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### **Scoring leader**

Westfield's Morgan Lang has scored 11 goals this season to lead Westfield to a 3-0 start. See Story on Page C-1.



#### By TINA PERROTTA

#### THE RECORD-PRESS

Satellite dishes are sprouting all over and some communities are reacting by limiting their placement and number.

In response to complaints, Kenilworth has recently approved a new code which requires all residents to obtain a permit before installing any dish on their prop-

erty. "People were installing satellite dishes all over their houses, said Zoning Enforcement Official Frank Rica This just came to light and it's gotten to be a problem," Rica said. "Most of the residents are not aware that we have rules for satellite dishes, they just go ahead and install them."

Rica said some residents were putting more than one dish in various locations on their property including the front of their house. Kenilworth zoning codes state

that there can be no more than one satellite dish per lot and it cannot project more than three feet from a wall or roof surface. The dish cannot face a street.

The size and shape of satellite dishes present health, safety and aesthetic concerns to the community," the code states.

Rica said satellite dishes have been mounted on the roofs of Kenilworth properties for years and he wants at least some of

them moved to back of the roof. The zoning code states that all

satellite dishes must be in the rear yard unless the applicant can prove the unreasonableness of the rear yard location.

Larger satellite dishes, if they pose a health, safety, and aesthetic concerns to the community, must be located in the rear yard and preferably on the ground. The zoning codes limit rooftop locations of satellite dishes to those applicants who are unable to receive satellite signals at other reasonable locations on their property.

for each community, especially when it comes to the number of



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER A satellite dish sits on the roof of a home in Scotch Plains.

#### dishes a resident can own.

Like Kenilworth, Westfield residents are only allowed to have one satellite dish on their property and the dish must be reviewed and approved by the zoning offi-

The satellite dishes must also be in the rear yard and cannot be mounted on the roof unless it's necessary for reception.

If the satellite is mounted on The zoning codes are distinct the roof, it cannot exceed 8 feet in diameter or extend higher than 10 feet above the highest point on

the roof.

Cranford residents do not need a permit to own a satellite dish, according to Zoning Officer Judy Brown. But, they do need to have their satellite dish inspected by a Development Review Committee.

**Residents are also not allowed** to erect any satellite dish larger than 18 inches unless it's on the ground in the rear yard.

"The only ones I see around town are the smaller ones," said Brown



Green thumb

Lauramae Cutler of Westfield clears her plot in the Westfield Share Garden in preparation for the growing season. See story, another picture on Page B-1.

### Nirvana for book lovers





#### CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Township Council unanimously adopted its municipal budget last night, which together with the expected school and county components, will mean a \$538 property tax increase for the average township home.

The total 2002 budget of \$17.9 million represents an increase in spending of \$288,382. A public hearing is scheduled for May 14.

The budget would increase the tax rate for local government purposes 5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, from \$1.01 to \$1.06. The \$1.06 rate includes the one tax point for the Lingth of Service Award Program approved by voters in a referendum. Councilman Frank **Ross**i reported the net increase, less the I point for the award program, would result in a 3.9 percent tax increase on the 2002 budget. If local voters approve the school budget Tuesday, the tax rate for education will rise 31 tax points from \$3.66 per \$100 of assessed value to \$3.97. The Union County tax rate is expected to go up another 10 tax points. but, Rossi said, that number is not final. Nearly \$800,000 in budget requests were cut by Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins in early budget sessions, but that still left an 8 point increase in -2002.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Westfield Memorial Library is hosting what they call the largest book sale in the universe. It continues with half-price day today and Bag Day tomorrow.

### Looking for love

A forlorn Hannah awaits her turn to be adopted. The dogs was available for adoption at a People for Animals event Sunday at Nomahegan Park. Another picture on Page B-1.

### REMINDER

### Fun and fit

Healthy Kids Day is Saturday from 1 to 1 p.m. at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, 1340 Martine Ave., Famwood. Lots of activities, including an open swim, to keep children busy and exercising.

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# Voters heading to the polls on Tuesday

Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood voters will decide the fate of school budgets and elect members of their school boards from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

The four candidates seeking one of the three open seats on the Westfield board are incumbent President Arlene Gardner, George Kattak, Alice Hunnicutt and William Ziff.

Beginning this weekend and continuing up until Election Day, a broadcast of a taped candidates'

local cable channel TV36.

The Westfield school budget of \$57.8 million includes \$1.8 million in debt repayments. This translates into a tax increase of 27 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, meaning a house valued at \$180,000, the town average, will pay \$487 per year in taxes or \$41 more per month.

Eliminated from next year's budget is eighth-grade sports, but not field hockey, which will save

forum will be shown on Westfield \$40,000; an elementary teacher; a part-time nurse and cafeteria staff.

In the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district, there are two contestants, incumbent Edward J. Saridaki and Norman "Trip" Whitehouse, vying for the pair of Scotch Plains seats. Susan Dyckman is running unopposed in Fanwood.

The proposed budget is \$55.2 million, of which \$47.8 million needs voter approval. The taxable portion of the budget is up 6.65 percent and translates to a \$354 annual increase for the average home in Scotch Plains, which is assessed at \$117,000. In Fanwood, the increase would be \$334 on the average home, which is assessed at \$83,000.

Eliminated from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district are six secretarial and classroom aide positions, but no teachers or staff who directly influence class instruction will be cut.

Facing uncontrollable increased

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# **Fanwood mourning Councilwoman Wood**

FANWOOD - Carol A. Wood, 57, a Borough Council member, Realtor and officer in many organizations, died Sunday at her home.

She served on the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Board of Health. Assessment Community and Strategic Committee Planning Committee before she was elected to the council in 2000. Mrs. Wood was a past president of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club, which honored her as a Paul Harris Fellow and Volunteer of the Year.

A past president of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, Mrs. Wood most recently was its vice president of fund-raising as well as a trustee and a member of the Endowment Committee. She was a member of the Fanwood Republican Club and the 200 Club of Union County.

Mrs. Wood was the vice presi-

dent of the Century 21 Taylor & Love agency in Westfield. The Million Dollar Club member Realtor earned Graduate Institute and Certified Real Estate Specialist designations from the National Association of Realtors.

She had been a member of the Westfield Board of Realtors for the past 30 years, a director for the past 15 years and its president in 1994-95. The board honored Mrs. Wood as its Realtor of the Year for 1987 and 1993; she served on all board committees and in 1987 received the board's Community Service Award.

She also was a longtime committeewoman and task force member with the New Jersey Association of Realtors, of which she was a director in 1994-95.

Mrs. Wood was born in California and lived in

See Wood, page A-2



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Digging in

Westfield school officials do some spade work on the new three-story science wing at Westfield High School. It's expected that work on the addition will be finished in April, 2003. The \$21.5 million cost of the project is covered by the \$15 million bond referendum approved by voters in December 2000. The state will pick up the balance.

# **Teacher award** nominations deadline Monday

WESTFIELD The Optimist Club of Westfield must receive nominations for the fifth annual Intermediate School Outstanding Teacher Award by Monday.

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Two intermediate schoolteachers - one from Edison and one from Roosevelt — will be chosen to receive the award May 8.

Nominations should specify ways in which the teacher has demonstrated outstanding teaching, interest in children and continued pursuit of professional growth.

The nominee must be a full time teacher in the Westfield. Public Schools in grades 6.8 for a minimum of five years.

Students, parents and staff are encouraged to submit nomination letters to: Outstanding Teacher Award Committee of the **Optimist** Club of Westfield, Mr. Howard Trickey, President, 803 Dorian Road, Westfield, NJ 07090.

The recipients of the first Outstanding Teacher Award in 1998 were retiring Social Studies teacher, Frank Nolde, of Roosevelt Intermediate School

and Robert Sanders, Special Education teacher at Edison Intermediate School, The 1999 award winners were Walter Buda, Studies Social teacher/supervisor at Edison and Roosevelt; and Lynne Gerber, Spanish teacher at Roosevelt Intermediate School.

The winners in 2000 were Thomas Reynolds, Industrial Arts/Fechnology at Roosevelt and David Shapiro, Instrumental Music teacher at Edison, Last year, Wendy Masteller of Roosevelt and Nancy Rygiel of Edison received the award

The Optimist award joins other annual recognitions designated for Westfield teachers, including the Rotary Club's Philhower Fellowship presented to an elementary teacher and the following awards created for Westfield High School staff: The Robert and Landa Foose Memorial Award for Excellence in Education, the Distinguished Teacher Award and the Westfield High School Parent Teacher Council Organization Teacher of the Year Award



### Sweet lesson

Brian Howell and his son Garrett, 3, of Westfield, watch as a sugar maple tree is tapped at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit. The annual event also featured a wood-splitting demonstration. crafts and the Sugar Shack, where the sap was boiled down to a syrup.

# **Morin decides** to bow out of **November race**

#### By GREG MARX THE RECORD PRESS

CRANFORD --- The news at Monday's filing deadline confirmed what had been rumored for weeks: Republican incumbent Phil Morin will not seek re-election to the Township Committee in November.

Morin, 33, is nearing the end of his second term on the committee. He said his decision, which he had been contemplating since January, was influenced by his increasing professional responsibilities.

"I've served for a little over five years and enjoyed my time," said Morin, who works at a Newark law firm. "But the requirements of my job ... have increased dramatically. I simply don't have the time to spend to be on top of the issues as I would like to be."

Morin said Republican candidates Ann Darby and Scott Mease, both of whom spend much of their day in town, would be better able to hold the regular meetings with township staff that are essential to the job. He said he may remain involved with the Republican Party on the local level.

"It's time to stop running around to meetings at night and spend some more time with my family," he said. "You have to have that balance.

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#### --Commissioner Phil Morin

Morin's announcement means that neither Republican incumbent will defend his seat this fall Tom Denny who remains the Republican Municipal Chairman. said last month he would not seek re-election.

The party endured a bitter internal dispute during 2002 reorganization discussions, but Denny, like Morin, said his decision was influenced by increasing demands at work



**Township adopts its '02 budget** 

recycling, fuelds. spring cleanup, projects for seniors at Scotch Hills, downtown development projects, the library, road programs and pursuing recreation field maintenance and development will remain intact

Mayor Martin Marks said it was the first time in at least six years that the executive budget had been cut. It "was not a pleasant thing to do, but considering the nature of the times, we had to doit."



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Carol A. Wood

### Fanwood mourning Councilwoman

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Alexandria, Va , before moving to Fanwood in 1970 She graduated from the University of Illinois. Surviving are her husband, Lewis J.; her mother, Lois Lee Keller, and a brother, Harrison Keller III, both of Florida; and a sister, Nancy Maher of Greece.

A memorial service will be at noon today at Memorial Funeral Home on South Avenue. Donations may be sent to Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, 1340 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.



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### County taking aim at pesky mosquitoes

With the warmer daytime temperatures, Union County has begun fighting mosquitoes. The county's efforts will be in vain, however, if property owners do not takes steps to eliminate mosquito breeding locations.

Union County Bureau of Mosquito Control, a division of the Department county's Operational Services, is in charge of the county's efforts to monitor and control mosquitoes. The bureau works to eliminate potential breeding locations and monitors the species and number of mosquitoes found in Union County.

There are 63 species of mosquitoes found in the State of New Jersey About 20 mosquito species call Union County their home. Many mosquito species are known to spread disease, such as West Nile Encephalitis, in humans and animals. Last year, residents in Cranford and Westfield were sickened by West Nile.

Mosquitoes breed in pools of stagnant water and females have a life span of about 2 weeks. Eliminating the places where they breed is the best way to reduce their numbers.

Only female mosquitoes bite. They take blood to feed their developing eggs. They lay eggs in and near stagnant water where the larva develop and live. Each year sees the birth of several generations of most species of mosquitoes.

To monitor the county's mosquito population, Union County maintains 30 light traps (there is at least one in every municipality) where mosquitoes are collected and brought into the lab and identified.

There are several ways residents can help reduce the number of mosquitoes in their yards and communities

--- Dispose of cans, plastic containers, turn over empty flower pots and other containers that hold water, as these are all places mosquitoes breed;

Remove discarded tires, a favorite breeding place for mosquitoes;

-- Drill holes in the bottom of trash cans and recycling containers so they don't hold water;

-- Clean roof gutters every year; --- Turn over plastic wading

pools when not in use; --- Turn over wheelbarrows;

- Change water in birdbaths every three days;

--- Clean and chlorinate swim-



### Newest Rotarian

Dwight Leeper, center, is the newest member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club. He is a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch in Westfield. He joined the firm last year "to do something important for people, something I lave and to be a little closer to home." Previously, he was a senior vice president with Grey Global Group, where he worked for 20 years. A resident of Fanwood, he is married to Rose Cubbon a Merck research scientist. They have three children. Leeper is shown here with membership chairman Richard Dobyns, left, and President Neil Schembre.

## **Brearley High School will keep** block scheduling — for now

#### By GREG MARY

THE RECORD PRESS KENILWORTH --- The David Brearley High School will keep its current block-scheduling for-

mat for next year, after all. The Board of Education passed a resolution Monday night that directs the district and school administrators and the block scheduling committee to continue to "review the current schedule and explore scheduling options ... that will improve the educational experience of high school students.

Superintendent. Lloyd Leschuk and the committee will present those recommendations to the board by November, in an effort to make any changes before the 2003-2004 school vear

The current "four-by-four" format, in which students take four classes for the first half of the year and four for the second half, will remain in place next year. Leschuk said the block scheduling committee will also review whether there are any support programs that can be put in place prior to next year to

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The committee will also study the financial impact of any change, he said.

The debate over block scheduling has gone on for more than a year. Parents have repeatedly complained the current schedule harms students by only offering core subjects such as math and English for half a year.

Those frustrations boiled over at the board's March 4 meeting, when Board President George Schlenker criticized administrators for moving slowly to reform the schedule. Schlenker and other board members asked why a change could not be made by the start of school next September.

Following that meeting, Leschuk developed a plan to move next year to an "A/B" block, in which students would take each class every other day for the full year.

But that proposal drew criticism from teachers and students, with some students coming to a board meeting to protest the change. So the board stepped back again, leaving the current

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schedule in place. Eventually, Leschuk said, the

board will have to decide which of the recommendations of last year's ad hoc committee to accept. That committee recommended English and math classes, and all Advanced Placement classes, be held all year.

"If you accept all those recommendations, the only method that will (accommodate them) is an 'A/B' block," he said.

**November ballot** is beginning to take shape

#### By GREG MARX THE RECORD PRESS

There won't be any primary races in local towns this year, but every municipal seat will be contested in November's general election

In Westfield's mayoral race, incumbent Republican Gregory McDermott will be opposed in November by Democratic challenger Thomas Fuccillo.

In Ward One of the Town Council, two newcomers will face off in the fall. Sal Caruana filed for the primaries as a Republican, and Mark Kuehn on the Democratic side.

In Ward Two, incumbent Republican Rafael Betancourt will seek re-election. He will be opposed by Democrat David Owens

In Ward Three, Democratic incumbent Claire Lazarowitz will try for another term; Republican challenger Andy Skibitsky will try to unseat her. And in Ward Four, incumbent

Democrat Lawrence Goldman

will go up against Republican Christopher Panagos

In Scotch Plains, two Republican and one Democratic incumbents will seek re-election to the Township Council. The Republican slate includes incumbents Frank Rossi and Guy Celentano and newcomer Nancy Malool, a former assistant to Assemblyman Alan Augustine.

Scotch Plains Democrati counter with incumbent Geri Samuel and challengers Shelia Ellington and George Gowen.

Though the seats of two Fanwood Borough Council members are expiring, only one incumbent will seek re-election. Republican Stuart Kline will run again, joined on the state by newcomer Andrew Calamaras.

They will face Democratic challengers Thomas Plante and Jack Molenaar.

Each of the council seats in the three municipalities, and Westfield's mayoral post, are three-year terms.

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# **GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF**

Kristen Westra, MSPT, graduated from University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, New Jersey in 1998. Prior to becoming a physical therapist, Kristen was a recreational therapist. She was also employed in a support position at ADVANCED Physical Therapy Associates since 1992. Founder David Van Brunt recognized Kristen's potential early on and invited her to advance her career with ADVANCED Physical Therapy Associates upon graduation.



Kristen joined our professional staff in June of 1998 and quickly proved herself as a clinican and a mentor. Her interests in orthopedics and sports injuries are deeply rooted in her collegiate experience playing Division I field hockey and softball at The University of Connecticut. She has shared her experience and knowledge speaking to young athletes regarding injury prevention and proper training techniques.

Kristen has served as an adjunct instructor at UMDNJ and continues to instruct physical therapy students during their internship at ADVANCED Physical Therapy Associates. She is also the Volunteer Coordinator and became the night supervisor in 2000. This position recognizes her understanding and commitment to ADVANCED Physical Therapy Associates' philosophy.

Therapists like Kristen are responsible for our reputation as one of the finest practices in the state.



### Obitu**arie**s **George Molyneux**

WESTFIELD George Molyneux, 82, died April 4, 2002 at Southern Ocean County Hospital in Manahawkin. He served in the Army during World War II and owned the Engineers Construction Co. of Westfield,

A native of Passaic, Mr. Molyneux lived in Nutley and Westfi**eld before moving to** Mana**hawkin in 1977**.

Surviving are a son, George M.; a daughter, Angela Simms; a

stepson, Jonathan Camp; two Kathryn stepdaughters, Vanderlaag and Jennifer Messler; a sister, Jean McDougal; 14 grandchildren and a greatgrandchild.

Services were held Saturday at Thos. L. Shinn Funeral Home of Manahawkin. Donations may be sent to Alzheimer's Association of Central New Jersey, 12 Roszel Road, Princeton, NJ 08540.

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### Joseph Brehm

WESTFIELD - Joseph H. Brehm, 71, died April 7, 2002 at Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Pa. An electrical engineer, he retired in 1994 after six years as the president of Ferranti International in Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. Brehm was born in Troy, N.Y. He lived in Westfield and Lancaster before moving to Bethlehem, Pa.

He earlier spent 33 years with Lockheed Corp., first as a director of marketing and engineering, then later as the program manager for a project built at the company's former Watchung plant. Mr. Brehm earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Manhattan College in 1951. He studied graduate courses in engineering at the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University.

### **Arthur E. Downer**

WESTFIELD — Arthur E. Downer, 79, died April 8, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He had been a life insurance agent and a founding member of the Nomahegan Swim Club.

A native of Summit, he lived in East Orange before moving to Westfield in 1945.

Mr. Downer was a general agent for more than 20 years with the National Life Insurance Co. of Vermont. He retired earlier this year from the Westfield office of MPC Deferred Co., with which he was a chartered life underwriter.

He served in the Army dur-

### Lecture set on 1930 Census data

WESTFIELD The Genealogical Society of the West Fields meets 1 p.m. Thursday at the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad

A member of the Westfield Tennis Club and the Conestoga Country Club in Lancaster, Mr. Brehm was a captain in the Air Force during the Korean War. He was a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem, Pa.

He and his wife, Mary Jane Miller Brehm, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 14.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mary Ellen Raposa of Bethlehem, Pa., and Maureen E. of Westfield; a brother, Gerard A. of Troy; and five grandchildren.

Mass was offered Wednesday in Bethlehem, Pa. Donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, 2121 City Line Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017 or American Heart Association, 212 E. Broad St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

ing World War II and was a former director of the Amateur Computer Club of Scotch Plains.

His wife, Virginia E. Rogers Downer, and a daughter, Peggy, are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Cathy; a son, Robert; and a grandchild.

Graveside services will be 11 today at Fairview a.m. Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to The Seeing Eye, P.O. Box 375, Morristown, NJ 07963-0375.

John Gelardo of Fanwood

leads a discussion about data

from the 1930 U.S. Census that

is only now becoming public. He

is a Manhattan-based archivist

for the National Archives and is

active in genealogy organiza-tions throughout the Northeast.

refreshments will be served.

The public is invited and

WESTFIELD - William Irwin, 83, died April 7, 2002 at his home in Basking Ridge. He had been a plant manager and later a senior safety engineer with Public Service Electric & Gas Co.

William Irwin

He was born in Millburn and lived in Westfield before moving to Basking Ridge.

Mr. Irwin retired in 1980 after 41 years with PSE&G at its Sewaren and Newark plants. He earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering in 1939 from Lehigh University, where he vas a member of Sigma Phi fraternity.

A trustee, deacon and elder of the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, Mr. Irwin taught Sunday school and sang in the church choir. More recently he sang in the mixed chorus and was a volunteer postman at Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge.

He also was a volunteer with Boy Scout Troop 72, Mobile Meals on Wheels in Westfield, Overlook Hospital in Summit and

**George Tzamos** WESTFIELD - George C. Plainfield. Donations may be Tzamos, 70, died April 4, 2002 at his home. A licensed professional engineer, he retired in

1994 after 35 years as the Westfield zoning and construction official. Mr. Tzamos was born in Grevena, Greece, and had lived for many years in Westfield. He served in the Army during the

Korean War and graduated from Lehigh University. Surviving are a sister, Ifegeneia Papanikolaou; and two nephews.

A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated 10 a.m. today at Holy Greek Orthodox Trinity Church, 250 Gallows Hill Road. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Arrangements are by Higgins Home for Funerals in



Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Mr. Irwin was an Army captain in the Pacific during World War II and a major in the Army Reserve after the war.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Janice Ware Irwin; four sons, William John "Jack" Irwin II. Douglas Lambert Irwin, Charles Fraser Irwin and David Ware Irwin; a sister, Margaret Irwin Langborgh, and 14 grandchildren. Services were held yesterday at

Fellowship Village. A second service will be 1:30 p.m. today at the Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue. Burial will be private.

Arrangements are by Gallaway & Crane Funeral Home in Basking Ridge. Donations may be sent to New Jersey American Parkinson Disease Association, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, P.O. Box 2601, New Brunswick, NJ 08903-2601 or William Irwin Music Memorial, Presbyterian Church of Westfield, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090-3131.

sent to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund.

### Margaret **Ann Turner**

SCOTCH PLAINS Margaret Ann "Peggy" Turner, 69, died April 5, 2002 at Union Hospital. She retired in 1998 after 15 years as an administrative assistant at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

She was born in Plainfield and lived in Scotch Plains for most of her life.

Ms. Turner was a member of the Scotch Plains Neighborhood Club; AARP Chapter 4144 in South Plainfield; and Jepthah Chapter 2, Order of the Eastern Star, in Plainfield. She also was an Avon sales representative.

Surviving are an aunt, Frances Kirby Williams; and six cousins.

Services were held yesterday at Metropolitan Baptist Church, of which Ms. Turner was a member. Burial will be today in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Arrangements are by Jones Funeral Home in Rahway.

### **Budget data** is mailed out

WESTFIELD --- The school

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district has published and mailed its newsletter Emphasis to every town residence. Delivered to households this week, the newsletter contains information about the 2002-2003 school budget. "We've prepared a summary that includes facts, figures, reasons, additions and deletions to the 2002-03 school budget that should help the Westfield voter make an informed decision on Tuesday, April 16," said William Wallace, finance chairman of the Westfield Board of Education.

Also available are copies of the New Jersey School Report Card. This document containsvaluable information on each of the nine public schools ip Westfield and how they compare with state averages. "Once again, the statistics show that Westfield students are achieving beyond the state average," said Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Janie Edmonds.

The data in the New Jersey School Report Card is compiled through the State Department of Education. A New Jersey School Report Card is published for each of the nine schools in the district. One was sent home with every kindergarten through eighth grade student in the Westfield Public Schools. The New Jersey School Report Card for Westfield High School can be obtained in the main office of Westfield High School or in the School/Community Relations office at 302 Elm St.



### **Roger Cassett Sr.**

K. Cassett Sr., 59, died April 1, 2002 at his home in South Plainfield. He had been a wrestling coach, champion wrestler and AT&T Corp. executive.

A native of Plainfield, he lived in Scotch Plains and North Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1982.

Mr. Cassett was on the wrestling team all four of his years at Plainfield High School; he won state championships in 1961, his junior year, and 1962, his senior year. He organized the first recreation wrestling program in Plainfield and was its first coach and instructor.

After his retirement from coaching, Mr. Cassett helped found CALF, which helps parents find educational and recreational activities for their children when school is not in session. CALF is an acronym for "Creating a Legacy Foundation."

SCOTCH PLAINS - Roger He described his philosophies on life within his website, www.rogermanonamission.com.

In addition, he was a tennis player and attended the U.S. Open in New York City as well as the other three "Grand Slam" tournaments.

He joined AT&T in 1975 and most recently was a project manager for its Exchange Group in Piscataway. Mr. Cassett earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Rutgers University in 1982.

Surviving are his former wife, Anita; a son, Roger Jr. of Stone Mountain, Ga.; two daughters, Danielle D. Jackson and husband Rodney of Plainfield and Chanda of Franklin Park; his stepfather, Raymond Dutton of South Plainfield; and two aunts.

Services were held Friday at Plainfield High School. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery with arrangements by Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood.

### **Thomas E. Faulks**

WESTFIELD - Thomas E. Faulks, 84, died March 27, 2002 at the JFK Hartwyck at Oak Tree Nursing, Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center in Edison. A retired history teacher and police detective, he was a past president of the Union County ASPCA.

He was born in Elizabeth and had lived in Westfield since 1967.

Mr. Faulks retired in 1992 after 30 years as a history teacher at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark. He earlier was with the Elizabeth Police Department for 17 years before leaving as a homicide detective.

He was an honor society president at Newark State

FANWOOD — Joseph T. Gildersleeve, 83, died April 5, 2002 of Lebanon and Timothy of at Runnells Specialized Hospital Alexandria, Va.; six daughters, of Union County in Berkeley Heights. He retired in 1986 after 35 years as a chemical engineer at the Newark plant of the Benjamin Moore Co.

A native of New York City, he lived in Iselin and Edison before moving to Fanwood in 1994.

for Masses at St. Helena's Roman Metuchen, followed by a Mass at Catholic Church in Edison and a member of the parish's Holy Name St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia. Society. He served in the Army during World War II.

#### Teachers College (now Kean University), where Mr. Faulks received his bachelor's degree. He earned a master's degree, summa cum laude, from the Newark campus of Rutgers University.

A member of the Elizabeth Police Mutual Aid Association and Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 4 in Elizabeth, Mr. Faulks served in the Army Signal Corps during World War II.

His wife, Jeanne E. Mulcahy Faulks, is deceased.

Surviving is a daughter, Karen J.

A memorial service was held Friday at Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home.

### Joseph Gildersleeve

Surviving are two sons, Richard Lynn Torgensen of Fanwood, Mary-Ellen Conroy and Amy Lipovisky, both of Edison, Joanne Zanko of Cranford, Jane Dullea of **Bayonne and JulieAnne Boles of** Hamilton; a brother, Stephen; and 21 grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at Mr. Gildersleeve was a lector Costello-Runyon Funeral Home, St. Helena's Church. Burial was in

Donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

### **Frederick Schill Sr.**

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Diabetic & Respiratory Patients!!

FANWOOD - Frederick R. 1989. Schill Sr., 80, died April 6, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional

Surviving are a son, before then. Frederick R. Jr.; a daughter,

### **Obituaries**

### Walter T. Smick

SCOTCH PLAINS --- Walter T. Smick, 73, died April 4, 2002 at Genesis ElderCare-Westfield Center. He had been with the Dover Elevator Corp. in Secaucus for 34 years, retiring in 1993 as a supervisor in its technical services division.

He was born in New York City and lived in Jackson Heights, N.Y., before moving to Scotch Plains in 1969.

Mr. Smick was a member of choice.

### **Marion Hobart Butler**

FANWOOD Marion Birdsall Hobart Butler, 81, died April 5, 2002 at Sarah Frances Nursing Home in Boonton. She made recordings for the blind in her home and worked for Holiday Travel in Plainfield prior to her retirement.

A native of Allentown, Pa., Mrs. Butler lived in Scotch Plains and Fanwood for more than 40 years before moving in 1995 to Hilton Head Island, S.C. She had resided in Mountain Lakes since 1999.

She graduated from Wellesley College in 1941. Mrs. Butler was a member of the American Association of University Women, the Philathalians, the Hilltop Tennis Club, Fanwood

### Alfred W. Artke

SCOTCH PLAINS -- Alfred W. Artke, 79, died April 3, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He owned A. Artke & Son Painting Contractors in the township from 1946 until his 1994 retirement.

He was born in Hillside and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1950.

Mr. Artke was also an officer in the Union County group of the Associated Professional Painting and Decorating Contractors of New Jersey. A volunteer with Mobile Meals on Wheels in Westfield, he enjoyed reading, bowling and trips to Atlantic City.

### Franco E. Ferri

WESTFIELD --- Franco E.

Mr. Ferri was born in Italy and

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the International Union of Electronic Workers. He served in the Army and attended Hunter College of the City University of

New York. Surviving are his wife, Rae DeMario Smick; a son, Jonathan; a daughter. Cathy Voelker; two grandchildren and a niece.

Private arrangements were by **Rossi Funeral Home. Donations** may be sent to a charity of your

Presbyterian Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Hilton Head Island.

Her first husband, John R Hobart, died in 1976. Her second husband, Robert A., died in 1997. Surviving are a son, David R. Hobart; three stepsons, Mark, David and Jonathan; a sister, Janet Bance; and 10 grandchil-

dren. A memorial service was held Monday Monday at Fanwood Presbyterian Church, Burial was in Old Brick Church Cemetery, Marlboro, with arrangements by Memorial Funeral Home.

Donations may be sent to Alzheimer's Association of Northern New Jersey, 400 Morris Ave., Denville, NJ 07834-1365.

His wife, Patricia T., died in 1995. A brother, Edward A.,

Surviving are a son, Kevin W. of Scotch Plains; three daughters, Deyna A. Schwiering and husband Dave of Fairfax, Va., Karon Y. Hartman and husband Newt of Flagtown and Adele C. Baudoux of Montgomery; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Monday 07041.

Surviving are two stepsisters, Nicola and Felice; and an aunt, Adiana DiMarzo.

Services were held Tuesday at Rossi Funeral Home, Scotch Plains, followed by a Mass at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. Entombment was in Woodbridge Memorial Gardens

### **Albina Appezzato**

SCOTCH PLAINS --- Albina R. Delnero Appezzato, 91, died April 4, 2002 at Father Hudson House in Elizabeth. She had been the longtime housekeeper and domestic supervisor at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

A lifelong Scotch Plains resident, Mrs. Appezzato sewed the bibs used for baptisms at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church and the linens that adorned the church altar. She was a member of the parish's Altar Rosary Society and Kitchen Committee along with the Catholic Golden Age Club.

She was prominent in preparations for the Feast of St. Bartholomew, held on Labor Day weekend in association with the Italian-American organization UNICO. In years when the feast was not held Mrs. Appezzato participated in a religious observance to honor the patron saint of her parish.

Bowdish Schulz, 81, died April 3,

2002 at her home in Whiting A

native of Newark, she lived in

Fanwood and Forked River before

Charles J. Sr.; a brother, Elwood

Bowdish; and a grandson,

sons, Charles J. Jr. and William J.;

a daughter, Regina Scarola; two

sisters, Rose Rimmele and

Hastrup, 86, died April 3, 2002 at

Rahway Hospital. She was born

in Cliffside Park and lived in

Cranford before moving to

Club in Cranford, she was a mem-

ber of the Westfield Tennis Club.

Deceased are her husband,

Mrs. Schulz is survived by two

moving to Whiting in 2001.

FANWOOD

Michael Scarola.

WESTFIELD

Westfield in 1998.

WESTFIELD

Before working at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church she was a seamstress for the Westfield Curtain Co.

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Deceased are her husband, John; two sisters. Angeline Troiano and Mary Capone; and two brothers, Frank Delnero and Anthony Delnero.

Surviving are a daughter, Teresa A. Ley; two sons, John A. and retired Marine Corps Col. Ralph J.; two sisters, Anna Romagnoli and Teresa Alvanos; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mass was offered Monday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at Funeral Home. Rossi Entombment was in Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia,

Donations may be sent to Center for Hope Hospice, Father Hudson House, 111 Dellart Place, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

### **Thelma Schulz**

Theima E.

Catherine Needham; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren

Mass was offered Saturday at St. Pius X Roman Catholie Church in Forked River, Burial was in Good Luck Cemetery, Lanoka Harbor.

Arrangements were by Riggs Funeral Home of Forked River. Donations may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

### Velma V. Hastrup

Velma V.

Linda L.

Her husband, Herbert W. Sr., is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Herbert W. Jr. and wife Lynne of Roselle Park; two daughters, Jan L. of New York state and Jill M. of Monmouth Junction; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark, Burial was in George Washington Memorial Park; Paramus.

Memorial donations may be sent to your favorite charity.

### Linda Botulinski

Westfield since 1965.

Surviving are a son, Alexander Steven Jr.; a daughter, Debra; a brother, Brian Dowd; a sister, Barbara McMaster; and two grandchildren.

Visitation is 9:30 a.m. today at McCracken Funeral Home, 1500 Morris Ave., Union, where services will follow 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Hastrup earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Kean College of New Jersey in 1987 and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Kean College in 1994. A lifetime honorary member of the Green Thumb Garden

at Rossi Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Atlantic Home Čare Hospice, 33

He served in the Marine

Ferri, 64, died April 6, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. A tailor, he worked for the Country Squire Men's Shop in Clark for 15 years and the former Hahne's department store in Westfield

### Corps aboard the USS Orizara in the South Pacific during World War II.

died in 1998.

Bleeker St., Millburn, NJ

Dowd Botulinski, 59, died April 8, 2002 at her home. She joined Bell Laboratories in 1975; it later became Lucent Technologies and

she was a manager at its Holmdel plant when she retired in 2001. Mrs. Botulinski was born in Newark and had lived in



A native of Newark, he lived in Maplewood before moving to Fanwood in 1952.

Mr. Schill served in the Army during World War II and collected die-cast cars. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and the Matchbox USA Club.

His wife, Elaine B., died in

grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

were held Services at Memorial Wednesday Funeral Home. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth.

Donations may be sent to American Diabetes Association, 19 School House Road, Somerset, NJ 08873 or Haven Hospice, P.O. Box 3059, Edison, NJ 08818.

Medical Center in Plainfield. He Barbara E. Giambalvo; seven had lived in Westfield since 1965. mausoleum.



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# Commentary

# The responsibility for our children

Participation in next Tuesday's school election will be dismal.

According to the New Jersey School Boards Association, voter turnout has gone down consistently in recent years. That's discouraging because in 1996 turnout was only 18 percent.

That's disappointing. At a time when the quality of public education ranks high among the public's concerns, it's puzzling why the turnout is so low.

"Perhaps no where can Nev Jersey's citizens have a stronger voice in government than in the annual school election," said Patti J. Pawling, president of the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA). "Voters select the men and women who set the policies under which schools operate and who oversee more than \$15 billion in expenditures statewide. They also have the opportunity to approve or reject a proposed school district budget.

"But citizens cannot be heard if they don't exercise their right to vote. In the past, too few have taken that opportunity."

Pawling's words should be taken seriously by all New Jersey voters. The biggest chunk of your property bill goes towards public schools; that's why your vote on the budget is so important. And though the state's control of education has increased in recent years, the local school board still has a considerable amount of power in shaping the quality of education in a school district.

If New Jersey voters do not go to the polls next Tuesday, they should not complain and whine about the public school system. By casting a vote, residents can make a positive difference in their communities. The future of the public school system depends on involvement by all members of the community. Whether or not our own children attend school, we share a collective responsibility for all the young people in our towns. That's why we should all vote next Tuesday.

# Leave tattling to the children

#### What have we come to?

In the wake of Sept. 11, don't we have better things to do with our time than rat on our neighbors?

Cranford police have investigated 10 complaints by neighbors against their neighbors. Why? Because the villains were washing their car during a drought emergency.

Were the car washers wrong? Absolutely.

Should they be punished, if they are caught?

Absolutely.

But isn't turning in your neighbor akin to tattling on the classmate who tossed the spitball at the teacher?

The police have better things to do with their time. By all means, if they spot someone violating the drought regulations while they are cruising through the township, they should issue a summons. But if you see your neighbor doing a no-no, talk to him. Maybe he honestly doesn't know he is violating the law. If he does know and doesn't care, say a prayer for him.



Letters to the editor

### Superintendent urges all to vote

#### To The Record-Press:

The annual school election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, after scrutinizing every area of district spending, has completed the difficult task of building the 2002-2003 school budget that will be put before the voters. While our primary focus is always the instructional needs of our students, severe constraints on outside revenues and the concerns of local taxpayer were also considered. More than \$1.6 million dollars was cut from spending proposals during the deliberation process, including current staff positions and some existing programs, to bring the budget below state limits. The budget that is being proposed will allow us to maintain appropriate class sizes and add programs that are required by the state or are necessary to meet student needs. The budget will also allow us to continue our efforts in staff development, program evaluation, and curriculum improvement. The current instructional staff will be maintained next year and new staff will be added because of the move of the fifth grades into the middle schools and because enrollments are expected to continue increasing at the middle and high school levels. The proposed spending plan allows the district to meet its instructional goals in all the core content areas and also provides for the purchase of needed texts and materials. The elementary world language program will be expanded, Advanced Placement materials will be purchased, and continuing technology needs will be addressed. Multiyear plans for the replacement and repair of music and athletic equipment will continue. Special education costs, which are difficult to predict from year to year, will continue to increase and major cost increases for employee health benefits are antic-

#### ipated.

On the revenue side, the state has frozen education aid at current levels, in effect reducing anticipated revenues by about \$600,000. While we continue to seek grant funds from a variety of sources, such funds are extremely limited for districts such as ours. We are continuing our efforts to rebuild a fiscally responsible free balance of about 3 percent of the general operating budget, so no free balance has been applied to the proposed budget. In particular, the Board of Education has been ever mindful that local taxes for debt service will increase in the coming year as the full effect of recently approved bond referendums is realized.

In my experience, Scotch Plains and Fanwood are communities of hardworking people who are dedicated to providing a solid educational foundation for their children in a climate of high expectations and support. The 4,800 children in our local public schools continue to make us proud by their accomplishments that continually distinguish them and our communities in the surrounding area, the state, and even the nation. No one should underestimate the importance of every vote in the school election on April 16. Voting, not flag waving, is what sets us apart as a democratic nation. To help residents cast informed votes, budget information is available via SP-F TV-34 and on the district's website, www.spfk12.org. The district newsletter, Perspective, should have arrived in local homes already. Specific voter questions can be answered via the budget hot line at (908) 889-9665. I urge all eligible Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents to vote on April 16! Carol B. Choye Schools superintendent



I'm not going to vote in this month's school election.

I'm not apathetic. In fact, I probably care more for the education of our children than many of the people who will be voting.

I'm not going to vote because I don't want to participate in a system that is grossly unfair and ridiculously inefficient.

The funding of public schools in New Jersey is morally and politically unjust. The reliance on property taxes and a state aid formula only a bureaucrat can love has created severe imbalances in the quality of public schools from community to community.

No matter how many compensating allowances are made, it is still unfair that more affluent communities like Bedminster and Bridgewater have lower property tax rates than middle class communities like Somerville, Bound Brook and South Bound Brook. Bridgewater and Bedminster property taxpayers are blessed by the fates that brought to their municipalities, respectively, The Commons and AT&T; because these townships had loads of open space and easy access to highways, they were able to attract the big ratables that expanded the property tax base as the cost of education began to skyrocket in the But older communities 1980s. such as Somerville and Bound Brook have little land left to develop, so the property tax burden falls squarely on the shoulders of the homeowner, not a corporate giant. Unfortunately, the cost of education in the older towns is not necessarily any lower; the children in those communities may need more special programs, such as English as a Second Language. School districts are also burdened with having to include more and more state mandates in the curriculum did you know, for example, the state Assembly has passed bills requiring gambling discipline and breast self-examination to be included in the state's core curriculum. And teacher salaries are negotiated based on the averages of salaries in other districts. That means salaries in South Bound Brook are somehow related to the salaries in Bedminster. Is that fair? The simple solution, which would solicit howls of protest from every special interest involved in the public school system, is to pay teachers throughout the state based on a single contract and a single salary guide. A fourth-grade teacher with a masters degree and 15 years experience should receive the same salary either in the East Orange or Branchburg school district

But don't be a snitch.

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## PTA Council backs school budget

#### To The Record-Press:

On behalf of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council I'd like to pledge our endorsement of the school budget. We urge all members of the community to come out on April 16th and vote YES. Polls will be open from 2-9 p.m.

Enhancements in the 2002-2003 spending plan include additional new staff positions (to keep up with our rising student population), new textbooks, supplies and instructional materials at all levels and additional funds for technology. We cannot afford a "no" vote for our students. Our community has shown that they value public education. Fixed costs are having a significant impact on the budget. Like many of our own budgets, the public schools face rising costs in utilities and health benefits. It is critical that all voters cast a "YES" vote to

ensure that all children continue to benefit from these essential educational incentives.

Caren Goldberg Corresponding Secretary Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council

### Sunday sports decried by clergy

#### To The Record-Press:

We, the undersigned senior clergy of the Westfield interfaith congregations, wish to express our concerns about sports activities which are scheduled on Sundays. For many years sports organizations avoided scheduling sports activities on Sundays out of respect for religious observances and educational programs. Unfortunately, with the increasing interest in sports and secularization of our culture, this no longer seems to be a consideration.

Sunday morning sports events and practices (and even those scheduled early afternoon out of town) conflict with religious education opportunities at all houses of worship in Westfield. Additionally, they conflict with primary worship opportunities at most churches. It is wrong to force children and their families to choose between enriching one's religious life and participating in sports.

Many would agree that our culture benefits greatly from the moral and ethical development of children and their families that comes from involvement in religious instruction and worship. Since both religious activities and recreational activities contribute to the overall wellbeing of our community, we should not compete

for the allocation of such a precious commodity — our time.

We urge all sports programs in Westfield to make every attempt to avoid scheduling activities at times on Sundays that will cause a conflict between religious programming and recreational activities. Together we can enhance and improve the quality of our life in our community.

Rev. Dimitrius Antokas, pastor of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church; Rev. William Ross Forbes, senior pastor of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. Andrew Hammersley, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Monsignor William C. Harms, pastor of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church; Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church; Rev. David Harwood, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church of Westfield; Rabbi Charles Kroloff, spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El; Monsignor Joseph P. Masiello, pastor of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Rev. Stanford Sutton, pastor of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church; Dr. Darla Dee Turlington, pastor of First Baptist Church of Westfield; Rev. Leon Randall, pastor of St. Luke's A.M.E. Zion Church; and Dr. Chris Atwood, pastor of First Congregational Church.

Of course that's never going to happen.

There are too many school districts in New Jersey, each with its own board of education and multiple unions. It would made sense, both fiscally and academically, to consolidate school districts, but this rational and reasonable option often falls victim to chauvinism, sentiment and arrogance. (Just think of the savings - only one football field to maintain!) But the state does not make easy to regionalize because of the inequalities in property taxes; somebody is bound to lose money on the deal. It's time to conclude somewhat reluctantly that as long as public school funding is based on property taxes, regionalization will never gain credibility as a viable option.

Another reason I'm not voting in this month's election is the double standard unjustly placed on school boards. While the school budget has to face judgment by the voters, the municipal budget escapes untouched by the general public. When a new school is proposed, voters must pass a bond issue. But if a new police headquarters is proposed no referendum is needed. Either both school and municipal budgets are placed before the votes or neither are.

I would participate in this month's election if I had the chance to vote on both the school and municipal budget; that seems fair to me.

### Do you plan to vote in the school elections on Tuesday?





"Yes. I'm going to go to support the budget. Fran Lemberg Westfield



"Absolutely. I vote every year, because I always feel the Lydia Allen

Cranford



"I plan to vote, and I do not plan to vote for the budget." Mary Jo Howell Westfield

"Yes. I just think it's important to ensure the schools have enough money." Pat Fitzpatrick

Westfield

## It's time for the school board to sell 302 Elm St.

#### **Fo The Record-Press:**

The Westfield Board of Education has presented a budet requiring the largest (9.7 perent) tax increase ever while educing educational opportuniies for students.

The logic of the necessary iction is quite clear. Has the Board of Education made a serius effort to reduce administraive and facilities costs? There are two facilities in Westfield vith no students. The smart and ensible action to take is to educe these by a factor of at east one. 302 Elm St. (lot 18) is more marketable and he Superintendent Foley has said hat the administrative offices would fit quite nicely" in the building. School ⊿incoln Solutions for the Board of Education vehicles were found lsewhere.

Since February 1997, when he Board of Education voted to pend several million dollars to enovate 302 Elm St., a building vith no students, at a time when tudents were in trailers, ortable classrooms, antiquated

labs and dingy facilities, an effort in the proposed budget when prohas been made to reduce nonclassroom facility costs and general revenue by consolidating administrative facilities. Other school districts do this. The administration has vowed

that new board members have been apprised of this lengthy, researched effort. The support of some board members is gratefully acknowledged. The administration has stated there are no funds for capital improvements for 302 Elm St. in the 2002-03 budget. However, facility costs have increased almost 10 percent

grams are reduced or eliminated. Supporting two white elephants while cutting opportunities for students is patently unfair. New leadership on the board is need-

A "no" vote on the budget could be a service to the underserved students in our district. Since a rejected budget goes before the Town Council for review, it would be an opportunity to put the educational needs of Westfield's young people before a governing body more willing to listen. Board of Education Theshould be about education, not real estate management. These aging buildings are a fiscal time bomb.

> JOANNE HONE Westfield

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### April 12, 2002

### **Business** notes

Gail F. Donovan, 44, of Vestfield, has been appointed mecutive vice president and chief perating officer for the four-hosital system of New York-based Intinuum Health Partners. The ystem includes St. Luke'sloosevelt Hospital Center, Beth srael Medical Center, Long Island Iollege Hospital and the New Iork Eye & Ear Infirmary.

Since 1986, Donovan has held everal management positions vithin the company, including her nost recent as executive vice presdent and chief operating officer or Beth Israel and St. Luke'stoosevelt.

A graduate of Villanova University, Donovan also holds a master's degree in health services administration from George Washington University and is an active member of numerous health-care organizations including the American College of Healthcare Executives, both The Greater New York and American Hospital Associations and is a past-president of the Metropolitan Health Administrators Association.

In addition to her health-care responsibilities, Donovan volunteers with the local Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts.

### **Cranford cop cars damaged after high-speed Rt. 22 chase**

CRANFORD — A Hillside man was arrested Friday after leading two Cranford officers on a high-speed chase into Newark that ended when both police cars crashed.

Police pulled over Hillside resident Douglas Kennedy, 24, at 3:30 p.m. April 4 on the northbound Garden State Parkway. While Officer Derek Farbanec reviewed Kennedy's license and registration, the driver took off down the highway.

Kennedy and Officer Tom Bell followed as Kennedy drove east on Route 22 into Newark. The pursuit ended when the police cars each crashed while exiting the highway onto a local street.

Kennedy was arrested at his home the next day by two Cranford detectives. He was charged with eluding, reckless driving, and driving with a suspended license. He was taken to the Union County Jail on \$6,500 cash bail. No one was injured in the accident. Each police car sus-

No one was injured in the accident. Each police car sustained over \$5,000 in damage to the front end, a police spokesman said.









Oriental Bittersweet is an invasive woody vine that strangles trees and shrubs along the Rahway River. Master Gardeners are working to root out the vine.

## **Invasive plants target of Master Gardeners**

CRANFORD — Native plants along the Rahway River will get a boost from the Master Gardeners of Union County this month.

Sixty Master Gardeners from all over the county will bring their pruning tools, shovels and rakes to the park on Springfield Avenue next to the historic Hanson House on Tuesday.

The volunteer gardeners will remove invasive plants that are choking out native plants. At the same time they will prune and mulch native plants to encourage their growth and increase their ability to prevent erosion by holding down soil on the riverbank.

The parkland slated for restoration is divided between Union County and Cranford. The county owns the area along the bank of the river. This area, known as the Rahway River Parkway, Cranford Section, is kept natural and wild to preserve a piece of what Cranford was like before development.

Development has brought plants that were imported from Asia. With the help of birds and other wildlife, as well as their own vigorous growing abilities, these plants have moved from gardens into the wild, overtaking native plants. One such imported plant, Oriental bittersweet, is a woody vine that climbs into the tree canopy blocking the sun. It is an aggressive climber and its rapidly growing stems twine around other plants, strangling them. Another import, Japanese honeysuckle is enjoyed for its flowers and perfume, but spreads rapidly and quickly engulfs small trees and shrubs. Japanese knotweed, another invasive, is so hardy that a piece of it floating down the river can take root downstream. The Master Gardeners will work to combat these invasive plants in the Rahway River Parkway keeping them under control while native plants grow and take hold. Native plants have been reintroduced to the park by Union County over the past few years. These include pussy willow, silky dogwood, common highbush blueberry, flowering dogwood and common winterberry holly. The Master Gardener program is an educational program of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County. Rutgers Cooperative Extension educational programs are offered to all without regard to race religion, color, age, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability or marital or family status. For more information on the Master Gardener program or help identifying invasive plants, call the Union County Master Gardener Helpline, (908) 654-9852.

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### **Births**

A daughter, Jenna Nicole Delemo, was born to Lisa and Raymond Delemo of Piscataway Robert Wood Joh**nson University** Hospital, New Brunswick, Jan. 31, 2002. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. She is welcomed at home by her two sisters, Renee Michele, 3 1/2 years old, and Katelyn Dawn who is 2 1/2 years old. Her maternal grandmother is Linda Rudy of South Plainfield. Her paternal grandmother is Ruthann Delemo of Piscataway. Her maternal great grandparents are Bess and Irving Rudy of Westfield and Eleanor Riach of Edison.

### **Briefs**

### Science, religion discussion planned

WESTFIELD - A discussion of science and spirituality will be at 7:30 p.m. April 18 in the Coe Fellowship Room of First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St. The Rev. John A. Mills, director of Wisdom's Light, a ministry of public dialogues on religion and science, will facilitate the discussion.

This session will look at various spiritual notions that are arising in the post-classical science, based on emergence, quantum mechanics and other developing science.

The last session in May will look at how religion, spirituality and science can mutually enhance faith. More information on this ministry can be found at

http://wislit.home.att.net

### Special events set at Westfield Library

WESTFIELD The Westfield Memorial Library has scheduled a number of events for those who hold a valid library card:

Tuesday, April 16 — Internet workshops, every half-hour beginning 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 17 — "Farinelli," 1995 movie from France, 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets are required.

Thursday, April 18 — The Brothers Grinn, storytelling theater troupe for children, 7 p.m. Tickets are required.

Friday, April 19 — "Toddler Teddy," stories and songs for children, 10:30 a.m. Tickets are required.

For tickets where they are required, visit the library at 550 E. Broad St. For full information, phone (908) 789-4090.

### **Historical groups** hold joint session

WESTFIELD — The Spring Assembly of the Westfield History Societies is 8 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St.

This annual event is a joint program of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Genealogical Society of the West Fields, Miller-Cory House Museum volunteers, Sons of the American Revolution and Westfield Historical Society. Miller-Cory House The Museum volunteers are the host organization for this year's assembly. Featured speaker is Renate Maroney, costume chairman for the Miller-Cory House Museum and director of education for the Scotch Plains Historical Society. Women and men from the participating organizations will model Revolutionary War-era apparel. Ballads from Colonial times precede the program at 7:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterward. Admission is free and the public is invited. Parking is available in the municipal lots off Elm Street and Mountain Avenue.

# Westfielders serious about fresh veggies

#### By CANDACE WALLER

CORRESPONDENT WESTFIELD - Neither the drought, thieves, marauding deer and rabbits, nor pesky insects will stop the growers in the Westfield Share Gardens. The organization that started as an idea in 1974 with the first crop in the spring of 1975 continues to overcome these hardships. Jim Forgus, president of the

Westfield Share Gardens, said that the group is creative in conserving resources. Each plot is 25 feet by 25 feet and costs \$25, this fee includes water.

We've gone through droughts before and it is usually not a problem because we hand water," Forgus said.

"Only about 30 percent of the water gets to the ground when you use a sprinkler. Hand watering gets more of the water to the According roots. to Elizabethtown Water Co. watering the plants are not a problem.

Still some members are taking extra precautions.

Patricia Cheeks said she is using drought-resistant seeds. Other members are using mulch and grass clippings to retain moisture in the soil.

"I grow organic," said Cheeks who is in her third year of the program. "It's exciting and different every year. The best thing is when 1 pick the crop. There's nothing better than fresh-picked raspberries. Many of the fruits



**GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Lauramae Cutler of Westfield clears her plot in preparation for the growing season.

and vegetables don't make it home.

Many of the growers have started their seeds in the basement and will put them in the ground in the upcoming weeks. Growers have their favorite plants.

Some of these plants include zucchini, tomatoes, onion, leeks,

various squashes, strawberries, raspberries, various herbs, collard greens, radishes, peas, chard, cucumbers, Swiss spinach, broccoli and cauliflower. Lauramae Cutler, a retiree, is

said that she enjoys the camaraderie with the other growers. "I like gardening. I grew up on

one of the original members. She



David Sidaway clears one of his four 25-foot by 25-foot garden plots in the Westfield Share Garden.

a farm in Ohio," Cutler said. "We like to talk to the other people. The friendships have grown over the years. It's sort of a social club

Other growers said that working in the soil brings back fond memories. David Sidaway from South Africa says he works on his four plots 2-3 times a week.

"I just like being down there. I find it fulfilling," said Sidaway who is growing Genn Squash that he brought from South Africa. "The people are terrific. We help each other out and trade ideas. The place is great if you are a bird or animal watcher. I get quite a kick out of watching the wildlife."

That same wildlife can test the survival of the plants. Rabbits, mice, ground hogs and

birds enjoy eating the produce and seeds. Growers put up fences, plastic and traps to protect their plants. There is also the problem of weeds.

"Ýou have to go out there at least twice a week to fight the weeds," said Tibor Pavleszek who starts his own seeds and last year grew an 11-fi pound cabbage. "I always had a garden while growing up. I studied botany in school and always fooled around with plants. Gardening is in my blood."

Forgus said the group is always looking for new gardeners to replace those that have retired or moved away. Members are from Westfield and neighboring towns. You can contact Forgus at 232-6365 for more information about this group.

**Bloomingdale students find science electrifying** 





### Hat weaving set at Miller-Cory

WESTFIELD - In Colonial times straw hats were for fashion as well as function: They were made of rye, gathered in mid-June just before it ripened.

Eileen O'Shea visits the Miller-Cory House Museum 2-5 p.m. Sunday to show how straw hats were woven in early times. She will have a number of hats on display.

As is the custom, docents in period dress will conduct guided tours of the 18th century farmhouse with the last tour leaving 4 p.m. Joan Barna of Scotch Plains and Patricia Looloian will cook recipes on the open hearth using 18th century recipes.

Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6. For more information, phone (908) 232-1776.

Miller-Cory House The Museum is at 614 Mountain Ave., where the annual Sheep to Shawl Festival takes place 1-<sup>5</sup> p.m. Sunday, April 21.

Bloomingdale Avenue students appear enthralled by a recent science demonstration by representatives of the Liberty Science Center that was sponsored by the Cranford school's PTA.

Kaitlin McGovern has a hair-raising experience as she helps demonstrate the principles of static electricity.





# Looking for love

Lacey the buildog likes the attention from Steve Ferguson and his daughter Amber, 9, of Cranford, while Hannah, above, awaits her turn. The dogs were available for adoption at a People for Animals event Sunday at Nomahegan Park.

NICOLE DIMELLA/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Theater

### **NOW PLAYING**

**BROOK ARTS CENTER** 10 Hamilton St. Bound Brook (732) 469-7700 • "An Evening of Broadway War Musicals," revue of military-flavored show tunes. 8 p.m. April 12; 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. April 13; 2 p.m. April 14; 8 p.m. April 19, 20. Adults \$20, students, seniors \$17. FORUM THEATRE

### 314 Main St., Metuchen

(732) 548-0582

• "Pageant," encore of beauty pageant satire. To April 28. Admission \$25; group rates available. Call for showtimes.

**GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE** 9 Livingston Ave. New Brunswick

(732) 246-7717; www.georgestplayhouse.org

• "Ctrl+Alt+Delete," world pre**miere of** dot-bomb comedy by Anthony Clarvoe. To April 14. Admission \$45-\$26; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

**PHILIP J. LEVIN THEATER** Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

(732) 932-7511



stage play/Marilyn Monroe movie. 8 p.m. April 11-13, 17-20; 2 p.m. April 14, 21. Admission \$19-\$9 PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE Brookside Dr., Millburn (973) 376-4343; www.papermill.org "The King and I," area production of Rodgers & Hammerstein musical. To May 19. Admission

\$59-\$20; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

SOMERSET VALLEY PLAYERS

Route 514, Hillsborough (908) 369-SHOW; www.svptheatre.org "Social Security," comedy by Andrew Bergan. 8 p.m. April 12, 13, 19, 20; 3 p.m. April 7, 14, 21. Adults \$13; seniors, students \$10 (no discount Saturday).

#### VILLAGERS THEATRE

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset (732) 873-2710 "Closer," drama by Patrick Marber, 8 p.m. April 12, 13, 19, 20; 2 p.m. April 7. Admission \$10.

### For Kids CHARLOTTE'S WEB

1 p.m. Saturday, April 20 Union County Arts Center 1601 Irving St., Rahway (732) 499-8226; www.ucac.org • The most famous E.B. White "Bus Stop," local production of story before "Stuart Little."

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Admission \$9. LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD/THE THREE LITTLE PIGS 10 a.m. April 13, 14 Paper Mill Playhouse Brookside Dr., Millburn (973) 376-4343; www.papermill.org · Two-two-two famous fairy tales in one show. Admission \$9,

#### THE UGLY DUCKLING

10 a.m. April 20, 21 Paper Mill Playhouse Brookside Dr., Millburn (973) 376-4343; www.papermill.org Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale done live and local with music. Admission \$9, \$8.

#### Concerts AMAR CHAMBER

ENSEMBLE 8 p.m. Friday, April 12 Somerset County Library Vogt Dr., Bridgewater (908) 526-4016 Susan Dadian, guitar; Theresa Norris, flute; and Victoria Atwater, Adults \$20, \$15; students \$7. soprano. Free admission. **JOHN BUNCH** 8 p.m. Friday, April 19 Watchung Arts Center Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190; www.watchungarts.org Jazz pianist plays a solo show. Admission \$12. LINDA EDER

7 p.m. Saturday, April 13 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick

www.statetheatrenj.org Broadway singer-actress. Admission \$65-\$30. Gala tickets (with post-concert dinner-dance) \$250GUITAR ODYSSEY 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13 Watchung Arts Center Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190: www.watchungarts.com • El McMeen (New Jersey) and (California). Pattis Larry Admission \$12. JOE 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13 Union County Arts Center 1601 Irving St., Rahway (732) 499-8226; www.ucac.org R&B singer whose hits are on 98.7 Kiss FM and the newly resurgent WBLS. Admission \$42, \$26. **CECILE LICAD** 8 p.m. Friday, April 12 Wilkins Theatre Kean University, Union (908) 527-2337 Philippine-born pianist. JOE MACEROLLO 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 19 Bedminster (908) 226-7300 • Accordion player performs in a living-room showcase (location given at time of purchase). Adults \$75; students 10-18 \$25. MOZARTEUM ORCHES-

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7 p.m. Sunday, April 21



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#### Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrenj.org

• Three Mozart pieces - the "Prague" Symphony No. 38 in D major, K.504; a piano concerto, K.595; and the K.595; and the "Jupiter" Symphony No. 41 in C major, K.551. Admission \$40-\$20. ON THE ROAD TO GLORY 7 p.m. Sunday, April 14 Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College Route 28, Branchburg (908) 725-3420; www.raritanval.edu/theatre · Spirituals, hymns and other church-related music with the Princely Players. Admission \$27,

#### \$22 **ORCHESTRA OF**

ST. PETER BY THE SEA 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20 Presbyterian Church 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield (908) 233-2042 · Conducted by Rev. Alphonse Stephenson. Adults \$25; seniors \$20; students 18-under \$10. MARIA SCHNEIDER 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20 Richardson Auditorium, Princeton University (609) 258-5000 Conducting her jazz orchestra. Adults \$26-\$17; students \$2. STRAVINSKY STORIES 3 p.m. Sunday, April 21 Richardson Auditorium, Princeton University (609) 258-5000

• "The Soldier's Story" and an

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### day. SPRING WESTFIELD ART-CRAFT MARKET

Westfield Armory 500 Rahway Ave., Westfield (800) 834-9437; www.

americancraftmarketing.com • Held for the 14th year, 5-8:30 p.m. April 12; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 13; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 14. Adults \$6; children under 10 free (no strollers)

### Museums **CORNELIUS LOW HOUSE**

Middlesex County Museum 1225 River Rd., Piscataway (732) 745-4177

Open to the public 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. • "UnCommon Clay: New

Jersey's Architectural Terra Cotta Industry, April 14-May 30, 2003. CRANE-PHILLIPS

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124 N. Union Ave., Cranford (908) 276-0082

Open 2-4 p.m. Sunday or by appointment. Free admission.

 "Restoring a 19th Century Kitchen," to June.

 "Cranford's Prehistoric Past," to June.

• Exhibit marking "100 Years of Cranford High School," to June.

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Richardson Chamber Players. Adults \$20-\$10; students \$2. WESTMINSTER

### SCHOLA CANTORUM

8 p.m. Saturday, April 13 -Westminster Choir College **Bristol Chapel**, Princeton (609) 921-7100, Ext. 308 · Spring concert, featuring music from Germany, Venezuela, Brazil and Australia. Adults \$10; students, seniors \$8.

#### Dance COPPELIA

8 p.m. Saturday, April 13 Wilkins Theatre, Kean University, Union (908) 527-2337; www.newjerseybailet.org · Polish-based work performed by the New Jersey Ballet. Adults \$18; Kean faculty, employees \$16; students \$12.

#### **MOMIX IN ORBIT**

8 p.m. Friday, April 12 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrenj.org

• New Jersey premiere of "Millennium Skiva," "Pleiades" and "Discman." Admission \$32-\$20.

### Events **COMPUTER SHOW**

AND SALE Garden State Exhibit Center 1-287 Exit 10, Somerset (800) 53-COMPUTER;





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### This week

### FRIDAY **APRIL** 12

BOOK SALE — annual event for Friends of Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, April 12, 13. (908) 233-9147.

ART-CRAFT MARKET --held in the spring for the 14th year. Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 5-8:30 p.m. April 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 14. Adults \$6; under 10 free (no strollers). (800) 834-9437 or www.americancraftmarketing.com.

WINE TASTING - benefit for Westfield High School Band Parents Association. Knights of Columbus hall, 2400 North Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. \$20. Tickets: (908) 233-6011.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK ---"Tortilla Soup," Mexican-American movie from last fall. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 322-6400.

### SATURDAY **APRIL 13** BOOK SIGNING - "In the

Presence of the Dinosaurs" by John Colagrande and Larry Felder. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

HEALTHY KIDS DAY --- at Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, 1340 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 1-4 p.m. (908) 889-8880.

### SUNDAY APRIL 14

SINGLES GROUP -- for single/divorced/widowed\_people over 45. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m. April 14, 21, 28. \$2. (908) 889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

STRAW HATS --- woven by Eileen O'Shea. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

### TUESDAY **APRIL 16**

GOLF OUTING - 11th annual event for athletic programs of Union Catholic High School (Scotch Plains). Knoll Country Club, Parsippany. Registration: reagan@unioncatholic.org or (908) 889-1621. - DINNER MEETING - of **Berkeley** Heights-Clark-Westfield BPW Club. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road, \$25. Clark. D.M. Reservations: (908) 276-9502 by April 15.

Newcomers Club of Westfield event for children 18 months-3 years old. The Little Gym 20 South Ave. West, Cranford, 12:15 p.m. Reservations required: (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-5605.

**TRICKY TRAY** — auction for Parents' Guild of Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 6 p.m. \$8. Reservations: (908) 889-1600.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK ---"Captain Corelli's Mandolin," Nicolas Cage movie from last summer. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood. 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 322-6400.

### SATURDAY **APRIL 20**

PLANT SEEDS - for wildflowers to grow along high-tension lines, Cray Terrace, Fanwood, 10 a.m. (steady-rain date 1:30 p.m. April 21). Bring T-rakes; dress for muddy weather. (908) 322-6577.

**BOOK SIGNING** — "In the Footsteps George of William Washington"  $-\mathbf{b}\mathbf{v}$ Clotworthy. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

ANNUAL CONCERT Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. Adults \$25; seniors \$20; students \$10. Tickets: (908) 233-2042.

### SUNDAY APRIL 21 **OPEN HOUSE** — for sum-

mer camps sponsored by Union

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1033 College, County Springfield Ave., Cranford, 1-3 p.m. (908) 709-7600. SHEEP TO SHAWL -

Festival, annual event of Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

### COMING UP **BLOOD DRIVE** — at Lord

& Taylor, 609 North Ave. West, Westfield, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. April 24.

Appointments/donor requirements: (908) 233-0065.

**PLAY TIME** — Newcomers Club of Westfield event for parent and child. Mindowaskin Park, Westfield, 10:30 a.m. April 25. (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-5605.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK ----"Billy Elliot," upmarket movie from fall 2000. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. April 26. Free, (908) 322-6400.

DINNER NIGHT -- for Newcomers Club of Westfield, 8 p.m. April 26. Bring dessert, party game, after-dinner drinks. (908) 389-9248 or (908) 233-5605.

**RECEPTION** — for spring exhibition of Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, noon April 27. (908) 233-7458.

**OPEN HOUSE** — for summer camps sponsored by Union County College, 232 D. Second St., Plainfield, noon-2 p.m. May 4. (908) 709-7600.

CANDIDATES NIGHT --with Republican candidates for county office. Railroad station, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. May 6. (908) 322-3241.

# Westfield cops charge 4 drivers with driving under the influence

WESTFIELD Four people were charged last week in the town with driving under the influence of alco-

hol. Damon Ross, 30, of Plainfield was charged April 2 with driving while intoxicated after a motor vehicle accident at South and North Scotch Plains avenues. The accident happened at 9:47 p.m.

Also charged with driving while intoxicated were Carlos Rodriguez, 35, of Westfield, at 2:47 a.m. April 4; Jane Pottorff, 42, of Basking Ridge, at 1:09 a.m. Friday; and Eric Seemann, 45, of Scotch Plains, at 3:41 a.m. Friday. \*\*\*

Two incidents of vandalism were reported in the town. Police received a report

Friday of criminal mischief to a car parked on the 600 block of Carlton Road. And a resident of the 300 block on St. Georges Place reported Sunday a clothesline

had been vandalized. A local grocery store reported and incident of shoplifting Sunday.

\*\*\* Several people were arrested on warrants

Jennifer Caplan of Ringwood and Russell Wachterhouser of Somerville were each arrested April 1 on Westfield contempt of court warrants. Wachterhouser was held in lieu of \$200 bail, while Caplan posted \$65 bail.

Westfield resident Ronald Neiswenter was arrested April 4 on a local warrant, and released after posting \$65 bail.

### Police Log

And Colleen Crogan of Union and Peter Jimenez of West Orange were each arrested Monday on Elizabeth warrants after being pulled over while driving in town. Crogan's warrant was for \$580, while Jimenez's was \$110.

#### SCOTCH PLAINS

Edison resident Laura Uvino, 29, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be cocaine).

Uvino was arrested following an investigation on the 500 block of Park Avenue at 1:30 a.m. \*\*\*

A 17-year-old Scotch Plains resident was taken into custody Sunday for possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana).

The juvenile was arrested at about 5:45 p.m. following an reported April 4 a wallet was





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are investigating whether any

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### WEDNESDAY APRIL 17 SPRING ASSEMBLY - of

the Westfield History Societies. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., 8 p.m. Free. (908) 757-7427.

### THURSDAY APRIL 18

CENSUS DATA - from 1930, discussed by John Gelardo (Fanwood). Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, 1 p.m. (908) 232-4159.

**OPEN HOUSE** — at Union County Vocational-Technical High School, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (908) 889-8288, Ext. 340 or www.ucvts.tec.nj.us.

AWARENESS EXPO ninth annual event of Westfield Parent-Teacher Council. Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St., Westfield, 7:15 p.m. (908) 789-7523 or (908) 233-2050.





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### by Jill Guzman

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When it is time to hire a mover, if you are uncertain about whom to call, ask the real estate professional who sold your home or helped you purchase the new property. He or she is a valuable resource. Real estate agents deal with so many people in transit, they hear which

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HINT: A local move can be more difficult than a cross-country move if you try to do it yourself and make numerous trips without taking scrupulous care of your possessions.



# **Cranford building Sept. 11 memorial at Crane Park**

#### By QREG MARX THE RECORD-PRESS

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CRANFORD - The township's Sept. 11 memorial will be built at Crane Park, not at Memorial Park, Mayor Barbara Bilger said Tuesday.

The decision to relocate the planned memorial was made by the six local families who

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lost loved ones in the attack on the World Trade Center, Bilger said. The families toured the new site with the memorial committee last week, and agreed it would be a more appropriate location.

Bilger said Crane Park, at Springfield and North Union avenues, was selected for its "serene" atmosphere --- it

GARDENS

offers views of the First Presbyterian Church and Rahway River - and because it is a safer spot for families to bring small children to visit the memorial.

The construction of the memorial will be linked to a of the refurbished site, which

planned refurbishment of the overgrown park, which Bilger called "the best-kept secret in Cranford."

The committee is working with a local architect and landscaper, Bilger said. A rendering

will include decorative fencing and landscaping and Victorian lamps along with the actual memorial, will be available soon, she said.

The project is expected to be funded entirely through donations. A Canadian company has

already volunteered to donate brick payers to replace the cura rent walkways in the park, Bilger said, and the memorial committee will establish a bank account for perpetual maintenance of the improved site.

## **Junior League's Jumble Store plans Spring Sale**

CRANFORD — The Jumble now until Saturday. Store's annual Spring Sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at 110 Walnut Ave.

The sale will feature new and gently used baby and children's items, including clothing and toys. A desk, perfect for a little girl's room, and hand-painted by Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield member, Kelly Komar. will be raffled. Raffle tickets for \$1 each will be available for purchase at the Jumble Store, from

Participants need not be present to win. Also featured at the sale will be small, accessory items of furniture, such as chairs, tables and lamps.

Anyone interested in donating additional items for the sale, can call (908) 709-1177, to arrange for a pickup, or bring them to the store will also be the site of a blood drive, sponsored by the Blood Center of New Jersey.

A blood mobile will be parked

outside the Jumble Store from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Anyone interested in donating blood can sign up in advance by calling (908) 276-1723 or can show up the day of the drive. Be sure to bring your Social Security number and a signed piece of identification.

The Jumble Store is owned and operated by the Junior League of Elizabeth/Plainfield and all proceeds from the store benefit community service pro-

jects.

The JLEP is an organization of women, committed to improving their communities, through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Membership is open to all area women, over 21, who are interested in volunt teerism. No referrals are, required. For more information about the league (908) 709-1177. For information about the Jumble Store, call (908) 276-0222.



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### **Smithville tour** slated April 21

The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) will be going on a walking tour of Smithville Village in Smithville at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21. They will be meeting in front of the Smithville Inn restaurant, where they will have dinner after the tour. The cost is the price of your meal.

Ketubah Unit is open to married, Jewish couples who are 40 and older. Nonmembers are welcome. To make reservations, call Irwin at (732) 566-6842 by April 19.

### **Business** women plan dinner meeting

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Benkowich, the first woman on the Kenilworth Police Department. Cost is \$25. Nonmembers are welcome. A social hour 6:30 p.m. precedes dinner.

For reservations, phone Gerri at (908) 276-9502 by Monday.

### Arts Association exhibiting works

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association has a members' show of mixed media April 22-27 at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave.

Prizes will be awarded in a reception at noon Saturday, April 27. Ann Swain from the Swain Galleries in Plainfield is the judge for this year's show.

For more information, phone Robert Hahn at (908) 233-7458. The members' show and reception are free and open to the public.

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### Surrogate updates evening hours

Union County Surrogate James S. LaCorte has updated his schedule of evening office hours to accommodate residents who are unable to attend regular office hours during the day. As County Surrogate, he is responsible for probating wills and appointing executors, administrators, guardians and trustees of descendants' estates, among other constitutionally mandated duties.

LaCorte is available, by appointment, to meet during the evening with residents who have matters pending before the Surrogate's Court. The updated schedule for evening office hours is:

- Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., first Monday of the month

- Rahway Recreation Center, 275 Milton Ave., second Tuesday

— Union Township Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Ave., third Wednesday

- Summit City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave., fourth Tuesday The Surrogate's Court can be

reached at (908) 527-4280 and appointments must be made at least 48 hours in advance.

### Vo-Tech holding annual open house

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Vocational-Technical High School holds its annual open house this coming week.

Parents and students from throughout the county are invited 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday to the votech campus at 1776 Raritan Road. Vo-tech tuition is free for all students in the county.

Guided tours of all available programs and facilities will be offered. Automotive Technology includes current emissions tests; Culinary Arts has a bake shop with gourmet food; Graphic Communications covdesktop publishing; ers Horticulture has greenhouses; Cosmetology has a mini-salon; Allied Health offers blood pressure screening. Refreshments will be served.

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### **Campus notes**

Birgit P. Unfried of Scotch Plains was named to the dean's list for the fall 2001 semester at Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

Scott Bridgeman of Westfield was named to the dean's list for the fall 2001 semester at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

Two area students attained dean's list standing in the fall 2001. semester at Columbia University

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Honored from Columbia College are David Goldberg of 419 Harrison Ave., Westfield, and Cyrus Golsaz of 133 Country Club Lane, Scotch Plains.

Laura Goscicki of Scotch Plains has been named to the State University of New York (SUNY) at New Paltz Dean's List for the fall semester.

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# Firing on all cylinders

Balanced Blue Devils off to impressive start

### By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

In a 14-9 victory over Pingry Tuesday the Westfield High girls lacrosse team showed the vast amount of talent and potential it has, and why its sights are set as high as any team in the program's six year history.

Senior Brittany Miller scored five-straight second-half goals, Ali Pino had three goals and five assists and goalie Julie Vanarelli stopped 12 shots as Westfield led throughout and played its best all-around game of the young season, and the type of lacrosse which could become a staple for the rest of the year.

In slaying a foe it hadn't beaten in three years, the Blue Devils (3-0) proved they have what it takes to be the best team in the program's six year history. Westfield is experienced and talented on offense, defense and everywhere in between.

"They we're phenomenal (Tuesday)," said Head Coach Erin O'Connell. "The girls played beautifully. It was a complete effort. The defense was really strong and the attackers turned



it on in the second half."

It's the balance and the talent the squad has all over the field that has the Blue Devils confident they can surpass last year's 8-8 mark and first round exit in the state tournament. Pingry is traditionally a tough team, and Tuesday's convincing victory proves Westfield is a force to be reckoned with this season.

The Blue Devils face two difficult road tests back-to-back in Bridgewater-Raritan 11 a.m. tomorrow and Oak Knoll 4 p.m. Tuesday, B-R, a North Public A finalist last year, has gotten of to a 4-0 start and is considered among the state's top clubs.

Westfield is led by senior tricaptain Morgan Lang, who has scored 11 goals from the center position and senior first-home Miller, last year's leading scorer, who has tallied 10 goals and one assist. Pino (8 G) starts at second-home and Stacy Spass (1 G, 1 A) is at third home. Freshman phenom Sara Flood (4 G, 2 A) and Kristen Pollock (2 G, 3 A) are the

attack wings. Ashley Kent (5 G, 2 A) is at right-defense with Lisa Paul at left-defense. Christine Pirot plays third-man, Christina Popola plays cover point and third-man, senior tri-captain Elyse Goldweitz is at point and Vanarelli (27 saves) is in goal. Jenny Hayes plays low-d but had to sit out Tuesday with inflammation in her knee, but is expected to be in the lineup tomorrow.

Providing depth off the bench are senior tri-captain Liz Pirrella, Mollie Gibbons and Ali Weinstein on defense and Heather Lane and sophomore Laura Shelman on attack.

"If (Tuesday) is any sign of what the season is going to be like we'll be balanced from attack to defense," said O'Connell. "Everyone is trusting one another. If you trust each other everything connects. Our balance is the key this year. We're strong all over the field and we don't have to rely on just one person.



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Senior tri-captain Morgan Lang has 11 goals on the season as Westfield raced out to a 3-0 start.

# With Williams leading the way, Raiders are loaded

#### By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

Depth wins conference, county and sectional titles. Superstars win group championships. The Raiders have both.

With All-American Ray Williams leading the way the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys track and field team has its sights set on not only an undefeated dual meet season and a sweep of the Watchung Conference and Union County titles, but it's ninth sectional title in 10 years and second Group 3 title since 1998.

But Williams isn't the only superstar on the squad this season. With Bob Wallden and Zack McGuire anchoring the distance team, and Chris 100. He's also long jumped just over 21 feet.

Feighner taking charge in the field and enough quality depth in all areas the Raiders are, quite simply, loaded.

Williams, last year's 400 meter Meet of Champions winner, is not only chasing the New Jersey High School record of 46.0 in the 400, but could earn

berths at the MOC in the 100, 200 and long jump as well. Williams ran a 47.3 against Westfield Tuesday, already a full-second lower from where he began last season, when his best was a 47.1. He's been clocked at 21.2 in the 200 — already better than last year's best - and 10.3 in the



this winter and should make it back this spring. Wallden took fifth in Group 3 in the two-mile last year, and is the top twomile an miler in the county. McGuire is coming on as a superstar in the 800.

Williams alone could score close to 40 points for the Raiders in the conference, county and secbetween 70-85 points to win. He could score onships, when typically 50-55 is need. Add in get about the guys we have behind (Williams, potential victories by Wallden, Feighner and Feighner, Wallden and McGuire)."

Feighner reached the MOC in McGuire and the Raiders fearsome-foursome the shot put last year, and again - could win team titles on their own.

But they also wont have to. Brian Kopnicki provides quality depth in the mile and two-mile, Sean Doyle can score in the shot put, Adam Ortyl will place in the javelin and JP Rebess adds depth in the sprints. Scotch Plains will also be strong in the jumps, behind sophomore Mike Walker and seniors Steve Williams and Brian Schiller.

We're looking pretty strong," said Head Coach tional championships when it usually takes Rich McGriff. "We've got some superstars but we've also got kids behind them who can take between 30 and 40 at the Group 3 champi- thirds, fourths, and fifths. People sometimes for-



**Raiders get out of the gate quickly** Young squad posts three impressive victories in first week ished 19-6, reached the figure for the ground strokes sophomore Adam Corbin and By DANIEL MURPHY (3) RECORD-PRESS from both the freshman Jason Krueger both in North Jersey forehand and backhand." A young Scotch Plainstheir first year with the varsity. Section The two demonstrated their Fanwood High tennis team has Group 3 semifitoughness against Oratory gotten off to a fast start, fueling nals and tied Sophomore M i when they rallied back from a 5k e hopes it can surpass the success for fourth in 2 third set deficit to win 7-5. the Union

GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS Scotch Plains sophomore Mike Thompson is 3-1 on the season at second-singles.

of last year's veteran squad.

The Raiders opened the season winning three of four matches, falling only to Westfield 5-0 Monday. Westfield and Summit have separated themselves early in the year from the other teams in Union County, but Scotch Plains hopes to finish in the topthree when the tournament rolls around May 2-3.

Scotch Plains took on Linden Wednesday and will host Shabazz 4 p.m. today. The three victories this season have come over strong squads from Oratory and Cranford, and a win over Irvington.

"I'm pretty pleased with the way we've been playing," said Head Coach Dave Blackman "We're a young team and we knew Westfield would be a tough match, but we beat a tough Oratory team 4-1 and a pretty good Cranford team 4-1. I feel pretty good about starting 3-1." Last season the Raiders fin**County Tournament. Despite los**ing four starters and the top two players off the bench to graduation, Blackman feels good about the chances of this year's team to be as good and potentially better.

'You always compare yourself to last year's team and I expect we will be able to do just as well," he said. "This is the youngest team I think I've had in 16 years of coaching. As they pick up experience I expect to see them get improve, especially the doubles teams.'

The young squad is led by senior captain Terry Levine, who moves up from playing third-singles and some firstdoubles to the top singles spot this year. He's started the season 1-3, but has faced some strong competition.

"He's finding out every team we play, no matter how the team is, they all have a strong num-ber-one," said Blackman. "He's

Thompson has jumped all the way from seconddoubles to second singles this year, and has started the season 3-1, his only loss coming 6-3, 6-4 to Westfield's Rich Moran.

"He's a real smart player," said Blackman, "He keeps the ball in play, can serve and volley. He's tough to beat. He's got a lot of maturity for a sophomore.'

Senior Josh Sanders has moved up from first doubles to third singles and is 3-1 so far. Like Thompson, Sanders will keep the ball in play, make his opponent work and wont beat himself with unforced errors.

"He's a very, very steady player." said Blackman. "He's real good with the forehand and the backhand and doesn't make too many mistakes. He's going to be a tough kid to beat at the threespot for the rest of the teams we play this season.'

The first doubles tandem typ-

"They're both good players and work well together," said Blackman. "They have to get used to playing in varsity matches, but lexpect good things out of them.'

Blackman has been rotating three players in at second doubles, with junior Simon Poplyansky splitting time with seniors Jesse Rogowsky and Harry Yang.

"They compliment each other well," said Blackman. "Harry is the best serve-and-volleyer. Jesse is the best at the net and is very aggressive and Simon has the best ground strokes."

As the two doubles squads gain familiarity with each other, Blackman expects both to be tough to beat.

If the doubles teams begin to win on a consistent basis, there's no reason this group of Raiders can't reach new heights this spring.

# **Cranford shocks Blue Devils with six-run seventh**

#### By DANIEL MURPHY

#### RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD - Just three outs away from an important early season victory, the Westfield High baseball team let a seemingly insurmountable lead slip away and suffered a heartbreaking defeat Monday.

Cranford's Dave Drechsel lined a two-out two-run single to right center field and Derek Zulik slid in just ahead of the tag at home plate in the bottom of the seventh to cap a six-run rally and lift Cranford to a 9-8 victory over the Blue Devils (2-1-1) in a showdown between the three-time defending county champ and a team with its sights set on claiming the title this year.

Cranford (2-1) sent 10 batters in the seventh but

Drechsel's game-winning single was only the second hit of the inning for the Cougars. Westfield's Joe Wosniewski (1-1) struggled with his control in relief of Jay Cook, hitting four batters in the inning and walking two.

While both clubs realized it was just one game early in a long season, Cranford's jubilant celebration behind home plate and the shell-shocked faces of the Westfield players showed there was more riding on this game than just a win and a loss. The two clubs aren't scheduled to meet again until May 20, though they could meet beforehand in the Union County Tournament.

"It's early in the season so you hope you can learn from it," said Westfield Head Coach Bob Brewster. "It's not the first time

Cranford has beaten us with a big rally in the last inning. They don't know how to quit. I give them all the quit.

take anything away from them.

The bottom line is it was an 'L'. It's not good at all to lose a ball game you know you should have been able to win.

Drechsel finished the game 3for-4 with three runs scored and two RBI and Cook was 3-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored. While Westfield turned two double-plays and threw three runners out at the plate it was a sloppy defensive effort by both clubs, with each squad committing five errors.

For most of the game



Westfield but came back with credit in the world. You can't three in the third. Cranford added another run in the bottom of the third, but it seemed like only a matter of time before the hot-hitting Blue Devils began to string together some hits.

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It happened in the fifth inning when Mike Sofka and Cook led off with a pair of singles. Blair Richardson singled home Sofka, John Leonardis reached on an error, Manny Guasp singled home Cook, and Brett Picaro singled home Leonardis for a 7-3 Westfield lead.

Jim McKeon led off the sixth

with a triple and was singled home by Cook for an 8-3 lead. But the play of the game may have been when Josh Ludmer grounded to short and Cook was injured at second base breaking up the potential double play. Cook, who appeared to be hitting his groove after a slow start, came out to warm up in the bottom of the sixth, but couldn't go and Wosniewski came on.

In the bottom of the seventh Drechsel led off and was hit by a pitch, Jim Zamorski reached on an error, Matt Wilson and Sam Chaleef were hit by pitches, forcing home Drechsel, Mike Dollard popped to second, Steve Copeland walked scoring Zamorksi, Brian Reid was hit by a pitch in score Wilson, and Zulick walked to bring home Chaleef to cut the lead to 8-7.

Zack Bribiesca blooped a single into no-man's land behind first base, but Picaro was able to cut Copeland down at the plate for the second out. Then Drechsel singled through the middle, scoring Reid and Zulick with the tying and winning runs

"It's game three. It's a nice win," said Cranford Head Coach Dennis McCaffery. "Hopefully we would never think we're out of a game. Baseball is a wacky game and you can never think you're out of any game. It's very important to believe that.

'We talk about just giving yourself a chance to win and minimizing your own mistakes, which is something we have to work on. We gave them too many chances and they're too good of a team to give them as many chances as we did."

# **MacNeil earns MVP honors as Devils take second**

Freshman Emily MacNeil second in the 440-yard relay captured the meet MVP award after leading the Westfield High girls track team to an impressive second place performance at the 26th Kearny Relays Saturday.

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MacNeil ran a 2:21.9 split to lead the two-mile relay team to victory and a 2:31.1 slit on the 880 leg of the first-place distance medley team as Westfield finished second in the Division 2 with 34 points.

Westfield also took third in both the 440 yard relay (53.20) and the shuttle hurdles (1:19.50), and sixth in the 880yard relay (1:52.6), and the team intermediate hurdles (4:04.80).

The boys squad also had a strong performance, tying for fifth with 40 points. Westfield took second in the team long jump (39-4 3/4) and third in the team high jump at 11-4, behind a personal best of 6-4 by Adam Wendel, Westfield also tied for



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Westfield (44.90) and the 880-yard relay (1:34.5), third in the one-mile relay (3:34.5), fourth in the team pole vault (19-6), and fifth in both the two-mile relay (8:46.6) and team discuss (212and

SOFTBALL

A three-run first inning was enough run support for Caitlin MacDonald, who shut down Cranford in leading Westfield to a 3-1 win Monday.

MacDonald allowed six hits. struck out five and walked one, while also tripling and scoring a run in the first inning. Tara Dowling, Erin Corbett and Sara Bobertz each drove in a run for the Devils (3-1).

Gov. Livingston 2, Westfield 0 Gov. Livingston's Lindsey Sheppard threw a three-hit shutout to hand Westfield its first loss of the season 2-0 Saturday, Caitlin MacDonald struck out nine and walked four for Westfield.

2, Columbia 0 Caitlin MacDonald tossed her second shutout in as many games Tara Dowling sin-

gled home a run and scored one to lead Westfield to a 2-0 win over Columbia April 4.

MacDonald struck out 12, allowed two hits and walked two. Dowling singled home a run in the first, and doubled and scored on an error in the sixth.

#### BOYS LACROSSE

Bill Schultz scored six goals and added an assist as Westfield knocked off Columbia 14-10 Monday.

Dan Kane had three goals and two assists, Tim Mansfield had three goals and one assist. Gil Arbitsman had a goal and two assists, Evan Sullivan added one goal and one assists and Chris MacDonald and Greg Elliot each had an assist for the Devils (3-1). Brian Pirot



Schultz tallied four goals and two assists as Westfield registered a 14-2 vic-Hillsborough tory over

Saturday. Gil Arbitsmon added two goals and three assists, Evan Sullivan had three goals and Tim Mansfield had a goal and two assists. Dan Kotch stopped five shots and Brian Pirot turned away six.

Summit 12, Westfield 3 — Top-ranked Summit handed the Devils their first loss of the season April 4, 12-3.

GIRLS LACROSSE Westfield led 7-5 at halftime and dominated after the break

for a 14-9 victory over Pingry Tuesday, See C-1. Westfield 13, St. Elizabeth 5 — Brittany Miller scored five

goals and added an assist as

10 Westfield rolled past St. Bishop Ahr Monday and stopped Elizabeth 13-5 Friday Ali Pino shots and Dan added three goals for the Kotch made three saves. Devils. Westfield 13, Blair 8 -Westfield

4 Hillsborough 2 — Billy

goals in the final 15 minutes as Westfield outscored Blair 8-3 in the second half to earn the win. Lang had seven goals, and Ali Pino two.

#### TENNIS

Westfield swept rival Scotch Plains 5-0 Monday, dropping just one set to improve to 3-1 for the year.

Morgan Lang exploded for five

Westfield 5, Piscataway 0 - Westfield swept Piscataway without dropping a single set Friday.

Westfield 4 1/2, Old Bride 1/2 — Shaun Simone and Ryan Miller and Devin Power and Doug Shineman won doubles matches and Griffin Maloney and Dave Eisenberg won singles matches to lead Westfield to a 4 1/2-1/2 win over Old Bridge April 4.

### GOLF

Westfield rolled to its fourth win of the season 167-187 over

# **Adams leads SP-F rout of Shabazz**

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood two innings in High baseball team improved to 2-1 with an 11-1 thrashing of Shabazz Monday.

Kyle Adams went 3-for-3 and drove in three runs, while Marcus Dockery doubled home three runs.

Scotch Plains (2-1) battled Cranford Wednesday and will travel to Rahway 11 a.m. Saturday before hosting Westfield 4 p.m. Monday.

Bridgewater-Raritan 7, Scotch Plains 3 Chris D'Annunzio singled home two runs but the Raiders fell to Bridgewater 7-3 Friday in a game called after six-innings.

Scotch Plains 7, Linden 5 Behind Chris Zedonik and Jeff Hensal the Raiders rallied for three runs in the sixth inning to drop Linden 7-5 April 4. Zedonik had a two-run double and Hensal a one-run double. Steve Pietrocha pitched

Scotch Plains relief for the win SOFTBALL Scotch

High School Roundup Plains earned its first victory of the season

in emphatic fashion, blowing out Shabazz 14-0 Monday. Kelly LaForge had two run-

scoring singles, and Megan Reddington added an RBI double and scored three times for the Raiders (1-3).

Bridgewater 9, Scotch Plains 2 — Laura Manzi doubled home two runs, but Bridgewater scored seven times in the sixth inning to break a 2-2 tie Friday.

Linden 17, Scotch Plains 9 --- The Raiders couldn't overcome a 12-run second inning and eight errors April 3, falling to Linden 17-9. Kelly LaForge had a two-run double, and Laura Manzi had an RBI triple. GOLF

Scotch Plains improved to 4-



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1 with an easy 149-214 victoover **Plainfield** Tuesday at Scotch Hills. Mike

Sprung shot a three-over 36 to lead the Raiders, John Bezrutcyk followed with a 37 while Chris Meehan had a 39 and Jason Neuringer a 40.

Immaculata 168, Scotch Plains 179 - A strong Immaculata squad handed the Raiders their first loss of the season Monday, 168-179 at Shackamaxon Country Club. Mats Notoane shot 43, Brian Muller shot a 44 and Jack Egan and Sprung shot 46.

Scotch Plains 156, St. Peter's 168 - Muller and Sprung shot 37's at par-33 Scotch Hills to lift the Raiders to a 156-168 victory over St. Peter's Prep April 4. Bezrutcyk shot a 40 and Notoane posted a 42.

Scotch Plains 177, Linden 258 - Behind 44's from Egan, Muller and Notoane the Raiders cruised past Linden 177-258 April 3. Sprung shot a 45 at par-36 Shackamaxon'

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Adam

knocked off St. Peter's Prep

Karnish fired a 39 Monday.

Ryan Shallcross posted a pair

of 41s, Erin Cockren shot a 43

and 44. Chris Tropeano shot a

44 Monday, and Jeff Luker and

Gerritt III each had 43s Tuesday for Westfield (5-0-1).

in the bottom of the seventh to

drop Westfield 9-8 Monday. See

Jay Cook and Josh Ludmer

each singled home a run in the

fifth to tie the score before the

game was called on account of

darkness after six innings April

Westfield 16, Shabazz 6 -

Mike Sofka completed a perfect

day with a grand-slam home

run in the bottom of the fifth to

clinch the victory for Westfield.

Sofka was 3-for-3 with five RBI

while six other Westfield play-

ers had at least two hits. Blair

Richardson and Jay Cook also

had homers.

BASEBALL

Cranford rallied for six runs

Westfield 3, Clifton 3 🛶

Tuesday.

171-195

C-1

Scotch Plains swept a double dual with Westfield Tuesday, winning the boys race 75-56 and the girls meet 69-53. The boys won 11 of the 15 events; while the girls squad nine of 14.



(all times p.m. unless otherwise noted) FRIDAY, APRIL 12 Tennis Westfield at Linden, 4 Scotch Plains vs. Shabazz, 4 Softball Scotch Plains vs Roselle Park, 4

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THURSDAY, APRIL 18 Scotch Plains at Summit, 4 Westfield at Kearny, 4

Girls Lacrosse Westfield vs. Newark Academy, 4 Golf Westfield vs. South Plainfield, 4 Scotch Plains vs. East Side, 3:45



vs M Girls Lacrosse Westfield at Bridgewater, 11 a.m. Track Scotch Plains at Summit Relays, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 15 Baseball Westfield at Scotch Plains, 4 Softball Scotch Plains at Westfield, 4 Boys Lacrosse Westfield at St Joe's, 4 Westfield at Cranford, 4 Scotch Plains vs. New Providence, 4 Golf Blue Devil Classic, 4 Echo Lake County Club

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 Softball Westheld vs. Colonia, 4 Girls Lacrosse Westfield at Oak Knoll, 4 Tennis Westfield at Bridgewater, 4 Golf Westfield vs. New Providence, 4 Track Scotch Plains vs. Linden, 4

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 Baseball Westfield at Hunterdon Central, 4:30 Scotch Plains vs. Gov. Livingston, 4 Boys Lacrosse Westfield vs. Montville, 4 Tennis Westfield vs. Elizabeth, 4 Scotch Plains vs. East Side, 4 Golf Westfield at Linden, 4 Scotch Plains vs. St. Benedict's, 3:45 Softball Scotch Plains vs. Delaware Valley, 4

Baseball

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Real Estate



Murphy beds, once a source of amusement in old movies, may be returning.

# **Old-fashioned Murphy** beds may be returning

#### BY ROSE BEDINETT GILBERT

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. Whatever happened to Murphy beds? They used to show up some-times in the movies or on TV when Charlie Chaplin or somebody would get snapped up into the wall. My uncle had a fold-down bed that I thought was totally cool as a child. I loved the idea of putting the bed up out of the way and having all that room space.

Murphy bed that spends the business week up against the wall, literally. This photo, borrowed from Better Homes and Gardens' "Bed & Bath Decorating Ideas & Projects" (Meredith Books), shows how you can make "instant hospitality" even faster: pull down the bed and the poster's already hung in place.

Q. There's never enough storage space in our apartment. We have a sleeper in the living room so at least

### There's a whole lot to cover with paint

#### **BY GENE GARY**

#### COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. You often say "use quality paints only" in your column. I am faced with major repainting, both interior and exterior, of an older home with wood siding and brick trim. Would you elarify what you mean by quality paints? Does it just mean more expensive?

A. Yours is a good question. Paint dealers who cater to professionals as well as do-it-yourselfers are usually a reliable source of information on paint quality and the type of paint recommended for different interior and exterior surfaces --- such as masonry, wood, aluminum and vinyl.

It is more difficult to select the appropriate paint when you buy off the shelf without professional guidance. However, an excellent source of information is available from The Rom and Quality Paint Haas Institute.

All paints, oil-based and latex, are made of three main components: binders, pigments, and liquids. They can also contain other ingredients, which are known as additives.

Binder is the key to paint formulation. The type and amount of binder affects everything from stain resistance and gloss, to adhesion and crack resistance. Latex paints use several polymer binders, including; One hundred percent acrylic, styrene-acrylic, vinyl acrylic or polyvinyl acetate.

Oil paints use a binder based on a drying oil such as linseed, tung or soya. Paints that use some other

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modified oil are called alkyds.

In general, latex paints have better exterior durability than oil-based or alkyd paints. They have better color retention, chalk resistance and resistance to embrittlement and cracking. Higher quality latex paints have greater durability and other performance advantages over lower quality latex paints - mostly due to the type and amount of acrylic binder used.

Quality paints with 100 percent acrylic binders are especially durable. They adhere to many different surfaces, such as wood, masonry, aluminum siding and vinyl siding. These allacrylic paints are more durable than latex paints with vinyl binders on fresh masonry surfaces.

Other paints will show early color loss and film deterioration while 100 percent acrylic latex paints are resistant to the effects of alkaline surfaces.

Pigments are fine particles that are dispersed in a paint. "Prime" pigments provide color and opacity (opaque coverage). The most common prime pigment is titanium dioxide, which is white. It is used in latex and oil-based paints.

"Extender" pigments provide bulk to paint at a low cost. These pigments influence properties such as scrub-resistance, -stainresistance and chaik-resistance. The better the quality of the paint, the higher level of prime pigment is used.

Better quality paints have less extender pigment in relation to binder level. This makes them more chalk-

resistant on exterior exposure, providing better color retention and durability.

Though all paints will eventually fade, the rate of fade will be much lower with better quality paints.

Additives are performance-enhancing ingredients that are typically added to top quality paints more than to ordinary paints. Additives provide desirable properties such as ease of application and the appearance of the applied paint. Some also have protective qualities.

Mildeweides are a category of additives used in exterior paints to keep mildew in check so that the paint looks fresh and attractive. These ingredients are expensive, hence, high levels are found in high quality paints.

Some other additives used in latex paints are: dispersing agents (to help the pigment remain evenly distributed throughout the paint, rather than settling); preservatives (to prevent spoilage of the paint during storage); materials to minimize foaming during manufacturing and application.

The liquid portion of the paint is either water (for latex paints) or solvent (for oil-based or alkyd paints). A can of quality paint will contain a higher volume of solid material (pigment and

paints. In the case of top quality latex paints, that means more solids and less water. Therefore, if a top quality paint and an ordinary paint were applied at the same spread rate, the top quality paint would dry to a thicker paint film due to its high solids content. A top quality paint will

binder) than do ordinary

contain 35 to 45 percent volume solids, while ordinary paint will contain about 25 to 30 percent. Regardless of the quality of paint you use, key factors to durability of a paint job are proper preparation of the surface and of – recommended use priners.

Surface proparation means the removal of all flaking and peeling paint, correction of any moisture problems which might be present from a leaking attic or faulty gutters, etc., binders for chalking paint if needed, and a clean, thoroughly dry surface before application.

Information on how to deal with specific paint problems are available on the Web site of the Paint Quality Institute. You can also E-mail the institute with specific questions if the information is not covered on the Web site. Contact the Institute at www.paintquality.com.

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You didn't even have to make up the bed! I've been thinking about Murphy beds lately and wonder if they are still available.

A. Murphy beds are alive, well, and living up against some of the smartest walls around these days. At least, what we know generically as a "Murphy" bed is actually enjoying a comeback. In fact, I understand that the presto-change-o bed patented by William L. Murphy back in 1908 has now come into the public domain, so you may find the idea reinterpreted under different names and in many new and newsworthy new materials.

It's a better than ever bet for any room that's starved for floor space by day, especially with some many of us desperate for a home office. The perfect case in point is the instant guestroom we show here. For 9 to 5 on weekdays, it hums along as a wellequipped, highly efficient home office. But at the drop of an invitation, the room morphs into comfortable, graceful accommodations for overnight guests, all thanks to the so-called we can have overnight guests, but with the new baby and all her stuff, there's no place to stash the extra covers and linens. My husband thinks we should buy a quilt and just hang it on the wall until we need it. Think of something else!

A. The right hamper can, well, unhamper your space. Chances are your local furniture store can track down a storage ottoman for you, the larger the better. Such ottomans open to offer generous hidden storage inside. Plus, they're usually on small wheels so you can roll it where you need it. then out of the way. Buy it in a durable fabric, like leather, or have it upholstered to work with your sofa fabric. If your guest room needs are infrequent, you might also have a glass top cut to fit, the better to work as a cocktail table. Trade the storage ottoman for your usual cocktail table,

and no one will guess it's chock







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# Automotive/Classified

### **The Envoy** may be true professional

### BY MARK MAYNARD

COPLEY NEWS STRVET

GMC has said for years that it is different from Chevrolet. "It's more than adding a big red GMC in the grille," they'd say.

But, really, the biggest differences were in the advertising. GMC appeared to be a step up with more and varied option groups.

Under the skin, however, the foundation for a GMC was a Chevrolet, which hasn't always been easy to up-fit as an upscale. vehicle.

At least until this year and the redesign of GM's midsize sportutilities: Chevy Trailblazer, GMC Envoy and the retiring Oldsmobile Bravada.

Finally, GMC can build a more refined sport-utility vehicle because the foundation of the Trailblazer is so well-done.

"Smooth and refined" are sometimes bipolar terms for a General Motors truck, but the Envoy is a good mediator in that argument.

There's a lot of talk about building SUVs that have truck appeal and carlike accommodations, but there's usually a bump in the translation.

I didn't feel it in the Envoy. And it even brings a new smoothness. and ease of use to a mid-\$30,000s sport-utility vehicle. It's as if there has been dedicated effort to close the gap -- literally in the quality of GM's truck-assembly process

As the icon of GMC's ad campaign: "Professional Grade," the Envoy relies on good, strong engineering not option package gimmicks. The truck is a balance of horsepower and horse sense, with some of the best acceleration. and braking of any SUV.

And it only takes a few minutes behind the wheel to recognize the



GMC's Envoy is a first-class SUV.

Envoy's virtues — and a problem or two. And even the problems 4 noticed were not fatal design flaws but glitches that should be ensily corrected.

The Envoy/Trailblazer is stateof the art for GM, including the new 270 horsepower inline 6 engine. That's 30 more hp than the 4.6 lifer V-8 in the Mercury Mountaineer. And the engine has all the pull of 8 cylinders and a well-milled engine note.

Switching from V-6 to infine-6 produced a couple of significant benefits. An inline 6 doesn't vibrate as much and allows for a 53/47 front-to-rear balance. The narrower engine also improves offset crash results.

"All the latest engine technology in the world has gone into this Robertson. The engine uses drive by wire throttle and the onboard computers will handle 43,000 commands a second.

It has undergone 4 million miles of testing on a dynamometer and it was run at wide open throttle for 300,000 miles. At 70 mph. it will accelerate up a grade pulling a 6,000-pound trailer, Robertson SIVS

Still, fuel mileage is a modest 16 mpg city and 22 highway, using regular unleaded. But the human factor of the Envoy's usability should smooth over credit card gouge at the pump

Envoy has a low center of grave ty and a suspension that supports. and forgives, with surprisingly htthe body roll. Several times 1 turned hard and held on — waitengine," says engineer. Ted ing for the spring rebound that

tasses occupants back and forth like a camel ride, but it didn't happen. So I pushed harder into the turns just to feel the suspension. work Engineer Robertson says he designed the truck to slide in a turn before it would tip over.

Powering along the interstate is as smooth and well-soundproofed as it gets in a GM vehicle. Step-inheight is accommodating for most age groups — without adding run-ning boards — most of which are useful only for reaching roof racks. or climbing into third rows.

For those who would like to have seven-seat capacity, the Envoy XL debuts this spring with a starting price of \$31,595 for the base twowheel-drive SLE model and \$36,595 for the uplevel fourwheel drive SLT. Prices include a \$600 destination charge.

## **Dealership to hold** child safety program

to reduce the number of missing children each year. Maplecrest Ford of Mendham will host a free child identification event on April 13 from 10. a.m. - 2 p.m.

Parents can bring their children to Maplecrest Ford for free "Commitment to Kids" safety ID kits. A photograph will be taken of each child and instructions will be provided. for parents to complete their child's physical description information. A Mendham police officer also will be on hand to fingerprint children and answer questions.

The Commitment to Kids program is a partnership among Ford Blue Oval Certified dealers, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and actress Jamie Lee Curtis, Last summer, Ford Blue Oval Certified dealers helped educate communities about child safety by distributing more than 450,000 ID kits nationwide. Ford expects the number of kits distributed to reach one million this year.

"As a Blue Oval Certified dealer, we are personally dedicated not only to our customers, but to our community as a maintain updated information.

### **Appointments made at dealer**

CLINTON Andy Sulley has been named general manager. and Steve Raike, service manager, of Clinton Chevrolet Cadillac. announced Steve Kalafer and Byron Brisby, co-owners of Clinton Car and Truck Company

Sulley, a Hampton resident, has 15 years experience in the auto retail industry. Raike, of Milford, was the assistant service manager at Flemington Nissan Both individuals have earned

numerous industry awards throughout their careers.

Dominick Fiorello, Monmouth Junction and Doreen Ott, of Easton Pa, were named parts manager and office manager, respectively.

Clinton Chevrolet Cadillac, located on Route 31 just off the Interstate Route 78 interchange, is a member of the locally-owned Clinton Car and Truck Company Family of Dealerships.

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MENDHAM - In an effort whole," said Thomas Giordano. President of Maplecrest Ford. "Through our Commitment to Kids program, we are able to demonstrate our commitment to all parents and children in our community.

Statistics show that community education and prevention programs help reduce the numher of missing children. According to FBI data, the number of children reported missing in 2001 dropped to approximately 725,000 about 2,000 children per day a figure representing the lowest annual total in a decade.

"Through the Commitment to Kids program, Ford dealers are raising the awareness of child safety in their communities," said Jim O'Connor, president of Ford Division. "If we can help deep safe or locate even one missing child, our program will have been a success." A completed ID kit can help

expedite the return of a missing child. Taking a few minutes to complete an ID kit may be the single most important thing parents do for their kids this year. Parents are urged to repeat the identification process every six months to





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