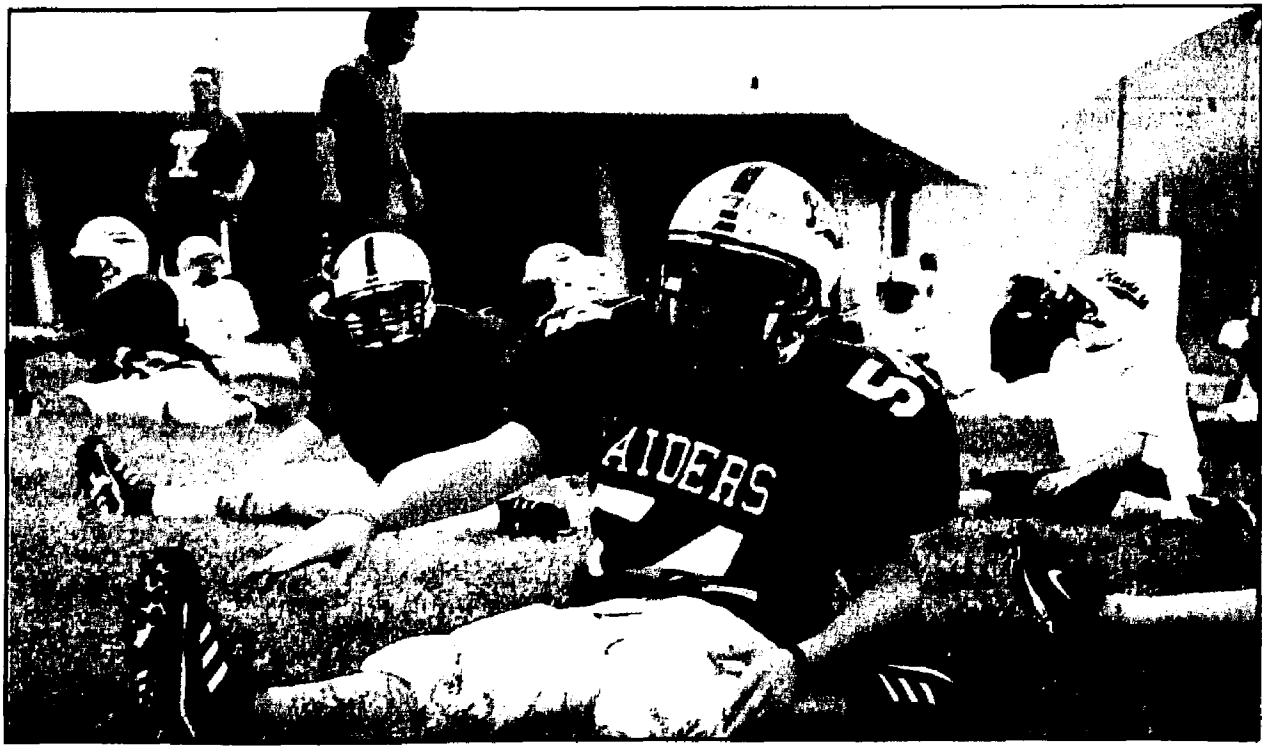
There is also a suggestion to change the speed limit within 500 feet of McKinley School on West Broad Street from 35 mph to 25 mph. There is also a proposal to make Osbourn Avenue a one-way street during drop-off and pickup time at McKinley School, similar to the one in place at Wilson School.

Ciarrocca said a speeding problem at Woodland Avenue may be solved by putting in four-way stop signs at the intersection

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### Back to the gridiron

School isn't the only thing that's back in session as summer comes to a close. Local football players of all ages have put on the pads and started working hard in practice. On one recent night, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Police Athletic League "C" team could be found on the fields at Terrill Middle School. At right, Anthony Lettieri and his teammates complete a stretching drill. For an early look at one of the local high school teams, turn to the Sports section.



BROOKS CRANDALL/CORRESPONDENT

## Churches lead effort

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Sunday evening before the truck left the next day. Throughout the week and this weekend, the parish will be accepting monetary donations. Contributions may also be made during Sunday Masses.

In addition to the St. Bart's effort, donations are being collected throughout the area from many churches, temples, religious and community organizations. Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Westfield is collecting monetary donations and forwarding them to the Catholic Charities USA. Father Joe Masiello of Holy Trinity Catholic Church said donations will be collected Sept. 17 and 18 at the church.

Temple Emanuel of Westfield is urging people to give monetary donations through the URJ Hurricane Relief Fund. "We've been told the biggest need is money," said Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor of Temple Emanuel.

The temple offered prayers for the workers and victims of the hurricane-affected area on Friday and Saturday. In addition, the

temple is working on several other ways to help by involving the Hebrew schools and youth groups. The Early Childhood Program at the Hebrew school donated \$500 to the relief fund. Children were asked to empty their change at the beginning of each class, amounting to the sum.

Rabbi Doberne-Schor said the temple is also opening its doors to host bar and bat mitzvahs for any families from the hurricane-affected area who cannot have the ceremony at home. "I don't know if they'd want to have one, but if they do, we'll be happy to host it for them," said Doberne-Schor.

Also, The Presbyterian Church of Westfield has sent out emails and put information on its bulletin, asking for monetary donations through the Red Cross.

And the First United Methodist Church in Westfield will have a meeting Thursday to talk about a community response, possibly in the form of providing housing for victims, according to the Rev. Ed Carll. Carll said residents are encouraged to give donations through the United Methodist Committee on Relief. For more information, visit [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).

The Westfield/Mountainside chapter of the American Red Cross also issued an update this week about the organization's efforts. The Red Cross has accommodated more than 142,000 men, women and children in 487 shelters in 18 states and has served more than 3.3 million hot meals.

Additional needs are expected to develop as those who have fled storm-ravaged areas use up personal and family resources and turn to the Red Cross for assistance. Call the Westfield chapter at (908) 232-7090 for information about becoming a Red Cross volunteer or to make a monetary donation to the Hurricane Disaster Relief Fund.

## Council reviews traffic upgrades

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of Wychwood Road and Kimball Avenue. The proposed change would cost \$2,200. An alternate solution would be to pass an ordinance to make Wychwood and Kimball through streets while putting stop signs on Woodland Avenue.

Among other possible traffic changes are creating a left-turn only lane at Central Avenue and Clover Street to allow cars going straight to use the right lane, and putting temporary curbing and traffic islands along Lawrence Avenue and Walnut Street.

After next week's presentation of the changes to the Town Council and public, the council may begin preparing RFPs for construction, as well as ordinance changes required for some of the work.

The council also discussed work that has been done to improve the town's ponds. Tamaques Pond is now "under control," according to town engineer Ken Marsh. While Mindowaskin Pond has not had many problems due to proper stream flow, Marsh said two aerator units were put into Tamaques Pond to improve water flow. In addition, the playground area near the pond has been mulched and the banks of the pond have been cleaned up.

"Brightwood is probably the worst," said Marsh. The pond is over twice the size of Tamaques Pond and has no direct flow; it is a strictly groundwater-fed pond, according to Marsh. With the lack of rain flow over the summer, Marsh said the pond has become stagnant.

But Marsh said after officials met with some concerned citizens, a solution was found. Two air pumps will be ordered to improve the water flow and algae problem of the pond. "Essentially they're like the ones in fish tanks at home," said Marsh. If the pumps are successful at Brightwood Pond, they may be used at Tamaques Pond as well, he said.

The council also discussed a new leaf pickup date; the program will begin on Oct. 15. Starting that day, residents may begin putting leaves outside their homes. The date has been changed from Nov. 1 to Oct. 15 because of the early leaf fall caused by the lack of rain and record-setting temperatures, according to Marsh.

If the leaves fall earlier than expected, Marsh said they will be picked up on an "as needed basis."

"It's an effort to make the streets safer," said Councilwoman JoAnn Naylor.

The next council meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

## District completes summer projects

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Students returning to local schools this week encountered several building and field upgrades, which were recounted at the Board of Education's Aug. 25 meeting by Robert Berman, the district's business administrator.

"It's not as hectic as some of the other summers, but we have been busy," said Berman.

One of the larger projects was a full reconstruction of Kehler Stadium. The field was ripped out and new turf was put in place over the summer, creating a multi-use field for both football and soccer, as well as sports such as field hockey. Berman said the field was made to the maximum size possible to accommodate soccer. Yellow lines designate the soccer field, while the football field is marked with white lines. College-style goal posts are in place, and the portable soccer goal will fit directly under the football goal posts.

Berman said he was pleased that several members of the board were able to visit the field as it was being put together. "It was wild to watch them put it together and sew it together," he said.

A new track has also been constructed, and is a substantial improvement from the old one. At each end of the track's curbs are drains so the track and field will drain more efficiently during rainfall.

In addition to the field work, a portable classroom was constructed at Wilson School. Berman said delays on the part of PSE&G caused the electrical connection to take longer than expected, but said he was pleased that "some of our colleagues were able to push forward and move it through."

Air-conditioning units were put in place at Franklin School, and work is being done to the restrooms on the second floor of the school. Berman said although the work on the restrooms would not be done for the start of school, many similar restroom projects have been done during the school year without any problems. "We've known all along it won't be done for September," said Berman.

Wall pads were put up at the Edison Intermediate School gym so students can play basketball. Berman said temporary mats were hung up on the walls in the past, but that "it just got to the point we had to get them done."

After a delay in getting boilers to Washington School because the state had frozen funding in the spring, the board was informed the state would now fund 40 per cent of the cost needed for the project.

Berman said there has been much discussion on another big project at the varsity baseball field at Edison Intermediate School, where flying foul balls have been a cause for concern to neighboring residents. After several complaints from residents who said balls had been hit into their yard, the board has examined several options.

One option is to put up netting from March 1 to Aug. 1 to catch baseballs when the field is being used the most. The netting would cover the area from home plate to the scoreboard. Berman noted a similar setup is used in Kenilworth, where nets about 40-feet high and 100-feet long are in place. The nets can be rolled up and taken down in August and put back up when the baseball season resumes.

Another option would be to increase the height of the backstop, which protects the area around home plate. Berman said he had some discussion with Superintendent William Foley about increasing the height of the backstop from its current height of 18 feet to 40 feet and moving it closer to home plate. He noted this would most likely have to be done in addition to the netting. A dome backstop was discussed as a possibility as well, but was found to be too expensive and ineffective at preventing the balls from leaving the field.

Berman said he was working on a cost estimate and has been in contact with several sources who are offering to pay part of the cost. "Hopefully some of it will come from the Westfield Baseball League," said Foley.

The Westfield Baseball League has sent out letters in protest to the discontinued use of the varsity field. Use of the field was stopped several months ago when the issue came up. Berman said he plans to have the project done in late fall or early winter, in time for the baseball season.

## A summer spent teaching others

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"They were very mature.

"The best part was meeting the children and getting to know them. They wanted to hear English conversation from a native English speaker. They wanted to speak English without a Polish accent and were highly motivated," said Andrea. "The students believe that speaking English will help them in the future."

But the students also wanted to hear all about New York and the lifestyles of American teenagers.

"Since we were all teenagers, they asked about American music and fashion," said Andrea.

Her daughter still corresponds with some of her students by email, Carla said.

Besides teaching, Andrea and her mother spent parts of their days visiting historical places including two concentration camps, Treblinka and Krakow. The memorials for the dead were hard to witness. "That was really sad," Andrea said of Treblinka, which was 25 times larger than Auschwitz. "It took half of that pop-

ulation." The monument at Treblinka is surrounded by 1,700 stones that simulate a graveyard, she said.

Andrea was also amazed at how different Poland is from America, noting that Poland's economy is still recovering from the aftermath of WWII and communist rule. "The economy is terrible; Poland has a 20 percent unemployment rate," she said.

Looking back on her experience, she said, "This experience changed my life. I would certainly do it again and recommend it to others."

## State approves deer hunt — by bow

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amount of deer at Ashbrook so the deer living in the residential parts of the neighborhood will return to the reservation, their natural habitat. Marks said the town has looked into alternative methods as well, including birth control, but found none to be viable options.

Currently, the decision is in the county's hands. "We are suffering and have to deal with two levels of government: the county and the state," said Marks. According to Marks, the next step is for the county to reach out and speak with bow-hunting organizations to see if and how the hunt may

happen. Then, the county can set the parameters for when the hunt will occur and when the professional deer management team will come in after the bow-hunters have left. If the county rejects the plan, the state will have to reconsider the application.

The Township Council also discussed bids for library renovations. The lowest two bids received have been rejected due to failure to comply with state guidelines. "Our legal team must examine each bid that comes in and evaluate the dollars and cents and that it fulfills the criteria of state

guidelines," said Marks.

The lowest bid did not fulfill the legal guidelines, according to Marks, and decisions need to be made whether to re-bid or accept a third bid. Marks said the legal team will meet with the library director to explore these options and come to a conclusion as soon as possible.

Marks said he hoped to have the work done soon so it is not done during the winter, when construction would be complicated because of the weather.

The next council meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

## Firefighters travel to region

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Wednesday. At Fort Smith, Brennan and Ryan are processing evacuees and working on the logistics for shelters for the evacuees sent by military transports, the chief said.

Brennan has been with the Westfield Fire Department for 22 years and served five years in the United States Navy. Ryan has been with the fire department for

eight years. "Both are certified EMTs," said Kelly.

When the request initially came in, candidates were informed they would have to be in physically capable condition and be able to "live in austere living conditions for at least 30 days," the length of Brennan and Ryan's deployment.

"I'm looking forward to them returning safely," said Kelly. "Healthy and safe."

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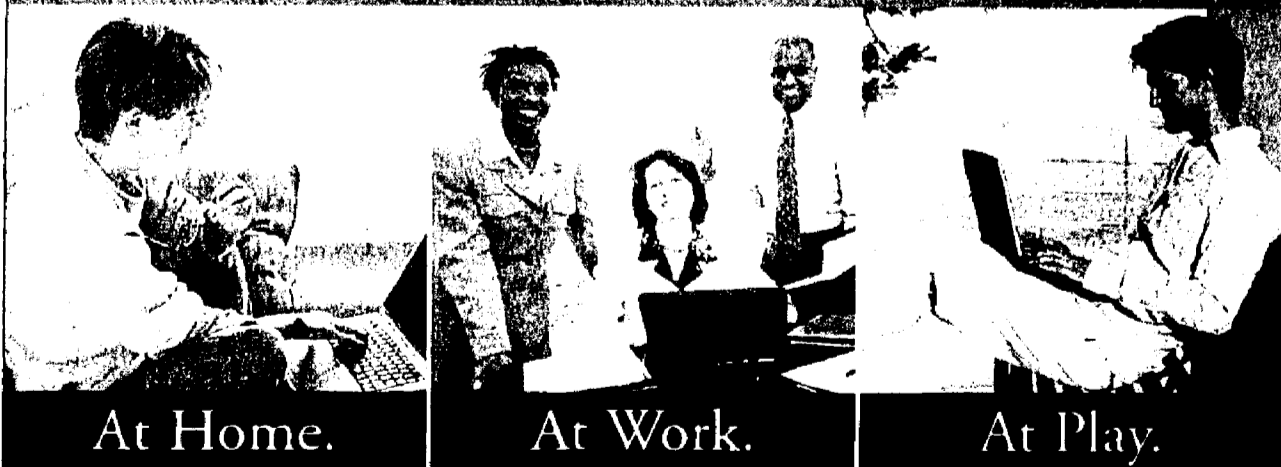
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## Wf. High graduates pursue higher education

WESTFIELD — A total of 92 percent of the Westfield High School class of 2005 are embarking on the road to higher education this fall, school officials announced.

According to a statistical report released by the WHS Guidance Office, 86 percent are entering four-year colleges and universities, while 5 percent are attending two-year colleges, and less than 1 percent have entered vocational, business and other post high school institutions. The remainder have accepted employment or had future plans that were undecided at the time of graduation.

Although the colleges selected are from coast-to-coast and even Canada and Italy, most of the colleges and universities chosen by the class of 2005 are located in the eastern U.S.

Some of the more popular out-of-state colleges and universities selected by this year's graduates include: University of Delaware (10 students); Lehigh University (nine); Gettysburg College (eight); University of Michigan (seven); New York University (seven); University of Rhode Island (seven); James Madison University (six); Brown University (five); Lafayette College (five); and Marist College (five).

A total of 69 WHS graduates are continuing their education in New Jersey, with 52 attending four-year colleges and universities and 17 entering two-year colleges.

The most widely attended New Jersey school is Rutgers, with 12 WHS graduates attending various colleges within the university. Kean University is next in enrollment, with 10 students from WHS.

Seven out of the eight Ivy League schools will be attended by at least one WHS graduate this year (the exception is Yale).

Looking at two-year institutions of higher learning, Union County College welcomed 13 WHS graduates this fall.

A total of 375 students (or 100 percent) received WHS diplomas this year, including 16 students who attended special education out-of-district schools.

A complete list of schools attended by WHS graduates will be available on the Guidance Department Web site at [www.westfieldnj12/westfield-high](http://www.westfieldnj12/westfield-high).



Westfield Public Schools Supervisor of Technology Barbara Mammen conducted a training in technology and differentiated instruction during the New Teacher Institute.

## Westfield welcomes new teachers

WESTFIELD — A total of 44 new teachers, five new guidance counselors and a school social worker were welcomed to the Westfield Public Schools by Superintendent William J. Foley during a New Teacher Orientation Breakfast on Sept. 1. For the most part, the new hires are replacing those who have retired or resigned or are on leave.

Foley noted that the new teachers were selected from more than 1,500 applicants. Bachelor degrees are held by 58 percent of the new hires, while 40 percent earned a master's degree and one holds a doctorate. Four are Westfield High School graduates.

Foley advised the new teachers to set clear expectations, be positive, communicate with parents, keep learning, and share ideas with each other and their mentors.

Board of Education President Anne Riegel and Michael Seiler of the Westfield Education Association formally greeted the teachers. Riegel said, "Our outstanding staff is one of our greatest strengths."

Seiler told his new colleagues, "This is an excellent community where education is a priority, and your task does not go unappreciated."

The new teachers completed a three-day orientation program as part of Westfield's New Teacher Institute, focusing on classroom management, differentiation of instruction and technology.

Following that, they received orientation at the school level from their principals and mentors.

Professional development dates are set for the fall and winter to continue the training schedule for the new teachers.

The new teaching staff for the Westfield Public Schools includes:

**Edison:** Krystyne Calabrese, math; Todd Custer, physical education; Patricia Marchiano, math; Laura Philip, English; Jessica Willard, science.

**Jefferson:** Jennifer Gould, fourth grade; Marisa Della Bella, fifth grade; Lauren Christie, first grade.

**Roosevelt:** Sandra Alvarez, Spanish; Maha Ghanem, English; Erika Hodges, English; Kimberly Lisnock, guidance; Sabino Losco, vocal music; Marie Frances Re, social studies; Evan Ann Rizzo, math; Caroline Franchet, social studies; Christine Cassu, Spanish.

**Washington:** Elizabeth Kwiatkowski, third grade; Noelle Henkel, second grade; Nicole Stevenson, resource room; Patricia Sweeney, first grade.

**Westfield High:** Jessica Brendler, science; Louis Casagrande, science; Louis DeAngelo, math; Kristian Ellingsen, physical education; Antony Farag, social studies; Darren Finkel, English; Nicole Galasso, math; Nathaniel (Josh) Garodnick, science; Cathy Lapas, social studies/psychology; LaToya Lee, guidance; Bernice

Mbadugha, English; Sheila Murphy, English; Jennifer Osborne, English; Christine Rozzelle, guidance; Scott Rutherford, math; Sara Soriente, science; Carol Wenk, science; Stephen Boyle, science; Sarah Thompson, guidance; Ryan McGarrigan, guidance; Denise DeNicola, business.

**Wilson:** Julie Morgia, first grade; Lauren Witte, third grade; Marlen Tomosieski, physical education (shared with Jefferson); Beverly Lowenstein, resource room; Pam Klein, basic skills.

**Franklin:** Mindi Markovitz, resource room; Julie Della Torre, physical education.

**Special Services:** Joseph Kelleher, Social Worker.

## Local clergy plan 9/11 remembrance

Fw. library to host dramatic performance

By ANNA BOGDANOWICZ  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Every year since the horrific attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, communities around the country honor fallen heroes. This Sunday, on the fourth anniversary of the tragedy, the Westfield/Mountainside Ministerium will sponsor its annual Interfaith Gathering to Remember Sept. 11, to be held at the town's 9/11 memorial.

The memorial service will feature the reading of names, prayers, and some comments from Mayor Andy Skibitsky, said one of the planners of the event, Father Joe Masiello of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Masiello, along with the Rev. Ed Carll of the First United Methodist Church and Rabbi Doug Sagal of Temple Emanuel, has been planning and overseeing the annual event since 2002.

"Since that terrible day, the Westfield community has held the service every year in commemoration," said Sagal. He added the service was previously held in houses of worship before being moved to the memorial. "It gathers people of all faiths to remember the loss."

The memorial, located at East Broad Street and North Avenue, opposite the Methodist Church, honors all the attack's victims, especially the 12 individuals with connections to Westfield.

"It's going to be simple, hopefully moving to people," said Masiello, who said the service will include prayers he calls "holy remembrances." Each year, several family members who lost a loved one on Sept. 11 attend the memorial service, according to Masiello.

"We work with the town and uniformed services to coordinate it," he said.

"We hope to provide a place for people who want to come and remember," said Carll. "We wanted to set a time that day for them to gather."

The service will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday and will last 20 to 30 minutes.

In another 9/11-related event, the Fanwood Memorial Library will host a dramatic presentation of a scene from *The Gays* by Anne Nelson from 3-3:30 p.m. Sunday.

This two-character play is based on the story of a Brooklyn Fire Captain and his memories of the men he lost on 9/11. This performance features Joseph and Joyce Porter and is directed by Les Minski.

Joe Porter, recently retired from the Jersey City Fire Department, was on duty that morning. He will answer questions after the performance.

For more information, call the Children's Department at (908) 322-4377 or visit online at [www.visitfanwood.com](http://www.visitfanwood.com).

## Four are arrested on drug possession charges

WESTFIELD

Patrolman Kapka arrested Luis Luna, Nelson Valentin and Anthony Thompson, all from Elizabeth, and Josue Martinez of Linden on drug charges Tuesday. The suspects were charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (marijuana) following a motor vehicle stop at First Avenue and Trinity Place.

Martinez was also arrested on a separate possession charge, and Valentin was also arrested on a contempt of court warrant out of Elizabeth.

Valentin was transported to the Elizabeth Police Department and held in lieu of \$500 bail. All four were released on their own recognizance on the Westfield charges.

Two Cacciola Place residents filed reports of assault Monday.

Capt. John Parizeau said the victims were in a group of five to six people; each of the assaults is believed to have been carried out by the same suspects.

Patrolmen Padovano and Martino charged 33-year old Elizabeth resident Jaime Osorio with hindering apprehension Sunday. Osorio was released on a summons.

Police arrested 41-year old Donald Chapman of Cranford Friday on an active warrant from the Westfield Municipal Court.

Chapman was also arrested on active warrants issued by the Cranford Municipal Court and was released after posting bail.

### Police Log

Police arrested Peter Longson, 20, of Scotch Plains Sept. 1 at the Westfield Police Department on

an outstanding warrant out of Seaside Heights. Longson was released on bail.

Police arrested Elizabeth resident Joseph Kabuto Aug. 31 on an outstanding warrant out of Perth Amboy.

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# Commentary

## Rage and anxiety

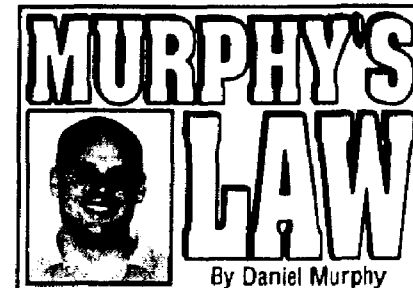
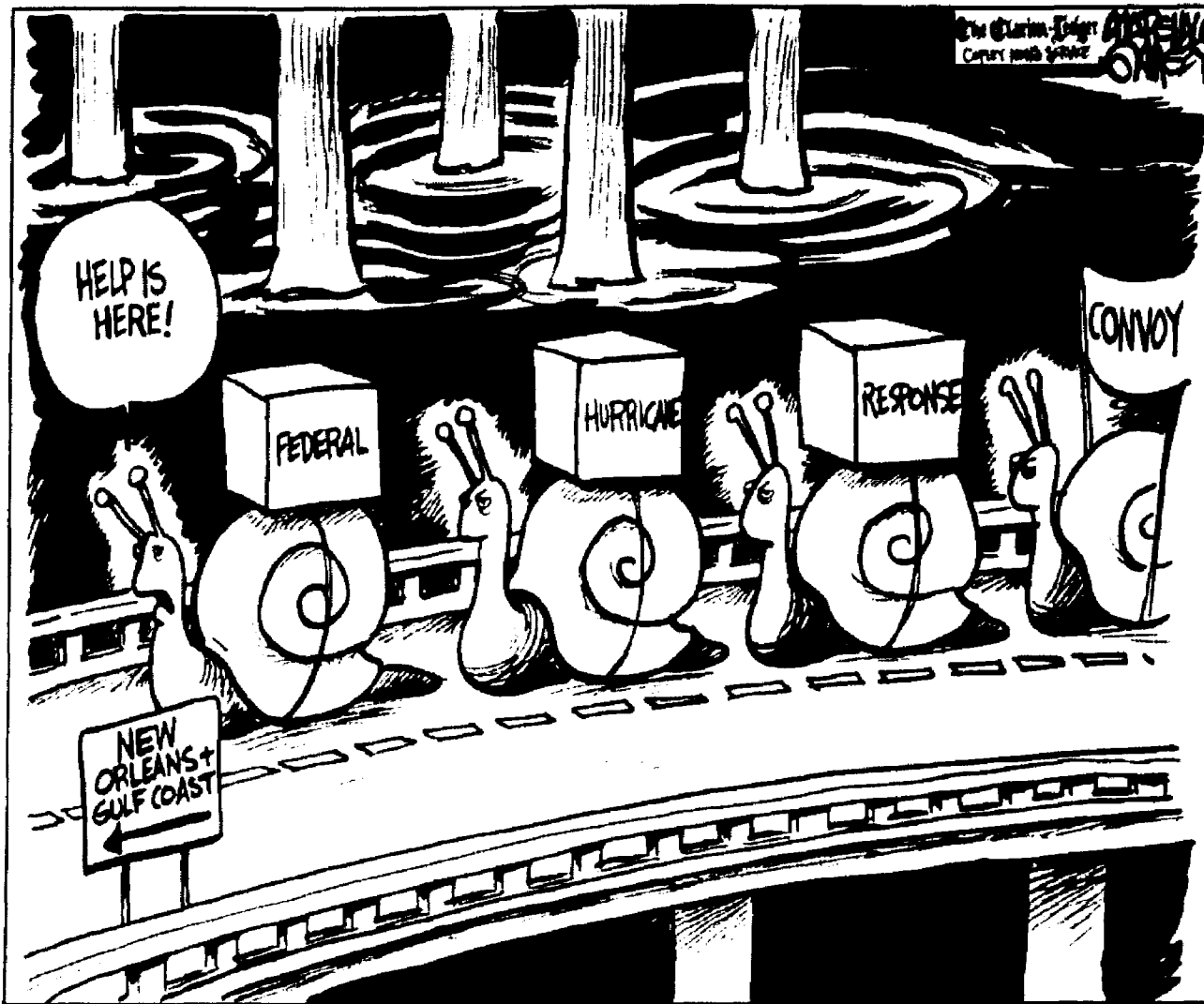
If the physical destruction wrought along the Gulf Coast by Hurricane Katrina has been shocking, the inadequate response of government at every level has been sickening. With new reports of failures coming out every day, it's hard to know what to be most upset about: The hundreds of buses left to be flooded in a New Orleans parking lot? The fact that federal officials didn't realize thousands of people were at the convention center without water for a day after television newscasters reported it? The inability to care for and recover dead bodies, to the point that homeless men have taken on that task? The complete breakdown in communication, both between rescue agencies and with those stranded in the city? The failure to establish sufficient emergency shelters in advance? The inability to "predict" that the levees of New Orleans would be overcome by a Category 4 hurricane, when they were only built to withstand a Category 3 storm? Or the fact that the evacuation plan essentially consisted of telling the residents of one of America's poorest cities and regions, "Get in your car and drive"? The list goes on.

Juxtaposed against those massive shortcomings are the many commendable and at times heroic acts that have been performed by private citizens. The outpouring has come from the entire nation, with some stellar examples in our area. In the past few days, several local emergency and medical workers — including Lois O'Sullivan, a Cranford nurse, and Westfield firefighters Michael Brennan and Thomas Ryan — have said goodbye to their families and headed for the Gulf. Churches have organized relief shipments and fund drives. Children have set up lemonade stands, hoping to raise money not for a new bike but for communities that have been devastated.

This response has been invaluable, both to demonstrate to the storm's victims that their country has not abandoned them and to provide essential resources for the relief and reconstruction efforts. But the most robust philanthropic effort can't compensate for failures by the local, state and federal governments. And it's impossible to view those failures, and their consequences, with anything less than rage.

For residents of the New York metropolitan area, of course, that rage is tempered with anxiety — is this what the response would be like in the event of a disaster here? Just like the arrival of a massive storm in New Orleans, we have been told that the next terrorist attack is not a matter of "if," but of "when." How would the federal government respond to a dirty bomb in Manhattan, a situation that would be similar in many respects, though with absolutely no advance notice? Would the authorities fare any better?

For the moment, the mission remains offering emergency aid to Katrina's victims. Soon, we will count and bury the dead, and then hundreds of thousands of people will start to work on reconstructing their lives, bolstered by their fellow Americans and by people around the world. But as we support the storm's victims, we also need to hold accountable the governments that failed them, and to make sure no one faces the same fate again.



## Good times with a good friend

Finally, after much traveling, many hotel stays and too many signatures at the bottom of credit card receipts, a summer's worth of weddings and wedding-related parties came to a close this past weekend.

But, of all the weddings I have attended and all the ones I will, this was by far the one I anticipated the most. In the months and weeks leading up to it, I was teased quite a lot by both the bride and the groom over how many questions I asked during the planning, how involved I became and how excited I seemed to be.

As the best man in my best friend's wedding I needed to be involved in a few more of the behind-the-scenes details than normal, but they laughed at just how much I insisted on knowing. While some of my interest was merely a disguised attempt at procrastinating 10 minutes of a day over IM, the large majority of it came because I truly was that excited.

Charged with the responsibility of giving the toast at the reception, I ended up spending a lot of time reflecting on the 20 years of friendship the groom and I have shared, and all the many experiences we have been through together.

I remembered all the great stories, all the inside jokes, all the trips and parties, all the milestones, and everything from the most momentous to the most mundane.

And I also remembered all the adversities and all the struggles. I remembered how we stood by each other during very unexpected twists and turns and some very troubling times.

I remembered how, as 16, 17, 18, 19-year-olds, one of the ways we made it through those times was to sit together on his front porch and talk about our futures, to dream together about where we'd be in 10, 20 and 50 years. We imagined ourselves as everything from Hollywood icons to two grumpy old men yelling at the neighborhood kids to stay off our lawn. During the darkest times, those dreams were the light at the end of the tunnel.

What I realized as the wedding approached was that I had been looking forward to that day for more than a decade. Their wedding wouldn't be, for me, only about the love between two people that mean the world to me and the commitment they've made to each other — it was also a realization of all the dreams shared by two kids scared at the uncertainty of the future and troubled by the harsh realities of the present.

Because we stood by each other's side through all the highs and lows, from deaths and divorces to graduations and promotions, I was able to stand by his side one more time and see many of the dreams we shared come to fruition.

It's not every day you get to see your dreams or your best friend's dreams come true. To have it happen at the same time is truly amazing. And while I'd happily travel anywhere and sign many more receipts to see it happen again, I know I won't have to.

All I have to do is continue to stand by his side, and I'll witness many more dreams come true.

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Letters to the editor

## HEALTH Act smacks of cruelty

To The Record-Press:

I was disappointed that The Record-Press made no mention of Congressman Michael Ferguson's recent House vote for one of his party's most pathological initiatives, the deceptively-named HEALTH Act.

This bill, which is fortunately unlikely to be considered by the wiser heads of the Senate, would severely limit the right of ordinary people who are victimized by gross medical malpractice to be compensated for the pain and suffering they endure.

In attempting to impose their warped calculation of the price of human agony upon Americans, Rep. Ferguson and his party have achieved a new level of legislative mediocrity. Vice President Dick Cheney and President George W. Bush, who never pass up a chance to promote the most extreme and regressive legislative agenda in American history, will forcefully advocate Senate passage (that is, if they can tear themselves away from savaging Terri Schiavo, outing Valerie Plame, jailing journalists, denying scientific reality, snooping into our library records and other odious pursuits). In the distorted Republican belief system, pain is coldly regarded as nothing more than a mere commodity whose cost can be quantified and

curtailed. How cruel. How heartless. How Republican.

Some readers will, no doubt, accuse me of stereotyping. They will say that I unfairly generalize in insinuating that the absence of empathy is hard-wired into the Republican psyche. That's not at all true. There are many decent Republicans who, like John McCain, Colin Powell and the nine GOP House members who voted against the HEALTH Act, are guided by compassion and courage, rather than the snarling right-wing ideology that has captured and controls their party's leadership.

Unfortunately, moderate Republicans have been increasingly marginalized by the hard right and no longer typify the GOP mainstream. The extremist Republican Party leadership, in eschewing any last vestiges of integrity and morality, has obscenely adopted Gordon "greed is good" Gecko as its patron saint.

To be fair, I do not mean to imply that most Republican legislators do not feel pain. Indeed, they do. But, they do not feel the pain of others.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT J. RATNER  
Westfield

## Firefighters saved family's home

To The Record-Press:

On behalf of our family, we would like to thank all Union County firefighters from the bottom of our hearts for your remarkable and effective efforts on Aug. 20, when you saved our Fanwood home from burning down. You are generous and courageous people, and we feel extremely fortunate to have you serving our community.

We got a call on that Saturday while on vacation that our house was on fire. We raced home frantically in four hours and were surprised to find our house basically intact. Although the neighborhood experienced an alarming fire with two streets blocked off, flames, thick smoke, and many rescue personnel and equipment, our three young children were sheltered from this traumatic experience, largely because of your rapid and effective efforts. While the water and smoke damage was frustrating, it was a welcome relief that nobody was hurt, and you contained the fire to the least-used section of the house, both of which are miracles to us.

We recently spoke with two Fanwood firefighters. Firefighter Dave Zigler told us that in five or 10 more minutes our whole house would have gone up in

flames. The firefighters were able to quickly contain the fire in the attic so the fire could not cross it and sweep down the other side.

Dave also told us that Westfield and Fanwood fought the fire while Springfield and Garwood were on call to back up the Fanwood station — "mutual aid," he explained.

We chose to live in Fanwood because of the warm community and its reciprocity with Scotch Plains. "Mutual aid" taught us that our community is not just two towns but all of Union County. We are more fortunate than we even knew to live here.

The firefighters also told us that after our fire they went on to battle a tragic fire in Clark the very same day, yet they still took the time to stop by to see how things were going. You are not only brave firefighters; you are also kind and thoughtful people.

We cannot thank you enough for your dedication, both in saving our home and in your work for Union County. Sometimes it takes a shocking event to remind us how lucky we are. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

SASHA SLOCUM and DAVID BLECHINGER  
Fanwood

## A warning against eminent domain

To The Record-Press:

As a child growing up in Union County it seemed as though the Garden State Parkway had always been there, cutting a broad stripe through Clark, Cranford and Kenilworth as it wound its way south past the sand pits in Perth Amboy and north to my Aunt Virginia's house in North Arlington. I vaguely recall sitting in the back seat of the family's Nash listening to the grown-up conversation up front, which would usually turn to the graves which were moved near Bloomfield to make way for the "super highway." Shivers would run down my spine at the eerie thought of driving over what was once a cemetery and was now the GSP. Though the Nash is gone and Aunt Virginia moved to Florida years ago, the thought of the government taking land for what is termed "the public good" still gives me shivers.

Since the recent Supreme Court decision some weeks back, eminent domain has frequently made headlines with stories about mobile home parks considered a blight on the landscape. Mom and Pop stores in the way, retirees transplanted from the old homestead and small manufacturing companies and their employees being faced with closure and job loss. However, there is a new twist to the old story — simply put the court has ruled that private property can be forcefully acquired by a government entity and then turned over to a private developer for just about anything if it is in the best interest of the community's economic development, all at fair market value of course. Most of us can understand making room for a highway exit ramp or new firehouse in our community, but as Americans we are extremely territorial and the thought of our community giving a piece of our backyard tomato garden to a new Home Depot or Target just doesn't sit too well.

To be honest I doubt that the average Union County homeowner need be concerned, but as a can-

didate for county office I probably should be paying attention to an eminent domain situation which is bubbling up in the town of Linden. It seems that the municipality has been attempting to pass to a private developer several hundred acres in the Trembley Point section of the city. Part of the private property is owned by the firm ISP, the other part is owned the DuPont Corporation, and neither company is willing to give up what they own. It comes as no surprise that the developer's legal representation is being provided by State Senator Ray Lesniak, whose district borders the properties that the city has been trying to take over. Now we learn the latest development is that the Union County Improvement Authority has entered the fray and took over this eminent domain project from the City of Linden last month. The Improvement Authority is an arm of our county government, with the executive director, Charlotte DeFilippo, on the county payroll, and it stands to reason that this would make the county the responsible party at some level. It should also be pointed out that Lesniak's firm, Weiner Lesniak of Parsippany, has in the past represented other developers who also wanted to build on this very same property — interesting to say the least, when one considers that Lesniak is a powerful Democratic State Senator and Ms. DeFilippo is the chair of the county Democratic Party.

Eminent domain is certainly a most unpleasant way to promote the economic development of any municipality or county — but relax, folks, the family home is certainly safe as it appears that certain high profile individuals in Union County may have much larger fish to fry.

PATRICIA QUATTROCCHI  
Garwood

The writer is a Republican candidate for freeholder in November's general election.

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This photo from April shows trees removed for development.

## Candidate calls for stricter laws on trees

THOMAS C. BIGOSINSKI

FOURTH WARD COUNCIL CANDIDATE

How many times has a builder come into Westfield, recklessly developed in one of our neighborhoods, removed healthy trees, and left nothing behind but the sawdust and a McMansion?

As a member of the Westfield Tree Preservation Commission since January 2004, I have conducted physical inspections all over Westfield of landscapes like the one pictured above. In every Westfield neighborhood, scenes similar to this are far too common.

In addition to beautifying our neighborhoods and adding visual interest, trees filter pollutants from the air, absorb water that helps prevent flooding and soil erosion; and provide shade, privacy and tranquility. The value of healthy, vibrant trees to a neighborhood is echoed by Westfield schoolchildren. I planted a red oak at the McKinley Elementary School this past Arbor Day with enthusiastic children from the Early Act program, and their appreciation for trees should not be lost on Town Hall.

I believe that the indiscriminate and uncontrolled destruction of trees is unacceptable, and I have proposed a specific common-sense solution to stem the tide of trees lost as a result of careless building on undeveloped lots and tear-downs. The municipal code should be changed. The Tree Preservation Ordinance is far too limited and needs to be given teeth. If a developer comes into Westfield and violates town law, or is reckless during construction, he or she should have to pay a significant fine.

I believe that the Tree Preservation Ordinance is deficient in several respects. For example, the town code only permits a maximum monetary penalty of \$500 for each unauthorized tree removal, whereas neighboring towns' ordinances impose penalties of up to \$1,000. If a developer wants to remove 10 large trees in order to transform a beautiful, thickly-wooded property into a bald platform for an oversized McMansion, will a

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\$5,000 penalty serve as a meaningful disincentive? Of course not, especially for a new six-bedroom house that is likely to sell for well into seven figures.

I further believe the municipal ordinance should be revised to protect trees from being damaged by heavy machinery during construction. Presently, builders are not required to place barriers protecting tree roots from cranes, backhoes or large piles of dirt. This simple step would prevent an otherwise healthy tree from dying a few years later, or decaying to a point where limbs and branches fall unexpectedly.

Walking throughout the Fourth Ward, I have spoken to many citizens about the need to preserve Westfield's unmatched beauty. Residents often fail to understand why properties can not be developed responsibly without healthy trees being compromised, with nuisances to the neighbors minimized, and with the community's character being preserved. However, residents also want creative solutions that will not hit them squarely in the wallet.

I intend to bring to the Town Council a genuine interest in the continued vitality of one of Westfield's precious natural assets. With little effort and no cost, we can preserve our healthy, mature trees. The first steps are broadening the TPC's jurisdiction and revising the municipal code to include stiffer fines for reckless development.

The author, a Democrat, is a candidate for Westfield Town Council in the Fourth Ward in the November general election. He can be reached at (908) 232-6606 or [bigo\\_for\\_council@comcast.net](mailto:bigo_for_council@comcast.net).

The Record-Press welcomes statements from candidates as well as letters to the editor. Statements should be sent to [union@njnpublishing.com](mailto:union@njnpublishing.com) and are subject to editing for space and style.

## J. Donovan of Westfield completes ROTC program

WESTFIELD — James M. Donovan has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

The 33 days of training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of military life, administration and logistical support.

Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader by exercising the cadet's intelligence, common sense, ingenuity and stamina.

The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in officer traits, qualities and professionalism while attending the course.

Donovan is the son of James F. and Mary C. Donovan of Westfield. He is a 2002 graduate of Westfield High School. Donovan attends Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va.

## Obituaries

### Carl Asa McMackin

WESTFIELD — Carl Asa McMackin, 89, died Aug. 29, 2005 at his home in Mountainside.

Born in Easton, Pa., he lived in South River and moved to Westfield in 1976 before moving to Mountainside five years ago.

Mr. McMackin was an engineer with the Westfield Public Works Department for five years before retiring many years ago. Previously, he was the superintendent of Public Works in South River for 15 years and an engineer with the New Jersey Zinc Co. in Palmerton, Pa. for 25 years.

He was a 1937 graduate of Lafayette College, Easton Pa., with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

Mr. McMackin was a member

of the Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Society.

He sang tenor as the lead with the Allentown (Pa.) Municipal Opera Company and sang in the choir at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Surviving are Dorothy, his wife of 62 years; a son, Carl H.; daughters, Holly West and Lynne Styles; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A service was offered Sept. 1 in the Presbyterian Church, Westfield. Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, Westfield. Interment was in Easton Cemetery, Easton.

Donations may be made to the Center for Hope Hospice, 1900 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

### Joseph A. Grimaldi

SCOTCH PLAINS — Joseph A. Grimaldi, 85, died Aug. 29, 2005 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Brooklyn, he lived in Scotch Plains in 1958.

Mr. Grimaldi was a tool-and-die maker for more than 40 years before retiring from Anchor-Hocking in Cranford.

He served in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are a son, Michael; a daughter, Constance Lesos; a

brother, Frank; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered Aug. 30 in St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, Scotch Plains, after the funeral from the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Donations may be made to St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church (St. Nicholas Chapel and Prayer Garden), 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

### Victor Rodrigues

SCOTCH PLAINS — Victor Rodrigues, 50, died Aug. 27, 2005 while scuba diving in the Gulf of Mexico.

Born in Portugal, he lived in South Plainfield before moving to Scotch Plains 18 years ago.

He owned Brookwood Auto Body in Newark for 30 years. He also owned Curves in Clark and Fairfield.

Mr. Rodrigues was a member of Auto Body Distributing.

Surviving are a daughter,

Tina; his parents, Fortunato and Franceline Rodrigues; a sister, Amelia LaFerrara, and brothers, Carlos and George.

A Mass was offered Saturday in St. Helen's Church, Westfield, after the funeral from the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home, 803 Raritan Rd., Clark. Entombment was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union. Donations may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, P.O. Box 4208, 1034 Salem Rd., Union, NJ 07083.

### Helen Wade

WESTFIELD — Helen Wade, 91, died Aug. 31, 2005 at Fr. Hudson House in Elizabeth.

Born in Detroit, Mich., she lived there until moving to Westfield six years ago.

A retail supervisor for 30 years at Sander's in Detroit, she retired 30 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Falcone of Westfield, four grandchildren and four great-

grandchildren. Her son, Thomas Webb, died in 1986.

A Mass was offered Friday in Holy Trinity Church, Westfield. Interment was in St. Hedwig's Cemetery, Dearborn Heights, Mich. Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, Westfield.

Donations may be made to the Center for Hope Hospice, 1900 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

### Mae Helen Motto

WESTFIELD — Mae Helen Motto, 92, died Aug. 31, 2005 in Saint Clare's Hospital, Dover.

Born in Pueblo, Colo., she lived in Utica, N.Y., and Westfield for 35 years before moving to Summit in 2003.

Mrs. Motto was a member of the Holy Rosary Altar Society at Holy Trinity Church.

Surviving are daughters,

Marylou Motto and Carol Castelluccio, and three grandchildren.

A Mass was offered Saturday in Holy Trinity Church, Westfield. Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, Westfield. Entombment was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union. Donations may be made to a favorite charity.

### Ruth Chetwynd

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ruth Chetwynd, 94, died Sept. 1, 2005 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, she lived in

Texas and Newark before moving to Scotch Plains in 1953.

Mrs. Chetwynd was a mathematician at Prudential Insurance Co. in Newark for many years. She also worked at Woolworth's in Westfield for 15 years before retiring in 1970.

Mrs. Chetwynd earned a teaching degree from the former Newark Teachers College.

During World War II, she was a USO volunteer in Newark.

Surviving are a son, Fred E. Jr., and a grandchild.

A service was held Tuesday in the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains.

### Helen E. Orr

WESTFIELD — Helen E. Orr, 94, died Sept. 1, 2005 in Chelsea Assisted Living, Fanwood.

Born in Garwood, she lived in Westfield for most of her life.

Mrs. Orr was a member of the Cranford Historical Society.

Surviving are a son, William Schmal; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband, Thomas Willoughby Orr.

A service was offered Wednesday in the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Ave., Westfield. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

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## Westfield AARP will hold its first fall meeting this Monday

The Westfield Area AARP Chapter 4137 will hold its first meeting on Monday in the Presbyterian Church Assembly Hall on the corner of Broad Street and Mountain Avenue. Many parking lot spaces are available. Guests and new members are invited.

The social period with refreshments will begin at 1 p.m., and a brief business meeting will be held later.

The program will start at 1:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Union County Surrogate James LaCorte, who will discuss the new legal changes in wills and their procedures. Participants may bring their wills to have them confidentially "self-proved" by an authorized notary at this time. Program Chairman William Lemke said, "This is an extremely helpful service to our members since, in addition to gaining more knowledge about these important matters, professional expertise will be available concerning special documents such as power of attorney and living wills."

Community Service Chairman Skeets Kuzmuk has requested donations by members of canned and boxed grocery items to be given to homeless and needy adults and children. The knitting and crocheting group seeks donations of wool of any kind or color to make scarves, hats, shrugs and lap robes for patients at hospitals and nursing homes.

An Oktoberfest day trip complete with songs, dances, and a comedian at the Brownstone has been arranged by Katie Menzer. There will be an hour for free drinks followed by a German-style luncheon on Oct. 27. The cost of \$55 per person includes a deluxe bus ride and gratuities. Reservations will be taken at Monday's meeting. The bus will leave from the Lord & Taylor parking lot in Westfield at 10 a.m. and return in the late afternoon. For information, call (908) 232-1362.

Trips and Tours Chairman Marie Walsh has planned a seven-day trip, Christmas in Nashville & Gatlinburg, featuring a stay at the Opryland Hotel from Nov. 15-21. The group will be attending many attractions such as a luncheon cruise, the Dixie Stampede Dinner Show, guided tours of Nashville and the Smoky Mountains, Dollywood Theme Park, and other places. Most meals and gratuities will be included. Reservations and costs will be available at Monday's meeting or by calling Marie Walsh at (732) 669-0399 or Mary Walsh at (908) 276-3576.

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## Legal Notices

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD  
CHANGE OF MEETING DATE  
In compliance with N.J.S.A. 10-4-60 (Open Public Meetings Act), the Westfield Planning Board wishes to advise the public of a meeting change. The regular scheduled meeting for October 3, 2005 has been moved to Wednesday, October 5, 2005.  
The meeting will be held in Council Chambers in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 8:00 p.m.  
Applications and plans to be considered at this meeting will be on file in the office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, 959 North Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Kenneth B. Marsh, Secretary  
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## Volunteers sought to help with Festifall

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that the 16th annual Westfield Festifall street festival will take place in the downtown from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, September 25, rain or shine. The Chamber is seeking volunteers to help the event run smoothly. Responsibilities may include assisting at the Chamber booth, managing the kids' autumn craft activity, or monitoring the hospitality suite. Youth groups as well as individuals are welcome to participate. Hours of participation are flexible. The event returns to Westfield this fall with more than 250 vendors including more than 100 arts and craft merchants, many area businesses, clubs, and organizations, and a wide variety of food merchants. The main stage will feature live music and dancing throughout the day, and the KidZone will have a petting zoo, pony rides, activities, face painting and rides. For more information about volunteering, contact the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce at (908) 233-3021.

## United Way to kick off campaign

WESTFIELD — The board of trustees of the Westfield United Way has announced that it will officially launch the 2005-2006 fundraising campaign with a reception at the home of Jane and Lou Francz on Saturday, Sept. 10. The goal of this year's campaign is \$700,000.

Tom Cusimano will again serve as chairman of the campaign. He was also chairman of last year's successful effort. Cusimano has been active as a volunteer in the Westfield community for decades.

"Great campaigns result from the hard work of many people," said Cusimano. "This year's campaign cabinet includes Jim Pinkin, Matt Forstenhusler,

Rick Coltrera, Wendy Cozzi, Dr. Seymour Koslowsky, Dr. John Tabachnick, David Foltz, former State Senator Rich Bagger, Scott Cassie, Susan Schwarz, Dr. William Foley and Linda Maggio."

"We live in an age of philanthropy that requires measurable results," said Linda Maggio, executive director of the Westfield United Way. "We are grateful that donors recognize that their money is well spent with us."

The Westfield United Way has been serving the community for 67 years.

Agencies that depend on allocations from the local United Way chapter include the

American Red Cross, the Cerebral Palsy League, Contact We Care, the Jewish Community Center and Mobile Meals of Westfield, among others.

"From the smallest donor to the largest, everyone who gives plays an important part in improving someone's life," said Carolyn Fleder, president of the Westfield United Way.

"We look forward to the continued generosity of Westfielders in the support of our member agencies," Fleder said. "Please don't ask yourself if you can afford to give to the Westfield United Way campaign — rather, ask whether you can afford not to."

## This week

### THURSDAY

SEPT. 8

**POETRY READING** — featuring Catherine "Cat" Doty, at the Patricia Kuran Arts Center in Fanwood. 8-10 p.m. Sponsored by the Fanwood Arts Council. Free. (908) 889-7223.

### FRIDAY

SEPT. 9

**TEEN DANCE PARTY** — hosted by the Scotch Plains Recreation Department. 6:30-10 p.m. Alan Augustine Village Green. (908) 322-6700, ext. 223.

### SATURDAY

SEPT. 10

**BANTRY BOYS CONCERT** — Irish folk group will perform on the patio at the Patricia Kuran Arts Center in Fanwood. 2-4 p.m. Sept. 10. Sponsored by the Fanwood Arts Council. Free. (908) 889-7223.

**LITERACY TUTOR TRAINING** — workshops hosted by Literacy Volunteers of Union County. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 201 Grove St. East, Westfield. Offered most weeks through November. (908) 518-0600.

**GEM AND MINERAL SHOW** — 34th annual event hosted by the New Jersey Mineralogical Society. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fanwood train station. Free. (732) 469-1047.

**FALL FISHING DERBY** — for people with disabilities. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Echo Lake Park, Mountainside. Register at (908) 527-4900.

### MONDAY

SEPT. 12

**BLOOD DRIVE** — conducted by NJ Blood Services, hosted by Temple Beth Or, 111 Valley Rd., Clark. 3-8 p.m. (732) 388-6993.

**WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB** — rehearsals resume at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Singers of all ages invited. (908) 232-0673.

**PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP** — featuring speech therapist Suzanne Nichols. 1:30 p.m. Presbyterian Church Parish House, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield. (908) 322-9214.

### TUESDAY

SEPT. 13

**THEATER AUDITIONS** — for a performance of *The Wiz* presented by the Rainbow Experience, a multi-cultural community theater group. 7-10 p.m. First Congregational Church,

125 Elmer St., Westfield. **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** — for Scotch Plains residents. 10 a.m.-noon. in the community room of the library, 1927 Bartle Ave.

**FOOD ADDICTION PROGRAM** — presented by Food Addicts Anonymous. 7:30 p.m. Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. (908) 654-6223.

**PARENT TEA** — hosted by the Learning Disabilities Association of Scotch Plains-Fanwood. 9 a.m. Evergreen School, Scotch Plains.

**'A CONSISTENT ETHIC OF HUMAN LIFE'** — a discussion of embryonic stem cell research and faith. 7:30 P.M. First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St. Open to the public.

### WEDNESDAY

SEPT. 14

**TRICKY TRAY** — hosted by the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center as part of the last resident/family picnic of the season. 4:30-6:30 p.m. 1610 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains. (908) 889-2587.

**WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON** — for the HAZAK social group at Congregation Beth Israel. Noon. \$8, \$10 for non-members. Registration required at (908) 889-1830. 18 Shalom Way, Scotch Plains.

### THURSDAY

SEPT. 15

**OPEN HOUSE** — hosted by the Learning Disabilities Association of Scotch Plains-Fanwood. 7 p.m. Park Middle School, Scotch Plains. (908) 322-4020, ext. 5.

### FRIDAY

SEPT. 16

**TALES OF THOMAS EDISON** — shared by Jack Stanley with the Westfield Historical Society. 7:30 p.m. Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad St. Free and open to the public.

### SATURDAY

SEPT. 17

**THE ROLE OF POLLING** — a talk by pollster Kellyanne Conway of The Polling Company. 9 a.m. Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit. To register, send check for \$35 to Union County Republican Women, 115 East Grove St., Westfield, NJ, 07090 by Sept. 10. For information, (908) 522-1455.

**ART AUCTION** — to benefit the Alumnae Scholarship Fund of

Mount Saint Mary Academy. 7 p.m. at the school, located at Route 22 at Terrill Road in Watchung. \$10. (908) 757-0108, ext. 4507.

**COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT** — featuring the songwriter Peter Mayer. 8 p.m. First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 East Broad St. \$15. (908) 412-9105.

### SUNDAY

SEPT. 18

**ANTIQUES APPRAISAL AFFAIR** — special fundraising event and season's re-opening at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield. 2 p.m. For information or to volunteer, call (908) 232-1776.

**'BE A BETTER YOU'** — fitness event for kids ages 8-11 organized by Westfield Girl Scout Ilene Goodman. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Roosevelt School track and Westfield Area YMCA. (908) 233-6991.

**FAMILY EXPO** — get to know what's on offer at the JCC of Central NJ, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. (908) 889-8800 x236.

### COMING UP

**GIRL SCOUTS INFO MEETING** — for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains community. 7 p.m. Sept. 19. Terrill Middle School, Scotch Plains. \$10 registration fee can be paid at the meeting. (908) 889-1760.

**HOMEOWNER INSURANCE** — what you should know; a workshop led by insurance agent Ronald D. Starnier. 7:15 p.m. Sept. 19. (908) 322-5007, ext. 204. 1927 Bartle Ave.

**SAFETY CLINIC** — for youth sports coaches, sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 19. Community Room of the municipal building, 425 East Broad St. \$26. (908) 789-4080.

**COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SEMINAR** — hosted by the Fanwood Memorial Library and Ivy Educational Services. 7-9 p.m. Sept. 20. Open to all high school students and parents in the borough, but registration is required. (908) 322-6400.

**WHITE MOUNTAINS TRIP** — hosted by the Fanwood Seniors Citizens Club. Tour Franconia Notch State Park and other natural highlights. Sept. 20-23. \$500 per person, double occupancy. (908) 889-4494.

**NEW MEMBER WINE AND CHEESE EVENT** — hosted by the Junior Women's Club of Westfield. 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21. To attend, call Jennifer at (908) 789-8991.

**COLOR AND MAKE-UP WORKSHOP** — hosted by the Scotch Plains Public Library and Dawn DeSimone, a Mary Kay consultant. 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22. (908) 322-5007, ext. 204.

**GOLF OUTING** — hosted by the Arc of Union County. Sept. 22. Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club, Scotch Plains. Registration at 10 a.m., brunch at 11, shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. (973) 315-0020 or (973) 315-0022.

**CHARLIE PROSE COMEDY REVUE** — a trip and luncheon at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse hosted by the Scotch Plains Golden Agers Club. Leaves the Scotch Plains municipal parking lot at 10 a.m. Sept. 22. \$65. (908) 889-4121 or (908) 654-4512.

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#### ABOUT THE EVENTS

##### "Living a Memory Healthy Lifestyle"

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Date Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Time 7:00pm-9:00pm

##### "The Sandwich Generation"

by Robin Mills, Director of Advocacy

Date Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Time 6:30pm-8:30pm

##### "Open House"

Date Sunday, September 24, 2005

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# Community Life

## Briefs

### Teen dance parties set in Scotch Plains

SCOTCH PLAINS — A teen dance party will be held 6:30-10 p.m. Sept. 9 and 30 on the Alan Augustine Village Green at the Municipal Building.

Attendees must be a student in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District to attend. Activities include basketball, ping-pong, knock hockey, a DJ and gladiator joust on Sept. 9 and a "swampy stomper" obstacle course on the Sept. 30. Adult chaperones are needed. There is no fee to attend.

For information, contact the Scotch Plains Recreation Department at (908) 322-6700 ext. 223.

### Kids urged to 'Be a Better You'

WESTFIELD — Ilene Goodman, a Girl Scout from Westfield High School, will run a fitness and nutrition day titled "Be a Better You" for elementary aged children as her Gold Project.

The event will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 18 at Roosevelt School track and field and the Westfield Area YMCA. Youngsters will learn how to live healthier with field games and will prepare a nutritious snack; everyone will leave with a prize. The program is for children aged 8-11. Those wishing to attend must RSVP to Ilene or Susan at (908) 233-6991.

### Holy Trinity seniors to hold first fall meeting

WESTFIELD — The Holy Trinity Senior Social Club will hold its first fall meeting in the Holy Trinity Interparochial School gym on First St. at 1 p.m. Monday.

Kenneth DiPaoli, associate director of planned giving for the Archdiocese on Newark, will speak to the group.

There are openings for the Octoberfest trip to the Platzl Brau Haus in Pomona, N.Y. on Oct. 5. A trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for the Christmas show is planned for Dec. 6. Future trips are on the planning board. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

### Rosary Altar Societies to meet next week

The St. Bartholomew's Rosary Altar Society will hold its first meeting on Monday following the 7:30 p.m. Mass and Novena.

Tickets for the annual Communion Breakfast to be held Oct. 2 at the Westwood in Garwood will be available at the meeting. The meeting is open to all women of the parish.

Refreshments will be served. Also, Holy Trinity and St. Helen's Catholic Church Rosary Altar Society will hold a meeting at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 at St. Helen's Parish Center on Lamberts Mill Road. A bag lunch and refreshments will be served, and the \$5 membership dues will be collected.

All are welcome to come and pray the new Illuminous Mystery of the Holy Rosary, simultaneously with a film taken in the Holy Land, depicting this Rosarian mystery.

Frank Muggeo, a representative of Raphael's Life House, a haven for unwed mothers and their newborn babies, will be present. A donation for this charity will be appreciated.

Tickets for the annual communion breakfast Oct. 9 at the Westwood in Garwood, will be available for a donation of \$20.

### Westfield Glee Club will resume rehearsals

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Glee Club will resume rehearsals at 8 p.m. Monday at the choir room of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Male and female, adult and student singers are invited.

At the first rehearsal, Director Thomas Booth will introduce the winter program music, which will be performed at local area churches on Dec. 3 and 4. Choral sections of the program will include a variety of seasonal, classical, traditional, and popular songs. Two artist sections will be performed by invited special artists. George Lachenauer will be the choral accompanist.

At Monday's rehearsal, a fellowship time with coffee and donuts will follow the singing. For additional information, please call Dale Juntilla at (908) 232-0673.

## Get to know the JCC at 'Experience Expo'

SCOTCH PLAINS — From 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, the JCC of Central NJ is opening the doors to give members, their friends and the community a chance to explore the facility, located at 1391 Martine Ave.

"This free event is as important for our members as the community. People utilizing the JCC, whether to come for preschool, Kid Zone after school care, fitness and aquatics classes, or to see a guest speaker, often have not had the chance to explore another program. The JCC Experience Expo will allow both members and community participants alike to sample what we have to offer in a fun and dynamic atmosphere," says Richard Cormari, JCC executive director.

Area residents are invited to go for an hour or stay for the whole event. Free class samplers will run continuously from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., with activities for all ages and interests. New classes like Adult Self-Defense and those back by popular demand such as Kids Tennis will be running throughout the day.

Also, kid cooks can decorate cookies and stop by the Abakadoodle class sampler, the imaginative art education experience that will have classes at the JCC beginning this fall. And the gym will be bustling with martial arts, Polo Polo, basketball, tennis, Rovers soccer and t-ball.

In addition, the pool will have swim class samplers for all ages as well as open swim. The fitness department will have non-stop 15-minute fitness classes so you can explore spin, Pilates, yoga, and body sculpting. Personal trainers will be on hand in the fitness room for orientations and will be available for questions about personal training. After working out, visitors can wind down with a chair massage or join in a bridge game.

Also, the JCC Teen Lounge will be the spot for a foosball tournament and a "Dance, Dance Revolution" dance-off. Special events will be happening throughout the day. John Starks, the former Knicks All-Star, will be on hand at 2 p.m. to discuss his rise in the NBA and sign his book, *John Starks: My Life*. Children's book illustrator Katherine Kahn will engage kids at 1 p.m. with an interactive workshop that lets the children become "illustrators." Also, the Lizard Guy will entertain throughout the day.

Matthew Goodman, food editor of the *Forward* and author of *Jewish Food: The World at Table* will be cooking up a discussion of traditional and contemporary recipes from around the world at noon, and Salo Enis will lecture on Yiddish literature at 11:30.

Also, the newly-installed JCC playground is open for business. The ribbon-cutting will take place at 11 a.m. — all are invited to attend. Kids are invited to give the new playground a workout throughout the day.

Finally, free brunch will be sponsored by the Jerusalem West Café, and the Shabbatones, Camp Yachad's own rock band, will be making a special appearance to perform on this day. Certificates for \$20 off fall program registration (excluding tuition programs and programs provided by outside vendors) and gift certificates for a massage or personal training session will be given away hourly. For more information, contact Marla Itzkin at (908) 889-8800, ext. 236.

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Pictured from left are Frank and Sofia Little; Linda and Erin Miklencic; Karen and Lillian Webb; Maria, Alana, and Sofia Beardsley; Mary and Caitlyn Schaefer; Jen, Dylan and Jessica Mooney; and Lori and Gabrielle Menzo.

## Making motherhood a walk in the park

Want to get the kids and yourself out of the house, but need some motivation? Some area parents, members of the Union County chapter of Mothers & More, have solved this problem by forming a walking club, which meets in Tamaques Park in Westfield and Nomahegan Park in Cranford.

For some, walking with Mothers & More is about exercise. "Walking in the park is the only exercise I can fit in my day," said Cranford resident Linda Miklencic, mother of a boy and a girl, ages 5 and 2. "We love being outside and the kids look forward to going to the playground afterwards."

For others, it is about support. "Since I am home full-time, some days if it weren't for walking with Mothers & More, I wouldn't have any adult conversation at all," said Karen Webb, a Westfield resident and mother of a 2-year-old daughter.

Members meet at different times to accommodate kids' naps and moms'

work schedules. Mary Schaefer of Clark, walking club coordinator and mother of a 1-year-old, keeps track of it all via email. Says Schaefer, "I walk a lot longer if I have someone else to talk to. Also, my daughter is entertained by

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— Linda Miklencic

watching the other children in their strollers."

In addition to the walking club, the Union County chapter of Mothers & More offers evening meetings on topics of interest to mothers, mom and tot outings, playgroups, a book club and a craft

club. Members also have the opportunity to participate in national email support networks and to volunteer in a variety of areas including chapter coordination, membership, online services, publications, media relations, marketing, and advocacy.

Mothers & More holds regular meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Fanwood Recreation Center, located just off Midway Avenue in Forest Road Park in Fanwood. All meetings are open to the public.

Mothers & More will also be hosting a special open house highlighting its activities for prospective members at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Fanwood Recreation Center. For more information about attending a meeting or the open house, or about becoming a part of Mothers & More, call Marilyn Federico at (908) 568-2633 or Stacy Grohol at (908) 928-9841. Interested moms can also log onto [www.mothersandmore.org](http://www.mothersandmore.org).

## Local legislators offer praise for interns

### Honorees include many Westfielders

Senator Tom Kean, Jr., Assemblyman Eric Munoz, MD, and Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick, all legislators of the 21st District, recently honored interns who volunteered in their Westfield and Summit offices this past year during a luncheon held at Ferraro's Restaurant in Westfield. All participants received a citation signed by the legislators acknowledging their hard work and dedication on behalf of the constituents of District 21.

"Each and every year we are fortunate to have a number of well-informed and highly-motivated students volunteer their time to work in our busy legislative offices," said Kean. "Their eagerness, enthusiasm, and familiarity with various issues facing our state is a direct reflection of the high quality education students are receiving in our schools."

Munoz noted that the internship program is intended to help students gain a better understanding of the legislative process while helping to cultivate their interest in government service. "We make every effort to tailor the internship experience to the student's interests in conjunction with the needs of our district offices. Hopefully, by interning in our office, a student gains a better understanding and appreciation for the relationship between legislator and constituent."



Pictured from left are Assemblyman Eric Munoz, Senator Tom Kean Jr., Ryan Gundrum of Westfield and Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick.

Said Bramnick, "Not only were they eager to take on the responsibility, they were more than capable of doing the work. I was very impressed with their positive attitudes and professional demeanor."

To learn more about internship opportunities, contact the Westfield office at (908) 232-3673 or the Summit office at (908) 918-0414.

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The interns for the past year included the following Westfield residents:

Garrett Cockren, a recent graduate of Westfield High School;

Katelin Conroy, a student at St. Elizabeth College;

Kevin Devaney, a student at Westfield High School;

Allie Fleder, a student at Westfield High School;

Ryan Gundrum, a student at Westfield High School;

Ed Kramkowski, a recent graduate of Westfield High School who will be attending the University of Michigan;

Michelle Kuppersmith, a recent graduate of Westfield High School who will be attending Brown University;

Jim McCabe, a recent graduate of Westfield High School;

James Morton, a recent graduate of Westfield High School;

Dina Regab, a recent graduate of Westfield High School who will be attending Northeastern University;

Hope Skibitsky, a student at Westfield High School; and

Satya Tagat, a student at Westfield High School.

## LDA will host tea, open house

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Learning Disabilities Association of Scotch Plains Fanwood, which provides support and resources to families that have children with special needs and learning differences, will host several events next week for interested parents and volunteers.

Last year LDA SPF, with the help of The CHLD Organization, planned and hosted one of the most successful special educational conferences in New Jersey to date. LDA-SPF, working with Resolve, helped to bring to fruition the Eighth Grade Transition Program while providing for increased student participation in the existing Transition to Middle School Program for fourth graders.

Equally successful was the end of the year recognition night in June that was filled with last-minute surprises for all. With more than 400 attendees, children and their families enjoyed live jazz music by the Moonglowers and feasted on dozens of entrees and treats, only to then work it all off at karate demonstrations and activities.

Throughout the entire year, LDA SPF has worked to bring in qualified speakers for monthly educational workshops for teachers, parents and related specialists. Many topics are covered in these programs, including ADD/ADHD, bullying, nutrition, sensory integration, dyslexia, Asperger's, and more. Special guests have included doctors, specialists, therapists, clinicians, learning consultants, attorneys and other professionals who work with children or provide services to them or their families. The workshops have also been redesigned to provide Continuing Education Units for member professionals and teachers.

LDA SPF is an independent, non-profit, all-volunteer organization that works in cooperation with, but is not limited to, the school district and its departments, parent and teacher associations, Resolve and the Municipal Alliance Committee.

Later this year LDA SPF will be inviting residents to its Taste of the Town Gala Fundraiser. That event, along with membership, donations and helping at the Fanwood Recycling Center, allows the organization to maintain operations, pay for professional services and speakers, grow additional support, promote advocacy and awareness and provide new programs and activities.

More volunteers and committee persons are needed to help with the programs. Interested residents or parents with questions should attend LDA SPF's Parent Tea at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Evergreen School and/or the open house at 7 p.m. Thursday at Park Middle School. To register, call (908) 322-4020, ext. 5. This year Lisa Zimmerman is the incoming president of LDA SPF.

In addition, LDA SPF will be modifying its name and Web site. Announcements will follow when the name change is finalized. For all the latest updates and workshops topics, go to [www.ldaspf.org](http://www.ldaspf.org).

## Club hosts talk on Olmsted's influence

Landscape architect played role in development of state's parks

WESTFIELD — The Garden Club of Westfield will host a presentation on Tuesday dealing with the background and history of Frederick Law Olmsted Sr. and his influence on New Jersey's park system.

Well-known as the premier landscape architect and designer of Central Park, Olmsted and the Olmsted Brothers Firm also had a significant impact on the development of New Jersey's parks, particularly in Union County.

The program will be held at 1 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Ave. The event is free, open to the

public and offered through the Horizon Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The program will be presented by Kathleen P. Galop, an expert in cultural and historic landscapes and their preservation and restoration.

An attorney with extensive experience and a national reputation in historic preservation projects, Galop is the recipient of a John F. Kennedy Library Foundation Research Grant and a White House Historical

Association Grant.

She is principal of Preservation Possibilities, an historic preservation consulting firm based in Summit.

Galop is also the author of *Branch Brook Park: An Historical Perspective*, published by the National Association for Olmsted Parks and the Branch Brook Park Alliance.

She is also a contributing author to the *Encyclopedia of New Jersey*, published by Rutgers University Press, and an adjunct professor in the Historic Preservation Program at Drew University in Madison.



KATHLEEN P. GALOP

## Get tips on dealing with bipolar disorder

WESTFIELD — From 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Family Support Organization of Union County, located at 137 Elmer St., Bob Morris will share the ups and downs of his personal experience as an adolescent and young man dealing with bipolar disorder and depression — and even more importantly, contribute the insights, skills and tips he discovered along the way.

In addressing his mental health challenges, Morris learned how to apply a combination of traditional and holistic skills, and is able to live with minimal effect from the disorders.

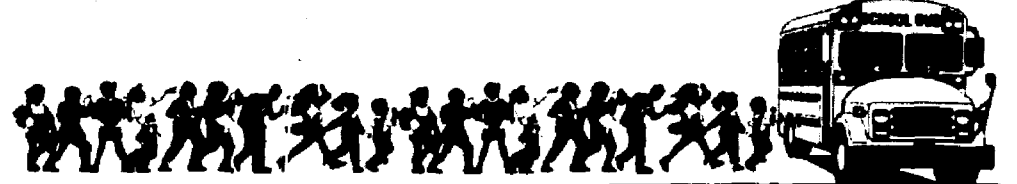
Morris is an Episcopal priest and the founder and director of

Interweave, a community learning center based in Summit that for the past 25 years has taught skills for holistic living and personal transition in a changing world.

The public is invited to this informative evening, the first of the fall series of events offered by the Family Support Organization of Union County. The FSO offers support, education and advocacy for parents and caregivers of children with special mental health needs.

To reserve a place, be placed on the mailing list for future events, or for more information, call (908) 789-7625 during business hours. The event is free.

# back-to-school



SPECIAL ADVERTISING SECTION

## Fusion Dance Centre in Kenilworth offers fun for the family

KENILWORTH — It has almost been one year since Fusion Dance Centre opened in Kenilworth last September. In preparing for season two, Fusion has made a commitment to fun for the whole family.

"There truly is something for everyone," said Sharon Rauber, co-director. "From the adult Pilates program to our Jazz Babies class for 5-year-olds, we have considered ever member of the family."

The littlest family members begin at age 3 in Fusion's Kinder Program. Through games

that incorporate imagination and fun, Kinder dancers learn actual steps and vocabulary in a light hearted and playful environment.

Older students have a wide variety of exciting courses to choose from including tap, ballet, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, modern, and Pointe. And don't forget about the adults — with adult hip hop, jazz, ballet, and two levels of tap on the fall schedule, even Mom and Dad can be dancing at Fusion.

Fusion also is keeping the guys dancing. With more than



Dancers of all ages can enjoy the classes at Fusion Dance Centre, now about to start its second year.

15 guys enrolled, dancing isn't only for the girls.

"We don't want this to be the dance studio where little brother waits in the car, afraid to walk

into a world of pink tutus," says Jarrod Harden, co-director. "Don't get me wrong, we have our share of tutus at the studio, but we are so much more than

just that."

Fusion's fall schedule is full of classes that are just for the guys in the family. Starting as young as 3, Fusion offers boys specific classes from jump, tumble and tap to boys hip-hop.

In keeping with the commitment to family fun, Fusion has

also added family hip-hop. On Friday nights, the whole family can come on down to the studio for a fun and funky time together.

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## Knights will host charity golf outing

KENILWORTH — The Rev. Sylvester P. McVeigh Council 4186 Knights of Columbus, Kenilworth will hold its first charity golf outing on Sept. 19.

The outing will be held at the Apple Mountain Golf and Country Club in Belvidere. There are many sponsorships and discount golf packages available.

All funds raised will benefit the Jack Murphy Knights of Columbus Council 4186 Scholarship Fund. The event starts at 11 a.m. with registration, lunch, putting green and complimentary range balls. At noon is the shotgun start in a scramble format. At 5:30 p.m. will be the buffet dinner with

awards, 50/50 and prizes.

The cost is \$150 per golfer. Dinner only will be \$45. Participants may also join the growing list of sponsors, which includes

Independence Community Bank, the Kenilworth Fire Department, Hale Insurance Brokerage, Kenilworth Inn, University Diner, All County Dispensers, A+A Landscaping, Capri Pizza, Wachovia Bank and KM Signs & Graphics. Many other sponsorships are available, such as hole sponsorships for \$100.

For registration or more information contact Joe Marateo at (908) 687-2901 or Kevin Murphy at (908) 820-0793.



Daniel Dante of Union and Oliver Surriga of Kenilworth, winners of the Jack Murphy Knights of Columbus Kenilworth Scholarship award.

## Realtors collecting towels for homeless

WESTFIELD — Towels, toiletries and linens are being collected by the Greater Union County Association of Realtors for distribution to local shelters for abused women and the homeless. The 11th annual drive will conclude Sept. 22.

In the drive, sponsored by the Realtor Community Service Committee, the public is invited to donate towels and linens that are still serviceable but perhaps no longer suitable for guests or may not match the current decor. Also sought are the unused toiletries from hotels collected in traveling (shampoo, conditioner, soaps, lotion, shower caps, etc.).

Included also may be donations

of makeup and cosmetics, hygiene items and the hospitality packages given by airlines in first class overseas flights. For the seventh year, the committee has expanded the collection to include bed linens such as spreads, quilts and blankets, either for adults or children.

The committee asks that all donated towels or linens be laundered and that toiletries be unopened.

Items may be brought to the Greater Union County Association of Realtors at 767 Central Ave., Westfield, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If unable to do so, contact the GUCAR office at (908) 232-9000 to make alternative arrangements.

# back-to-school



SPECIAL ADVERTISING SECTION

## 2 new programs at Eastern Gymnastics

CRANFORD — Eastern Gymnastics Academy & Discovery Child Care Center, located in the Cranford business park, have teamed up to offer a well-rounded curriculum including state required academics, language development, math readiness, reading skills, science activities, arts and crafts, music appreciation, dance movement, and also gymnastics, all under one roof. Child care hours are offered on a part-time, school day, or full-time basis, Monday through Friday.

This unique blend of services offers students the opportunity to develop all the necessary skills they will need to enter kindergarten. Placing students in a positive, self-esteem building environment not only fosters a good academic foundation, it also teaches the basics behind good healthy living.

Eastern Gymnastics Academy offers gymnastics classes for students 1½ to 18 years of age. The pre-school program, one of the largest in the state of New Jersey, is headed by adult professional, certified staff members. Its mission is to develop a child's self-confidence, self-esteem, and coordination in a fun, safe environment. All classes, whether for a beginner, novice or advanced team member, are handled with the child's safety first and foremost. The facility at 1 Commerce Drive in the Cranford business park offers the most up-to-date state of the art equipment to enhance the learning process.

Eastern Gymnastics Academy will kick off the 2005-2006 season by offering two new programs. "EGA Kid Fit Program" is for students ages 6 through 12 who are interested in increasing their flexibility, strength, and all-around fitness. Students will use gymnastics equipment such as climbing ropes, cargo nets, trampolines, and tumble tracks to spark their interest. Class will be offered after school Monday through Friday.

EGA Snack Pack Program is for students ages 3½ through 6, Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. The curriculum includes gymnastics, arts and crafts, snack time and storytime. This is a good program for those who want to introduce their child to a school environment or are looking to do something fun before the afternoon kindergarten program.

For more information on how to enroll a child, call Eastern Gymnastics Academy/Discovery Child Care Center at (908) 272-2560.

## NJWA offers art programs for young kids

WESTFIELD — For parents of pre-schoolers who are looking for a unique experience for their children, the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts has begun enrollment for its Kids 'n' Arts program. This innovative exposure to music, art and drama introduces youngsters to a world of creative expression.

Intended for children ages 3, 4 and 5, Kids 'n' Arts meets weekly for a two-hour session. Parents can choose a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday class, either from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The 15-week fall session begins on Sept. 27 and runs until Jan. 26. There will also be sessions in the winter and the spring.

During the two-hour class, the children are introduced to the arts. The class begins with a meeting on

the Rainbow Rug, where the children are welcomed.

Students then rotate to the art area. Here, they create arts and crafts using a variety of mediums, while listening to Mozart in the background.

The group then continues to the music area, where they use their voices to learn about rhythm and pitch. During music, they are also introduced to percussion and tonal instruments. The fall and winter sessions include playing the recorder, while the spring semester includes introductory violin lessons.

In theater crafts, children will learn to express themselves through acting, theater games, creative movement, dance, puppetry and pantomime.

The instructors for Kids 'n' Arts include Diane Burkam, who holds a bache-

lor's degree in art education from College Misericordia. An art teacher and practicing artist, Burkam has taught in the art department of the Westfield Summer Workshop and has taught creative arts at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts.

Burkam is accompanied by Valerie Pineda. A graduate of the Manhattan School of Music with a bachelor's in musical performance, Pineda has been the musical director of various productions at the Westfield Summer Workshop. She is also director of The Little Opera Company of New Jersey and advisor to The Light Bulb Players.

Ted Schlosberg, founder and executive director of NJWA, brings his many years of musical expertise to the program. He holds a bachelor's and a master's from Trenton State College and a doctorate in creative arts from Rutgers University. Schlosberg is proficient in teaching and performing on most band and orchestral instruments.

For more information on enrollment in the Kids 'n' Arts program, call (908) 789-9696 or visit the office at 150-152 East Broad St. in Westfield. Additional information on all NJWA programs can be found on the Web at [www.njworkshopforthearts.com](http://www.njworkshopforthearts.com).

## Follow these A-B-Cs of backpack safety

The following information was provided by Dr. Michelle Naber, who has offices in Summit and Linden. She can be reached at (908) 486-1414 in Linden and (908) 598-1988 in Summit.

School has just begun, and so has the everyday journey of carrying a backpack full of school supplies. It is estimated that the average child's backpack weighs an astonishing 20 lbs. When you take into consideration the size and weight of the child, that's a lot of additional stress being put on the child's spine and muscles, leading to poor posture and even pain.

Here are some simple steps to take to ensure that your child will be standing straight and tall throughout the school year.

A) Make sure the backpack is designed for the child's frame. Most backpacks are "one size fits all" and are made for adults and children alike. A backpack that is too big for a child is uncomfortable and difficult to carry. Ask your local retailer if they carry backpacks in different sizes. Samsonite and Airpaks System have designed backpacks for different-sized frames. If you can't find one locally, contact our office and we will order one for you.

B) Make sure the backpack is well-padded on the straps and on the backside and that the straps fit snugly, but not tight around the shoulders. Ideally, the backpack should also have a strap around the waist; this helps to distribute the weight of the pack more evenly. Loose fitting backpacks lead to slouching.

C) Weigh the backpack. It should not weigh more than 10 percent of the child's body weight. If it does, remove non-essential items. If it still weighs too much, talk to the child's

teacher and see if a set of books might be available to keep at home.

Backpacks and school loads should not be a burden to your child. Following these simple guidelines should make life easier for your child and gentler on their spine. If your child still complains of back pain, take them to your local chiropractor and have their spines checked. Not only will they check for scoliosis, but they will assess any muscle and spinal imbalances your child might have and give you guidelines for correcting them. You will be glad you did!

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Formed at Project One's first event, "Composition, Interpretation, Improvisation" in 2004, the Project One Ensemble is committed to interpreting important recent and new music, as well as the masterworks of the Western tradition, performing the work of young composers, and constructing and presenting provocative programs. The ensemble is a collective of some of the most committed and active young chamber musicians in New York City today.

By converging contemporary improvisation and new music, Project One pres-

ents programs that explore the vitality and philosophical and cultural contexts of music through performance and discussion. Brief biographies of the members follow.

Yves Dharamraj is a dynamic cellist who blends a strong command of the instrument with deep musical understanding to express his fresh interpretations. The young Franco-American enjoys a career that takes him to major venues across the United States, Canada and abroad. In 1998, following studies with Müssie Eidelman and Scott Klusdahl, Dharamraj matriculated at Yale University, where he graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in history, a master of music degree, and an artist diploma under the renowned pedagogue Aldo Parisot. He now pursues graduate and doctoral studies in Joel Krosnick's studio at the Juilliard School as the recipient of the

2004 Victory Herbert Scholarship.

Violinist Ariana Kim has made extensive solo appearances with orchestras throughout the United States, including the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Orchestra Camarata, Northeast Symphony, Austin Symphony, and the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra. Kim gave the San Francisco premiere of Andrew Imbrie's Violin Concerto and has been a featured soloist on the Schubert Club's International Young Artist Recital Series. As a committed chamber musician, Kim was a member of the Young Artists String Quartet, has appeared with the Chamber Music Society of Minnesota, most recently with Leon Fleisher and Robert Mann, and has participated in numerous music festivals. Kim is pursuing graduate studies at The Juilliard School, where she studies with Robert Mann.

Violinist Yuri Namkung has performed widely in the major cultural centers in the U.S. and Europe. In 2002, she made her European debut with the Tonhalle Orchestra in Zurich, Switzerland under the direction of David Zinman. Namkung has appeared as soloist with such orchestras as the Seattle Symphony and the Metamorphosen Chamber Orchestra. She has performed in recital and as a chamber musician at the Gardner Museum, the 92nd Street Y, the Kaplan Penthouse, the Kennedy Center, Merkin Hall, Miller Theater, among others. Her festival appearances include performances at the Aspen, Ravinia, Verbier and Salzburg music festivals. She studied with Dorothy DeLay, completed her undergraduate studies at Columbia University, and is pursuing graduate studies at Juilliard where she studies with Cho-Liang Lin and Donald

Weilerstein.

Violist Eric Nowlin has performed extensively throughout the United States and abroad, most recently as a soloist with the Springfield Symphony, the Santa Cruz Symphony, and the Kumamoto Symphony in Japan, as well as recitals in Mexico and San Francisco. In 2003, he won first prize in the Irving M. Klein International String Competition. Previous awards include first prize at the 2002 Hellam Competition and grand prize at the 2001 Naftzger Competition. Nowlin is an active chamber musician and has participated in many festivals including the Marlboro Music Festival and the Steans Institute at the Ravinia Festival. He toured with the musicians from the Steans Institute in 2004. Nowlin received his bachelor's and master's degrees from The Juilliard School, where he studied with Samuel Rhodes.

## Spanish dance at Crossroads

The passion of Spanish dance comes to Union County at 5 p.m. Sunday when Flamenco Si stops at the Crossroads, located at 78 North Ave., Garwood. Doors open at 4 p.m.

This authentic and passionate monthly Spanish dance performance series, presented by Teatro Si, a leading Hispanic theater arts company, has been a hit and promises to continue to bring audiences the best of the spirit of Spain every second Sunday of the month.

The host, renowned singer and guitarist David Castellano, brings together the best dancers and musicians to celebrate Iberian dance and music at this intimate setting.

Castellano was born to an Andalusian family from Granada in Spain and has gained a reputation as a talented and accomplished singer and guitarist. He studied guitar with Juan de la Mata and is self-taught as a singer.

Castellano has toured the world, singing and playing with many artists including Roberto Castellon, Omayra Amaya, Flamenco legendary Queen of Spanish and Flamenco Dance Pilar Rioja, Carlota Santana's Flamenco Vivo, European pop singer Ishtar from the group Alabina, the Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre Company and many more.

He has appeared on radio and

television performing flamenco as well as flamenco rock with a fusion group called Manué, which was recently featured in Teatro Si's Amor Flamenco production. Castellano is currently working on his second album and works regularly in the tri-state area. Castellano and his special guest artists will present a flamenco "tabla" performance designed to awaken emotions and longings for the essence of Spain.

Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by calling the Crossroads at (908) 232-5666 or Teatro Si at (908) 301-9496. For more information, visit them online at [www.teatrosi.com](http://www.teatrosi.com) and [www.xxroads.com](http://www.xxroads.com).

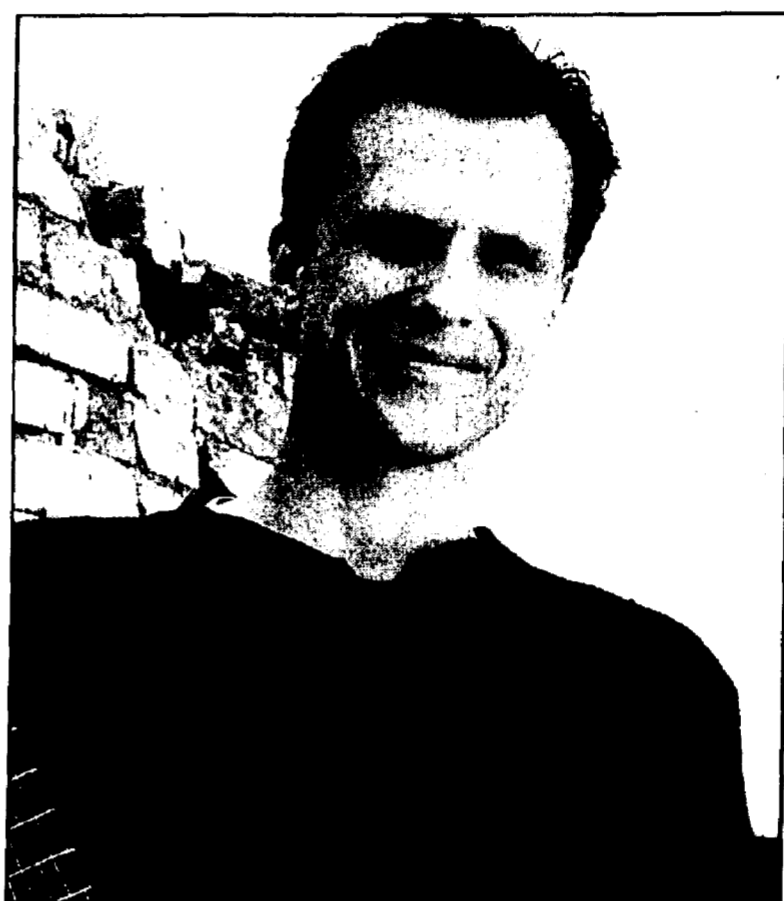
## Shih to sing at library

The Kenilworth Public Library will host a Grandparents and Special Friends celebration with singer/songwriter Patricia Shih at 11 a.m. Sept. 17 the main room of the children's department, located on the library's lower level.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. However, because space is limited, priority registration will begin Sept. 10 for families with children or grandparents/special friends who reside in Kenilworth. If additional space is available, registration for families from other communities will open Sept. 15.

Back at the library by popular demand, Patricia Shih signed her first record contract at age 15 and has been performing ever since. She has made numerous appearances over the years, including television, radio, clubs, and major music festivals. She has appeared in concert with such luminaries as Pete Seeger, Bonnie Raitt, Richie Havens, David Bromberg, Tom Chapin, Livingston Taylor, Odetta, Billy Bragg, Janis Ian, and Peter Yarrow. Her songs have been recorded by numerous artists throughout the United States. Shih received the Parents Choice Approval Award, American Library Association Notable Children's Recording Award, NAACP Gold Medal, and the L.A. Times "Best of 1993" list.

Those requiring wheelchair accessibility to the library's lower level are encouraged to call the library to arrange for entry through the library's side door at 22nd Street. For more information or to register for the program, call the library at (908) 276-2451 or visit the library at 548 Boulevard in Kenilworth.



Peter Mayer will perform Sept. 17 at the First United Methodist Church.

## Spiritual songwriter headed to Westfield

The Coffee with Conscience concert series of Westfield begins its sixth season by presenting Peter Mayer in concert at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 East Broad St. at the corner of North Avenue, on Sept. 17.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m., and the concert begins at 8. Admission is \$15. All net proceeds will be donated to the Interfaith Council for the Homeless.

Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling the Concert Hotline at (908) 412-9105, or e-mailing [concerts4causes@aol.com](mailto:concerts4causes@aol.com).

Mayer writes songs for a small planet — songs about interconnectedness and the human journey, about the beauty and the mystery of the world. A native of Minnesota with a background in theology, Mayer is not big on love songs, but prefers delving into science, nature and things spiritual.

Mayer started touring full-time in the '90s and has gradually amassed a dedicated, word-of-mouth following, selling out shows from Minnesota to Texas, New England to Colorado. He has six CDs to his credit and has sold more than 40,000 of them independently.

Mayer's latest album is titled *Earth Town Square* and features 13 original songs. He is currently working on a collection of songs for winter solstice, as well as a new songbook. Peter is an artist of relevance and insight whose music is not to be missed.

For more information about Mayer, visit [www.petermayer.net](http://www.petermayer.net).

The Coffee with Conscience series is a 10-show series running from September through June at the First United Methodist Church. This season, the concerts are being recorded for broadcast by Westfield's TV-36. Resident of Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fairwood and Mountainside can catch each month's concert on Fridays at 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. and on Sundays at 7 p.m.

The series supports the following charities: The Eric Johnson House in Morristown, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless, the Names Project (more commonly known as the AIDS Quilt), Habitat for Humanity and the Community Food Bank of N.J. Each concert benefits one of these charities.

The series is made possible in part by a grant from the Westfield Service League and other private donations. A Season Sampler CD is available for \$13.

For more information, visit [www.coffeewithconscience.com](http://www.coffeewithconscience.com).

## Submit photos to juried exhibit

Local photographers are invited to submit two photographs to be considered for exhibition at the 11th annual Juried Photography Exhibit for the New Jersey Photography Forum.

The exhibit is open to any photographer able to hand deliver work to the Watchung Arts Center on Oct. 29 from 1-4 p.m. The cost for entry is \$25. Entries are limited in size to no larger than a 30 x 40 inch piece and should be professionally presented and wired for hanging. Any entry over 16 x 20 inches must be framed with Plexiglas.

The New Jersey Photography Forum's annual show will be on display from Nov. 1-29 at the Watchung Arts Center in Watchung, after which it will travel to the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside for two months. The show will be curated by Nancy J. Ori of Berkeley Heights and Michael Creem of Summit.

The three judges will be Martin Zlotkin, Ellen Denuto and Eric Pryor. Zlotkin has been involved in art since early childhood. He started as a painter with a strong art history education, eventually finding expression through the manipulation of photographic images. Denuto is a professional photographer exhibiting fine art photographs and guest lecturer often representing ASMP, the American Society of Media Photographers. Pryor is a fine artist and president of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception from 1-4 p.m. Nov. 6, at which time awards will be presented and visitors will have an opportunity to meet the artists.

The New Jersey Photography Forum is dedicated to furthering the interests of professional and serious photographers living or working in the New Jersey area. The group is now in its 11th year and has become the largest and most recognized group of fine art exhibiting photographers in the state.

The monthly meetings at the Watchung Arts Center encourage attendees to share expertise and advance their skills. The meetings provide access to a wide variety of creative and technical information as well as access to many successful exhibiting fine art photographers from the state.

Informal presentations and demonstrations by manufacturers and photographic artists are given periodically. Regularly, photographers have an opportunity to display their work for critique by others. Exhibition possibilities within the fine art community are constantly explored, which has become a valuable resource for photographers interested in becoming exhibiting photographers.

To learn more, visit [www.njphotoforum.com](http://www.njphotoforum.com) or call Nancy Ori at (908) 790-8820 or Michael Creem at (908) 273-1672.

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# Sports

## Russ's Ravings

### The good, the bad and the mediocre

I am going to admit it. I've played on some really bad teams. I have played on the 1-8 football squad, suffered through a winless soccer season and ended up on the barely .500 basketball team. I also played on championship ball clubs and teams that excelled beyond anyone's expectations. In my limited sports career I dealt with a wide variety of experiences. From playing every game to only playing a few minutes, from being a captain to being a water boy. And the truth is? Every single one of those teams taught me invaluable lessons that I wouldn't trade for anything.

Sometimes, it is hard to take a step back and appreciate the situation you are in, especially if your team isn't doing well or you aren't playing much. But you can learn just as much from a bad team, as you can from a good team. Each sports experience is only as precious as you make it. As the fall sports season begins this week, everyone has a clean slate. But that will change. Soon, wins and losses will pile up. A lot of times, the focus on the record becomes prominent that it sours the experience for those involved. Believe me, I am not saying it doesn't matter at all. Sports are competition, and you are there to compete. But the temptation to get down is one that is mighty hard to resist.

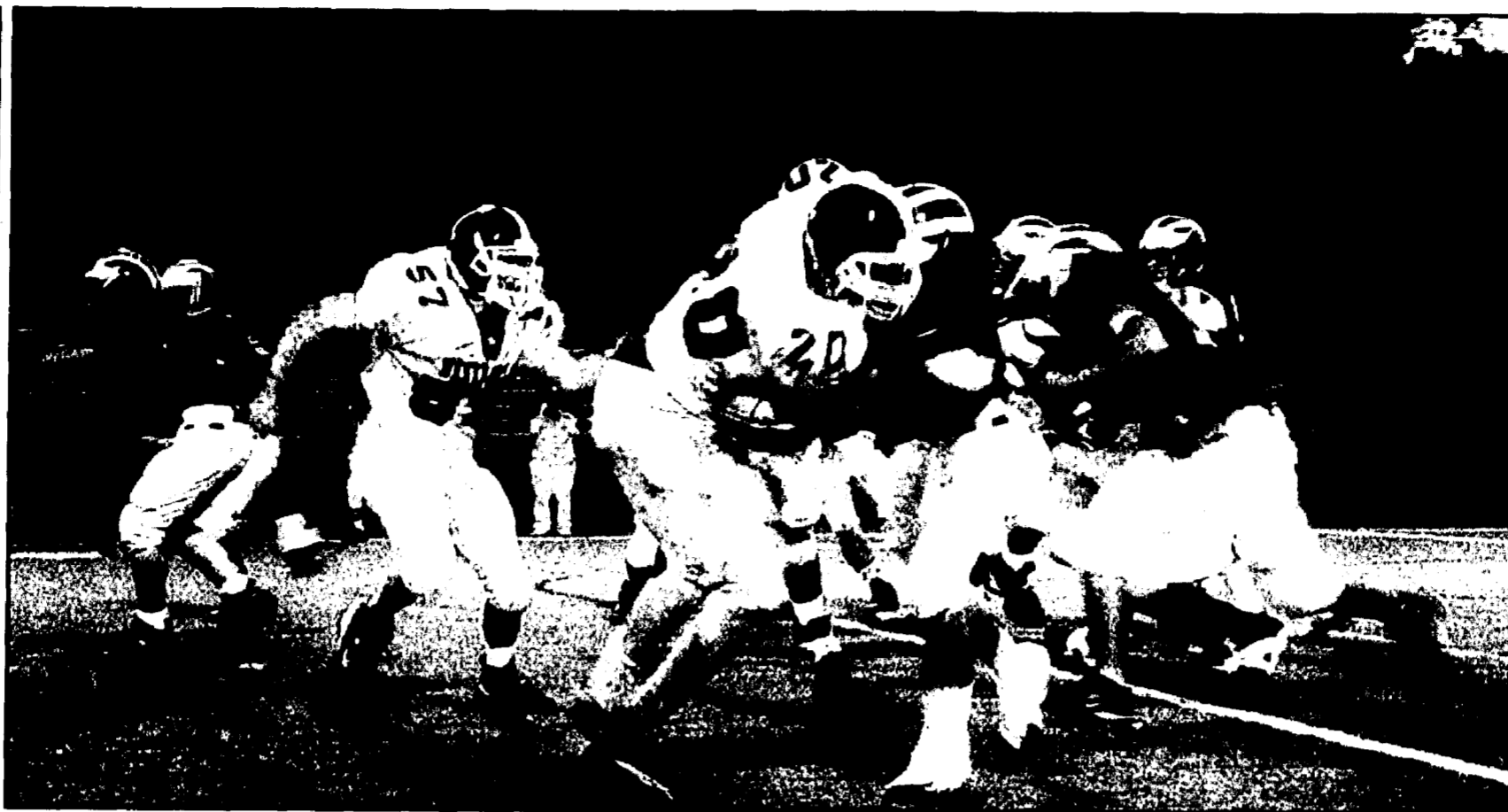
Coaches, players and parents need to be aware of this. I am an unabashed Yankee fan (something new at this sports desk) and for an entire decade, they were one of the worst teams in baseball. But, I still supported them. When everybody and their mother became Mets fans in 1986, I stuck by the flailing Yanks. Sports are cyclical, and by the middle nineties, the Yankees were back on an upswing. I learned back then that you don't abandon your team because they are struggling. If anything, that is when they need you the most. When playing on or watching a losing team, you thrill when they succeed and push them to do better when they fail.

One of the most important things you can have on your team is pride. Pride in taking the field and pride in playing your heart out. No matter what your record shows at the end of the season, no one can take away your pride. Some programs have young teams, having graduated a majority of their starters. Others might be playing in very difficult divisions. Anyone can go out and beat anyone on any given day. You all practice the same, you all work hard. Some just have numbers and size on their side.

Players on winning teams get to learn about winning with grace and pushing themselves as far as their talent and effort can take them. Those on mediocre teams experience winning and losing and are able to get a clear sense of what direction they need to go. Losing teams, for obvious reasons, have it tougher than most. But the sense of satisfaction you can get from leaving everything on the field is more rewarding in the long run. Players who don't get to play much may feel that their time is being wasted by warming the bench all season, when in fact nothing can be further from the truth. Without a full roster, who would the starters practice with? And what happens if an injury leaves a hole to be filled?

My advice to players for this fall season is to play every game, every practice, like it might be their last. You never know when an injury could end a season, or a career. Appreciate your teammates for being there with you, your coaches for caring enough to push you and your families for going out there and supporting you. No matter what the results are this season, end it knowing you gave your all. Be proud of who you are and who you play for. The only person who can take that away from you, is you.

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The Blue Devils defense swarmed the Livingston Lancers in a game scrimmage September 2.

## Blue Devils try to spark rebirth with mixture of old and new

By RUSS CRESPOLINI  
SPORTS EDITOR

The night was clear and cool and the blue and white uniforms of Westfield seemed to glow underneath the Friday night lights. The concession stands were open, and fans filled the home and away bleachers in Livingston for a game scrimmage between the Lancers and Westfield's visiting Blue Devils. The promise of a clean slate in this new season made the air along the Westfield sideline crackle with excitement as everyone seemed anxious to get out on the field and prove their worth.

After a disappointing grid iron season in 2004, the Westfield Blue Devils are looking forward to making strides in 2005. Posting an unremarkable 1-9 record last year, with their only win coming against Edison late in the season, players and coaches are ready to get that bad taste out of their mouths.

"We had a miserable year last year," said head coach Ed Tranchina. "We had the worst year we have had in a long time here."

In an attempt to give the 2005 season some new spark, Westfield is looking to provide it with a new offense. Tranchina has switched his team over to a spread offense, getting away from the Wing "T" they have used since 1996. "We can't run it anymore," Tranchina said. "Our personnel best fits this. With the defenses the way they are you need something to spread everything out. Get them out of your face."

Powering his new offense are senior captains Nick DeRosa, Cowles Stewart, and Andrew



Senior captain Nick DeRosa scrambles out of the pocket while running Westfield's new spread offense.

Schaefer. Tranchina has no hesitations when it comes to praising his players. "They have done a real nice job," Tranchina said. "So has Terron Rogers. He is a great receiver and does a good job on kick return."

With a young team filled with returning underclassmen and a large crop of sophomores, Westfield is looking to build up more game experience this year. "We are looking to be competitive," Tranchina said. "We are not

looking to win a state championship this year."

Having his players work hard will make Tranchina's job easier. "The kids have shown a great commitment," Tranchina said. "We had a good turnout for the summer program. You never get everyone at every practice because kids are so busy. But we keep going working to get in better shape."

The offense may be new, but the man calling the shots is not. Having run the football program for the better part of two decades, Tranchina is quick to point out what keeps him coming back for each new season. "I love the game. I love the kids," Tranchina said. "It really is enjoyable. It keeps me going, keeps me young."

Not to say being the head coach and athletic director makes for an easy balance to strike. "It's hard. But I have good people helping me," Tranchina said. "The rest of the year I am just the AD. So I can focus on a million other things then."

But being a coach himself allows Tranchina a unique perspective. "The other coaches know I understand what they are going through," Tranchina said. "Because I go through it myself."

Although a seemingly permanent fixture in Westfield football, Tranchina does see fewer seasons in front of him than behind. "I will be looking to hand it over at some point. That is why I keep bringing young guys in," Tranchina said. "Coaching is a younger man's game. They need someone who can go in and lift with the kids. I don't do that anymore."

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Blue Devil Ariell Zierling cuts off an opponent in the girls junior varsity scrimmage at Randolph High School.

## Westfield Girls Soccer looks to make 2005 season a kick

By RUSS CRESPOLINI  
SPORTS EDITOR

With the summer sun set high in the sky, the Westfield Girls Soccer team set out to sharpen their skills in a series of scrimmages leading up to labor day. Riding out the tail end of a brutal heat wave, Westfield squared off against Union Catholic in preparation for the 2005 season. After a hard fought contest the previous week at Randolph, the team hosted Union on their home field at the Roosevelt Avenue School. The girls swarmed the field like literal Blue Devils, out hustling their opponent by a wide margin. The team knows they are going to need their hustle to stay competitive this season as Westfield is a team recovering from the loss of 12 seniors from last year, leaving only six in the new senior class.

"And one of them we lost to season ending injuries," coach Katie Egan said. "Alison Bridgeman tore her ACL before we even started. She had torn one last year and they say once you tear one you are prone to tearing the other."

Egan's starting keeper is also nursing a

sore quad. "That is why she is throwing and not punting the ball because she can't right now," Egan said. "But she will be fine."

Egan is beginning her second year as Westfield Girls head coach. Egan previously she spent two seasons coaching at Gil St. Bernards. It isn't hard for the coach to pinpoint a reason for coming to Westfield. "This is my hometown," Egan said. "This is where I live."

In her sophomore season at Westfield, Egan can see clear differences between this year and last year. "We are a much smaller team this year," Egan said. "We also are a lot younger."

But, Egan is quick to point out that a smaller team does have its advantages. "We have a lot of speed. We are very fast," Egan said. "But the girls know we have to play our game to win."

Their game plan is a simple one the coach believes will make her team competitive. "We need to avoid the middle," Egan said. "Play to our strengths in order to win."

The most difficult part of her job, Egan acknowledges, trying to put a team together.

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## SPORTSCENE

**Fitness Classes at Westfield Y**  
The Westfield Area YMCA is offering a variety of new fitness classes this fall at the main facility on Clark Street. New classes are available for exercisers of all fitness levels, and range from dance to aerobics to a fast-paced boxing-style workout.

**Free Flow Dance & Stretch:** This movement based stretch class aims to increase mobility through the release of tension in muscles. Class includes a free flowing dance warm up, followed by deep stretching utilizing breathing techniques to increase flexibility.

**Jazz Dance:** Workout, exercise, and dance to an upbeat selection of music including dance, theater, pop, and hip-hop. Dance experience is not required.

**Step into Step:** Ever thought about trying a step class but didn't know the moves? Then this class is for you! In Step into Step, the moves are broken down and explained so you will feel comfortable in a regular step class. No experience necessary.

**Powerbox Circuit:** This is a no-frills, hardcore workout. You'll punch and kick targets as well as jump rope, sculpt and sweat. Hand wraps are required and personal gloves are recommended.

**Powercut:** This is a new fitness routine designed to sculpt and define your body using a weighted bar and adjustable plates.

For more information on fitness classes at the YMCA, call Jean White at (908) 233-2700, ext. 246. Financial assistance is available for programs and memberships if you qualify. For an application, please call the Y or ask at the front desk.

### Active Older Adult Exercise Programs

The Westfield Area Y is proud to announce a variety of new active older adult exercise programs and seminars this fall.

**Tai Chi Arthritis/Osteoporosis** will be offered in collaboration with the Arthritis Foundation. This program is particularly effective for people with arthritis and includes agile steps and exercises to improve balance, mobility, breathing, and relaxation. The program will be offered at both the Main Facility on Clark Street and the New East Broad Street Family Branch.

**Early Bird Fitness** will be offered at the East Broad Street Family Branch at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. This class invites participants to greet the day in a new way, by enjoying the fresh morning air with a brisk walk or an upbeat indoor aerobics class that includes strengthening, stretching, and balance exercises. Then, throughout the month of September, you participants are invited to relax at the new branch and enjoy coffee and fellowship from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Other exercise programs geared to active older adults are senior exercise, senior strength training, PACE (People with Arthritis can Exercise), Active Older Adults Water Exercise and Arthritis Aquatic Exercise. A variety of lectures as well as health screenings are available throughout the fall, as are social programs ranging from the Literature Club and Bridge Class to Knitting for Others and day trips.

For more information on any of these classes, call MaryAnn McCormick, Westfield Area Y Active Older Adult/Arts Coordinator at (908) 966-9344. To register, visit the Y online at [www.westfieldny.org](http://www.westfieldny.org) or call 908-233-2700.

### UCEDC Golf Classic

The 21st annual UCEDC Golf Classic and hosted by Elizabethtown Gas is planned for Oct. 5 at the Gallop Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth.

The day will begin with a buffet lunch followed by a shot-gun start at noon. Golfers will be tested on the course with several contests, including Hole-in-One, Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. Prizes will be given to all the contest winners.

The day will conclude with a cocktail reception beginning at 5:30 p.m., an awards and recognition dinner, an auction of over 50 donated prizes, including a special live auction, and fun entertainment.

The last several years were sell-outs, so don't delay. Gather a foursome and register early to insure a spot. If not a golfer, join for cocktails and dinner instead.

Call now for information regarding golf sponsorship, corporate foursomes, or just cocktails and dinner. Contact Doreen Iossa at (908) 527-1166 or email [diossa@ucedc.com](mailto:diossa@ucedc.com).

### Instructional T-Ball/Track

Back-to-school time also means back-to-instructional sports time. The Westfield Area Y is currently registering for its Instructional T-Ball League and Cross Country Track Club. The Indoor Instructional T-Ball League is for boys and girls ages 4-6. Practices will be held on Thursday evenings. Games will be played on Sunday afternoons. Practices begin September 8. A coaches meeting and training will be held on September 7. Volunteer coaches are needed. The Cross Country Track Club is open to boys and girls in 3rd through 8th grades. Practices will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:00-7:00pm in Tamaques Park. Meets will be scheduled on weekends throughout the fall. The first practice will be held on September 9th. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer coach or want more information on either of these youth sports programs, please contact Jennifer Hesseberger, Sports Director at 908-233-2700 x258.

### International Youth Sports

The Westfield Area Y, together with BRUSA is proud to offer Futsal Clinics this fall. BRUSA is an organization with an educational mission to teach the simple, exciting and winning Brazilian soccer style in a way that meets North American soccer needs. Futsal is the internationally known form of indoor soccer. It is a great skill developer and requires quick reflexes, fast thinking and pin-point passing. Clinics will be taught by Brazilian soccer play and coach Eduardo Paulo. Eduardo holds three BRUSA licenses to coach soccer and has won numerous championships both in the United States and Brazil. Clinics are available for children and teens ages 4 and up and will be offered at both the Westfield Area Y Main Facility on Clark Street and the new East Broad Street Family Branch. For more information, contact Jennifer Hesseberger, Sports Director at 908-233-2700 x258.





The Blue Devils defend their home turf in a scrimmage against Union Catholic on September 1. Westfield is relying on their speed to keep their young team competitive for the 2005 season.

# Westfield Girls Soccer

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er at the beginning of the season. Even with the help of assistant coach Joe Paradise and J.V. coach Brennan Coughlin, it is still a daunting task. "We had 84 girls come out, and can only make two teams," Egan said. "Making cuts are difficult."

Despite the challenges, Egan believes her team has a chance to do well and the coach has a clear sense of where her team needs to be. "We have a lot of potential here," Egan said. "So far, things are going pretty good."

With the start of a fresh season, a young group of talented players are enough to get any coach pumped up, but it is her team's work ethic that really impresses Egan. "The girls are very hard workers," Egan said. "I am very excited and very pleased by what I see."

The coach also has a clear goal for 2005, coming off of a season which saw the lady Blue Devils go 13-6-3. "I want to be at least as competitive as last year," Egan said. "At least."

Russ Crespolini can be reached at 732-396-4202 or rcrespolini@njnpublishing.com.

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Saturday, Sept. 17  
Tuesday, Sept. 20  
Thursday, Sept. 22  
Saturday, Sept. 24  
Wednesday, Sept. 28  
Friday, Sept. 30  
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Tuesday, Oct. 11  
Friday, Oct. 14  
Saturday, Oct. 15  
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Wednesday, Oct. 19  
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In conjunction with Scholastic Custom Media, the Coldwell Banker "My Home: The American Dream Contest" asks students in grades K-8 to explain, through images or words, how they make their houses homes; for example, enjoying family togetherness, enhancing their learning or creating their own special sanctuaries. Entries may be submitted in the form of a short film on DVD or VHS; a storyboard, comic book or series of photographs with text; or an essay accompanied by illustrations.

Teachers and students will be encouraged to participate in the contest through advertisements in *Scholastic Custom Media's Instructor and After School* magazines.

"For so many people, owning a home means they truly have achieved the American dream," says Jim Gillespie, president and chief executive officer of Coldwell Banker. "That home then becomes the cornerstone of family life and helps contribute to the stability and growth of a family. In fact, when the Coldwell Banker organization was founded shortly after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, our mission was to help rebuild the city and get people who were devastated by the tragedy back on their feet."

"With this contest, we really wanted to inspire children to think about what makes their house a home, and what it means for a family to own its own home. Whether it is a place for their family to come together or a house that has been handed down through the generations, we want to hear directly from kids about what makes their homes special. We are hoping that the feedback from the children will give us the most honest, wholesome insight into the home's place in the American family. And we certainly are looking forward to serving these children through our next 100 years as they become the future generation of homebuyers," Gillespie continues.

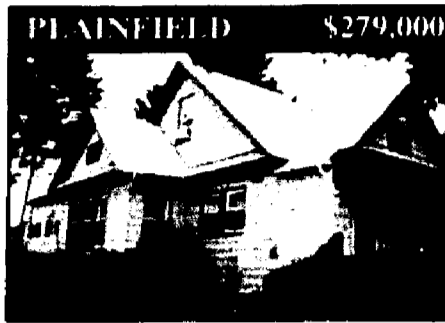
Three grand prize-winning students will receive \$2,000 cash prizes awarded for excellence in creativity and innovation. Thirty finalists, 10 in each age category, will be awarded \$100 prizes. Teachers of the grand prize-winning students each will receive a new digital camera for their classrooms. All entries must be postmarked by Dec. 1, 2005.

"We are honored to work with Coldwell Banker on a contest that challenges children to test the limits of their creativity," says Dick Robinson, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Scholastic. "Through one exercise, children will be developing real world skills in organization, critical thinking, writing, creativity and multimedia presentation. This is also an excellent project for educators to help students express themselves by combining visuals with language. We can't wait to see the results."

Full contest details will be published in the September issue of *Instructor*, the October issue of *After School*, and on [www.scholastic.com/instructor](http://www.scholastic.com/instructor) and [www.coldwellbanker.com/AmericanDream](http://www.coldwellbanker.com/AmericanDream). The contest is open to residents of the United States who currently attend grades K-8, as well as children in those age ranges who are home schooled.

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## Safety = Savings: Save Money on Your Car Insurance

### How Smarter Cars and Drivers Can Lead to More Money in Your Pocket

(ARA) - The number of auto accidents is decreasing — and that's a trend both drivers and auto insurance companies are happy about. As a result, many consumers could see a decrease in their auto insurance premiums this year.

During the last year, auto claims at General Casualty and Unigard Insurance Companies have dropped more than 10 percent, a trend occurring across the property and casualty insurance industry. In addition, almost 90 percent of General Casualty customers have been accident-free during the last three years.

#### Fewer accidents lead to savings

The Insurance Information Institute predicts auto insurance rates will rise only 1.5 percent in 2005, just one half the inflation rate and the smallest increase in five years. Auto owners with good driving records and safer cars could notice a decrease in their auto insurance premiums. How much savings will vary by state, insurance company and individual driver. In 2005, General Casualty auto insurance rates could decrease up to 8 percent. Unigard policyholders could save even more, thanks to decreased claims and a new policy pricing system available later this year.

John Blodnick of Unigard and Charles Valinotti of General Casualty explain several factors contributing to this decrease, including safer and smarter vehicles and drivers.

"Driving safely protects not only you and your passengers, but others out on the road. A clean driving record can also affect your insurance rates," Valinotti said.

#### Driving safer vehicles

Valinotti recommends consumers purchase safer automobiles to help prevent accidents and protect their pocketbooks. "Airbags and anti-lock brakes are two auto features that insurance

companies consider when pricing auto coverage. They're virtually standard on all new vehicles," said Valinotti.

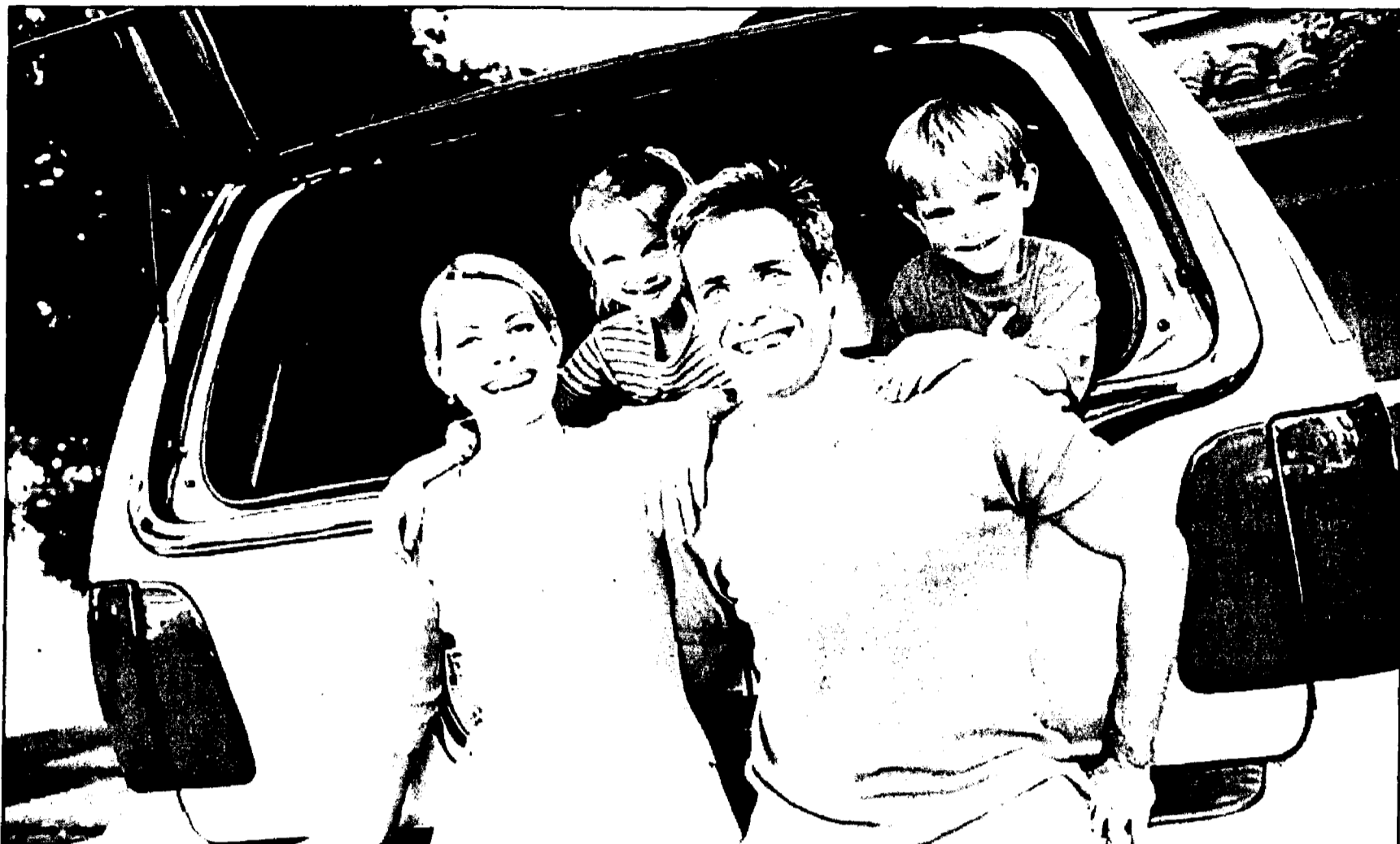
He notes that upcoming safety innovations could lead to even fewer accidents while saving consumers money on their auto insurance.

\* Smart cars: Auto manufacturers are upgrading new vehicle models with safety devices such as radar, digital cameras and navigational systems to detect objects in drivers' blind spots and avoid heavy traffic or collisions. While some models already contain sensors that warn drivers when they're too close to objects, Toyota, Lexus, Honda and Nissan will begin incorporating other advanced technology soon.

\* Smart highways: Future highway technology could help better manage traffic flow and improve safety. Controlled steering, electronic brakes and other devices would help maneuver smart cars on specially engineered highways, helping avoid collisions.

\* Breakaway engines: Some vehicles include engines designed to drop down under the vehicle's floor instead of being pushed into the front passenger area during a frontal collision, helping reduce leg injuries.

\* Redesigned vehicles: Auto manufacturers are continually building safer cars. GM's Uplander minivan model was rated "good" in recent frontal crash tests by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). The rating is a vast improvement over its predecessor, GM's Chevrolet Venture and Pontiac Transport/Montana, rated one of the worst performing vehicles in the history of IIHS's frontal crash tests. Small pickup trucks including the Toyota Tacoma, Chevrolet Colorado and Dodge Dakota also scored better in the tests.



#### Driving wisely

"Safer, smarter cars only offer so much protection," said Blodnick. "Safety starts with being an intelligent driver. Pay attention to others on the road and drive appropriately for the weather and traffic conditions."

To encourage safe driving, Unigard policyholders can accumulate up to 16 percent in savings credits for being accident-free. This credit is reduced if they're involved in any "at fault" auto accidents, but they may continue receiving a savings for hav-

ing a safe driving history.

Later this year, General Casualty will also begin rewarding good drivers with a new auto accident forgiveness program. If a policyholder who hasn't been "at fault" in any auto accidents during the past five years is in a collision and has been insured with the company during that same time period, his or her insurance rates will not include any accident surcharges. This could prevent rates from increasing anywhere from 20 to 50 percent, depending on where the policy-

holder lives.

#### Other factors

In addition, Blodnick points to the increase in states with graduated driver licensing programs. As more states implement the program to gradually phase new drivers to full driving privileges, the number of teen driving accidents is decreasing. According to the IIHS, since states began enacting graduated licensing laws in the 1990s, the fatal crash rate for 16-year old drivers has dropped 26 percent (from 1993 to 2003).

Valinotti notes families may have more vehicles than drivers, meaning an insured vehicle spends more time sitting in the driveway or garage and is less likely to be involved in an accident. Rising gas prices could also lead to fewer cars on the road, especially larger, less fuel efficient vehicles.

For more information about safer vehicles and driving and how they can lead to insurance savings, contact your independent insurance agent.

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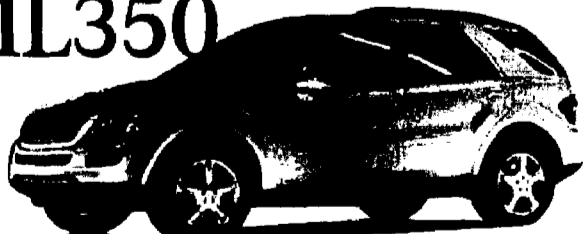
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