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**MADAME PRESIDENT...**Darielle M. Walsh runs Tuesday night's Westfield Board of Education meeting following her appointment as board President. Re-elected last week to a third, three-year term, she had served as Vice President of the board during the past year.



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**TAKING THEIR OATHS...**School board members, pictured left to right, Darielle M. Walsh, Ginger Hardwick and Eileen Satkin, take their oaths of office from Assistant Superintendent of Business and Board Secretary, Dr. Robert Rader, prior to Tuesday's Board of Education reorganization meeting.

## MRS. WALSH NAMED BOE PRESIDENT

# Dr. Rock, Mr. Scott Planning to Retire At End of School Yr.

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Board of Education announced three retirements, two of which are at the administrative level, during its meeting Tuesday night. The three retirees have a combined 87 years with the district.

Dr. David J. Rock, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction since 1977, officially announced that he will be leaving the district at the end of the school year. This announcement follows that of the retirement of Dr. Robert C. Rader, Board Secretary and Assistant Superintendent of Business since 1992, and Jean Poquette, Assistant Business Manager under Dr. Rader.

In addition, Frank X. Scott, Assistant Principal at Westfield High School, will be leaving the district at the end of the school year after 38 years with the district.

Also retiring is Martha Koury. She

has been with the district 38 years, teaching students in grades 4 and 5 at the former Lincoln Elementary School, as well as students at



Dr. David J. Rock

McKinley and Washington Elementary Schools, and sixth-grade mathematics classes at Roosevelt Intermediate School.

Dr. Rock's responsibilities in the

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## UNDER PROPOSAL, STUDENTS IN FOUR SCHOOLS WILL NOW ATTEND TAMAQUES

# Board of Education Committee Recommends End of District's 27-Year-Old Desegregation Plan

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

After 27 years, the desegregation plan in the Westfield public schools will end at the end of the school year under a plan outlined Tuesday night by Arlene Gardner, Chairwoman of the Board of Education's Policy Com-

mittee. The committee's decision now goes before the full board for its decision.

The committee has recommended that the district end its desegregation policy of bussing students to non-neighborhood schools. Students now attending four different elementary

schools would attend Tamaques School, one of the schools currently used, under the proposal.

Also, the committee has asked the board to allow students in the fifth grade to continue to be bussed to Washington or Wilson Schools, where they currently attend

classes, to complete their elementary school education.

"We agree with the suggestion of

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# Council Introduces Ordinance For Pocket Park on Diner Site

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Town Council voted 8 to 1 Tuesday night to introduce an ordinance which would pave the way for the former Excellent Diner site to be developed as a "Pocket Park" in the downtown.

Officials first heard testimony from the owners of the vacant lot regarding plans to develop the vacant lot, but opted to introduce the ordinance after deciding the land had remained an eyesore in the district for too long.

The ordinance allocates \$200,000 for acquisition of the property. Officials have applied for a \$100,000 matching grant from the county under its "Pocket Park Program," which will pay for half the purchase cost.

Prior to the introduction of the ordinance, Bernardsville Councilman Lee Honecker spoke on behalf of his family, which owns the property on North Avenue, which has been vacant since 1995. Mr. Honecker's grandmother, Stella Lekas, sold the cab portion of the diner that year to new owners in

Germany. She has owned the land itself since the 1930s.

Mr. Honecker, an attorney, explained to members of the council that Mrs. Lekas, who was in mourning following the death of one of her daughters from cancer in 1996, did not tend to the empty lot.

Speaking on behalf of his 93-year-old grandmother, who was unable to attend the meeting, Mr. Honecker told members of the council that the family planned to build a three-story commercial building on the property.

"This building," Mr. Honecker stated, "would be used for retail on the first floor, and have two floors for offices."

Mr. Honecker went on to explain that the reason he was addressing the council was that his family had read in the newspaper that there were plans to purchase the land for use as a "Pocket Park," and that he wanted to check with the council on where those plans stood before proceeding with a more detailed site plan.

Mr. Honecker stated that the family did not wish to be overwhelmed with expenses if the "Pocket Park" plan was definite. He asked that the council take into consideration the plans of the Lekas family when looking at the plans for "the park."

When asked if he had heard from any retailers concerning the first floor of his proposed building, Mr. Honecker responded that someone had expressed interest in putting a restaurant there.

Mr. Honecker further reported that he had been working with EKA Associates, a land surveying company in Scotch Plains, and that he was also in the process of working with engineers and an architect for his project.

He told the council that his plans for the lot required him to apply to

the Westfield Board of Adjustment for two side yard variances. He also stated that when his engineer had a more detailed site plan, then he would proceed with the application for variances for approval of the building.

Mr. Honecker was then told that if he planned to construct a building housing a restaurant and two offices, he needed to consider the fact that he would have to provide parking for all three businesses.

He was also informed that, because the proposed building would be adjacent to a municipal lot, he couldn't put windows along the side of the building facing that lot in accordance with local fire codes.

According to Town Attorney Charles H. Brandt, the local fire codes stipulate that windows cannot be put next to a property that can possibly be built upon.

Many members of the governing body, including Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, asked Mr. Honecker how long it would take him to get his plans together and apply for the necessary variances. Mr. Honecker responded that he felt 60 days was sufficient.

The Mayor, along with members of the council, expressed sympathy for the Lekas family's misfortune, but agreed that the property has been a downtown "eyesore" for a long period of time.

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## Tax Collector's Office Extends Hours May 1

The office of the Tax Collector will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 1, in addition to the regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

**RAINED OUT...**One of the many vendors who were supposed to line the streets of the downtown on Sunday for the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce's "Spring Fling" street fair, takes down her tent following the cancellation of the fair this year. The two consecutive Sundays of inclement weather resulted in the first cancellation in the past four years of the fair, which has traditionally brought thousands of shoppers to the downtown.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

**A FUN EVENING...**This 1946 Buick Roadmaster convertible was part of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce's 1948 Night celebration Monday evening, held in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the chamber. Members of the community enjoyed a meal at the WindMill restaurant on East Broad Street, followed by a special showing of the Academy Award-winning 1948 film *Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, at the recently-refurbished Rialto Theatre. The chamber was formed on April 27 of that year as The Westfield Business Association. Enjoying the ride, pictured left to right, are: Darryl Walker, Vice Chairman, Chamber of Commerce; Michael La Place, Executive Director, Downtown Westfield Corporation; Stanley Baum, Chairman, and Debbie Schmidt, Executive Director, both of the Chamber.

# Celebration of the Arts Begins in Downtown At 11 a.m. on Saturday

Music, art, theater, poetry and dance are in the air in downtown Westfield as "Artists Celebrate Westfield" on Saturdays from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. during May.

The inaugural event of Artslink, the Westfield Arts Commission, will showcase a sample of the community arts experience, presented by actors, artists, musicians, poets and dancers of all ages.

The community is invited to paint with artists of the Westfield Art Association, who will be setting up their easels and painting scenes of the local Westfield streetscape.

Artists interested in figure drawing will be drawing models in costumes in front of MaryLou's Memorabilia, 17 Elm Street.

Models will be wearing fashions from around the world, representing a flamenco dancer, an American West Mexican, and African and Asian cultures as well, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those who want to participate should bring a pad and pencil. Advice on figure drawing will be provided.

Artist Burton Longenbach will be painting in oils at the bridge in Mindowaskin Park from noon until 3 p.m.

Mr. Longenbach, a former resident of Westfield, now residing in Clark, retired from a career in teaching and supervising the teaching of art in the Cranford Public Schools. He will also offer advice to art enthusiasts.

Sarah Mullen, a senior at Westfield High School and a member of the Junior Musical Club of the Musical Club of Westfield, will play the Celtic harp at Lancaster, Ltd., 76

Elm Street, starting at 1 p.m.

The Jazz Band, the Chamber Orchestra, and student soloists will represent The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, playing from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m., at 152 East Broad Street.

Exhibits by members of the Westfield Art Association will feature Barbara Zietchick, showing paintings of fantasy animals, and Joseph Hulsen's nature studies at Lancaster Ltd.

George Fritz will be showing his drawings and paintings at Backroom Antiques, 39 Elm Street. All exhibits

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# Tree Planting Set to Launch Effort for Grant

The Westfield Neighborhood Preservation Committee and the Westfield Neighborhood Council will host a ceremonial tree planting on Cacciola Place, this Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m. at the Westfield Neighborhood Council, located 137 Cacciola Place Refreshments will be served.

"This is the ceremonial beginning to what we believe will be a historic revitalization of Cacciola Place, the Central Avenue Corridor and the entire neighborhood bounded by South Avenue, Central Avenue, and Grove Street," said Ken Rotter, spokesman for the Neighborhood Preservation Committee.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim has begun the effort to secure a large state grant (several hundred thousand dollars) available through the state's Neighborhood Preservation Program. He has been working closely with former mayor Ray Stone in this effort.

Westfield's Master Plan is being amended to delineate specific boundaries and goals for this neighborhood revitalization zone.

A total of \$7,500 has been set aside in this year's municipal budget, adopted last week by the Town Council, for the hiring of a Neighborhood Preservation coordinator to complete the grant application and conduct the required survey of the neighborhood.

The goals include the improvements to the commercial area on Central Avenue including lighting, sidewalk and street beautification,

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**WINNING TEAM...**The Marvelous Mentors of Franklin Elementary School in Westfield perform their *Odyssey of the Mind* skit. The Mentors, who were named state champions on April 4, now qualify for the World Finals Competition which will be held in Orlando, Florida. Pictured, left to right, are: Matt Delaney, Amanda Gross, Adam Subhas, Martin Paul, Elissa Niemiera and Barrett Newell. A benefit performance and raffle will be held tomorrow night, Friday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Westfield High School Auditorium as a fundraiser for the group's travel expenses. Please see a story on Page 3.

## Deadlines Told For Submittals To The Leader

Those persons preparing press releases for submission to *The Leader* are reminded that copy should be e-mailed or faxed by 4 p.m. on the Friday prior to publication. *The Leader's* e-mail address is press@goleader.com. The fax number is 908-232-0473.

Releases, pictures and letters to the editor can also be dropped off at our office located at 50 Elm Street or through our mail slot. To ensure that submittals reach our office prior to deadline, we encourage e-mail or faxed materials.

Sports stories which occur prior to the weekend must be in by the Friday deadline. Weekend sports events must be submitted by noon on the Monday prior to the publication date. Obituaries will be accepted up to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

All copy must be typed, double-spaced, upper and lower case, no more than 500 words in length, and include a daytime telephone number where the submitter can be reached.

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

Please note that in addition to making our deadlines, the publication of submittals may be delayed due to space considerations. All submittals are subject to being cut due to length, edited for style and clarification at the discretion of the editor.







# County Freeholders OK Funding For Study of Light Rail System

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

Light-rail service, connecting Plainfield to the Elizabeth corridor, came one step closer last week with the implementation of a study by a Jersey City firm to make the new system a reality. If all goes according to plan, county officials hope to have the trolley line completed and running in three years.

At last Thursday's Freeholders meeting, Raytheon Infrastructure, Inc. was given the \$376,373 contract to conduct a 10-month review and complete a report on its findings.

The study will include the potential impact such a line would have on the environment, economy and on the community in general.

Freeholder Donald Goncalves, Chairman of the Freeholders' Economic Development Committee, called the proposed light rail plan a "cutting edge proposal to institute light rail here in Union County."

He said the development of the seaport area will bring 5,000 new jobs to Union County residents, plus 250,000 visitors on a monthly basis to the seaport area to shop. Construction is continuing on the new Jersey Gardens mall along the Elizabeth waterfront.

Union County Manager Michael Lapolla explained that the county will fund \$76,000 of the study, with the remainder coming from a \$300,000 grant obtained by the county last year from the Federal Transit Administration.

The Cross Union County Light Rail Transit System is the third and final segment of the proposed Newark-Elizabeth rail link.

"The county government, led by the Freeholders and the Department of Economic Development, considers this project to be the most important transportation project in Union County at the present time," said Mr. Lapolla.

He said the trolley line will connect Union County from Elizabethport to midtown-Elizabeth and westward out to Plainfield.

Freeholder Lewis Mingo, of Plainfield, said that as a result of the project, "the City of Elizabeth is turning a corner on bringing jobs and quality of life issues to Union County."

He said Plainfield is one of the cities that will benefit from the "rebirth that takes place in Elizabeth." Freeholder Mingo further added that the rail link "will be critical" in offering access to jobs, including those offered at the new mall in Elizabeth.

Noting that the goal of county officials is to eventually connect the line from Plainfield to Cranford and on to Newark International Airport, Freeholder Goncalves said the project promises to be "one of the great moments in this century for Union County."

Freeholder Chester Holmes, of Rahway, said the completion of the rail line will be a "valuable tool" in transportation efforts for the county.

Estimates at building the line have been placed in the range of \$150

million to \$175 million for the section between Elizabeth and Cranford. The cost for connecting to Plainfield will be determined through the new study.

On another matter, the board approved a resolution supporting the slotting of aircraft at Newark International Airport, in an effort to improve safety, reduce airline delays, alleviate controller workloads and reduce noise. John F. Kennedy International and La Guardia Airports in New York City already have such a system. Slotting puts limitations on the number of flights per hour at an airport.

In other business, the county kicked off its "Trees Are Terrific" campaign last Friday as part of the Arbor Day celebration.

Freeholder Linda d. Stender, who initiated the Arbor Day Foundation program in the county, said all superintendents of schools in districts in the county were contacted to participate in the program.

Curriculum kits, provided to fifth-grade teachers, included such information as how to take care of trees, how to identify the different types of trees and why they are beneficial to the environment.

"The culmination of that project has been to have trees planted at the participating elementary schools," said Freeholder Stender.

"I think it is a good program, one that we can all be proud of," she added.

Noting that over 16 million Americans suffer from diabetes, a disease which costs the nation \$91 million annually, the Freeholder board passed a resolution supporting the American Diabetes Association in its efforts to "dramatically" increase funding through the National Institute of Health.

## Joanne Rajoppi Dedicates Newly Merged Clerk Office

At a dedication ceremony on April 17, Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi unveiled the newly located and refurbished divisions of her office in the Union County Courthouse.

The consolidation represents a move of five diverse offices scattered within the courthouse area to one centralized location. The Office of the County Clerk was consolidated with the Office of Registrar in April, 1996 by an Act of the New Jersey Legislature.

"We are delighted," Ms. Rajoppi said, "to provide our residents with centralized access to our services. Prior to this re-location, customers were shuttled from a basement area for business names, to a first floor location for Elections, to another area for absentee ballots, to a fourth area for Passports and still another area for recording real estate transactions."

Customers now can proceed to the first floor of the Courthouse, rear area, for all divisions. The County Clerk maintains three divisions: recording, business and elections.

Ms. Rajoppi explained that the physical merger of the Registers' and Clerks' offices involved extensive logistical planning as to customers' needs as well as coordination for computer and telephone lines.

The re-location effort was coordinated and planned for two years and was a

result of a cooperative effort among the Office of County Clerk, the Department of Operational Services, Division of Telecommunications and Information Systems, the Musial Group, architects for the project, and W. D. Snyder, Inc., general contractors.

Construction costs for the project were incorporated in the Union County Capital Budget and consisted of architectural plans, demolition work, plumbing, electrical, a new roof and renovation of existing space.

"In terms of efficiency, staff mobility, cross-training, coordination of services, administration as well as ease and access to services for customers," Ms. Rajoppi said, "this physical merger will provide one of the largest cost-benefits to our county."

The County Clerk administers a staff of 38 people, processes more than 100,000 legal documents per year and in 1997 generated \$7.3 million in revenue to the county and state. Her office files and records all real estate transactions within the 21 municipalities of Union County, processes passport applications, designs the sample ballot for the school board, primary, general and special elections, tabulates elections, provides Alcoholic and Beverage Control (A.B.C.) cards, business trade names, notary public applications and veteran services.

## UCC Licensing Exam Passage Rate Hits 100 Percent

Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, of Elizabeth, and Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, of Westfield, visited Union County College recently to acknowledge the school's 100 percent licensing exam passage rate.

All of last year's graduates of five county college campuses and its affiliated programs passed their national board examinations, enabling them to receive licensing in their fields of endeavor.

The programs registering the 100 percent pass rate were: Respiratory Therapy, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting, operated jointly with the University of Medicine and Dentistry and the Professional Nursing Program, conducted in cooperation with Elizabeth General Medical Center School of Nursing.

"It is refreshing to acknowledge such academic achievement at Union County College. It demonstrates the diversity and quality of the educational experience offered at this college," Freeholder Sullivan said.

## Free Seminar to Focus On Fitting Gardening Into A Busy Schedule

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County will offer a free seminar this Monday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. on quick and easy ways to fit gardening into a busy schedule. It will be held at the Westfield Administration Building, 300 North Avenue, East.

Master Gardener Mary Ann Friscia will share various tips on making the most of one's garden in a lot less time.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension provides information and educational services to all people without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, disability or handicap, or age.

Participants may register for this Spring Speakers Series session by calling Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County at (908) 654-9854.

## Edison School Lists Dates for Lil' Abner

A production of *Lil' Abner* is the student production this spring at Edison Intermediate School at 800 Rahway Avenue.


The musical will be presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 7, 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Advance sales for reserved seats, which cost \$5 each, are being held from 3 to 4 p.m. in the school auditorium lobby. Tickets may be purchased at the door, subject to availability, for \$8.

The production is under the direction of Dr. David P. Shapiro, with over 50 students taking part.

For more information, please call the school office at (908) 789-4470.

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## Runnells Volunteer Guild To Hold Frame Sale May 9

Frames, prints, mats, posters and other items donated to The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will be on sale at the hospital auditorium, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, May 8. The hospital is located at 40 Watchung Way in Berkeley Heights.

"The sale, with discounts up to 50 percent off retail prices, is open to the public," announced Union County Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon, Liaison to the Runnells Hospital Board of Managers.

"The items were donated by Rocco Di Francesco and John Appezzato, former partners of a frame shop," she

continued. "Mr. Di Francesco is the owner of The Frame Place on Route 22 in Scotch Plains, and we can't thank them enough for their generosity."

Items for sale include metal and wood frames, with and without glass, in a variety of sizes from 11 inches by 14 inches to 30 inches by 34 inches; framed and unframed posters and prints, some mounted; scenic and classic auto and fighter plane prints, measuring 16 inches by 20 inches, among other merchandise.

All of the proceeds from the sale will be used by the Guild to purchase items for the benefit of Runnells' residents and patients.

## Technology Center Sponsoring Open House Tuesday, May 5

The Union County Educational Technology Training Center (ETTC) is sponsoring an open house this Tuesday, May 5, from 2 to 5 p.m. The ETTC offers a wide variety of training courses for Union County teachers, educational administrators and school support staff.

The courses range from "Introduction to Microsoft Office '97" to "Curriculum Integration with Technology." Distance learning courses are also offered via the Internet, interactive television (ITV) and satellite.

The ETTC contains a library with over 400 resources including software, textbooks and videotapes. There are 18 200-MMX Pentium multimedia computers and Power Macintosh computers with a T-1 Internet connection.

Other technologies include a color scanner, digital camera, video camera, video-conferencing system, SyQuest drives and laptop computers.

The Union County ETC is located in the Magnet High School for Science, Math and Technology on the campus of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains.

The open house will feature technology demonstrations including satellite communications, interactive television, video conferencing, software integration and networking.

For additional information, please call the Union County ETTC office at (908) 889-3810 or visit its website at [www.uccvts.tec.nj.us/ettc](http://www.uccvts.tec.nj.us/ettc).

# A Major "Westfield" Dance-Party-Benefit

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## Senior Citizen Art Exhibit To Have Opening in June

All Union County senior citizen artists, both professional and non-professional, are invited to enter the 1998 Union County Senior Citizen Art Contest and Exhibition.

Sponsored by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, the exhibit will take place at Schering Plough Corporation, 2000 Galloping Hill Road in Kenilworth, which is a barrier-free site.

The show opens with a reception on Wednesday, June 24, and works of art will be displayed until Friday, July 31.

Artists must be at least 60 years old and may submit one entry which has been completed within the last three years. All work must be the original creation of the artist.

Framed work may be no wider than 36 inches and no narrower than 12 inches, and must be ready to hang, properly wired and framed. Sculptures may not exceed 14 inches in height, width or depth.

Artists wishing to participate are asked to return their application forms as quickly as possible, as space is limited to the first 100 entries, according to county spokeswoman Susan P. Coen. All applications must be received by Friday, June 12.

Professional artists will judge the exhibit. Works may be exhibited in the following categories: oil, acrylic,

watercolor, pastel, print, drawing, photography, mixed media, sculpture and craft.

There will be awards of recognition for professional and non-professional entries. Individuals claiming non-professional status must not have (1) sold the types of art entered in the contest/exhibition through commercial channels; (2) exhibited in a professional gallery; (3) ever had membership in a professional artist guild.

Those claiming professional status are those who have (1) sold the type of art entered in the contest/exhibition commercially; (2) exhibited professionally; (3) held membership in a professional artist guild or association.

Full information is provided on the application form, which is available from the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, 07202, or by calling (908) 558-2550; TTD relay service users may call 1-800-852-7899.

The annual Union County Senior Citizen Art Exhibit is made possible by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Schering Plough Corporation and a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

Additional support is provided by the Union County Department of Human Services, Division on Aging.

## Rutgers Extension to Sponsor Financial Workshop in May

Rutgers Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a day-long personal finance conference entitled "Countdown to 2000: Financial Strategies For Your Future II" on Saturday, May 9.

The program will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Haggerty Education Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morris Township.

Presented as part of its five-year "Money 2000" campaign to encourage New Jersey residents to increase savings and reduce debt, "Countdown to 2000" will focus on topics related to saving, investing and debt reduction.

The cost is \$18 for "Money 2000" participants and \$20 for all others. Lunch and printed materials are included in the registration fee.

Financial experts Brenda Buttner, financial journalist for CNBC, will discuss "Tips for Savvy Investors" and Warren Boroson, Editor of the Mutual Fund Digest, will present "Financial Gurus: Their Best Ad-

vice."

Exhibits by non-profit agencies providing financial services, a choice of four workshops, and personal finance-oriented door prizes round out the day's activities. Topics of the workshops are "Give Yourself Credit: Borrow Smarter For Less," "The ABCs of Investing," "Funding Your Future...With Mutual Funds," and "What the New Tax Law Changes Mean for You."

To register for the "Countdown to 2000" conference, send check, made payable to "Morris County Extension Service," to Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County, P.O. Box 900, Morristown, 07963-0900.

The deadline for early registration is Friday, May 1, and before Friday, May 8, add a \$5 late fee.

For additional information, please call Barbara O'Neill at (973) 579-0985 or Pat Brennan at (973) 285-8302 weekdays during business hours.

## Odyssey of the Mind Team Qualifies for World Finals

Two Odyssey of the Mind teams from Franklin Elementary School in Westfield participated April 4 in the New Jersey State Odyssey of the Mind Finals in Ewing.

Nine-year-old Jesse Cohn of the Pageant Wagon Team won the Renatra Fusca Award, which is reserved for the team or team member who displays exceptional creativity and teamwork amongst all the teams competing in the event.

She competed against children from elementary through high school and won the award for displaying "extraordinarily strong leadership skills during her team's performance," according to a school spokeswoman.

The other members of the Pageant Wagon team were Allison Rodino, Vincent Tomasso, Seth Applebaum, Bryan Knapp, Michelle Molawski and Courtney Pogue.

The Marvelous Mentor team, including Matt Delaney, Amanda Gross, Elissa Niemiera, Barrett Newell, Martin Paul, and Adam Subhas, won first place in Division One - Classics and an invitation to represent Westfield and the State of New Jersey at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Odyssey of the Mind is an academic competition which fosters brainstorming, risk taking, creative problem solving and teamwork. The two-part event features spontaneous and long-term problem-solving exercises.

The spontaneous activity involves on-the-spot solving of a previously unknown problem before a panel of

judges. The long-term event involves presenting the team's solution to a longer problem in an eight-minute skit. The entire project must be completed without any adult assistance.

During the annual "World Finals Competition," 6,000 team members from 50 states and 30 countries vie for 17 championships. The Franklin School team is the first Westfield/Union County group to represent New Jersey at this event.

The Marvelous Mentor long-term problem involved producing a television commercial and designing a package for a nutritious food product. They also needed to incorporate the advice of a mentor, selected from an existing Odyssey of the Mind list.

The Franklin team chose Hippocrates and researched the daily life, philosophy, fine arts, and even the alphabet of ancient Greece, from which they developed their skit.

Westfield's Odyssey of the Mind members are actively raising funds to send the Mentors team to the World Finals competition. A benefit performance and raffle has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 1, in the Westfield High School auditorium. Each participating team will perform and raffle winners will be announced.

Kehler's Athletic Balance has donated a basket of assorted sporting goods valued at \$200. Franklin School parents have donated another basket of "American Girl" items valued at \$250. Raffle winners of both baskets will receive their prizes at the performance.

## Freeholder Urges Creation Of Child Advocate Office

Union County Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo has called for the creation of the Office of the Child Advocate within the county's Department of Human Services, to more effectively address the needs of children in crisis.

"There is a definite need for this position because the agencies designed to help and protect children are very fragmented," said Freeholder Ruotolo.

"The Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) focuses on child protection. There are agencies targeted to mental health issues, the developmentally disabled, others for education and more for county services," she continued.

"Too often, children in need of help are just bounced from department to department," she added.

Freeholder Ruotolo has proposed a one-point contact for questions and services for children in crisis. The

office would guide the child through the system and be responsible for seeing that all needs are met.

"This puts an end to being constantly referred from one agency to another," Freeholder Ruotolo said. "The Child Advocate stays with the case until it is resolved."

Last year, the Freeholder Board created the Office of the Patient Advocate, which assists senior citizens through the often complicated health care maze. The county also offers a one-stop job training office.

"This is consistent with what the Freeholder Board has been doing over the past two years," said Daniel P. Sullivan, Chairman of the Chosen Freeholders.

"We are providing information and services to Union County residents in a one-stop, efficient manner. The Child Advocate Office expands what we are doing to help children in need."

## Foundation Grants Award For Learning Initiative

The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation has awarded a \$50,000 grant to the CATALYST Initiative (Creative Arts to Accelerate Learning for Your Students and Teachers), a comprehensive arts-in-education program based on the theory of multiple intelligences.

CATALYST is a collaboration of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, which was recently named a "Major Service Organization" by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and Artsgenesis, Inc. of Jersey City, described as a "leader in innovative arts-in-education programs" by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Initiative, based on developmental psychologist Dr. Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences, focuses on the concept that individuals learn and come to know things in many ways.

Dr. Gardner's theory proposes eight equally valid intelligences, including linguistic; logical/mathematical; bodily kinesthetic; musical; spatial; inter and intra personal and natural.

CATALYST uses arts applications of the multiple intelligences theory, created by Kathleen Gaffney, Artistic Director of Artsgenesis, "to enable all individuals to reach their full potential," according to

county spokeswoman Susan P. Coen.

The Dodge Foundation's award to CATALYST doubled in amount from last year, based on the progress which has been made with the program, the county spokeswoman revealed.

More than 150 educators from Union and nearby counties will attend a professional development workshop on CATALYST called "The Incredible Eight: Arts Unleashing the Intelligences," which will take place on Monday, April 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Kean University in Union.

The workshop will demonstrate how learning through the arts can enhance students' skills in problem-solving, their ability to engage in critical thinking and their ability to achieve in all areas of school curriculum.

The CATALYST Initiative offers professional development services including in-service workshops, artists-in-residency and the Artsgenesis Summer Institute for Multiple Intelligences and the Arts.

To learn how to bring the CATALYST program to a school, please contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, 07202, or call (908) 558-2550. TT Relay users may call 1-800-852-7899.

## SP-F Art Association to Feature Demonstration on Oil Painting

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Arts Association will feature Karoly Daroczi, of Elizabeth, in a demonstration of oil painting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, in the Fanwood Train Station on North Avenue.


Mr. Daroczi is a self-taught artist known for his intense realism and unusual subject matter who paints in the renaissance style. He is a member of the Westfield Art Association, The New Jersey Center for Visual Art and

the Salmagundi Club of New York City.

He has received numerous prizes and awards over the years including Best in Show.

Meetings of the association are held at 8 p.m., on the third Wednesday of most months in the Fanwood Railroad Station. Meetings are free and the public is invited.

For more information, please contact Tom Yeager at (908) 322-5438.

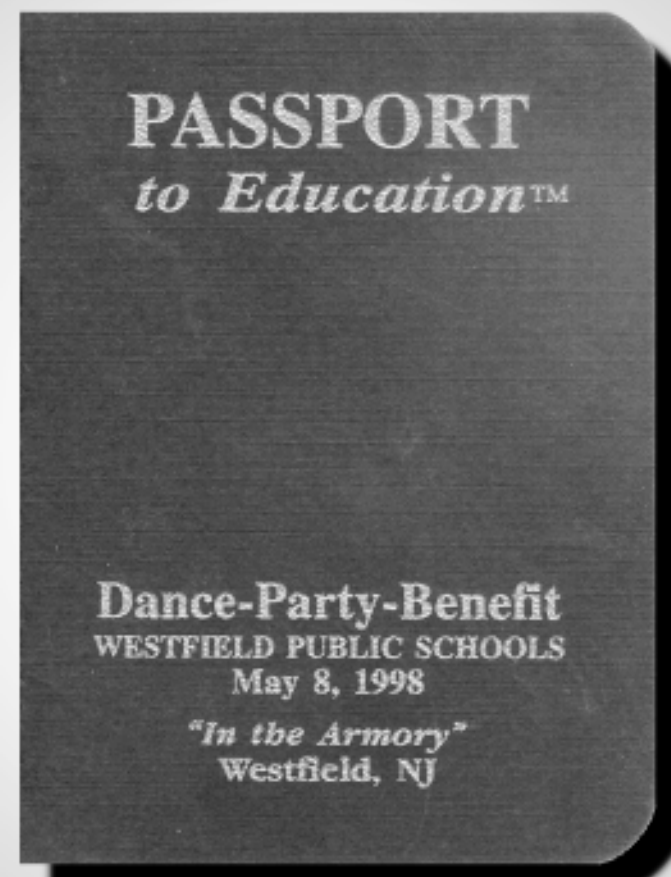
		
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LIBRARY FRIENDS...The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library recently named Michele Picou as the recipient of their 20th annual Kenneth S. Gaston Award...

Michele Picou Is Recipient Of Gaston Award for 1998

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library recently celebrated their 10th year in the library building at 550 East Broad Street, and the 20th year for the Kenneth S. Gaston Award.

Painting Classes Slated May Through August At LaGrande Park

The Fanwood Recreation Commission will sponsor a painting class for adults. Barbara Prestridge, a local artist and teacher, will instruct the course in watercolor, acrylic or oil to adults with some previous painting experience.

Classes will be held at LaGrande Park in Fanwood. There will be two sessions of classes: Tuesdays, May 5 to June 16, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Thursdays, June 25 to August 6, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Each session runs for seven consecutive weeks. The fees per session are \$70 for Fanwood residents and \$85 for non-residents.

Registration (for one or both sessions) will be held at LaGrande Park this Saturday, May 2, at 12:30 p.m. for Fanwood residents, and from 1 to 1:30 p.m. for nonresidents. Enrollment will be limited.

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Mrs. Connelly Challenges Congressman Franks to Sign Campaign Finance Petition

Maryanne S. Connelly, candidate in the Seventh Congressional District, has challenged Congressman Bob Franks to sign a petition to force a vote on the campaign finance reform legislation currently being blocked in the House.

Mrs. Connelly, who serves as Fanwood Mayor, joined the grassroots organization Common Cause in this challenge.

In her letter to Congressman Franks, Mayor Connelly stated, "If you decline to add your signature to the discharge petition, we can conclude only that you do not truly support campaign finance reform. And that is information - clear and irrefutable - that the residents of your district are entitled to know."

Citing two House votes, Mayor Connelly suggested that Congressman Franks record does not match his public commitment of support of campaign finance reform legislation. Maryanne S. Connelly worked for

28 years at AT&T as a Human Resources Executive. Mrs. Connelly is the immediate Past President of the New Jersey Association for Elected Women Officials.

IBS Support Group To Meet Friday, May 1

The monthly meeting of the support group for individuals with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) will be held Friday, May 1, from 7 to 8 p.m., at Overlook Hospital, Conference Room No. 1, in Summit.

There will be a showing of the video, "What You Really Need to Know About Irritable Bowel Syndrome," followed by a discussion.

The group is free and open to anyone concerned with the problems of IBS.

Parking in the Overlook Hospital garage is also free for those attending the group.

For more information, please call the New Jersey Self-Help Clearing House at (800) 367-6274.

Letters to the Editor

Florida Resident Recounts Trip To 'Charming,' 'Quaint' Westfield

I have just returned home to Pensacola Florida after spending a week in Westfield. I think that your town is the most charming and quaint town that I have ever visited. My visit was the first time that I have been that far north and it was nothing in which I had expected.

The people that I met in the downtown area were friendly and most pleasant to speak with. I travel quite frequently and spend a lot of time in south Florida especially in Mi-

ami and you can imagine what one would encounter in that part of the state.

I was most impressed with the services that your town provides to its residents...a police officer spending his shift walking the downtown area is totally unheard of where I live. I am planning a return trip (return to Bavellas bakery too) in mid May and I can hardly wait.

Joe Curry Pensacola, Florida

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COMPLETING THEIR WORK...Work is being completed by the seven Strategic Planning Action Committees, comprised of more than 100 volunteers, who have been carefully examining ways to improve the Westfield Public Schools.

Staff Appreciation Week Set for SP-F Public Schools

Staff Appreciation Week will be Sunday through Thursday, May 3 through 9, in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools. This event, sponsored by the National Parent-Teacher Association, provides an opportunity to recognize the efforts of principals, teachers, aides, secretaries, custodians, and all other staff

members who help to make our schools excellent.

In the district, each school will celebrate the week in its own way, with such activities as breakfasts, luncheons, and cards to show staff members how much their efforts and dedication are appreciated by students and their parents.

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A SONG IN THEIR HEARTS...The Chansonettes, pictured during a performance, will present their spring program several times during May. The program will feature various selections from the 1940s to the present, including a medley of music by Rodgers and Hammerstein. The group meets every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

## Chansonettes Announce May Performance Dates

The Chansonettes of Westfield, a women's singing group, has announced performance dates in May for their spring program. Since this is their 50th anniversary, a special program is being presented.

The program is expected to include the opening song "Let Me Entertain You" from *Gypsy*, followed by a medley of music by Rodgers and Hammerstein, including "It's A Grand Night For Singing," "If I Loved You," and "Oh What A Beautiful Morning," as well as other familiar tunes from the 1940s to the present.

The ensemble will perform at Cranford Senior Housing on Wednesday,

May 13, and on Thursday, May 14, at the Linden Housing Authority-Peach Orchard Towers.

On Wednesday, May 20, there will be a special performance for family, friends and former members of the Chansonettes in the Chapel of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

The Chansonettes meet every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue. New members are welcome, and the position of accompanist is open.

Interested individuals may call Jean Shork, Director, at (908) 232-5776, or Alice Barbieri, President, at (908) 233-7363.

## School District to Present Forum on Learning Styles

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent-Teacher Association Council will present a forum on learning styles on Wednesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center of the McGinn Elementary School.

At this forum, Dr. John Crews, Assistant Superintendent of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School Dis-

trict, and Lori Barnett, a staff developer for Excel Corporation, will explain different learning styles to parents and guardians.

"Everyone has a way in which they learn best, either visually, by listening, etc.," explained PTA Council Vice President Cathy Cvetovich.

The evening is planned as an interactive program, wherein audience members can explore differing learning styles and discover their own best learning styles. The presenters will also lead a discussion designed to explain strategies for maximizing the potential of all our students by working with the students' individual learning styles.

The entire community is invited to the Media Center to gain an understanding of learning styles. McGinn School, located on Roosevelt Avenue, can be reached by turning onto Trenton Avenue off South Martine Avenue in Fanwood.

## Scotch Plains-Fanwood Schools to Recognize District Staff Members

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district will observe Staff Appreciation Week from Sunday through Friday, May 3 to 9.

This event, sponsored by the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA), provides an opportunity for the community to recognize the efforts of principals, teachers, aides, secretaries, custodians, and all other staff members in the district, according to Mary O'Connor, Corresponding Secretary of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council.

Each school in the district will celebrate the week in its own way, the Corresponding Secretary explained, with such activities as breakfasts, luncheons, and cards to show staff members how much their efforts and dedication are appreciated by students and their parents.

## Westfield Library Announces Classes On Use of Internet

The Westfield Memorial Library will hold two Internet training classes in May. The first class, a hands-on introduction to the Internet, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

In-person or telephone registration will begin on Tuesday, May 5, at the circulation desk. Class size is limited to eight individuals.

The second class, on advanced Internet searching techniques, will be held on Saturday, May 30, from 9 to 10 a.m. This presentation is designed for individuals who are already familiar with the basics of Internet navigation and wish to broaden their knowledge.

The class will focus on a variety of search techniques, providing tips and ideas for more effective and precise searching of the large volume of information available on the Internet.

In-person or telephone registration for this class begins on Tuesday, May 12, at the circulation desk. The class size is limited to 40 people.

Both presentations will be given by the library's reference staff. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street (908) 789-4090. Participants must have a valid Westfield Library card to attend the classes.

## BOE Meeting Slated, Angela LaCarrubba To Be Honored Tuesday

The next Westfield Board of Education meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, will be held at Wilson Elementary School, 301 Linden Avenue, at 8 p.m.

Prior to the business meeting, there will be a reception at 7:30 p.m. to honor Wilson second-grade teacher Angela LaCarrubba, the Westfield Rotary Club's 1998 Philhower Fellowship recipient.

A complete agenda of the business portion of the meeting will be available at the Business Office at 302 Elm Street on Monday, May 4.

The public is invited to attend.

## Daughter, Julia, Born to Nelsons

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Nelson of New Providence have announced the birth of their daughter, Julia Sayre Nelson, on Friday, February 6, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Julia weighed 9 pounds and 6 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches in length at birth.

She joins her brother, Richard, 5 1/2 and her sister, Sarah, 3.

The mother is the former Miss Jody Hedden.

Julia's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Hedden of Westfield.

Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nelson of North Caldwell.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT ROMITO (She is the former Miss Laura Beth Vitale)

## Miss Laura B. Vitale Weds Robert Romito

Miss Laura Beth Vitale, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vitale, Sr. of Fanwood, was married on Saturday, February 21, to Robert Romito. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Romito of Marlboro.

The afternoon ceremony was performed at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains, with the Reverend Robert Kunze officiating. A reception was held at The Westwood in Garwood.

The bride, who was escorted down the aisle by her father, wore a white, sleeveless gown made of Italian satin, with scattered pearls adorning the top part of the gown. She wore an Italian satin shawl and a cathedral-length veil, and carried a large bouquet of white and yellow roses.

Miss Michele Vitale of Fanwood and Mrs. Lisa Sheil of Scotch Plains, the sisters of the bride, served as the maid and matron of honor, respectively. They wore navy blue gowns and carried bouquets of yellow roses and some white roses.

The bridal attendants included Mrs. Maria Oslislo of Green Brook, Mrs. Carrie Cardace of Clinton, Mrs. Kathy Wagner of Westfield and Ms. Sandra Adinolfi of North Plainfield. They also

wore navy blue gowns and carried bouquets of yellow roses.

Mark Romito of Marlboro, the brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. The ushers included Michael Vitale, Jr. of Fanwood, the brother of the bride; Dave Celeste of Parlin, Dave Indursky of Freehold, and Sal Amato and Ted Moran, both of Marlboro.

The ring bearer was 14-month-old Christopher Sheil of Scotch Plains, the nephew and godson of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Union County College and Kean University in Union, where she received her group certification in preschool education. She is a teacher at Sundance School in North Plainfield.

The bridegroom, who earned his associate's degree from Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, graduated from the Monmouth Police Academy. He is employed as a Sheriff's Officer with the Somerset County Sheriff's Department.

The wedding was attended by at least 30 of the bride's students, both past and present.

Following a wedding trip to Newport, Rhode Island, the couple reside in Fanwood.

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## Garage Sale Set for May 16 To Benefit Day Care Center

The 30th annual Garage Sale for the Westfield Day Care Center will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Rahway Avenue in Westfield. All proceeds will benefit the center. The sale is sponsored by the Westfield Day Care Auxiliary.

Small appliances, furniture, jewelry, boutique and collectible items, sporting goods, games, kitchenware, tools, linens, toys and children's

clothing (sizes infant to 14) are among the donations being sought.

All items must be in salable condition and in working order. The Auxiliary is unable to accept adult clothing, building materials, curtains and drapes, stuffed animals, winter sporting goods, Christmas items, chandeliers and outdoor fixtures, records, magazines, texts and encyclopedias.

For more information, please call (908) 317-0015

## Kiwanis Club Reveals Date For Antique Show and Sale

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Spring Antique Show and Sale on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elm Street Field in Westfield.

The directions to the show are as follows: Garden State Parkway to Exit 135, Central Avenue, left on North Avenue and right on Elm Street, or Route No. 22, East, to Lawrence Avenue, to Walnut Street to Elm Street.

Over 50 antiques dealers from all over New Jersey and Pennsylvania will offer wares ranging from "folk" to "fancy," according to Kiwanis

spokeswoman Lynne "Cookie" Astringer.

Merchandise is expected to include porcelains, glass, baskets, stoneware, redware, sterling, dolls and books, along with both formal and country furniture. Food will be available during all hours of the show.

The admission price is \$3, or \$2.50 with a copy of this article.

All proceeds will benefit charities, such as scholarships, local police departments and local libraries.

For further information, please call Ms. Astringer at (973) 763-6947 or (908) 518-7774.

## Parenting Pathways to Offer Workshop on Scrapbooks

Parenting Pathways will sponsor a program on creating family scrapbooks on Saturday, May 2, at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, LaGrande and Martine Avenues in Fanwood.

The festivities will start at 9 a.m. with check-in, registration and coffee. An introductory program, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., will offer instruction in the basics of putting together a scrapbook. It will be conducted by Marie Ansari, a creative memories consultant from the Plainfield area.

Materials will be provided to make a scrapbook page during the introductory program. Participants are asked to bring six to 12 photographs of a single event, along with a pair of sharp scissors.

The fee, which enables participants to attend the introductory program and the full day of events, is \$25 with advanced paid registration and \$30 at the door.

Individuals and families who are familiar with the basics or who are already working on their scrapbooks may set up work space for the Crop Program. Participants are encouraged to bring enough photographs to work with for the entire day.

The fee for the full day Crop program, which lasts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is \$20 with advanced paid registration and \$25 at the door. To attend for a half day, from noon

until 3 p.m., the cost is \$15 with advanced paid registration and \$20 at the door.

The junior prices, for children ages 5 through 13 accompanied by a participating adult, are as follows: Introductory Program, \$10 with advanced paid registration and \$15 at the door; Crop Program, \$5 with advanced paid registration and \$10 at the door. Children under age 5 cannot be accommodated for this event.

Throughout the day there will be "Shop Talks" and guest speakers on different topics related to family history and telling a story with photographs.

Among the scheduled speakers are Andrea Rona, a creative memories consultant from Princeton, and Ronn Orenstein, Director of Photography at Hartz Mountain Corporation and a teacher in the Plainfield adult school program.

This event is open to the public and all are invited to attend. Pre-registration is requested but not required, and discounts will be given for early registration. Scrapbooks and supplies may be purchased throughout the day.

For more information, to register, or if one has any questions, please call (908) 889-5954. Parenting Pathways is a Fanwood-based, nonprofit organization established to provide support and education to all parents.

## Westfield Farmers' Market To Return Starting June 18

The Westfield Farmers' Market will return on Thursday, June 18, under new management by the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Last summer, the market had to be temporarily relocated behind the firehouse on North Avenue, due to construction being done at the station by NJ Transit.

This summer, the market will return to its original location at the South Avenue parking lot of the Westfield Train Station, where it was held two years ago very successfully.

Local farmers will bring their "Jersey fresh" products to Westfield on Thursdays, from 2 to 7 p.m., June 18 through October 29.

The market also attracts customers to the downtown shopping dis-

trict, an important goal for the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Westfield Corporation.

"The Westfield Market is planning to have six farmers come every Thursday this summer," revealed Debbie Schmidt, Executive Director of the Westfield Chamber.

"The Farmers' Market brings additional activity to the downtown area, benefiting all our local businesses, and also provides the community with a special family event as they shop for their fresh, high quality produce," she added.



**FESTIVE DANCE...**Performers from Aires De Mi Tierra, an ensemble specializing in international ballet and Latin folkloric dancing, performed during Family Heritage Night at Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains. Youngsters and their families celebrated the cultural diversity of the student population with an evening of food tastings, homemade displays, entertainment and traditional costumes.

## Cultural Diversity is Theme At Family Heritage Night

The Parent Teacher Association of Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains recently sponsored its annual Family Heritage Night to celebrate the diversity of its student population.

Highlights of the evening's festivities included the international food tastings, featuring cuisine from around the world. In addition, many families worked together to create displays of family possessions, clothing and other items from their country of origin.

Dr. Theodore Schlosberg, founder and Director of The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, brought his Swiss Alp Horn. He also displayed and demonstrated his collection of international valveless horns. Latin folkloric dancing was performed by Aires De Mi Tierra.

This year's Chairwomen, Karen Delaney and Maura Berger, included

crafts for the students to observe demonstrations and participate in. These included Egyptian Hieroglyphic stamping, Mexican paper flowers, African spirit mini masks, Italian paper tambourines and Indonesian shadow puppets.

Ukrainian egg decorating was demonstrated by Dianna Cassidy and her children. Vivian King, Stephanie King and Joyce Cheng demonstrated the art of Chinese knot tying.

There was also a sing along with Pat Barton, a parent, on guitar. He was accompanied by Brownie Troop No. 289.

The evening concluded with a "Parade of Cultures" where all were invited to walk across the stage and state their name and country of origin. Many of those who participated were dressed in a traditional outfit.

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A SPECIAL HONOR...Edwin Aaron, center, the former owner of and pharmacist at the Fanwood Pharmacy prior to his retirement, was honored at a recent meeting of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club. Past President Joseph Y. Qutub, pictured at right, presented Mr. Aaron with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for his 50 years of dedicated service to the community and the surrounding areas. Assisting with the presentation before club members and guests was Lori De Milt, Club President. The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Park Place Restaurant in Scotch Plains.

## College Woman's Club Hosts Annual Scholarship Dinner

The College Woman's Club (CWC) of Westfield will hold its year-end scholarship dinner on Tuesday, May 12, at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

The highlight of the club year, the annual dinner celebrates the outstanding young women who are the recipients of this year's college scholarships and grants. At last year's dinner, CWC awarded over \$25,000 to six Westfield High School graduates on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and need.

All club members and their guests are invited to attend. The evening

will begin at 6 p.m. with a cash bar, followed by dinner and the awards program at 7 p.m. Reservations, at \$29 per person and must be made by Tuesday, May 5. Checks should be sent to Carol Mucci, 205 Embree Court, Westfield.

The College Woman's Club was founded in 1917 for the purpose of furthering the higher education of women. All area women who are college graduates are invited to join.

For membership information, please contact Mary Ellen O'Boyle at (908) 233-1031 or (908) 233-5347.

## Miller-Cory to Celebrate May Day This Sunday

The custom of welcoming spring with a festival known as May Day will be celebrated this Sunday, May 3, at the Miller-Cory House Museum from 2 to 5 p.m. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

Visitors will be able to enjoy May Day which is believed to date back to pre-historic celebrations relating to the changing seasons, explained museum spokeswoman Patricia Looloian.

"The May Pole was originally a tree used as the center of a ritual dance and represented vitality and the fertility of nature. Weaving the ribbons around the May Pole was part of the May Day festivities at the time of the Millers and Corys in 18th and 19th century New Jersey," she said.

Children's games were also part of the May Day celebrations and enjoyed by early American youth. These traditions will be demonstrated by Kathy Dowling, of Clark, and visitors will have the opportunity to participate in the festivities,

as well. Members of the museum's Cooking Committee will prepare foods over the open hearth using early-American cooking techniques and recipes.

Visitors to the museum will be able to enjoy taste treats as prepared by the cooks. Tours of the historic farmhouse by authentically costumed docents will be available throughout the afternoon with the last tour beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, and 50 cents for students. Children under 6 will be admitted for free. The museum will be closed on Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 10.

On Saturday, May 16, the museum will feature its annual Aunt Carrie's Attic Sale from 9 to 2 p.m. On Sunday, May 17, the museum will feature woodworking with Thomas Sherry of Westfield.

For information about the museum and its schedule of events, please call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.



MUSIC MILESTONE...Mayor Thomas C. Jardim prepares to sign an official proclamation acknowledging May 3 to 10 as the 75th anniversary of National Music Week. Joining him are Edna Borchers, President of the Musical Club of Westfield, left, and Elena Bartolf, Music Week Chairwoman. The public is invited to a series of musical programs at Westfield schools which are also being held in conjunction with National Music Week.

## National Music Week's 75th Year to be Marked By Array of Activities

The Musical Club of Westfield has joined the 75th anniversary of National Music Week from May 3 to 10. Founded by Charles Tremain of Westfield in 1923, the club is sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs.

The theme of this 75th observance is "Music...To Be Treasured." Elena Bartolf of Westfield, Music Week Chairwoman, has urged area residents to show their support by attending a variety of musical events during that week.

Mrs. Bartolf has helped prepare a Music Week exhibit in the window of Rorden Realty, located at the corner of Quimby and Elm Streets, and at the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street, in commemoration of this event.

The Musical Club of Westfield's annual Music Week concert will be performed on Wednesday, May 6, at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, and the public is invited to attend.

Other activities will include an official Music Week proclamation issued by Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, and a number of town-wide events in the public schools, to

which the public is also invited. The events are as follows:

- Thursday through Saturday, May 7 to 9, the musical *Lil' Abner* will be presented at 8 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School on Rahway Avenue.
- Wednesday, May 13, an Instrumental Program will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Franklin Elementary School on Prospect Street.
- Thursday, May 14, there will be a Jazz Band Concert at 8 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School on Clark Street.
- Monday, May 18, a Spring Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Jefferson School on Boulevard.
- Tuesday, May 19, a Choral Concert will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at Franklin School on Prospect Street.
- Wednesday, May 20, a Choral Concert will be performed at 8 p.m. at Westfield High School on Dorian Road.
- Wednesday, May 27, a Spring Concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Washington Elementary School on St. Mark's Avenue.
- Thursday, May 28, Jazz Night will take place at 8 p.m. at Westfield High School.

## Dance Company, WYACT To Hold Concert May 2

The Westfield Dance Company (WDC), a young people's dance company, will hold its Spring Concert, "Dance in The Park," on Saturday, May 2, at 1 p.m.

The concert will be held at Mindowaskin Park, located 245 East Broad Street in Westfield.

In keeping with the philosophy of WDC to bring all forms of perform-

ing arts to the community, WDC has invited the Westfield Young Artist's Cooperative Theater's (WYACT) singers to share their spring concert with them.

WYACT is a young people's performing arts company which gives interested actors, singers, dancers, designers and technicians an opportunity to thrive in professional high quality productions. This summer WYACT have been invited to collaborate with the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) to present Rodgers and Hemmerstein's musical *Carousel*.

The Westfield Dance Company will be presenting *Carnival of the Animals* for "Dance in The Park."

The concert is free to the public. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to Sunday, May 3, at 1 p.m.

For further information, please call (908) 789-3011.



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**HAPPY HOMECOMING...** Former Westfield Mayor Garland C. "Bud" Boothe, Jr., standing in front of window at rear, along with former President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter and Habitat for Humanity founders Millard and Linda Fuller, join a young Hungarian family, the proud new owners of a Habitat home in Vac, Hungary, in 1996.

### Mr. Boothe to Discuss Work Of Habitat for Humanity

Garland "Bud" Boothe, Jr., former Westfield Mayor and now an active participant in various Habitat for Humanity projects, will be the speaker at the Westfield Historical Society luncheon on Wednesday, May 6, at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant on Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

Mr. Boothe's presentation will include slides from his home-building activities in Hungary, Canada and Kentucky. He will discuss the history of Habitat for Humanity, how the program works at the building sites, and how individuals of all ages and skill levels can contribute to Habitat work.

Habitat for Humanity has built over 60,000 new or rehabilitated homes worldwide in the past 20 years. There are over 1,000 affiliates in all 50

states, and others in 75 countries worldwide.

Since retiring as a corporate lawyer and manager in 1995, Mr. Boothe has participated in "Blitz Builds" in Vac, Hungary, in St. Johns, Newfoundland and in Morehead, Kentucky.

During a "Blitz Build," homes are erected and turned over to their new owners between Monday morning and Friday afternoon. Mr. Boothe has also participated in building projects in Plainfield and in Plains and Americus, Georgia.

Regular attendees at the Westfield Historical Society lunches will be contacted. Others wishing to attend the luncheon and program are asked to call (908) 233-2930 by noon on Monday, May 4.

### Westfield AARP Spotlights Upcoming Chapter Events

The Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 4, at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue.

The social hour will begin at 1 p.m. and the meeting will start promptly at 1:30 p.m.

Joan Neuwirth, from the State AARP Speakers Bureau, will present a program on health maintenance organizations (HMOs).

The Trips and Tours Committee has advised that there are limited seats available for two upcoming trips. On Monday, September 14, there will be a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for The Charlie Prose Show. The cost for the show, luncheon and transportation is \$48.75.

There is a trip to Myrtle Beach scheduled for Sunday through Saturday, September 27 to October 3. The cost is \$459 for double occupancy and \$554 for single occupancy.

Please call (908) 889-6769 for more information on these trips. Also, at the May meeting, members will be able to make reservations and payment for an Octofest at Hunt's Landing in Pennsylvania, which is scheduled for Friday, October 16.

This spring, the Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 is commemorating the 10th anniversary of the receipt of its charter in March of 1988. One hundred and ninety members attended the April meeting and celebrated the event at a catered luncheon at The Presbyterian Church. Twenty-six charter members attended.

Anyone interested in joining the Westfield Area Chapter of AARP is invited to attend the May 4 meeting. Applicants must be at least 50 years old and members of the national AARP. Dues are \$5 per year.

All members are reminded to bring a non-perishable food item or to make a donation to the Food Pantry, according to Chapter President Jean Richardson.

### Rabies Clinic Slated In Fanwood May 13

The Fanwood Board of Health will conduct a free Rabies Clinic, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., on Wednesday, May 13, which will be offered for the inoculation of both cats and dogs.

The clinic will be held at the Fanwood Public Works Building, located on North Avenue in Fanwood. No appointments are required.

The public should follow some simple preventive measures to limit the possibility of exposure to rabies. They are as follows:

- Make sure that all dogs and cats are vaccinated against rabies.
- Do not leave family pets outdoors overnight, or feed animals outdoors.
- Avoid contact with all wild animals.
- Discuss with children not to bring home, pet or attempt to "help" a sick wild animal.

If bitten by any animal, individuals are advised to consult their physician immediately, and to call the local Health Department at (908) 789-4070 to report the incident.

### Household Special Waste To be Collected Saturday

The Township of Springfield will host the second Spring Household Special Waste Day sponsored by the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA).

UCUA Chairman James J. Kennedy announced that the event will be held this Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Township of Springfield Municipal Swimming Pool on Morrison Road in Springfield.

The final event for the spring will be held in Union at the Department of Public Works Yard on Swanstrom Place, on Saturday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Information regarding cancellation of either of the events due to severe inclement weather will be available by calling the Authority after 3 p.m. on the Friday before the event.

There is no cost to participate; however, pre-registration with the UCUA is mandatory. The disposal of household special waste is open to Union County residents only. Proof of residency is required.

Acceptable household special waste includes oil-based paint and varnishes, pool chemicals, corrosives and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, caustics, solvents, thinners, aerosol cans, asphalt sealers, fire extinguishers, flammable liquids and solids, motor oil, gasoline, motor oil filters, automotive products, batteries, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs (unbroken), thermostats and mercury switches.

Only materials in their original or labeled containers will be accepted. No containers larger than five gallons or empty containers will be accepted. In addition, unidentified materials, explosives, radioactive materials, gas cylinders or materials containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) will not be accepted.

Latex paint will not be collected at Household Special Waste Days. The Authority will sponsor a separate Latex Paint Collection Day that will be held at the Westfield Memorial Swimming Pool on Scotch Plains Avenue on Saturday, May 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At this event, latex paint will be accepted in the original paint can and in containers no larger than five

gallons. This event is open to Union County residents and no painting contractors will be permitted. Pre-registration is also required for this event.

All Union County schools will also be able to dispose of their laboratory chemical waste at Household Special Waste Days for a nominal charge. In order to participate, schools must contact the UCUA at least two weeks before an event for more information and to register.

For more information or to register, residents may call the UCUA at (732) 382-9400.

### 'Odyssey' Students To Perform Tonight In WHS Auditorium

Seven teams of Westfield students from Franklin and Wilson Elementary Schools who have participated in the Odyssey of the Mind competitions will perform for the public tomorrow, Friday, May 1, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Westfield High School auditorium. Tickets to attend the performance cost \$4 per person and \$10 for a family.

The Odyssey of the Mind program includes teams from all over the world who compete on regional, state and national levels, according to school district spokeswoman Lorre Korecky. Requirements for the teams include a limit of six members per team, a time frame of eight minutes in which to present a problem to be solved, and a student pledge promising that no members outside of the team contributed to the problem's solution.

One team from Franklin School was selected as the statewide winner and will be traveling to Orlando, Florida for the worldwide finals. Proceeds from the benefit performance by all seven Westfield teams will go toward travel expenses for that competition.

Leslie Lewis, Coordinator of the Franklin School Odyssey of the Mind program, said, "The kids had to make all their own costumes, scenery and music. They are a group of very sophisticated and intelligent students."

### Speech-Language Expert To Address 'Y' Workshop

Elisha Cohen-Monzella, a licensed, certified speech-language pathologist (SLP), will discuss communication impairments during a workshop at the Westfield "Y," 220 Clark Street.

"Preschool Communication: What to Expect, How to Improve and When to Refer," will be held on Wednesday, May 6, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Topics to be covered will include: "What is an SLP?"; "What is involved in an evaluation?"; "General speech and language milestones from birth through six years"; "Types of communication impairments in children"; "What is therapy?"; "How to select a SLP" and "How to improve your child's communication."

Ms. Cohen-Monzella maintains a private practice, serving clients throughout Union County and neighboring areas. She provides home-

based evaluations and treatment to infants, toddlers and preschool children and their families.

Ms. Cohen-Monzella holds particular interest in young children with autistic-spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities. She is a graduate of Westfield High School and recently moved to Fanwood with her husband and two children.

To register for this workshop, and to ensure availability of handout materials, please call the Westfield "Y" at (908) 233-2700. There is a \$10 fee at the door.

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**MONEY WELL SPENT...**The Budget Review Committee of the United Fund of Westfield is in the process of reviewing the requests for financial support of its 20 member agencies for 1999. Pictured, left to right, are: standing, Steven Pomerantz, Noel Brown, Marilyn Gulotta, Richard Rippe, William Taylor, David Molowa and Richard Coltrera, and seated, Jeffrey Christakos, Chairman Matt Forstenhauser, Mark Friedman, Vaughn Buntain and Patty Monninger. Not pictured is John Caravello.

### Budget Committee Reviews Requests to United Fund

"What would you do if you were suddenly given over half a million dollars, then told you must divide the sum among 20 agencies which are your dependents?" asked Matt Forstenhauser, Chairman of the Westfield United Fund's Budget Review Committee.

"These agencies provide essential services and programs for you, your family, your friends and your community," he explained. "Should the most money go to the handicapped and severely ill? How about child care and senior citizens services? Should some be used for recreation programs or preventative services that will help stop problems from becoming even greater?"

"What would you do? These are some of the questions that face the committee," Mr. Forstenhauser said. The Budget Review Committee, a group which reviews and studies the budget requests and programs from the 20 member agencies and determines how much money the member agencies will need and what amount each agency will receive, has begun its process of reviewing requests for funding for the year 1999.

"More and more, people are expressing an interest in where their donation goes, and our extensive citizen review process is the most effective way of reflecting these concerns," noted Mr. Forstenhauser.

"The input and involvement of our volunteers provide a critical link to the community. We want to assure United Fund contributors that their money is being used effectively and economically," he added.

"The committee's study will span more than 1,000 hours and three months reviewing agency requests, profiles, program goals, and objectives, as well as the agencies' effec-

tiveness in reaching these objectives, based on past performance and the need for particular programs in the community," he said.

"Each agency answers questions on what their programs are achieving, how many people they are serving, what alternative sources of income are available to them and what the opportunities or problems in the next year will be," Mr. Forstenhauser explained.

"After all the requests for the agencies have been reviewed and evaluated, the committee takes on the task of deciding what the actual allocations will be for each," James Pinkin, President of the United Fund's Board of Trustees, said.

"The combination of changing needs and available funds makes the allocation process a continuing challenge and a more difficult task each year," he added.

"After final recommendations from the committee to the Board of Trustees, the campaign goal for the 1998 fall campaign will be established," Mr. Pinkin added.

The United Fund's 20 member agencies include: The American Red Cross, ARC of Union County, the Boy Scouts, Community Access Unlimited, Contact We Care, the Girl Scouts, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Services, the Mental Health Association, Mobile Meals of Westfield, Union County Legal Services, the Union County Psychiatric Clinic, the United Cerebral Palsy League, the United Services Organization, Visiting Health Services of Union County, Visiting Nurse Service System, the Westfield Community Center, the Westfield Neighborhood Council, the Westfield "Y" and Youth and Family Counseling Service.

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times RAIDERS WIN THRILLER IN EIGHTH; SQUEEZE BY BLUE DEVIL BOYS, 4-3

# Raiders Win Thriller in Eighth; Squeeze by Blue Devil Boys, 4-3

Continued from page 13. Herrmann grounded out to short. Buccola looped a single over short, but Don Patterson was struck out by Blue Devil pitcher Baykowski to end the inning.

Herrmann launched a rocket toward the center field fence, but Orsini, in full stride, made an over-the-head "Willie Mays" catch for the second out. Baykowski struck out Cerchio and the Blue Devils had escaped the inning unblemished.

laid down a suicide squeeze bunt as Melendez flew down the third base line and slid safely into home for the go-ahead run.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times ATTEMPT TO PICK OFF...Blue Devil pitcher Bob Baykowski whips the ball to first baseman Greg Freisen, No. 31, in an attempt to pick off Raider Don Patterson.

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## Hillside Tumbles Viking Boys, 17-11

The Hillside High School boys came out on the top end of a slugfest in Scotch Plains on April 24 by hammering the Vikings, 17-11, in the preliminary round of the Union County baseball tournament.

## Raider Boys Shatter M. X. Shabazz, 18-1

Senior Adam Baumwoll was the player of the afternoon as he bombed a three-run home run, smashed a triple and added another RBI as the Raiders' baseball team shattered Shabazz, 18-1, in Scotch Plains on April 20.

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# Blue Devil Laxers Trounce Kent Place, Rutgers Prep

By MEGHAN CORBETT Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School girls' lacrosse team, this past week, scored big with two huge wins over rivals Kent Place and Rutgers' Prep.

2:50 remaining. Besides Westfield's fast, accurate passing and superior physical condition, a major factor in their victory was the Blue Devils' relentless defense.

tively pushed the Kent Place girls weak, forcing bad shots from wide, outside angles that were a cinch for Westfield's experienced goalie Kit Simons, who had 18 saves against Kent Place.



MIXING IT UP...Blue Devil Megan Clark, left, battles for possession of the ball against two Rutgers Prep opponents. The Westfield High School girls' lacrosse team defeated Rutgers Prep, 14-9.

## Area High School Varsity Baseball Results:

APRIL 21: Middlesex 1, New Providence 0. In a battle of two undefeated teams, Jason Roman pitched a no-hitter to get the win and Pioneer Kim Coleman allowed only four hits in the loss.

Plainfield (3-5) 140 12 08 Union (7-3) 100 28 11. Rahway 14, Union Catholic 3. Ed Goworek had two singles and an RBI and Ryan McKenna slapped a single and scored two runs.

confidence and spirit entering another tough game against Rutgers' Prep on Wednesday.

The 18th game in WHS girls' lacrosse history, the Blue Devils' 14-9 win against Rutgers Prep assured Westfield a spot in the State Tournament.

Korecky led the offense with four goals and one assist. Salmond had two goals and three assists. Hely, Powell and Gates also each scored twice. In goal, Simons had 22 saves.

Kent Place (4-2) 05 02 07 Westfield (4-3) 10 04 14. Rutgers Prep (4-3) 03 06 09 Westfield (5-3) 07 07 14.



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS...Megan Clark, No. 17, bangs into her Rutgers Prep opponent.

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# Clubs Celebrate Arbor Day With Tree Planting in Park

The Garden Club of Westfield and the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield jointly celebrated Arbor Day by planting two holly trees in Clark Park on Dudley Avenue.

In addition, the Garden Club announced that it has changed the date of its annual plant exchange to Wednesday, May 6.

Arbor Day was founded in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton, a journal-

ist, nature lover and Secretary of the Nebraska Territory, who advocated tree planting by individuals, civic organizations and other groups.

The Garden Club of Westfield and the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield have continued the Arbor Day tradition with the many trees which the two organizations have planted over the years.



**A TREE COMES TO WESTFIELD...**The Presidents of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield and The Garden Club of Westfield, along with members of the Westfield Department of Public Works (DPW), admire holly trees which were planted in Clark Park in honor of Arbor Day this year. Pictured, left to right, are: Scott Ehrlicher and Ken Lecroy of the DPW; Colleen Schmidt, President of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club; Jody Melloan, President of the Garden Club of Westfield; Robert Turner of the DPW, and Dan Kelly, Superintendent of the DPW.

# Ms. Daly Is Sales Associate At Burgdorff ERA Office

Burgdorff ERA recently announced that Linda M. Daly has joined the company as a Sales Associate in its Westfield office at 600 North Avenue, West.

A Realtor since 1985, Ms. Daly became a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club in 1996, achieving Bronze Level status.

She was given an office award for outstanding dedication to clients and previous owners at her former office. Ms. Daly is a member of the Garden State Multiple Listing Service and the Middlesex Board of Realtors.

For the past seven years, Ms. Daly has specialized in foreclosures and bank-owned properties. She can explain the complex financing and paperwork involved

in these types of transactions.

Ms. Daly raised over \$10,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in 1995 and 1997, has volunteered for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and for McKinley Elementary School with Parents Against Narcotic and Drug Abuse (PANDA), and as a former board member.

A Westfield resident since 1983, Ms. Daly is a lifelong resident of Union County. She can provide first-hand information about area schools, neighborhoods, shopping, recreation, commuting and more. She attended Kean University in Union.

Founded in 1958 and celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, Burgdorff ERA has more than 600 Sales Associates and 29 offices across New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania.

# Richard J. Diemer Receives Promotion at AlliedSignal

Richard J. Diemer, a former Westfield resident now living in Ridgewood, has been named Vice President and Controller of AlliedSignal Inc.

Mr. Diemer joined AlliedSignal in 1997 as Assistant Controller in accounting. Prior to joining the company, he was a partner with KPMG Peat Marwick in Short Hills, where he was active in its information, communication and entertainment practice, as well as its United States capital markets group.

He also served as an SEC reviewing partner, helping privately-held companies launch their initial public

offerings. Mr. Diemer's tenure with KPMG also included a four-year assignment in London, where he worked with European clients on United States accounting and reporting matters.

Mr. Diemer holds a bachelor's degree in commerce, with a concentration in accounting, from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. He is a 1976 graduate of Westfield High School.

He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (CPAs), United Kingdom Society of CPAs and New Jersey Society of CPAs.



**HELPING HANDS...**Lynn Feldman, a member of the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, holds newborn Meghan Lara, the newest addition to the Hrinkevich family of Westfield. Ms. Feldman and fellow squad members delivered the baby at home on March 20, with the assistance of Westfield Police Officer Bob Weiss. They are joined by, pictured left to right, Meghan's father, Craig, mother, Arlene, and 2-year-old sister, Mary. The squad members, along with paramedics, then transported mother and baby to Overlook Hospital in Summit.

# Westfield Rescue Squad Makes Special Delivery

The first day of spring, March 20, was a very memorable one for the Hrinkevich family of Westfield, as well as for the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Just before 8 a.m. that morning, the Rescue Squad was called to the family's home to assist a "woman in labor."

Upon arriving at the scene, it became readily apparent that the expectant mother, Arlene Hrinkevich, was going to give birth in a matter of minutes.

Rescue Squad President Reid Edles and fellow volunteers Lynn Feldman and driver Jim Schnuck, with the assistance of Westfield Police Officer Bob Weiss, prepared the necessary equipment while awaiting Overlook Hospital paramedics, who arrived a short time later.

At precisely 8:09 a.m., Meghan Lara Hrinkevich made her appearance in her parents' home without any complications.

Mrs. Hrinkevich and her baby

were transported by the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, with the assistance of the paramedics, to Overlook Hospital in Summit, where they were reported to be in satisfactory condition.

They returned home two days later to join Meghan's father, Craig, and her two-year-old sister, Mary.

"I was never so happy to see anybody in my whole life as I was when the Rescue Squad walked through the door," stated Mrs. Hrinkevich. "We're very lucky to have a Volunteer Rescue Squad in Westfield."

Members of the rescue squad have delivered several other babies in recent years. Childbirth is one of the classes in which all emergency medical technicians must be recertified every three years.

The three Westfield Rescue Squad ambulances are equipped for every kind of medical or trauma emergency, including childbirth, squad personnel confirmed.

# WHS's Frances Trees Selected As '98 Tandy Prize Recipient

Westfield High School (WHS) mathematics and computer science teacher, Frances Trees, was recently selected as a 1998 recipient of the Tandy Prize. Ms. Trees is one of 100 teachers nationwide to receive this award.

Developed by the Tandy Corporation, the parent company of Radio Shack and Computer City, the Tandy Prize honors teaching excellence in

mathematics, computer science and science.

In recognition of Ms. Trees' outstanding achievement, a certificate of recognition and a cash award of \$2,500 was presented to Ms. Trees and a trophy was awarded to Westfield High School at the Tandy National Professional Convention in Washington, D.C.

In addition to teaching math and computer science at the high school, Ms. Trees is a College Board table leader for the scoring of advanced placement computer science exams who has also made several presentations this year at AP Computer Science Conferences in New Jersey.

Her "Teachers Guide to Advanced Placement Courses in Computer Science" was recently published by the College Entrance Examination Board.

"Ms. Trees is a well-deserved recipient of the prestigious Tandy Prize," commented Westfield High School Principal Dr. Robert G. Petix. "Westfield High School is fortunate to have such a talented, accomplished and nationally respected professional as Fran Trees as of member of its staff."



Frances Trees

# Scotch Plains Girl Scouts Build Brookside Nature Trail

Over 60 Scotch Plains Girl Scouts and their leaders were on hand at Brookside Park on April 21, 22 and 24, to work on a Community Service Project — the development of a Nature Trail.

Under the direction of Marcia Anderson, the girls outlined the trail through the woods using tree branches. Then armed with shovels, rakes, buckets and wheel barrels, the girls proceeded to cover the trail with woodchips in order to create a defined walking trail.

Overhanging branches were

trimmed to present a clear path. The trail was then marked with entrance signs at both ends.

"The Recreation Commission would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the scouts and parents who participated in this project. The trail is a picturesque addition to the park inventory," said Recreation Department spokeswoman Laura Sanson Botto.

All residents are encouraged to try out the new trail which can be found in the woods, located to the left side of the playground and ballfield.



**WORKING TOGETHER...**Over 60 Scotch Plains girl scouts and their leaders got together to develop a Nature Trail in Brookside Park. They trimmed branches, raked and then covered the trail with woodchips.

# J. Winthrop & Company Plans Vera Bradley Show

J. Winthrop & Company, 233 North Avenue, East, will present a special, in-store Vera Bradley Designs Trunk Show on Saturdays, May 2 and 9.

The event will feature the newest Vera Bradley Designs' handbags, clothing, accessories, luggage and tabletop items.

Mary Harper, a Vera Bradley representative, will be present on Thursday, May 7, to answer questions. Refreshments will be served through-

out the event.

Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursday until 9 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Vera Bradley Classic to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and breast cancer research. The company is based in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The Vera Bradley Classic is a golf and tennis tournament held in Fort Wayne. Last year's Vera Bradley Classic raised \$224,000.



**GALA FUNDRAISER...**Alice and Bob Dillon of Westfield share a moment celebrating at IMAGES '98, the 17th annual gala to benefit education programs at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts (NJCA) in Summit. Mr. Dillon is Chairman of the NJCA Board of Trustees. Image '98 was held on April 4 at the Art Center and supported by over a dozen New Jersey corporations. The theme of the black-tie event was "Art Party," A Black and White Ball.

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## Local Students Named Honor Roll At Wardlaw-Hartridge School

The Wardlaw-Hartridge Middle School, located at 1295 Inman Avenue in Edison, has announced that five Westfield residents have achieved the Middle School Honor Roll for the third marking period.

The school also announced that students from the local area have been named to the Upper School Honor Roll.

To be named to the Middle School Honor Roll, students must have a "B-plus" average and no grade lower than a "B" in their

academic subjects. Named to the Honor Roll were: sixth grade, David Altszuler and Gopika Barai; seventh grade, Ashley Kent and James Martinelli, and eighth grade, Stefanie Forman.

To be named to the Upper School Honor Roll, students must have a cumulative weighted average of no less than 87 out of 100 points in their academic subjects.

Named to the Honor Roll were: ninth grade Alex Galitzer, of Fanwood; Caroline Nguyen, Michael Nguyen, Samantha Schackman, all of Scotch Plains; 11th grade, Ben Friedland, Kavitha Janardhan, and Michelle Schackman, all of Scotch Plains, and 12th grade, Whitney Kent, of Westfield.

Wardlaw-Hartridge is an independent coeducational institution. The school serves more than 40 communities in central New Jersey.

### Oratory Prep Awards Headmaster's Honors To Five Local Students

Oratory Catholic Prep School in Summit recently announced the names of those students who were named to the Headmaster's Honor Roll for the third quarter of the 1997-1998 school year.

Earning First Honors were Nicholas Henn of Scotch Plains, Grade 12, and Tyler Maloney and John Valla, both 11th graders from Westfield.

Receiving Second Honors were Kevin Cummo of Scotch Plains, Grade 10, and Joseph Pellicano of Westfield, Grade 7.

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MEMORIES OF MONTREAL...Members of the French Club at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School stand before a scenic overlook in Montreal during a recent trip to Canada during spring break. They were accompanied by their advisors and others, and also had an opportunity to tour Quebec.

## French Club Students Visit Montreal and Quebec Sites

Thirteen Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) French Club students, along with their advisors, Maria Olsen and Karen Morreale, recently spent five days of their spring break in Montreal and Quebec.

The group traveled by bus while visiting the two cities. Highlights of the tour in Montreal included ice skating at the Bell Amphitheater, visits to the Biodome of Montreal, the Olympic Park, the Montreal metro and underground shopping center, I-max, and the Molson Center, where the Montreal Canadians were practicing.

Outside of Quebec City, the group stopped at the Basilica of Sainte Anne de Beaupre and the Montmorency Falls. The visit also included a tour of the Citadel of Quebec, shopping in the old city, a ferry ride across the Saint Lawrence and a tour of the famous Chateau Frontenac.



GREAT DAY FOR SAILING...French Club students from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School take a ferry ride across the Saint Lawrence River during a recent trip to Canada. Accompanied by their advisors and others, the 13 students also visited Montreal during spring break.

## Willow Grove Youngsters Welcome Dads to School

The 4-Plus Class of Willow Grove Pre-School in Scotch Plains recently explored the letter "D" in a special way by inviting their dads to school for Dessert Day.

Prior to the dads' visit, each child had an opportunity to tell his or her classmates and teachers something about their father, such as what he does at work.

Thirteen fathers worked side-by-side with their sons and daughters on craft projects, then played at the sand table with "dinosaur bones," built roadways using construction toys, and read with their youngsters.

The visit culminated with the children serving and sharing "dirt" dessert (a tasty concoction of cookies, whipped cream and other ingredients which they prepared themselves.)

Willow Grove's 4-Plus class is designed for children who either miss the Kindergarten cut-off date or those who could benefit from an additional year of preschool.

The curriculum is appropriate for children who can remain attentive to an activity for a longer time and are familiar with a school routine, according to Director Kathy Calello.

Language development through speaking, listening, dictating and storytelling is an important part of the program, she said.

The 4-Plus class meets Monday through Thursday, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Willow Grove Pre-School also offers separate, two-day programs for children two and a half years old (by October 1) and three years old, as well as a three-day class for four-year-old youngsters.

The school is presently registering children for the 1998-1999 school year.

Located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, the Willow Grove Pre-School is a non-profit Christian nursery school sponsored by the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church and licensed by the State of New Jersey.



"D" IS FOR DAD...Youngsters at the Willow Grove Pre-School in Scotch Plains enjoy a recent visit from their fathers to the school. Pictured are Alex Parker and Ryann Morrison, with their dads, as they construct items using recycled materials.

## Holy Trinity Names Honor Roll Students for Third Period

Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield recently announced its third period Honor Roll for the 1997-1998 school year.

To be named to the Principal's List, students had to earn "A's" in all subjects. For First Honors, students had to maintain an "A minus" average, and for second honors, they were required to achieve a "B plus" average.

**Sixth Grade**  
 Principal's List: Colette Moryan and Matthew Smith.

First Honors: Brendan Eagan, Caitlin Lojo, Laura Manzano, Eadaoin Quinn, Alice Ryan and Elizabeth Traflet.

Second Honors: Ashley Alvemes, Joseph Korfmacher and Ryan Leonard.

**Seventh Grade**  
 First Honors: Jaleah Hawkins, Sheri Jones, Rachel Schwartz and Ali Kilduff.  
 Second Honors: Michelle Greco, Brian Luck and David Ritter.

**Eighth Grade**  
 Principal's List: Brandon Leonard.  
 First Honors: Tara Behr and Joseph Serzan.

### Alzheimer's Group To Meet on May 11

The Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group, sponsored by the Northern New Jersey Alzheimer's Association, meets on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. and at 7 p.m. at the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network, located at 1515 Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11.

Meetings are open to the public for any caregivers or friends of someone who is suffering from Alzheimer's Disease or dementia.

Refreshments are served and guest speakers often address the meeting to provide information. Please call Karen Donnelly at (908) 233-9700 for additional information or directions.

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## Mr. Spillane Joins Weichert At Firm's Westfield Office

James M. Weichert, President, has announced that Robert Spillane has joined the Westfield Office of Weichert, Realtors as a Sales Associate.

A newly-licensed real estate professional, Mr. Spillane owned Total Repairs and Renovations, a registered New Jersey company specializing in residential renovations and handicap modifications.

The new Sales Associate, who earned a paramedic certificate from Union County College, is a former Director of emergency medical services and instructor for police officers and medical personnel.

Mr. Spillane has won numerous lifesaving citations for his work in emergency medicine. He studied public administration at Kean University in Union.

The Elizabeth resident is Cubmaster of Pack No. 23 and an instructor for the American Red Cross. Mr. Spillane is married and has three children.

For real estate transactions, Mr. Spillane may be reached at Weichert's Westfield Office, (908) 654-7777, located at 185 Elm Street.

Individuals may also visit Weichert's Web site on the Internet at [www.weichert.com](http://www.weichert.com).

## Ms. Maricic Cited for Total Sales Volume Once Again

Faith Maricic, a Sales Associate with Burgdorff Realtors ERA's Westfield office, was recently honored at the annual Burgdorff ERA awards luncheon held at the Parsippany Hilton.

She received distinguished awards as number one in total sales volume

for the third consecutive year, including awards as top listing agent for both dollar volume and total of listings sold.

Ms. Maricic's successful marketing and sales techniques have enabled her to qualify for the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club for the 11th straight year since beginning her



Faith Maricic

career in real estate in 1987.

Her high production levels in 1996 and 1997 helped her to reach the Silver Level status as well as her distinction as a member of Burgdorff's President's Elite for 1998.

Jean Massard, Vice President and Manager of Burgdorff ERA's Westfield office, added that "Faith has consistently shown a high caliber of expertise resulting in her being named Salesperson of the Month four times in 1997."



## Scotch Plains-Fanwood Schools to Recognize District Staff Members

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district will observe Staff Appreciation Week from Sunday through Friday, May 3 to 9.

This event, sponsored by the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA), provides an opportunity for the community to recognize the efforts of principals, teachers, aides, secretaries, custodians, and all other staff members in the district, according to Mary O'Connor, Corresponding Secretary of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council.

Each school in the district will celebrate the week in its own way, the Corresponding Secretary explained, with such activities as breakfasts, luncheons, and cards to show staff members how much their efforts and dedication are appreciated by students and their parents.

**AWARD RECIPIENT...** Camie Delaney of Mountainside, a Broker Associate with Burgdorff Realtors ERA in Westfield, has been named the Saleswoman of the Month with six sales and listings sold in March amounting to over \$2 million in real estate. She is a member of Burgdorff ERA President's Club for excellence in sales and has been a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club for the past 10 years and serves as a member of the Community Service Committee with the Greater Union County Board of Realtors.



**CITED FOR RELOCATION EFFORTS...** Barbara Callahan, Relocation Director at Rorden Realty in Westfield, and Warren Rorden, President, display the Referral Sales Award recently presented to the Westfield-based Realtor by RELO/The Premiere Real Estate Network, out of Chicago.

## Rorden Realty Recognized With Referral Sales Award

Warren C. Rorden, President of Rorden Realty, Inc., of Westfield, has announced that the company is being recognized by Chicago-based RELO/The Premiere Real Estate Network with the Referral Sales Award.

This award places Rorden Realty, Inc. first in the nation in their company's category.

Rorden Realty has been cited by the RELO Board of Directors for outstanding performance in serving the relocation needs of families and corporate transferees. The Referral Sales Award is presented to companies that generate up to \$5 million in referral sales.

Barbara Callahan, Relocation Director, noted that the award is indicative of the high level of service and commitment that Rorden Realty's name provides to the community.

"We continually strive to provide families moving into or leaving the Westfield area with the support and services they need to help them select a home in a community that meets their needs, as well as to learn about mortgage services, school districts

and community resources," said Ms. Callahan.

"Our relocation department is staffed with agents specifically trained to deal with the types of issues facing transferees and their families," added Mr. Rorden.

Rorden Realty, Inc. has been serving relocating families for 27 years.

"The Referral Sales Award is presented to a select group of RELO members who have provided the highest level of relocation service to their community," said 1997-1998 RELO Chairman of the Board, Dennis Wolf.

"We are proud to recognize Rorden Realty, Inc. as an outstanding member of the RELO network," he added.

This is the 10th Referral Sales Award earned by Rorden. Transferees requiring relocation services to aid in selling their current home or finding a new community may contact the Relocation Department at (908) 232-8400.

Rorden Realty, Inc. is one of more than 1,000 members of RELO, which services 14,000 cities in the United States and 15 foreign countries. RELO is the oldest and largest network of independent real estate brokers.

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## Bayberry Card & Boutique Raffles Diana Beanie Baby

The Bayberry Card & Gift Boutique, located at 860 Mountain Avenue, Mountainside, a local merchant known for raising money to help local charities, raffled off another limited edition Princess Diana Beanie Baby on March 17. Proceeds from the raffle went to the New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NJHPCO) in Scotch Plains.

The family-run business, owned by Bea Alter and managed by her son Harvey, has served the community for 35 years. Among the organizations that the Bayberry Boutique has helped raised money for are the Summit Speech School, Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and NJHPCO, a non-profit organization founded in 1979 as the state's leading advocate for the terminally ill and their families.

The organization recently expanded its mission to include palliative care to help hospices better address patient needs and ease their transition into comfort care.

Other organizations and causes that the Alters plan to raise money for are animal hospitals/shelters and breast cancer. Just recently the Bayberry

Boutique became the area's "official headquarters of the Beanie Baby Club."

Besides a wide variety of Hallmark cards and gifts, the store also carries many specialty items such as Colonial candles, Caspari paper goods, helium balloons, cookbooks, fine stationery as well as gold and silver jewelry and as Mr. Alter proclaims, "the widest selection of original Beanie Babies and Ty's plush animals in the area at reasonable prices."

## Jose Colon Joins RE/MAX In Town as Sales Associate

RE/MAX Realty Pro's in Westfield has announced that Jose Colon has joined the office as a Sales Associate. With 10 years of real estate experience, Mr. Colon specializes in the listing and selling of residential and commercial properties in the Westfield area.

"The freedom and control over my business offered by RE/MAX creates a greater opportunity for me to do more for my buyers and sellers," said Mr. Colon.

A top producer who speaks both English and Spanish, Mr. Colon was named to the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club in 1994.



Marc Kelley Realtors, 2 Alden Street, Cranford, has announced the sale of this lovely older Colonial at 304 South Euclid Avenue, Westfield. This property was listed and marketed by Heidi-Ann Julie and the children joined Fred Scaleria in Colorado in January and Heidi-Ann handled all matters pertinent to this sale until it closed.



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Isoldi Associates Realtors, located at 200 North Avenue East in Westfield, is pleased to announce the sale of 235 North Avenue in Cranford. The listing was handled by Frank D. Isoldi.



Isoldi Associates Realtors, located at 200 North Avenue East in Westfield, is pleased to announce their participation in the sale of 616 Scotch Plains Avenue in Westfield. Negotiations were handled by Kim Shovlin.



Isoldi Associates Realtors, located at 200 North Avenue East in Westfield, is pleased to announce the listing and sale of 115 Ayliffe Avenue in Westfield. The listing was handled by Kim Shovlin and negotiations were handled by Frank D. Isoldi.



Isoldi Associates Realtors, located at 200 North Avenue East in Westfield, is pleased to announce their participation in the sale of 925 Irving Avenue in Westfield. Negotiations were handled by Frank D. Isoldi.

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