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State fails to approve Ash Brook deer hunt

By **ORNO MAFOX**
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Mayor Martin Marks and the Township Council have been working for five years to win approval to conduct a deer management program in the Ash Brook Reservation on the township's south side. It appears they'll have to wait a little longer.

The council recently awarded a contract to a private business to cull the population, and the program was scheduled to begin earlier this week. But the state Fish and Game Council has apparently declined to act on the township's application, leaving the program in limbo.

The state agency was scheduled to act on the application March 8. But Township

Manager Tom Atkins told the council at its Tuesday meeting that it is his understanding the agency declined to entertain the township's request. Scotch Plains has yet to receive any official notification.

Atkins said he was told the agency declined to act because Fish and Game commissioners wanted to explore whether a traditional hunt was a viable alternative to a more clinical approach, because of an apparent 120-day review period, and because of a concern about a substantial increase in the rise in deer control applications.

Local officials were dismissive of those claims, saying it was infeasible to have a traditional hunt in a suburban setting and that the rise in applications corresponds to a worsening in the state's deer problems.

They pointed out that the Audubon Society earlier this week issued a report arguing that deer are creating ecological stress and urging the state to conduct a more intensive deer management program.

Scotch Plains officials also indicated they had not previously been made aware of a 120-day review period. Mayor Martin Marks said he was in contact with the state in January 2004, though Union County did not conduct a census of the Ash Brook deer population until November.

Marks years ago began urging the county, which conducts an annual deer control program at the Watchung Reservation, to turn its attention to Ash Brook. He has been particularly vocal about the issue in the past year. Those efforts won support from the county, but the application has

now stalled at the state.

"It's outrageous for whatever the reason that this has fallen through the cracks," Marks said at the council meeting.

Atkins said the state's non-action has left local officials "very distressed and perturbed."

"When are we going to have someone severely hurt or heaven forbid killed because of a deer problem?" Atkins said.

Marks said he is pushing for a meeting with a higher-level state official to discuss the issue. He added he would ask the Fish and Game Council to consider the township's request an open application, so that the deer management program might begin in late fall of 2005 rather than winter of 2006. The organized hunt can only be conducted during the cold-weather months.



A senior class to remember

Winning the Union County Tournament this year was just one of many accomplishments the Lady Raiders seniors, shown here with the UCT trophy, had during their stellar careers. See Sports, Page C-1.



Scouts travel to Ireland

Boy Scouts from Troop 73 in Westfield spent the last week in February exploring the rural quarters of Ireland, hiking the rugged countryside and learning about Irish culture. See the story in Community Life, Page B-1.



One night, 25 years of shows

On Broadway, Edison Intermediate School's spring musical, will celebrate Broadway shows that have been performed at the school over the last quarter century. Performances will be held at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. March 17 and 18 and 7:30 p.m. March 19. For more, see Page B-1.

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Used books for sale

More than 15,000 used books will be offered at the Scotch Plains Public Library's annual sale through Saturday. Books will range in cost from 25 cents to \$5. Thursday hours are from 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; the sale continues 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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Westfield board reviews enrollment

By **BRAD BISHOP**
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Superintendent William Foley presented the Board of Education with a sketch of elementary school enrollment projections for the 2005-06 school year at the board's regular meeting Tuesday.

The projections indicate that the biggest enrollment fluctuations will be seen in kindergarten and first grade, where populations are anticipated to change by 100 students or more. The board attempts to maintain class sizes between 18 and 25 students, with the lower range in the primary grades and the higher range in the upper grades.

In the 2004-05 school year, 280 students attended kindergarten classes, but next year, that number is expected to climb to 371, an increase of nearly one third. To accommodate for the surge in population, the district expects to add four class sections to maintain class sizes between 17 and 21 students.

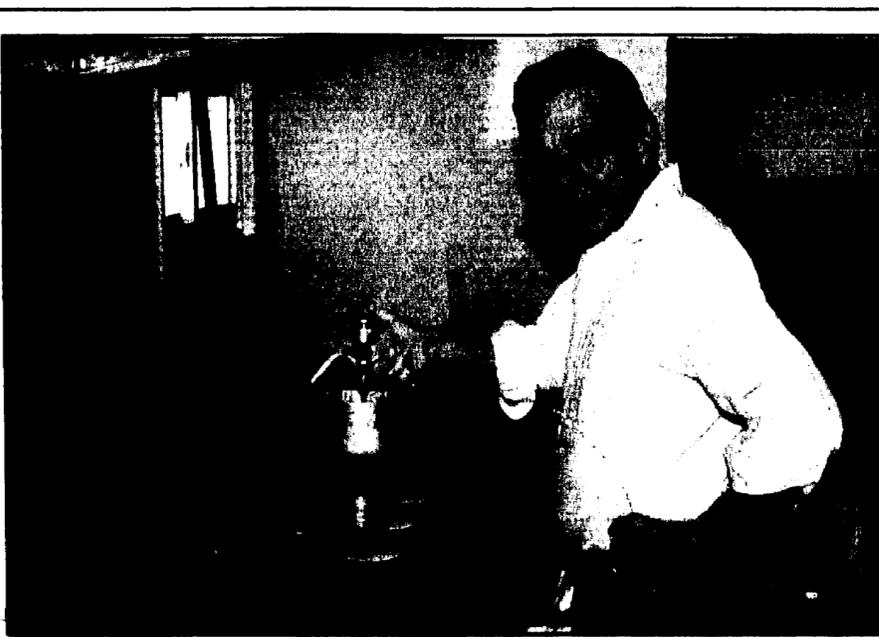
The impact will be felt most sharply at Washington Elementary School, which has one 25-student section during the current year but will have three sections and 53 total students attending kindergarten next year. New sections are also planned for McKinley and Tamaques Elementary Schools, officials said.

In the first grade, where total student population will drop from 483 students in 2004-05 to 394 students in 2005-06, the district expects to cut six sections to allow for class sizes ranging between 20 and 24 students.

At Franklin Elementary School, the number of students is anticipated to drop from 118 students to just 84, necessitating the elimination of two sections. Student population in first grade is expected to decline across the board, except at Wilson Elementary School, which will manage a slight increase with the same number of sections as the current year.

Second through fifth grades are expected to see less significant changes, as student population levels will fluctuate slightly. At Franklin, however, the third grade population may decline

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In Scotch Plains, a breakfast fit for a lion

The Scotch Plains Lions Club held its annual pancake breakfast fundraiser at Scotch Hills Country Club on Jerusalem Road Sunday morning. Above, Lance booth, a business owner in Scotch Plains, made the drive from his Hunterdon County home to serve up flapjacks to hungry residents. At right, Trent Miller digs into his breakfast while his mother Gwinn and father Ken look on. For more information on the Lions Club and its charitable efforts, call (908) 889-1953.



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Judge approves Verizon tower

By **BRAD BISHOP**
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — A Superior Court judge has overturned a 2003 Borough Council decision that denied a Verizon Wireless application to place cell phone antennas on an existing PSE&G utility tower.

The court ruling, delivered by judge Walter Barisonck last week, paves the way for Verizon to proceed with an application that was stridently opposed by neighbors and occupied the Planning Board's attention for nearly a year.

The council's decision was actually a veto of the Planning Board's earlier decision to approve the placement of cell antennas on a tower in an area encompassed by Oak Court,

Patterson Road, Elm and North avenues. In the borough's unique land use ordinance, residents can appeal board decisions to the council for further consideration.

After vigorous debate, the Planning Board approved Verizon's application in June 2003, finding that the wireless service provider had demonstrated a service gap and chose an appropriate site for the cell antennas.

On Oct. 29, 2003, however, the council vetoed the ruling, arguing that Verizon could have chosen any of four other locations to install the cell antennas, which also require construction of a 10-foot by 25-foot equipment area shielded behind a landscaped six-foot high fence.

Mayor Colleen Mahr said the borough has now spent \$10,000

in legal costs to contest the application, and said her personal inclination is to accept the decision and move on.

"While I don't technically have a vote on what the council will decide to do, we've invested a tremendous amount of time and money on this," she said.

Planning Board Chairman Greg Cummings said the council's 2003 decision, handed down under considerable resident pressure just four days before a contentious municipal election, had more to do with garnering votes than a careful analysis of the facts.

"It was obviously a political decision," Cummings said. "We held hearings over a long time, listened to testimony from expert

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Parents, kids push for ice hockey

SP-F board says more study needed

By **BRAD BISHOP**
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — A determined contingent of local parents and young athletes pressed the Board of Education to add ice hockey to the menu of sports available at the high school last week.

For nearly an hour, self-described hockey moms and dads joined a group of boys and one girl demanding that the board grant them the opportunity to represent their communities on the ice. Parents told the board they were willing to foot the bill for the entirety of the program's cost, including equipment, ice time, and coaches' salaries.

After listening to the district parents and students at the March 10 meeting, school officials outlined the roadblocks and challenges complicating the establishment of a team, adding gray tones to what residents viewed as a black and white issue.

"These players practice together already, and in their minds and hearts there is already a team," said Scotch Plains resident Nancy Bauer.

Her husband Fritz told the board that the number of kids playing hockey in New Jersey has tripled in the last five years. Residents offered a list of nearby communities that currently offer the sport, including nearby Westfield and Cranford. They also promised to subsidize the high cost of participation for kids from lower-income families.

Fanwood resident Alan DiMico said allowing a school-sanctioned team would provide a healthy extra-curricular activity for a variety of kids, though he asked the board to consider one student who has already missed a chance to represent the district his son Christopher.

"Christopher will not have the opportunity to play on a high school team, he won't have an opportunity to be in the yearbook, and he won't have the opportunity to wear the varsity jacket," DiMico said. "That's

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Westfield's Walsh honored for her volunteer efforts

By **BRAD BISHOP**
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — A life-long local volunteer has been named a "Woman of Excellence" and will be honored by Union County at a banquet dinner in Garwood Friday night.

Daricelle Walsh, a member of the Board of Education from 1992-2001 and a local and national leader at the YMCA, will be recognized for volunteerism at a banquet dinner hosted by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women.

The commission is appointed by the freeholder board to examine women's

issues and also to monitor issues such as health care, civil rights, and service to families. Every year, the commission honors eight county women, presenting awards in categories including arts and humanities, business, environmental advocacy and lifetime achievement. The dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. at The Westwood.

Walsh was selected for her 14 years of service on the Westfield Area YMCA's board of directors, 10 years as a member of the Rotary Club of Westfield, eight years volunteering for the United Way, and her years on the board of education. She was nominated and recommended for the

award by Superintendent William Foley, YMCA Executive Director Mark Elbasser, and fellow volunteer and neighbor Donald Pray.

"It's a real honor," Walsh said. "It's very nice to realize that so many people thought so highly of what I'd done that they took the time to write letters and submit an application."

As chief volunteer officer and chairperson of the YMCA's board of directors, Walsh has been involved in the non-profit organization's ongoing expansion into a former church on East Broad Street. She also serves on the 20-member board of directors at YMCA USA, which sets policy

goals for the organization's nearly 1,000 nationwide chapters.

"We've done remarkable things with the local YMCA," Walsh said. "We're developing a 14,000 square foot facility that will house our nursery school program and include services for our senior citizens and teens."

Nearly 15 years ago, Walsh was involved in establishing the annual Project Graduation "Dash" as a member of the Optimists Club, which aims to keep high school seniors in an alternative, safe environment on graduation night. The all-

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Storytime for kids

WESTFIELD — Listen for lots of purring and giggles from the Westfield Memorial Library's Children's Room on Saturday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m. That's when local author Jessie Lynch Frees plans to unveil her new picture book, *Jackie Winquackey and her 43 Cats go to Hollywood*. Frees will read her new book to children, answer questions, and autograph a limited number of first-edition copies. The author will bring along copies of the book which will be available for purchase at \$14.99 each, plus sales tax.

She invites her listeners to bring a favorite stuffed kitty along to hear the story, if they wish. This free, one-hour program is open to everyone, but especially relevant for children ages 4-8. Parents must accompany pre-school age children. Reservations are not required. For more information, call the library at (908) 789-4090.

Town seeks input about traffic safety

WESTFIELD — The town will be holding two public forums next week to solicit residents' input over eight intersections under consideration for various improvements.

The meetings are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday, and will begin at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Town Hall. The town's Public Safety, Transportation, and Parking Committee will join consultant Keller and Kirkpatrick at the meetings, and will incorporate residents' sentiments into their plans, Town Administrator Jim Gildea said.

"The sole purpose of these meetings is to get input from members of the community," said Councilman Mark Ciarrocca, who chairs the council subcommittee.

At 7 p.m. Monday, residents will be invited to discuss traffic conditions on Woodland Avenue; at 7:45 p.m. the focus will shift to

the McKinley Elementary School area; and at 8:30, discussion will switch to the intersection of Central Avenue and Clover Street, as well as traffic conditions on Ayliffe Avenue, a frequent cut-through route.

Beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, input will be solicited for the intersection of Tuttle Parkway and North Avenue; at 7:45, discussion will begin over traffic conditions surrounding the Franklin Elementary School area; and at 8:30, residents will be asked to give insights over traffic at the corner of Lawrence Avenue and East Dudley Avenue and also Lawrence and Walnut Street.

The committee will be considering both "hard" and "soft" improvements, ranging from simple measures like improved striping and signage to capital improvements involving new curbing and speed bumps, Gildea said.



Kids get messy at the Westfield Y

Participants in the Westfield Area YMCA's half-day preschool recently heard their teachers say something they might not have expected: "Let's Get Messy!" Messy Art Day is one of several special program days that are built into the curriculum. Activities included rolling pin art, shaving cream finger paint, Jello mold art, ice sculptures and a water table. Pictured above, Danielle Borik, a parent volunteer, assists Philip Marotta and Katherine Carter with rolling pin art. The Westfield Area Y offers half-day preschool programs for children ages 2-4. The half-day preschool program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. For more information on the Y's half-day preschool, call Eileen Rooney at (908) 233-2700, ext. 230.

Westfield board reviews enrollment

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from 114 to 88 students, requiring a reduction of two sections.

While the overall elementary enrollment figures appear manageable, board members expressed concerns about growing enrollment at Roosevelt Intermediate School, which is fed by Franklin, Washington, and Wilson.

"We're going to have class sizes out of sight and we're going to have to address it," Foley said.

The pace of enrollment growth, which has spiked over the last decade, may eventually decline because of the town's slowly decreasing birth rates. Over the last five years, total births in Westfield have declined each year, dropping

from 455 to 400. But enrollment is continuing at a high level and attracting new families to the community, board members noted.

"This is a sign of a healthy community," said board member Arlene Gardner. "I just don't recall quite so much fervent turnover — it seems the minute your child graduates, you move."

Most praise town's response to visit by President Bush

By BRAD BISHOP

THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — President George W. Bush's visit to the National Guard Armory inflamed local partisan rancor two weeks ago, and an echo of that polarized political sentiment continued during the open public portion of the Town Council's regular meeting Tuesday.

In what appeared to be a coordinated effort, the majority of those addressing the council thanked the town's professionals for dealing with a difficult situation on short notice. They also expressed pride at being selected as one of the president's stops during his 60-town, 60-day barnstorming tour to build public support to replace Social Security with private accounts.

"Overall, I think we did an outstanding job," said resident Will

Engler. "I think it was the greatest day in the history of Westfield to host the President of the United States."

"It was a thrill to see the president come here," said Frank Quinn, who has lived in Westfield for 30 years. "If Bill Clinton or Al Gore would have come here, I would have welcomed them, too."

Resident Laura Rolen told the council that some of the hundreds of protesters that met the president in town didn't behave politely, and were violent at times. She said she witnessed protesters throwing snowballs and spitting at police, acts that frightened her and her children.

Earlier, however, two Bush opponents derided the president's "dastardly and dishonest" stop at the armory, which they described as a transparent, choreographed event that incurred taxpayer expense.

"The 60-day tour should be paid by him and his campaign," said resident Richard Del Nero.

And resident Adam Ginsberg said police were not accommodating to protestors, and overreacted to what he described as a peaceful political statement. Near Lord & Taylor, he claimed, police pointlessly attempted to remove a flatbed truck serving as a stage which had been parked on the street hours earlier.

"One police officer in my opinion went over the top in his rage," Ginsberg said.

Councilman Mark Ciarrocca thanked police, fire, and rescue squad members and lauded the efforts made by surrounding communities to ease the challenge of hosting the chief executive.

"Our first responders did a remarkable job," Ciarrocca said. "It was a day to be proud of the people who work for our town."

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witnesses, and concluded that (the placement of) the cell antennas met with the intent of the master plan."

The 2003 decision was reached by a council of a different complexion, including a Republican mayor and 4-2 GOP majority. The council's decision was not a strictly party-line affair, however; as then-councilman and Democrat Michael Brennan also voted to overturn the board ruling.

Cummings called for the council to eliminate its policy of allowing residents to petition the governing body to overturn Planning

Board rulings. The existing policy pits two branches of government against one another, incurring potential legal costs and politicizing issues that ought to be handled through a careful consideration of facts, he said.

He said that in the Superior Court hearing, borough taxpayers actually paid legal costs for attorneys from two branches of the same government to contest

a single issue from opposite sides.

Mahr said the council would revisit the court decision and discuss the future of the borough's appeal process at an agenda meeting next month.

Verizon attorney Richard Stanzone and Fanwood attorney Mark Peck did not return calls seeking comment on Barisonck's ruling.

Westfield's Walsh honored for her volunteer efforts

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night event was one of the first of its kind in New Jersey, and

Walsh said it's been a success.

"We get a very large percentage of the senior class that attends," she said. "There's a tremendous amount of energy on the ground on graduation night, and this allows the kids to be together and have fun."

This is hardly the first lau-

rel Walsh has collected for her volunteer efforts. She was the first recipient of the Chamber of Commerce's Faith in Westfield community service award in 2000. She was also named Rotarian Volunteer of the Year in 2002 and won the Golden Volunteer Award for

her service to the YMCA in 2000.

The 26-year Westfield resident said her volunteering experience has been rewarding, and she implored those who can to devote time to improve their community.

"People who volunteer have

the ability to impact so many lives in the community, and to really improve the quality of life in the community," Walsh said. "Volunteering is something people need to do to give back, and I'm fortunate to have been capable of doing it and able to do it."

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Parents, kids push for ice hockey

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something that's unfortunate, but we can stop the future Christophers."

"The puck is already rolling — it's up for you to decide whether we score a goal or not here," said Scotch Plains resident Trent Mattern.

Superintendent Carol Choye pointed out that the high school already offers 53 extra-curricular activities. She said that adding the program would either impose additional costs on taxpayers or necessitate cuts in existing services offered by the district.

"I cannot at this point recom-

mend this expense," Choye said, to audible discontent among those in attendance.

Several board members expressed concerns about gender and economic equity issues, and were also worried about potential legal liability issues surrounding a team whose primary funding source would come from outside the district.

"There is a lot of sticky stuff we have to research and understand before we can touch this," said board member Betty Anne Woerner.

Board President Linda Nelson said the full board would be waiting for responses on the feasibility

of a hockey program from its policy committee and professional staff. School officials will be gathering cost estimates and exploring the policy ramifications of funding a program from a source other than taxpayer dollars.

School officials cut funding to 12 extra-curricular programs at the high school two years ago, Nelson noted, and the district has not been able to reinstate funding to those activities yet. The groups, which include Students Movement Against Cancer and Habitat for Humanity among others, still exist because of the efforts of volunteers, she said.

Nelson added that hockey

boosters will have to present a proposal that more clearly delineates funding responsibilities and answers the board's questions about equity issues.

"They need to be a formal organization, and we need a clear agreement about who is going to pay for what," Nelson explained. "The parents are saying 'We'll pay for it,' but (we're concerned it could) become a sport you can only take part in if your parents can afford to do it."

Nelson said the process of working out an arrangement with parents — if the board chooses to do so — could take months or even a year.

"On an issue as important as this one, a decision like this is never made quickly," Nelson said at the meeting.

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County GOP backs Forrester for Gov.

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The politically connected classes focused intently on the township last weekend, as Republican candidates for governor made their pitch for the Union County party-line slot in the June primary.

At the high school Saturday, Doug Forrester emerged from an arduous all-day, second-ballot struggle to capture the county party's endorsement by a 23-vote margin. That means he will have the preferred spot on the ballot when primary voters head to the polls. But the West Windsor businessman's eventual victory was far from assured, as candidates competed all day for support from convention delegates.

Mayor Martin Marks said he was pleased to provide hospitality for county and statewide Republican leaders.

"It was very nice to have the center of attention — especially in the political world of New Jersey — right here in Union County and especially Scotch Plains," said Marks. "We received quite a bit of attention, not just from the media but from the candidates in the campaign."

As the convention began, each of the seven candidates battling for the party nomination gave speeches, presenting their case before more than 400 elected members of GOP municipal committees and party leaders, said county Republican Chairman Phil Morin.

After a first vote, Forrester emerged from the pack with a plurality of 157 votes, or 33 percent of the ballots cast. Morris County Freeholder John Murphy garnered 143 votes, or 31 percent, followed by former Jersey City Mayor and Westfield native Brett Schundler's 64 votes, or 18 percent of the ballots cast.

The other candidates — Bob Schroeder, Paul DiGaetano, Steve Longan, and Paul Caliguire — combined for just 16 percent of the delegates' votes on the first ballot.

Because the county party requires the winning candidate to receive more than 50 percent of the total votes cast, the convention format required a second round of voting between candidates who received at least 20 percent of the vote — in this case, just Forrester and Murphy.

In the intra-party squabble that followed, the two finalists reportedly haggled with the five other candidates for support. Some press accounts had elements from Schroeder and Schundler's substantial base of support visibly backing Murphy to further their own interests, but county Republicans were too independent-minded to engage in simple horse-trading, Morin said.

"Some of the support for the second-tier candidates was pretty shallow," Morin said. "The delegates in Union County aren't robots — they knew their first and second choices and they weren't going to deviate from that."

Marks described the last-minute dealmaking as "distasteful," but he pointed out that the end result was a barely measurable shift of support toward Forrester, the eventual winner.

"We started to see some of the seamier sides of politics," Marks said. "But ultimately Doug extended his lead a bit on the second ballot. It's part of politics, but perhaps in future conventions we should consider altering the rules to prevent this from happening again."

For the second-term township mayor, himself a former candidate for a state senate seat, the right man for the job was endorsed at the convention.

"Doug Forrester is a man of unassailable integrity," Marks said, describing Forrester as a self-made success story and a dedicated husband and father. "And considering what has transpired in Trenton over the last few years, that's our biggest need right now."

Marks said the party's ultimate goal is to defeat Sen. Jon Corzine, who he described as "a far-left liberal" who "spent \$60 to \$70 million to buy a Senate seat and is now looking for a new toy."

Among members of the Township Council, Councilwomen Nancy Malool, Paulette Coronato, and Carolyn Sorge endorsed Murphy before the convention. Malool this week said even though Murphy didn't win the party-line slot, he may ultimately win more Union County GOP votes than Forrester in the primary.

"Even though Forrester won the line, I think John Murphy won the convention," Malool said. "He came within 23 votes of beating somebody who has so much more name recognition than he does."

Malool said she believes in a statewide race, Murphy provides a better contrast to Corzine than Forrester, who like the Summit-based senator is a wealthy businessman.

"(Murphy) is the right person to represent the Republican Party, and he's the only person who can beat Jon Corzine," Malool said. "He's the first real chance the Republicans have to take Democratic votes... he's a breath of fresh air and he's not someone who's been around and lost."

Both Marks and Malool lauded the convention process, however. The debate was open and every candidate had a fair opportunity to present his case for the party-line slot, they said.

Stage House Inn plans to open new bistro

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Planning Board unanimously approved the conversion of a banquet hall into bistro at the Stage House Inn and granted two other subdivisions at its regular meeting this week.

At the Monday night hearing, the board endorsed the fine dining establishment's plan to convert a former antique shop known as the "barn" into a family-oriented restaurant that would share a 77-space parking lot with the Stage House. In the process, the board granted a parking variance for a shortfall of about 20 parking spaces.

According to attorney Robert Kraus, the antique business once envisioned as a complement to the historic Stage House building never materialized and the shop's space was converted into a banquet hall. The Stage House's new

ownership acquired the property in 2003, and wants to establish a bistro on the site to attract new clientele to the township, he said.

The 4,100 square foot structure would have a maximum capacity of 96 seats and would include space at a bar and mezzanine for patrons, Kraus said.

Restaurant manager Tom Britt said dinner at the new bistro would cost about \$25 per person, or about a quarter of the cost of eating dinner at the more upscale Stage House Inn. The new restaurant would be open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, with peak business expected on Saturdays and Sundays, Britt said.

Though the owners expect substantially more customers at the bistro than the Stage House, the combination of on-site parking and nearby municipal lots are more than enough to meet parking needs, Britt added.

"In the year I've been in Scotch Plains, I can count on one hand

the number of times our lot has been full, and that's on New Year's Eve or some other holiday," Britt said.

Kraus said the "barn" is not a historical structure, and the planned changes would have virtually no impact on the exterior of the building.

Board members debated whether to attach a requirement for valet parking if the restaurant causes a parking crunch at the Park Avenue site.

Councilwoman Nancy Malool, who also sits on the board, said parking demand for the business would be a "self-correcting problem" since the restaurant would likely take steps to improve parking to assuage potentially frustrated patrons.

"I think they will recognize the problem before we will," Malool said.

As a condition of approval, the board required the Stage House to return for another hearing if the

new restaurant's parking needs exceed the site's capacity.

The board also approved a subdivision at 816 Cleveland Ave., allowing Needle Paluso Homes, LLC to subdivide one lot into two new lots. In the process, the board granted variances for lot area and rear-yard setbacks.

Another subdivision at 2290 and 2300 Morse Avenue was unanimously approved by the board. Pinnacle Developers Corporation was granted approval to demolish two existing homes and construct three new single-family homes on the nearly 25,000 square foot site. There were no variances associated with the application.

Also at the meeting, officials from Union County Vocational School outlined plans to construct a 6,400 square foot administration building at the Raritan Road site. The single-story structure will include offices and increased storage space.

Board approves Glen Avenue subdivision

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Planning Board unanimously approved a subdivision on Glen Avenue at a special meeting last week.

Developer D. Villane Construction, LLC sought to subdivide one existing lot into two new building lots. The project, which will allow an existing two-story stucco dwelling and detached garage to remain on

the parcel, will result in the construction of a new single-family home on the newly created lot.

To secure approval from the board at the March 10 meeting, the project required a variance for a side-yard setback. The new lot line created by the subdivision allowed a side yard of just over six feet in a zone that requires 10 feet.

However, according to attorney Robert Kraus, the developer could demolish the existing

house and construct another in its place — an alternative that would not require variances or approval by the full board.

"The way I look at it is that keeping the existing house seems to be logical and seems to be the best option for the neighborhood," Kraus said.

Engineer Jim Watson said 78 percent of nearby lots also have side-yard setback violations and 22 percent do not meet the land use ordinance's setback require-

ments on both sides.

A handful of neighbors hired an attorney to challenge the application, but the group dropped its opposition after the developer agreed to reconfigure the driveway design to accommodate neighbors' concerns.

As a condition of approval, the developer also agreed to limit the driveway entrance to 12 feet wide and attempt to save several mature white pines on the property.

Miller-Cory says 'Hats Off to the Ladies'

WESTFIELD — From 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Christine Glazer of Cranford, will present a program titled "Hats Off to the Ladies" at the Miller-Cory House Museum.

Eighteenth-century women almost always wore a cap or some sort of head-covering outdoors as well as indoors. Cap and hat styles were numerous and varied by time period, region, country of origin and social rank. Hat sizes ranged from small mobcaps to large bonnets and great broad-brimmed hats. Hat materials consisted of fabric, straw, felt, beaver, silk and gauze. On special occasions, hats could be omitted, and women adorned their hair with flowers, ribbons or jewels.

Arlene Soong of Winfield Park, a member of the museum's Cooking Committee, will demonstrate the art of cooking over the open-hearth. Using authentic recipes and cooking methods, she will prepare seasonal foods. Visitors to the museum will be able to enjoy samples of the cooking.

Built in 1740, the Miller-Cory House is located on 614 Mountain Ave. and stands on the "road to the mountains." Costumed volunteer docents will guide visitors through the farmhouse and welcome questions

about early American life in New Jersey. The last tour begins at 3:30 p.m.

Visitors are also welcome to examine the museum's quaint gift shop on the grounds.

Admission is free for children under 6 years of age, 50 cents for students and \$2 for adults.

The museum will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 27 and will reopen at 2 p.m. April 3 with

"New Arrivals on the Farm."

For more information about the museum, its schedule of upcoming spring events or volunteer opportunities, call the office at (908) 232-1776.

Teens charged with drug possession

WESTFIELD

Aaron Webb, 19, and Aashish Bansal, 18, both of Westfield, were arrested at the 1200 block of Rahway Avenue and charged with possession of controlled dangerous substances on March 10. Both were released on their own recognizance.

Officers arrested Damien Reese, 18, of Maplewood and charged him with disorderly conduct at Centennial High School on March 9. Reese was released on his own recognizance.

Officers arrested Russel Quabek, 41, of Union at the corner of Mountain and Kimball avenues and charged him with hindering apprehension on March 10.

Quabek was also arrested for outstanding warrants from Edison and Port Republic totaling more than \$8,000, he was held in default of bail.

Police Log

Officers arrested James Zavila, 18, of Clark and charged him with driving while intoxicated on Saturday. Breath tests yielded readings of .21 percent blood alcohol content, according to police. Zavila was released to a responsible adult.

A South Avenue West resident reported someone ran up \$1,000 in unauthorized charges on her wireless phone account on Monday. The victim said someone opened up an extra account under her name and accumulated the charges.

A North Avenue East resident reported that her house was burglarized and a \$30 sleeping bag was removed from her bedroom on Monday.

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Awareness Expo to be held Tuesday

WESTFIELD — The Annual Awareness Expo is scheduled to take place 7 p.m. Tuesday at Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Ave.

The Awareness Expo is a symposium designed for parents and educators to explore issues that concern them most about children. Every year for more than a decade, the Awareness Expo has showcased distinguished speakers ranging from authors to neurologists to reading specialists who offer information to help parents to help their children.

The Expo seeks to provide an opportunity for parents and friends to explore concerns they may have about a child who is struggling with reading, is challenged in social settings or has difficulty focusing and paying attention in class.

The panel for this year's Expo consists of several speakers who will discuss the resources available to parents and educators to help students achieve their potential. The program includes two one-hour "break out" type sessions, covering various topics.

The Expo will include presentations by the Learning Disabilities Association of New Jersey and ASPEN (the Asperger Syndrome Education Network). Topics and speakers of interest also include "Using Assistive Technology to Level the Playing Field," presented by Tom Caine of Tom Caine and Associates; "How to Strengthen Reading Comprehension," also presented by Caine and Associates; "How to Strengthen Reading Comprehension," presented by David G. Katz; "Social Skills Training for Today's Kids," presented by Janice M. Bryk and Wendy M. Lauer; "ADHD and Empowered ADDvantages," presented by Pamela J. Milazzo; "Planning for the Future," presented by Douglas A. Vogel, co-founder of Special Needs Advocate for Parents; and "Organizing the Disorganized Student," presented by Myrna G. Wasserman.

The Westfield Parent-Teacher Council's Special Education Committee also announced that Gregory Ryan is this year's honoree for "Making a Difference." This award is given annually to an individual who best exemplifies efforts in support of special education or of a special need. Ryan earned his Eagle Scout Award for his efforts to design and construct a handicapped-accessible playground in Westfield.

The Awareness Expo is sponsored by the Westfield PTC's Special Education Committee, an organization that serves as a resource for teachers and the parents of regular education and special education students. The committee is not funded and collects donations to support its Katherine E. Cuthbertson Memorial Fund, which was established several years ago in memory of 10-year old Katie Cuthbertson, a Westfield resident and one of the first students to pioneer inclusive education in New Jersey.

Although she faced many challenges, including blindness and neurological problems, Katie experienced life with joy. With the assistance of her family, her many friends, her teachers, the Westfield Board of Education and its Special Services Department, Katie was included in all regular classroom activities. Each year, in honor of Katie, the Special Education Committee presents a limited number of monetary awards to eligible Westfield high school seniors to recognize their personal achievement and growth through both their schooling and outside activities. Last year, the Committee bestowed the Cuthbertson Award upon three high school seniors. Additionally, the Fund is used to support barrier-free initiatives in the schools and/or free educational programs for parents and teachers.

The Awareness Expo is open to the public and free of charge; pre-registration is not required.



Pictured at Dairy Queen in early March are, from left, Carly Whitmer (a fourth grade sibling), Allison Caramico, Sabrina Shih, Mia Rossi, Olivia Whitmer, Jessica Prelusky and Katherine DeMarco. Not pictured are Brownies Amber Chaus, Emma Strong and Samantha Tropper.

Busy Brownies in Scotch Plains

SCOTCH PLAINS — The members of Brownie Troop 256 from J.A. Coles School in Scotch Plains have been busy lately learning new things and giving back to the world around them.

Earlier in March, these third graders visited Dairy Queen, located on South Avenue in Plainfield, to learn how to successfully run a local ice cream business. At this event, the girls enjoyed ice cream, watched as the owner decorated cakes and learned how to operate a business.

In February, the girls completed a session on planting, and each created a dried flower arrangement. They also spent time this school year gaining a better understanding of health, safety and U.S. history.

Brownie Troop 256 also has a passion for philanthropy. In November, the troop met after school to prepare a meal of baked ziti, meatballs, salad, bread and chocolate chip cookies. The girls got together later that evening at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains, where they served the meal to the homeless through the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

In December, the girls sent cards and letters to soldiers stationed in Kuwait. The troops wrote back, expressing great appreciation and noting how the girls' words and pictures really brightened their holidays.

In January, the girls used troop funds to finance a project for victims of the recent tsunami. The girls put together more than 20 "Gift from the Heart" health kits, which contained a washcloth, hand towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, nail clipper or metal nail file, comb, Band-Aids, and a bath-size bar of soap put in a gallon-size plastic bag. The girls also made Valentine cards to include in each kit.

Also, following last year's successful cookie sale, the girls voted to send \$100 to Heifer Project International to help combat world hunger. This year's cookie profits will benefit another charity of the girls' choosing.

While doing all these activities the girls have had a great deal of fun, while learning teamwork and the importance of helping others. They're skills that work well — whether you're managing a business or undertaking philanthropy.

Community School announces classes for spring semester

SCOTCH PLAINS — Marking 50 years of community education in Scotch Plains and Fanwood, The Community School is offering several new classes this season for both young people and adults.

Among the term's additions are workshops on jewelry making and babysitting basics for middle school students and an EduTravel offering for families to The Model Railroad Club in Union.

Other new additions for adults this season include a seminar, "Can Families Live on One Income?"; a one-session course on "The World of E-Mail"; a cooking course featuring spring holiday tastes with Classic Thyme; Chef David Martone; and two seminars on "How to File a Small Claims Court Case" and "Modern Portfolio Theory."

There will also be an organization series, on the subjects "Decluttering Your Spouse and Closets," "Organizing 101: Storage and Closets," and "Mom's Mastery Class," by Scotch Plains resident Jamie Novak of Life U Love. An introduction to Irish literature and culture course and a basic business law course with local attorney Louis Zambrio will round out the first time offerings for the spring term.

The semester will also see the return of many familiar offerings. Those for young people include horsemanship and drawing and sketching classes for both elementary and middle school students. Other after school enrichment workshops for middle school students include "Beginning Golf

and "World Cuisine."

A full range of SAT Prep courses and driver theory and training are available for high school students.

Adult offerings will again include "Ballroom Dance" with Bruce Maine, "Watercolor Workshop" with Jeanne Smith, continuing Italian and beginning Spanish courses with Josephine Macchia and Carlos Vasquez, respectively; "Scrapbooking" with Mickey Howard; and golf courses with PGA Pro Bill McCluney.

The Hutchung Power Squadron is again presenting its "Boat Smart!" course, and Marion Grandolfo will instruct The Community School's computer courses on new PCs with Windows XP using Office XP software.

A crocheting workshop and a seminar on "Homeownership Now!" will be offered again, with instructors Rose Marie Fletcher and Terrence Devlin of My Way Home, respectively. And AIG Advisory Group, SunAmerica Securities and Family Investors Company, will again present several helpful financial and insurance seminars.

For more information, call The Community School at (908) 889-7718. Course descriptions and registration forms can be found in the Community School brochures available at area libraries and also on the school district website at www.spk12.org. Many of the term's offerings have limited enrollment, so immediate registration is encouraged.

Briefs

Fanwood seniors plan trip to Va. Beach

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Senior Citizens Club is sponsoring an overnight trip to Virginia Beach/Williamsburg from April 26-29. Round trip transportation is by way of deluxe motorcoach. This 4-day, 3-night stay is at an oceanfront hotel. The trip includes three full breakfasts and a dinner cruise through Broad Bay. Participants will visit MacArthur Memorial, the Naval Station in Norfolk and other points of interest. A self-guided tour for colonial Williamsburg is planned as well as a noon show featuring renowned comedian/entertainer Charlie Chase is included.

For information and reservations, call Art Badala at (908) 889-4494.

The club is seeking new members. The club meets on the second and fourth Mondays from January-June and September-December. The group meets at All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave., in Scotch Plains.

Club programs are usually geared toward providing information about seniors' safety and welfare. Other club activities include motorcoach trips to luncheon theaters and Atlantic City casinos, picnics and pizza parties. Additional activities will be added as soon as the club moves to its new Forest Road building.

Yearly dues are \$5, plus \$2 a month for coffee dues. For membership information, call (908) 889-4494.

Golden Agers Club seeks new members

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Golden Agers Club, under the auspices of the Recreation Department of Scotch Plains, invites senior residents to join its meetings held at Scotch Hills Country Club from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday.

The club meets September through June and allows seniors the chance to meet with their peers, play bingo and other games, and let their voice be heard on township planning and activities that impact their lives.

Birthdays are celebrated each month with well wishes, cake and coffee. Monthly business meetings update seniors on town happenings. Mayor Marks and Recreation Director Ray Puccio are available to answer questions and concerns.

A number of dinner theatre, musical revues and activity trips are planned. For trip details, call Jean DeTorre at (908) 889-4121. For club information, call Olga Bruce at (908) 322-8530 or Ray Puccio at (908) 322-6700, ext. 220.

All Saints Church celebrates Holy Week

SCOTCH PLAINS — All Saints Episcopal Church will begin its celebration of Holy Week with services 8 and 10 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 20. The services will include Palm blessing and distribution, reading of the Passion from Matthew's Gospel, and Holy Communion. The 10 a.m. Service begins in Lea Hall for the palm procession into the church.

The service on Maundy Thursday, March 24, is at 8 p.m. Congregants will strip and cleanse the altar in preparation for the desolation of Good Friday, set an altar of repose, and celebrate Holy Communion.

Two services on Good Friday, at 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. March 25, include the Passion reading from John's Gospel, the Solemn Collects, a sermon by the rector, and Communion.

The Easter Sunday service on March 27 will begin with an Easter Eucharist at 8 a.m. The Festival Eucharist at 10 a.m. features the All Saints' Chorus directed by organist and chorister Michael Spassov, and a sermon by the rector. A coffee hour celebration follows, with an indoor/outdoor Easter Egg Hunt for all the kids.

All Saints' is at 559 Park Ave., across from Park Middle School. The Rev. Jane Rockman is rector. For further information, call (908) 322-8047.

Easter Egg hunt at Parker Gardens

SCOTCH PLAINS — Parker Gardens will conduct an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday for children ages 3-6 at 1 p.m. and kids ages 7-10 at 1:30 p.m.

Parker Gardens is located at 1325 Torill Rd. For more information about the event, call (908) 322-5552.



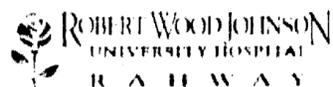
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Hutchinson named new pastor

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Baptist Church, established in 1747 and located at 333 Park Ave., has recently called a new pastor, the Rev. Charles Hutchinson, to lead the church's ministry.

Hutchinson was previously the minister of Christian education and worked with the youth and Christian day school.

Hutchinson graduated from Alderson Broadus College in Philippi, W.Va., with a bachelor's degree in recreational leadership, and from Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas with a master's



CHARLES HUTCHINSON

degree in religious education. He has served on the board of the American Baptist Churches Camps, Conferences, and Retreats Committee; the Executive Committee of ABCNJ Ministers Council; the Scotch Plains/Fanwood YMCA board of directors; the Scotch Plains/Fanwood Ministerial Association; and the Interfaith Task Force on Disabilities. He has also been a platform participant for National Day of Prayer.

Hutchinson lives in North Plainfield with his wife, Carol and daughter, Ashley.

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Churches announce Holy Week schedules

With the Christian Holy Week beginning this Sunday, many local churches have announced a full slate of special activities.

Presbyterian Church in Westfield: The church will be filled with traditional music and services, including a Palm Procession of the entire congregation. The observances begin on Palm Sunday this weekend, when congregants at the 10:30 a.m. service are invited to carry palm fronds as they walk around the front of the church into the main entrance on East Broad Street, at the corner of Mountain Avenue. Leading the procession will be the church choirs, with musical accompaniment by a brass ensemble of church members.

On Good Friday, March 25, the Chancel Choir will sing portions of Handel's *Messiah* accompanied by a small chamber orchestra. Mary Beth Minson, a former soloist in the choir, will be also soloist for this service.

Easter Sunday services, at 9 and 11 a.m. March 27, will feature Holy Communion liturgies accompanied by a professional brass ensemble. The two identical services will include music by Aurelio Bonelli, Flor Peers, Randall Thompson, and Charles-Marie Widor, concluding with the choir singing the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's *Messiah*.

Officiating at the Holy Week services will be the newly-inducted church pastor, Ray Roberts.

Between the two Easter services the church deacons will host their annual Easter Breakfast in the church assembly hall between 9:30 and 11 a.m. There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday, but childcare for children up to age four will be provided during the 11 a.m. service.

First Baptist Church of Westfield: Located at 170 Elm St., the church on Palm Sunday will showcase music from three choirs: the 4-6 year old Cherubs singing the traditional favorite "Ho-Ho-Ho-Hosanna," the elementary-school Choristers singing "Lo, He Comes, Sing We Hosanna," and the adult Chancel Choir singing Faure's "The Palms," all beginning at 10:20 worship service.

On Maundy Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. March 24, a Communion service will focus on Christ's journey to the cross. The Chancel Choir will sing the spiritual "They Crucified My Lord" and "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee," from Dubois' *The Seven Last Words*.

At noon March 25, Good Friday, a quiet service of organ music and slides will be offered.

The Easter Sunday service, March 27, will feature a trumpet trio by three church youth. The Chancel Choir will be accompanied by a flutist for Vivienne Rogers' "A Song of the Seasons" and by trumpets and handbells for Allen Pote's "On the Third Day." Senior Minister Darla Dee Turlington will preach on "Beyond Doubt." The service will end with Widor's "Tocatta" from Symphony No. 5, a traditional Easter organ postlude, played by William Mathews.

Sunday services begin at 10:20 a.m. with gathering music. Child care is provided for all services. There will be no church school on Easter Sunday; children will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt during Children's Church. For more information about any of the services, call (908) 233-2278 or email firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

Scotch Plains Baptist Church: Services at the church, located at 333 Park Ave., begin with a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. March 24. The Good Friday service will be held at 7 p.m. March 25. An Easter Sunrise service will be held 7:15 a.m. March 27, with breakfast following.

The regular worship time is 11 a.m. Sunday, and Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

St. John's Baptist Church: Congregants will observe Easter at 6 a.m. March 27 in the annual Sunrise Service. The Metropolitan Church will join in the services and their minister, the Rev. Clement Griffin, will be the guest speaker. The hospitality ministry will serve breakfast following the sunrise service at 7 a.m.

At 8:15 a.m., Sunday school students will present their annual Easter program. Pastor Porter will deliver the sermon at the 10 a.m. special Easter morning service.

The public is invited to attend. The church is located at 2387 Morse Ave., Scotch Plains. For more information call (908) 232-6372.

Fanwood Presbyterian Church: On March 20, a Palm Sunday service will begin at 10 a.m. with a procession of palms and the congregation singing "All Glory, Laud and Honor." Robert Gangewere, minister of music, will direct the Sanctuary Choir singing Handel's "Lift Up Your Heads" from the *Messiah* as well as "A Blessing." The combined children's and youth choirs will perform "Sing Hosanna."

Morning prayers will be held at 7 a.m. Monday, March 21, through Wednesday, March 23. The Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m. March 24 will be a tenebrae service with communion. Preceding this service will be **supper and devotions at 6:30 p.m.** On Good Friday, March 25, worship is planned for 7:30 p.m. The combined youth choirs will sing "A Lenten Love Song" and the Sanctuary choir will perform "O Come and Mourn," "That Virgin's Child," and "Behold the Lamb of God" from the *Messiah*.

There will be two services on Easter Sunday, March 27. A worship service in the garden will be at 7 a.m. and a celebration service in the sanctuary will be at 10 a.m. The Rev. Paul E. Rack will be preaching. The latter service will be preceded at 9:45 a.m. by special music, including "Jubilate," "Hallelujah" and "Final Symphony I" by Louis Vierne.

For more information about these services, call the church office at (908) 889-8891. The church is located at Martine and LaGrande avenues in Fanwood.

Junior gardeners build a house for a mouse

WESTFIELD — A group of dedicated elementary-school-aged junior members of The Rake and Hoe Garden Club have engaged in fun, educational activities on a monthly basis this school year.

On March 23, the group will meet to learn more about horticulture and select plants which they will cultivate and garden for The Rake and Hoe Garden Club Flower Show, which will be held 1-8 p.m. May 18 at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. In April, they will meet with Master Judge Kay Cross to design their own flower arrangements for the show.

The students' most recent activity was to design and create small flower rooms, sized for a mouse, built in a wooden cigar box. Judy Schoenherr, an expert in these types of small pint designs, brought her materials and suggestions to the



Judy Schoenherr and some of the junior members of The Rake and Hoe Garden Club create their "mouse greenhouses" for competition at The Rake and Hoe Garden Club Flower Show on May 18.

students recently. The designs will be displayed in the Special Exhibits division for Youth in the flower show.

The group of eight young gardeners also has worked diligently in the Miller-Cory and Shadowlawn community gardens, beautifying them for the

public. The junior members have learned propagation methods by planting "babies" from a spider plant "mother" owned by club member Barbara Mullin. Students also went to the Raptor Trust in the fall, where they discovered a facility that cares for injured birds

from the wild. The junior workshops are coordinated by Gayle Lechner and Jeanne Monaghan from the club.

Residents and children who have an interest in the club's activities should contact Patty Kreider at (908) 928-0246.

Wilf JCC will host a pair of Purim parties

SCOTCH PLAINS — With the Jewish celebration of Purim fast approaching, the Wilf Jewish Community Campus at 1391 Martine Ave. is preparing to host a pair of holiday events.

First, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, the JCC of Central New Jersey will hold its annual Purim Carnival for friends and families. Participants can climb the inflatable rock wall, buy some hamantaschen, dance to the music, strut around the gym in their costumes and play interactive games.

Kids can collect tickets from the games they play and cash them in for prizes. There will be two costume parades, one at noon and again at 2 p.m. Also, the Jerusalem West Cafe will be open to serve lunch, drinks and snacks.

The registration fee for the carnival is \$5 per family. Families who register by March 18 will receive six free game tickets with the option to buy extra game tickets at a discounted price of four for \$1. Additional game tickets will be available for purchase at the carnival for three for \$1. Games range between two tickets and six tickets; all inflatable activities are between six and eight tickets. For more information, contact Jodi Baxter at (908) 889-8800, ext. 235.

Later next week, the Union County Torah Center will present a Purim Celebration at the same location at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 24.

At the beginning of the celebration, children are invited to

participate in a masquerade contest. All children dressed in costume will receive a prize, and one special grand prize will be awarded for the best costume. There will also be Purim crafts and special activities along with a children's dinner.

At 7:30 there will be a Megillah reading, followed by light refreshments with live music and dancing. Children will also enjoy a Purim magic show and much more. At 9 p.m. there will be another Megillah reading. The suggested donation is \$5 per person, and reservations are preferred but not required. The program is open to the public.

The Torah Center's Purim celebration continues at 7 a.m. March 25 at its headquarters, 418 Central Ave., in Westfield, with a third Megillah reading.

The Megillah relates the Purim story in which Queen Esther was instrumental in delivering the Jewish people from annihilation at the hands of Haman and the inhabitants of the Persian Empire 23 centuries ago.

Rabbi Levi Block of the Torah Center explained that there are four mitzvot, or good deeds, that Jews do on Purim:

— It is a mitzvah to hear the Megillah read both on Purim evening and the following day.

— On Purim the community emphasizes the importance of Jewish unity and friendship by sending gifts of food to friends. Congregants are encouraged to send a gift of at least two kinds of ready-to-eat foods to at least one friend on Purim day, which this year is March 25.

— On Purim, particularly, it is a special mitzvah to remember the poor. Giving directly to the needy best fulfills the mitzvah.

— As on all festivals, the community celebrates Purim with a special festive meal.

For more information on the Torah Center's Purim celebration, call the center at (908) 789-5252.

F-SP Rotary honors Nagy and Weiss

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club will honor Joe Nagy and George Weiss at the club's annual Volunteer of the Year Dinner on Wednesday, March 30, at Snuffy's Pantagis Renaissance, Park and Mountain avenues.

Nagy and Weiss will share the 2005 Carol Wood Volunteer of the Year Award for their work at Channel 35, Fanwood's municipal access cable television station. The two men have worked together at the station since 1992, producing live broadcasts of Fanwood Borough Council meetings, television shows focused on cultural performances, holiday parades and civic events, and documentaries on local history, transportation and commerce.

Nagy and his wife, Clare, have lived in Fanwood for 19 years. In addition to his work with Channel 35, Nagy is treasurer of the Scotch Plains

Fanwood Scholarship Foundation and vice chairman of the Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission, and he also serves on the Fanwood Communications and Volunteer Committee.

Weiss was born and raised in Plainfield and has lived in Fanwood since 1963. A former business magazine editor and marketing director for a leading commercial art firm, Weiss helped start TV 35 in 1992 and has produced about 250 television shows, which are seen on the

Comcast Network in addition to Channel 35 in Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Westfield.

Tickets for the Volunteer of the Year Dinner are \$50 per person. The cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with an open bar. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. there is a choice of salmon, chicken or prime rib.

The deadline for reservations is March 23. Send checks to Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club, P.O. Box 426, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023.

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Commentary

A twisted course on cell tower

Superior Court Judge Walter Barisonok's ruling that Verizon may erect wireless phone antennas on a PSE&G utility tower in Fanwood mark the end of a long, twisted, and — from the borough's perspective — wasteful affair.

In his ruling, Barisonok reversed a decision made by the Borough Council in Oct. 2003 and upheld a prior ruling of the Fanwood Planning Board.

Planning Board Chairman Gregory Cummings, perhaps feeling a bit vindicated this week, argued that the case demonstrates that the borough should eliminate the option to appeal his board's decisions to the Borough Council. Cummings is hardly a disinterested observer, but he happens to be exactly right.

As anyone who's ever had to sit through one knows, a land-use application is basically a legal hearing, not political discussion. It's not quite a courtroom setting, but it's more akin to a trial than a conventional town meeting. The environment reflects the fact that, while board members have some discretion, they are substantially constrained by the demands of the law.

That's especially true when it comes to wireless phone antennas, which have caused headaches for land-use boards across the state. Essentially, towns are under a federal order to allow the antennas if carriers can demonstrate a need in a particular area. Municipalities have some flexibility as to the precise site and configuration, but they can't offer a blanket "no." (Given this situation, it seems that an existing utility tower would actually be an ideal site to locate wireless antennas.)

It was with these facts in mind that the Fanwood Planning Board, following months of hearings that were attended by dozens of residents, voted to approve the antennas.

Because Fanwood permits appeals of land-use decisions to the Borough Council — a procedure that is not required by the state, and that most neighboring towns do not use — the case landed before the council immediately prior to a hotly-contested election. The people then sitting on the council are honorable individuals, but with crowds of residents eager to see an unpopular decision reversed with less than a week to go until Election Day, it's not surprising that they acted as they did. Under that kind of pressure, it's easy to believe you've found a reason to deny the application that will withstand legal scrutiny.

The timing made the issue worse, but the appeal to the Borough Council itself politicized what was essentially a legal question. And given the near-certainty that Verizon would appeal a decision that was not favorable to its interests, it helped create a situation in which the borough and its Planning Board were on opposite sides in state court.

Now that this case is settled, Fanwood should make sure another one never arises by eliminating the opportunity to appeal land-use decisions to the Borough Council.



Letters to the editor

MURPHY'S LAW

Cut off from that email fix

By DANIEL MURPHY
CORRESPONDENT

I didn't realize how easy it was to completely ruin my day and send me spiraling into 8½ hours of frustration and anxiety until Tuesday morning.

I could get mugged on my way to work, step in a puddle of mud, have a bird score a direct hit on my shoulder, get hit by a cab and find out my paycheck bounced, and it wouldn't be nearly as agonizing as what I was confronted with Tuesday morning.

Sitting comfortably in my cubicle about an hour into my work day, sipping a typically weak cup of coffee and watching a pile of work steadily dwindle, I should have been content and happy, watching the minutes gradually tick off the clock.

Then I realized the quality of my day had come to a screeching halt quicker than Howard Dean's presidential campaign. My day was ruined. I knew I should have called in sick.

My easy day had just derailed when I discovered I couldn't access my personal email account.

Personal emails during the day are the lifeline that gets me home each night. They keep me sane and productive. I don't waste (much) time on the phone, never use instant messaging at work and only read the papers during the commute and at lunch.

But, like cold showers, strong coffee on Sunday mornings and green beer on St. Patrick's Day, I need my email.

The cynical or overly-motivated supervisor may see my addiction to email as reflecting negatively on my ability to tackle the tasks at hand. It may even be seen as a tool of procrastination and laziness. But that is far from the truth.

After a 45-minute phone call in which I was on hold for 35 minutes and spent the other 10 speaking with four different Verizon representatives trying to simply change a billing address, I needed an outlet. I needed to vent. I couldn't possibly pick up the phone and call the next person on the list and feign even a semblance of politeness without first finding out if my friends were having equally miserable experiences at their own jobs. Exchanging a quick joke or two would have set me straight and gotten me right back on track.

But I couldn't log into my webmail. Somebody in IT had apparently had the bright idea to block access.

I don't waste time surfing The Star-Ledger and New York Post web sites for news on Giants free agent signings or Josh Thomas debates. I rely instead on the informative emails of friends who already have.

I don't pick up the phone to have 30-minute conversations about the weekend with anybody. I instead rely on 30-second email exchanges. And since I'm stuck sitting out in Cabelleville, with a monitor that conveniently can be seen by every person that walks down the busiest hallway in the office, I have no choice but to keep the emails short and the exchanges brief (except of course for the day on which five of us sent 65 emails to each other before 11 a.m., most of which just included random movie quotes. Thank you, IMDb.com).

There are plenty of people who use their work email addresses to exchange correspondence with friends and family, thereby risking the chance that their vitally important work emails will get lost in a wave of Eytos and "O.C." discussions. I generally check my personal emails for just a few minutes every hour or so. These people are reading their seconds after they are sent.

The fact of the matter is that blocking access to Hotmail or Yahoo or AOL, or in fact counter-productive. Believe me, I know efficiency.

Now, you'll have to excuse me. I have to finish photocopying my NCAA tournament brackets before my boss gets back.

Reader disagrees on Social Security

To The Record-Press:

The editorial writer at The Record-Press (Undoing Social Security, March 11) has given us a whole new meaning on obfuscation of the truth. In the first paragraph, we are told that President Bush wants to undo the program. The sad truth is that if nothing is done, the program will undo itself.

This president has shown in more ways than he is a man of courage who has mastered the "vision thing" that so eluded his father. His vision as it relates to Social Security is that the American people are saddled with a chain letter scheme for which it is not a question of whether it will go broke but when. Considering the Ponzi nature of the current program, if the banks, insurance companies and brokerage houses that now manage IRAs, 401ks and similar programs did so on the Social Security model, they would go to prison for mail fraud.

The editorial goes on to address the fact that Social Security was designed to minimize difficulties for the elderly. My advice to the folks under 40 years of age is that if you listen to those who tell you to stay put with the current

system, your senior years will be truly difficult indeed.

A few final thoughts:

1) There is no Social Security trust fund. Social Security taxes are part of the general revenue stream, and are used to pay for all the waste for which our hard-working politicians are so famous.

2) Unstated in the editorial is the racist nature of the debate. Black men die younger than other men in the population. They pay huge sums all their lives and their "contributions" pay for someone else's retirement.

3) The Democrats, the AARP and other status quo groups cannot "win" this debate. They can only put off the day of reckoning.

4) My wife and I are early baby boomers, and we will very likely receive all that we have been promised. The promise to our children and other young people in our society cannot be kept.

5) Let us not forget that we are talking about my money. I resent the elitists who claim that they are smarter than the general population.

ANDREW J. MacDONALD
Fanwood

United Way nears fundraising goal

To The Record-Press:

We at the Westfield United Way are very grateful for the continued interest and outpouring of support from our town. Thanks to the generosity of caring Westfielders, Westfield United Way is able to create a community safety net by funding 19 human care agencies in our area.

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when they need it.

We are privileged to live in a town with such meaningful community outreach. Our agencies reach two out of three Westfielders every year. We would like to thank all of our supporters who make this possible and ask everyone to consider the Westfield United Way in our annual campaign.

At \$680,000, or 95 percent of this year's goal, we are counting on the continued generosity of Westfielders. Please know how much your contribution means in the lives of so many local people.

TOM CUSIMANO
Campaign Chairman
Westfield United Way

Stender should focus on state budget

To The Record-Press:

Assemblywoman Linda Stender (D-22) recently issued an attack on President Bush's Social Security reform plan in conjunction with the president's visit to Westfield.

But as a member of the party in control in Trenton, Assemblywoman Stender should worry more about the fiscal crisis of the State of New Jersey and the out-of-control property taxes facing the residents of her district than attacking President Bush's sound plan to preserve Social Security for future generations.

While Assemblywoman Stender has a lot of negative things to say about President Bush, she has

remained silent on acting Governor Codey's proposed budget, which guts the property tax rebate program, silent on \$6 billion in new spending, silent on the addition of 4,000 workers to the state payroll and silent on the plan to borrow \$2 billion for basic office items.

Maybe, just maybe, Stender should focus on coming up with a property tax reform plan for the residents of New Jersey instead of attacking the president without proposing any alternative of her own.

PHIL MORIN
Cranford

The author is the chairman of the Union County Republican Committee.

New Tyco chief doesn't merit praise

To The Record-Press:

While the world's largest fire protection and electronic security systems company's former chief executive officer, E. Dennis Kozlowski, along with Mark Swartz, the company's former chief financial officer, are on trial in New York for milk-ing the giant conglomerate out of \$600 million, Edward Breen is enjoying the fruit of his fireless endeavor, which resulted in a 50 percent reduction in the company's net debt.

In keeping with the traditional corporate commendation of "effective" executives, Mr. Breen's total compensation, excluding options, was \$10.7 million for the fiscal year that ended in September. During the same year, the new and eager Tycoon, who assumed the CEO throne in late summer of 2002, sold 27 Tyco-owned businesses and eliminated more than 8,000 jobs for the sake of preserving the padmaster of security

systems.

It was the same corporate formula used by most business executives when attempting to reverse slumping profits, raise liquid asset and contain factors of production: liquidating business divisions and sucking employees while doubling the workload of the remaining ones in a desperation that should have discredited Mr. Breen's managerial abilities, not led him to be rewarded at the cost of laid-off employees.

If Mr. Breen was, indeed, an effective business strategist, he could have reconstituted or reinvented some, if not all, the businesses and lessened the adverse impact on the company's workforce. As for reducing the company's debt to about \$12.3 billion, the opportunity cost incurred by these employees is hardly justifiable.

MOHAMED BOTO
Westfield

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Letters to the editor

Taxpayer hoping for a miracle

The Record-Press:
I agree with the Westfield Superintendent of Schools William Foley who was quoted as saying, "...We will reach a point where the community is unable to sustain the programs we're providing." (Record Press, Feb. 5) So what is he doing about his impending disaster?

Last year the subject of a renovation of Kehler field with artificial turf was discussed; a preliminary estimate of \$1 million was given. Later, the price ballooned to in the area of \$1.5 million for the turf field and a new track.

At a Board of Education meeting Dr. Foley made it clear that he wanted this project to pass, and he also indicated he did not believe the question should appear on last November's ballot. I don't remember him saying why, but in my opinion, the reason was obvious. It was a presidential election year and there could be an unusually large turnout of voters, most of whom did not have children in school and could not be counted on for a "yes" vote to spend nearly \$1.5 million for artificial turf.

In addition, voters were on the warpath about Mayor McDermott's parking garage project, and I believe Dr. Foley was afraid a "no" vote for the garage would spill over to a "no" vote for the artificial turf. The board moved the date for voting on the project to Dec. 15, and the results were predictable. Most of the approximately 17,000 registered voters stayed home like they usually do. About 3,000 residents voted, and the tally was split down the middle with the project winning approval by about 70 votes. So much for how project gets past the voters.

Recently a letter from a Scotch Plains resident (Al Muller) complained that "superintendents from Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood along with members of the Boards of Education and PTAs were lobbying Assemblyman Jon Bramnick and Senator Keen to soften the impact of S-1701, which limits the rapid rise of school district budgets." So while he was predicting a financial disaster for the residents, Dr. Foley was lobbying state officials to "soften the impact of S-1701" so he can spend even more money on top of what he already says we can't afford.

At a recent Board of Education meeting, one member said, "The budget for the schools is 23 percent of the total, while 7 percent is for salaries and benefits. There's not much room to cut expenses from 23 percent of the total." That is precisely the problem. The burden of salaries with generous raises and benefits for active and retired school personnel will bury the town in taxes. This money is a contractual obligation with the teachers' union and it won't be renegotiated.

Even if most of the residents died next month, and even if there were an immediate freeze on raises, hiring and benefit increases (neither of which will ever happen), Dr. Foley's predictions will ultimately come true.

Meanwhile, Dr. Foley's answer to this nightmare is to keep spending and hope for a miracle, hoping for a miracle too.

DONALD BEINER
Westfield

CFC needs donations

The Record-Press:
Easter will be here in a few weeks, and Cranford Family Care in need of items such as small mixed hams, five-pound hams, baked hams, Easter baskets,okies, canned fruit, instant coffee, tea bags, instant mashed potatoes, evaporated milk, corned pancake mix, fresh produce, eggs, breakfast sausage and more. Donations should be brought directly to the office at Myrtle Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our telephone number is (908) 276-3130.

Also, slightly used or new winter outfits would be greatly appreciated.

In April we will be in need of other goods for our friends that will be observing Passover.

Thank you for your support and concern for the families we serve.

KATHY WILLIS
and Board of Directors
Cranford Family Care



Derby winners are crowned at McKinley

Members of McKinley Cub Scout Pack 176 in Westfield recently enjoyed their annual Pinewood Derby Car race. Each Cub Scout received a kit comprising a block of wood, four wheels and four nails. With the help of their parents the Scouts cut, shaped and decorated the kit to create superb-looking cars, which were then raced against each other on a four-lane track set up in the school gym. Overall, prizes were awarded to the three fastest cars in the pack. Then, excluding those three winners, there was one winner for the fastest car in each of the four dens. Finally, two winners were picked for good design, rather than speed. The nine 2005 winners are pictured here, from left: Chip Mulrooney (first place overall), DJ Cummings (Webelos), Billy Frey (Tiger), Dalton Herzog (Bear), Mark Bramhill (design), Paul Lizzo (third place overall), Jack Kirkland (Wolf), Jason Isbit (second place overall) and Andrew Rodriguez (design).

LIFE Center will mark 25 years, honor founder at luncheon

Union County College's LIFE Center will celebrate a quarter century of providing educational opportunities for senior citizens at a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. April 9 in the Tavern in the Park, 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park.

The luncheon will serve a triple purpose: to mark the 25th anniversary of the LIFE Center; to honor the late Oscar Fishtein, a UCC professor who conceived, founded and for many years led and taught in the center; and to raise funds to continue the program that he started. Fishtein died last summer.

LIFE is an acronym for Learning is Forever. It embodies the concept developed by Fishtein of providing free college-level classes, taught by full-time college staff or adjuncts, to senior citizens at accessible sites in their own communities. Students can take the classes for credit or

not, as they wish.

The center is funded by Union County College, with support from the County of Union, Department of Economic Development; City of Elizabeth; Plainfield Foundation; and some of the host communities.

This year classes are being held in 10 of the 21 Union County municipalities. Elizabeth hosts five, Plainfield and Union host four each, Roselle, Scotch Plains and Westfield have two each, while single courses are available in Clark, Mountainside, New Providence and Springfield.

Current and former students and staff are among those expected to attend the silver anniversary celebration, which will feature entertainment, a tribute to Fishtein and brief remarks by several staff members and others involved in the

Center.

Also at the luncheon, a hard-cover history of the program will go on sale for the first time. The book, *Oscar's Place: Union County College's LIFE Center* details the sometimes rocky history of the program.

The history was written by Roy Smith of Elizabeth, a retired UCC vice president, and Ada Brunner of Linden, a former newspaper reporter, with the assistance of Sherman Feller of Scotch Plains and Ilsa Gordon of Cranford, both LIFE Center students; Robert Comeau, a member of the UCC English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department and director of the LIFE Center, and Lawrence Hogan, UCC history professor. Susannah Cheung, also a member of the UCC English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department and a LIFE Center teacher, was the editor.

Funded by a grant from the Wallerstein Foundation for Geriatric Life Improvement in West Orange, the book is being published by Union County College. Its 102 pages of text are supplemented by eight pages of photographs.

Advance reservations for copies of the book, which is priced at \$10, may be made through the LIFE Center office. After the luncheon, "Oscar's Place" will be available by mail.

The cost of the luncheon is \$25 per person, payable to the LIFE Center, with proceeds going toward the support of continued LIFE classes. Reservations must be in by March 30. Checks should be sent to Roberta Zimmerman, c/o Union County College, 12 W. Jersey St., Room 711, Elizabeth, NJ 07202. Further information is available by calling (908) 965-2990.

Girl Scout having a rocking good time

Julia Nelson, a senior Girl Scout and junior at Westfield High School, is currently working on her final project in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award. This award is the highest achievement available in Girl Scouting and involves seeking assistance and support from the community. For her project Nelson has chosen the theme "For the Love of Rocking." Rocking chairs have often been a source of comfort to people from the tiniest infant to the oldest adult, and Nelson wishes to provide comfort to those in need for any reason. She has gathered rocking chairs and rocking horses from the community and received donations of paint and supplies from Westfield Lumber. Together with her fellow Girl Scouts, friends, family, and neighbors, she has seen to it that these rockers have been sanded and freshly painted and are now being distributed to needy recipients through local churches, temples and charitable organizations in Union County. Anyone still wishing to contribute a wooden rocker in sturdy condition or any charitable group who would like to receive one of these rockers may call (908) 654-5966.



Society seeks help for Taste of Towns event

GARWOOD - The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's sixth annual Taste of the Towns will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 7 p.m. at The Westwood on North Avenue. Taste of the Towns is a unique dining experience that provides an ethnically diverse display of cuisine from some of the area's finest chefs and restaurants.

Taste of the Towns has been very successful in the past. In 2004, this event raised nearly \$13,000. These funds support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and

myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the event's fundraising. Volunteers will be asked to encourage their family, friends and co-workers to come out and join The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to help raise much-needed funds.

To participate in the Taste of the Towns event, please the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's office at (908) 654-9445 or contact them via email at acboeck@nj-nl.leukemia-lymphoma.org.

College honors Otto Picard

SCOTCH PLAINS
Township resident Otto Picard was recently cited for his 30 consecutive years of service as an adjunct instructor of psychology at Middlesex County College.

The school's lounge serving adjunct instructor Picard was honored by Joann La Perla Morales, president of the college, at a campus-wide Faculty meeting. She presented him with a watch, which he bears the logo of Middlesex County College.

Picard is retired from his full-time position in the Clark public school system, worked as both a classroom teacher and school psychologist. He has lived in Scotch Plains since 1977 with his wife Marjorie and their children.

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Schering, employees give big to United Way

Schering-Plough Corporation recently concluded its 2004-2005 United Way Workplace Campaign, which generated \$1.2 million for local health and human service programs in Greater Union County.

Employees from the company's Kenilworth, Union, Springfield, Summit, Berkeley Heights and Cranford locations participated in the annual giving campaign by donating a total of \$620,000. Schering-Plough matched employee donations to bring the total to \$1,240,000.

"Schering-Plough and its employees always go above and beyond to support our community," said Sandy Erwin, interim chief executive officer for the United Way of Greater Union County. "In addition to its successful workplace campaign, Schering-Plough employees have donated their time for volunteer projects and have organized collections of needed items. Schering-Plough has truly established a culture of caring for our community."

"We are proud of the generous support of their local communities that our employees demonstrate," said Joseph Starkey, executive director of public affairs for the pharmaceutical company.

The United Way seeks to create community collaborations by building partnerships, assessing needs and service gaps, forging consensus and leveraging



Pictured from left to right are Joseph Starkey, executive director for public affairs at Schering-Plough Corporation; Sandy Erwin, interim chief executive officer at United Way of Greater Union County; Erica D. Ferry, senior director of community affairs at Schering-Plough Corporation; and Susan Dilorio, campaign director at United Way of Greater Union County. The pharmaceutical company and its employees recently donated \$1.2 million to the non-profit organization.

resources to make a measurable difference. Community partners often include schools, government policy makers, businesses, organized labor, financial institutions, voluntary and neighborhood associations, community development corporations and the faith community.

Locally, the United Way of Greater Union County (UWGUC)

develops and supports more than 100 programs designed to improve the lives of local children and families. UWGUC's Success By Six programs are focused on enhancing the quality of local child care centers to ensure children are well prepared to learn and succeed in school and in life. UWGUC's 2-1-1 helpline also supports thousands of local fami-

lies by connecting callers with community resources that can help answer their human service needs. 2-1-1 is available in Union County thanks to a partnership between United Way and the county freeholder board.

For more information or to support United Way of Greater Union County, call (908) 353-7171 or visit www.uwguc.org.

County commits \$20M to medical education program

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders recently voted to create facilities to house the new Allied Health/Medical Science Program at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, in an attempt to offer high school students a head start in health care careers through what county officials called the first partnership of its kind in the nation.

The cooperative efforts of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS), Union County College, Rutgers University and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) will make the Allied Health/Medical Science Program available to the first freshman class of 60 students in September 2006.

"We on the freeholder board are proud to help and support such a ground-breaking educational program," said Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor. "By working together with other institutions we are giving our children better tools and opportunities to build a brighter future."

The \$20 million construction project, which goes out to bid this spring, will expand Baxel and West Halls on the Scotch Plains campus. Baxel Hall will be expanded from 25,000 to 48,000 square feet to house the Allied Health/Medical Science Program. The free public school program offers students college prep class-

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es in the medical sciences as well as regular academic requirements.

The first freshman class of 60 students in the Allied Health/Medical Science Program will begin learning in a building leased to UMDNJ on the Vo-Tech campus until the expanded Baxel Hall renovations are completed in September 2006.

"Our County Vo-Tech Schools continue to take the lead in improving the quality of education our children receive," claimed Freeholder Angel G. Estrada. "The Allied Health/Medical Science Program is yet another excellent example of how we are better preparing the next generation to succeed in life."

The UCVTS West Hall will grow by 12,000 square feet to accommodate expanded facilities for the baking/culinary program and a new 600 student cafeteria. Construction on both halls will begin in the summer of 2005 and will be completed in September 2006.

The expansion of the Vo-Tech campus to accommodate new initiatives such as the Allied Health/Medical Science Program is the latest in a series of financial commitments the freeholder

board has made to the county schools. Last October, Union County Freeholders, Vo-Tech administrators and students cut the ribbon on the \$14 million Academic Services building for the Vocational-Technical School District's new full-time high school.

Get tips on history grant applications

WESTFIELD — A free workshop designed for Union County-based non-profit organizations and municipal or school groups that need funding for projects relating to county and local history will be held 7-9 p.m. March 28.

The workshop, which will include tips on how to write a successful grant application to the Union County History Grant Program, will be held at the Union County Administration Building Annex, 300 North Ave. East.

This detailed presentation on grant writing will teach applicants how to develop specific components of an effective proposal, including the narrative, project statements, the budget and publicity plans," said Freeholder Chairman Rick

Proctor. The Union County History Grant Program, presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is made possible in part by an operating grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State, to the county's Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

"History projects taking place between Sept. 1, 2005 and Aug. 31, 2006 are eligible for consideration under this program," said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, liaison to the Cultural & Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "I encourage the many dedicated members of our history organizations and community to attend the workshop so that they can learn how to take advantage of this grant funding opportunity."

Register for the workshop by contacting the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550 or culturalinfo@ucnj.org. NJ Relay Users dial 711.

Specific guidelines and eligibility requirements are described in the application packet, which will be distributed at the workshop.

Assistive services are available upon advance request.

CBI plans Family Fun Fair

SCOTCH PLAINS Congregation Beth Israel recently announced its spring 2005 Family Fun Fair and Gold Rush will be held on March 27 at noon. Residents are invited to bring the whole family, rain or shine, for a day of fun, food,

games, contests, auctions and the annual Gold Rush raffle. The event will include CBI's first official horse racing contest, kid's funniest face painting, tattoos and nail art, trivia games and bingo. Visitors can win prizes and take a chance at silent auction items. Lunch will be served, and Purim costumes are welcome.

At 2 p.m., Congregation Beth Israel will hold its annual Gold Rush raffle drawing. This fundraising raffle offers prizes that include a \$3,000 worldwide travel certificate, a tri-state sports package (including four Nets, four Yankees and four Mets tickets) and a brand new digital camera. Tickets are \$100 each.

Admission to the CBI spring 2005 Family Fun Fair is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children at Congregation Beth Israel, 18 Shalom Way.

For more information about the event, contact Laurie Zimberg at (908) 889-1830.

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This week

THURSDAY MARCH 17

USED BOOK SALE — annual event at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. 1927 Bartle Ave. (908) 322-5007.

FRIDAY MARCH 18

SINGLE-PARENT FAMILY EVENT — with all-you-can-eat pizza, swimming and arts and crafts. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Westfield Area YMCA, 220 Clark St. \$5 per family. Register at (908) 233-2700, ext. 233.

USED BOOK SALE — annual event at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 1927 Bartle Ave. Also, a \$5 bag sale from noon-3 p.m. (908) 322-5007.

WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE DINNER — Union County honors eight outstanding women, including Shirley Boyden Maxwell of Kenilworth. 6:30 p.m. The Westwood, North Avenue, Garwood.

SATURDAY MARCH 19

MISS AMERICA PAGEANT — the first round of the national contest, with girls selected to represent Union and Middlesex counties. Arthur L. Johnson High School, Clark. 7 p.m. For more information, www.missnewjersey.info or (732) 382-5367.

USED BOOK SALE — annual event at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 1927 Bartle Ave. (908) 322-5007.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE — local Scouts will set up booths to sell the famous cookies. Sale begins today at these Fallow/Scotch Plains locations: A&P on South Avenue, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Alan Augustine Village Green, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Commerce Bank/Quick Check on North Avenue, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Mountain Deli on Mountain Avenue, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

ERIC SCHWARTZ/PAUL & STORM — double bill in the Coffee with Conscience concert series, with proceeds benefiting the Names Project. 8 p.m.; doors open 7:30. First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad St., Westfield, \$14.

DRAMA AUDITIONS — for high school students, for the Westfield Summer Workshop performance of *Into the Woods*. 150-152 East Broad St., Westfield. Auditions must be scheduled in advance at (908) 789-9696.

SUNDAY MARCH 20

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE — a celebration of the beginning of the Christian Holy Week. 8 and 10 a.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. (908) 322-8047. Also 10:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Ave.

'LIES MY FATHER TOLD ME' — screening of a film about a boy growing up in the Jewish ghetto of Montreal in the 1920s, following a buffet dinner. 6 p.m. Congregation Beth Israel, 18 Shalom Way, Scotch Plains. \$8 for CBI members, \$12 for non-members. Register in advance by March 14. (908) 889-1830.

'HATS OFF TO THE LADIES' — a presentation about 18th century style at the Miller Cory House Museum. 2-4 p.m. 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield. \$2 for adults, 50 cents for kids 6 and up. (908) 232-1776.

PURIM CARNIVAL — annual family event hosted by the JCC of Central New Jersey. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. \$5 registration fee per family, further fees for some games and activities. (908) 889-8800, ext. 235.

MONDAY MARCH 21

UNWINDING THE PRETZEL OF ISRAELI POLITICS — a talk for the Westfield chapter of Hadasah by Edith Sobel Temple, Emmanuel, 756 East Broad Street, Westfield. 12:30 p.m., following a light noon lunch. (908) 232-3309.

TUESDAY MARCH 22

DECA FUNDRAISER — a basketball competition to raise funds for cancer research, along with a buffet dinner. 7 p.m. Scotch Plains-Finwood High School, Westfield Road. (908)

889-8600.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23

ALL ABOUT DIGITAL CAMERAS — a free educational presentation by computer consultant Dominique Fruchtmann. 6:30 p.m. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave. Register at (908) 322-5007, ext. 204.

'WHO GETS GRANDMA'S YELLOW PIE PLATE?' — tips on smoothing out the inheritance process from Karen Enslie of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Hosted by the HAZAK group at Congregation Beth Israel. 1 p.m. 18 Shalom Way, Scotch Plains. Free, but register at (908) 889-1830.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING — hosted by the Westfield Regional Health Department. 11 a.m.-noon. Fanwood Memorial Library, Tillotson Road. Free.

GROOVE APPARATUS — a performance by the jazz group at Union County College. Roy Smith Theater, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Noon. Followed by a slide survey presentation by artist Faith Ringgold at 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY MARCH 24

DENTAL HYGIENE FOR KIDS — a presentation of the Westfield Regional Health Department. 11 a.m. at the Mountainside Public Library. Free. Register at (908) 233-0115.

THE HISTORY OF THE CRANBERRY — Daniel Mow of Ocean Spray Cranberries will deliver the annual Patberg Memorial Lecture. 7 p.m. Roy W. Smith Theatre, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

BOOK SIGNING — to mark the publication of Roy W. Smith's *As Ever, Mac*, about Kenneth C. MackKay. 4:30 p.m. The Commons at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

FRIDAY MARCH 25

'ECO-ART' — return of a popular program for kids ages 4 and up; participants create crafts from recycled objects. 10 a.m.-noon. Trailside Nature & Science Center, New Providence Road, Mountainside. \$4 for county residents. Followed by "Backyard Wildlife Habitat" for Grades 1-5 from 1:30-3 p.m.

COMING UP

HISTORY GRANT WORKSHOP — local organizations can get tips about how to apply for Union County History Grants. 7-9 p.m. March 28. Union County Administration Building Annex, 300 North Ave., East, Westfield. Register in advance at (908) 558-2550 or culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

WANDERING WATERSHED — a presentation for kids and families by Holly Jantz, Americas Watershed Ambassador, that identifies how various pollutants affect waterways. 1:30-3 p.m. March 28. Trailside Nature & Science Center, New Providence Road, Mountainside. \$4 for county residents. "Net N' Wild Animals" will follow from 3:30-4:45 p.m.; that program is \$8 for county residents.

USED BOOK SALE — annual event at the Westfield Memorial Library. April 5-9. 550 East Broad St.

ROME AND THE VATICAN — a talk by the writer and Fulbright Scholar Frank Korn. 7:30 p.m. April 6. Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

MS WALK — 17th annual fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 17. Nonnaberg Park, Cranford. (201) 967-5599 or Stephanie@nmsa.org.

FANWOOD BOROUGH CLEAN UP — organized by the Clean Communities Committee to mark Earth Day. Volunteer as a team. 8:30 a.m. at the South Avenue Branch. Clean up and work until noon. (908) 322-1304.

STATUE OF LIBERTY/ELLIS ISLAND TRIP — sponsored by the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission and the Community School. Departing 8:30 a.m. April 26 from Park Middle School. \$20.25, plus cost of travel. Register by Feb. 25.

SENIOR CITIZENS TRIP — to Virginia Beach/Williamsburg, sponsored by the Finwood Senior Citizens Club. April 20-29. For more information, call Art Badala at (908) 889-1401.

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African Violet Society to host flower show

SCOTCH PLAINS—The Union County chapter of the African Violet Society will hold its 51st annual flower show and sale 6-9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at the parish hall, All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave.

The exhibits will be judged and plants from a commercial grower will be available for purchase. Questions will be answered at the education booth.

Anyone interested in African violets is invited to attend. Admission is free.

Learn about indie film at the library

SCOTCH PLAINS — New Jersey native and independent filmmaker Peter Basler will speak on "Independent Filmmaking in New Jersey" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave.

Basler's filmography includes work as a production assistant on Anjelica Houston's *Bastard out of Carolina*. He has also been involved in *Just Add Pepper*, *Reality & Stuff*, *The Possible Side Effects* and *As Cool as Jennifer*, a television pilot.

A co-founder of Westfilm, Basler will be involved with the "Movies in May" film festival coming to Scotch Plains and Fanwood May 6-7.

The program is free, and light refreshments will be served.

FSPY hosts seminar on self-esteem, growth

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA will host a seminar titled, "Self-Esteem, Personality, and Values: The Keys to Personal and Professional Growth," from 7-9:30 p.m. March 24.

Conducted by Ronald Pannone, a licensed psychologist, therapist, and consultant, the seminar will focus on how self-esteem develops, the impact of self-esteem on personal and professional lives, and the conditions that promote healthy self-esteem. Pannone will use the Myers-Briggs Type indicator to highlight personality types and discuss how to use this knowledge to enhance positive interactions with others. He will also discuss the correlation between personal values and one's level of happiness and achievement.

Pannone has been in private practice in Westfield for the past 16 years, working with both adults and adolescents on a wide range of psychological issues. At a corporate level, he provides expertise in leadership development and team building to improve individual and group performance.

The YMCA is located at 1340 Martine Ave. For more information, call (908) 889-8880.

Enslie to offer tips for a smooth inheritance

SCOTCH PLAINS — The HAZAK group at Congregation Beth Israel will host speaker, Dr. Karen Enslie from Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Her talk, called "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" will include tips on how to pass on personal property without causing family friction.

The synagogue is located at 18 Shalom Way. All are welcome to attend this free event, but reservations are required. Call the temple office at (908) 889-1830.

Still time to register for the Adult School

WESTFIELD — It's not too late to register for one of the school's exciting enrichment courses. The Adult School offers a wide range of activities, from foreign language study and one-day trips to the new Museum of Modern Art to computer training seminars on techniques on making homes more energy efficient.

The Westfield Adult School is a non-profit organization that has been active since 1938 and does not receive any taxpayer funding. Most of the classes are held at the Westfield High School on Monday nights. The school is open eight weeks and enrollment is by mail or in person throughout the semester.

For more information or to order a catalog, call (908) 232-4060 or visit www.westfieldnj.com/adultschool

Scouts travel to the Emerald Isle

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Boy Scouts from Troop 73 spent their winter recess break exploring the Irish countryside and immersing themselves in the island nation's culture.

According to troop leader Robert Whitehead, the week-long stay was the troop's fourth visit to Ireland. A group of eight Scout leaders and 12 Scouts bedded down at a hostel at Currahasse Forest Park in Co. Limerick, continuing a biannual tradition that began in 1999.

"It's a very eye-opening experience for the Scouts — it gives some of them a real sense of wanderlust," Whitehead said. "Many of the older Scouts have gone back and backpacked through Europe, and it's all traceable to their experience as Scouts."

The troop used the hostel and 10-acre grounds as a home base to visit other sections of the nation of just 4 million people. To put the population in perspective, Whitehead said more people watch the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York than currently live in Ireland, whose largest city (Dublin) has a population of just 900,000.

For the group of Scouts ranging in age from 12 to 17, Whitehead said he wanted them to develop an understanding and respect for agriculture and rural Irish culture. He added that meeting individuals from a host Scout troop in Ireland gave Troop 73's members a chance to submerge themselves in another culture.

"The idea is to have Scouts from different nationalities get together," Whitehead said. "Even though the come from a different cultural background, they find out they're all pretty much the same."

The group visited an egg farm and egg producing facility at Adare in County Limerick with their host troop, and also hiked through Irish National Forests. One eight-mile hike took the scouts into the Black Valley and over the Gap of Dunloe; another brought the troop to the scenic Tore Waterfall in Killamey National Forest.

"The County Kerry Mountains are very rugged and what we would think of as wilderness," Whitehead said.

To help pay for the trip,



On their recent trip to Ireland, the members of Boy Scout Troop 73 paid a visit to the Monastery of St. Senan on Scattery Island.

Whitehead said, members of the Boy Scout troop sold wreaths and poinsettias at Holy Trinity Church in Westfield, their host congregation. Also, the group volun-

teered at the Fanwood Recycling Center several times over the past year, assisting the center in processing plastic and paper.

Whitehead described the trip

as a success, and said he hopes to organize another trip in two years.

"It has become a tradition, and we plan on continuing it," he said.

Registration ongoing for Westfield Y camps

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area YMCA Day Camps are gearing up for another summer of programs designed to provide children and teens with both skills and character development. The range of activities at Y camps focus on instilling the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Registration is ongoing. Current Westfield Y members can register online or in person; in-person registration is available for new members. Full-day and half-day camps are available for children ages 3-15. Before camp and after camp care is available from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Camps begin June 27 and run through Sept. 2.

New this summer, the Y is offering a one-week, half-day New Jersey Devils Street

Hockey camp and British Sports Week camp. In the street hockey camp, children entering fourth through sixth grades will learn the skills, drills and basic rules of street hockey and play hockey games. In British Sports Week camp, children ages 5-11 will learn the techniques and rules of a variety of British sports including Gaelic football, cricket, rugby, netball and much more. Instruction is provided by UK Elite's professional British sports coaching staff.

Returning this summer for elementary school aged children, Camp Blue Sky and Summer Fun Camp offer traditional day camp experiences that include swimming, arts and crafts, games, nature exploration, cookouts and more. Included in the camp is a weekly field trip. An extensive array

of specialty camps is also available, including computers, science, sports, cooking, and drama.

Preschoolers have their own half-day camps, and there is a special full-day camp for kindergarteners. Caravan Camp is available for children ages 8-12 who want to go on a trip each day. Trips scheduled this summer for Caravan Camp include amusement and water parks throughout the tri-state area, the beach, and ball games and museums in New York and Philadelphia.

For teens, the Westfield Y offers the trip-based Teen Express. Like Caravan Camp, Teen Express offers visits to amusement and water parks, ball games and the beach. In addition, Teen Express is scheduled to go on a tour of

Yankee Stadium, to Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum and the Baltimore Aquarium and Inner Harbor. Teens are also encouraged to begin thinking about becoming future counselors after attending the counselors-in-training program. Half and full-day skateboarding camps are available for teens, as is a one-week fly fishing camp.

Finally, the Westfield Y offers the award-winning Lilith Sleepaway Camp, an experience for girls in middle school, and of the Iron John Camp for boys in middle school. Both of these camps are held at the Fairview Lake YMCA Camp facility near Newton.

Most camps still have availability. For more information or to register, call the Westfield Area YMCA at (908) 233-2700.

Broadway comes to EIS

WESTFIELD — The cast of Edison Intermediate School's spring musical, *On Broadway*, will take the stage this week end.

This year's show is a special silver anniversary celebration of the Broadway shows that have been performed over the past 25 years at the school.

Selected musical numbers, scenes and dances from 16 shows will be presented, including popular shows that were staged twice, such as *Boyz n the City*, performed in both 1984 and 2004; *Of La Mancha* (1985); and *2004*, *Of La Mancha* (1985), *2004*, and *Of La Mancha* (1985, 1992).

Favorite musicals performed

during the 1980s include *Hello Dolly!* (1982), *Annie Get Your Gun* (1983) and *Damn Yankees!* (1986), while highlights from the 1990s include *Annie* (1994), *Big River* (1995) and *Li'l Abner* (1999).

The cast of 61 students is supported by a crew of 37 students.

Performances are 4 p.m. March 17 and 19 and 7:30 p.m. March 19. Ticket prices are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For Thursday afternoon, tickets are \$2 for elementary students and \$5 for adults. Contact Director David Shapiro at (908) 789-6134 for ticket information.

Edison Intermediate School students (from left) Abby Ryan, Molra Smith, Melissa Hiegel and Jennifer Dilzell rehearse a tap dance number from *Anything Goes* in the upcoming *On Broadway* silver anniversary spring musical production.

It's a mad, mad scene at SP-F High

By DAVID LAZARUS
CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — It had nothing to do with basketball, but March Madness was in evidence at Scotch Plains Fanwood High School on the second weekend in March. In less than 48 hours the high school was the scene for two very different events that kept the seats in the auditorium warm and the support staff busy.

Friday night, March 11 was opening night for *West Side Story*, the latest presentation of the SPHS Repertory Theatre. This was the 29th season for the group and the final year under its current producer, Laurie Wellman who has produced the last 10 shows. Also the choral director at the high school, Wellman is retiring from the school system.

The school was a whirlwind of activity and a jumble of nerves as months of work and preparation came to a conclusion. In the marathon that encompasses the endless rehearsals, it was almost a relief to the performers that the finished product would be on view.

Late winter storms had cut into much of the last-minute preparations, but fortunately threats of snow on Friday night did not materialize. The show must go on and it did — before a packed auditorium.

Judging by the early reviews, the play was a huge success. Most of the audience left the high school amazed at the talent on display. Many of the performers were veterans of last year's ambitious *Les Miserables*, and many had also been around for *Footloose*, two years ago. As always, there were newcomers, but Wellman and returning director Tom Pedas blended it all together.

The last candy wrapper had barely been removed as the high school was transformed into a scene out of the movie *The Candidate*. Hundreds of enthusiastic political operatives braved the early Saturday morning chill to fill every inch of space in front of the high school with campaign placards as Union County Republican delegates met to select which Republican gubernatorial candidate would get top billing on the county's primary election ballot June 7.

One candidate, Robert Schroeder brought a campaign bus featuring his name in big letters on the side that was parked by the entrance amid lawn signs also bearing his name. Another candidate, John Murphy, and former Senatorial candidate Doug Forrester also had numerous signs crowded along the curb.

The auditorium, which 12 hours earlier had been filled with the words of Steven Sondheim and the music of Leonard Bernstein, was now filled with the rhetoric of a party seeking to regain its footing in the state.

"We just can't say that we're honest and they're not," boomed Westfield's own Brett Schundler, the party's standard bearer in 2001 gubernatorial election, when he lost to James McGreevey.

"We need to clean things up before it's too late," added Forrester, who seemed set to become U.S. Senator in 2002 until Frank Lautenberg was slotted in to rescue the aborted campaign of incumbent Robert Torricelli.

Surprisingly the name "George W. Bush" was rarely heard, and neither was McGreevey's. Most of the speeches centered on property taxes and cleaning up government waste.

The big event was actual voting in hastily arranged voting booths. In a surprise of sorts, the newcomer Murphy finished second in the first round to Forrester, since both got more than 20 percent of the vote a run off ensued. Forrester narrowly won, but Murphy left feeling like the big winner of the day.

The event ran longer than expected but just as quickly as the high school was transformed again. Everybody put away their placards, and by 8 p.m. Saturday evening it was back to Broadway on Westfield Road.



UCAC gets \$26,500 for mentor program

The Union County Arts Center in Rahway has been recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$26,500 from Ronald McDonald House Charities. The grant will be used to offset the expenses of the Arts Center's educational mentoring program Mentors in Music for the 2004-2005 season.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the New York Tri-State Area is part of the national non-profit organization that awards grants to community based organizations whose programs help children in the areas of healthcare, medical research, education and social responsibility.

The UCAC places a high priority on the development of arts education initiatives. In May of 2004, the UCAC piloted a new educational program, Mentors in Music, targeting middle school and high school aged children. Participants were identified through community based organizations such as United Youth of NJ, Millennium Mentorship, and PROCEED.

In the first program, 35 children worked with the New Jersey-based Latino pop group deSol, along with Mark Rivera of the Billy Joel and Ringo Starr All-Starr bands, Academy Award winner Frank Preverte, and salsa instructors Evelyn Garcia and Orlando Cruz. Students received a hands-on experience in the appreciation and creation of Latino rhythms that culminated in the students' participation in that evening's concert.

The Union County Arts Center has expanded the program for the 2004-2005 season to include four Mentors in Music workshops presented by professional artists from

diverse backgrounds. Each workshop highlights the unique talents of the presenting artists, who provide both motivational and educational support. Through personal contact with professional artists from diverse backgrounds, the Mentors in Music program seeks to encourage participants to explore the arts as a vehicle towards academic, professional and personal achievement and satisfaction.

On Sept. 25, 2004 Latin/Caribbean professional storyteller and creator of Sofrito!, David Gonzalez, presented a storytelling workshop focusing on the importance of communication. On Jan. 15, the hip-hop artists of FLY Dance Company presented a workshop featuring the rhythmic sophistication and technique of their street dance style. And on Feb. 5, executive director, choreographer, and dancer, Eva Lucena of Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre presented a workshop featuring the exotic blend of Tango and Flamenco dances driven by powerful Cuban rhythms.

For the next presentation, the UCAC announces the return of deSol. On May 7, the seven inspired musicians whose collective name means "Of the Sun" spice up the stage with their polyrhythmic mix of chanted melodies and musical atmosphere. The afternoon Mentors in Music workshop will bring 35 local students together to experience the creative process that leads to the performance of a musical event. The workshop will provide the participating students with the opportunity to showcase their ability to appreciate, understand, and create music.

Faculty art on display

The James Howe Gallery, located in the Vaughn-Eames Hall lobby at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union, is presenting an exhibition of art work by the adjunct faculty of the Department of Fine Arts of Kean University. The exhibition will run from through March 25.

Kean's first-ever exhibition of adjunct faculty art includes works by Paul Bonelli, Patricia Bramnick, Richard Carmella, Amy Cheattle, Maria Cocchiarelli, Jane T. George, Seth Goodwin, Mark Grimm, Ray Horner, Nick Impalli, Steve Jaskowak, Lillian Kartischko, Lori Kent, Paul

Marks, Donald McLaughlin, Kaaren Patterson, Michelle Provenzano, Philip Shimko, Richard Siegel, Soonam Kim Singer, Joanna Wezyk and Joseph S. Zapytowski.

Works in a variety of media, both traditional and cutting edge, including drawings, paintings, digital prints, photographs with prose, video, encaustics, collages and sculpture will be on display.

Gallery hours are Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Monday to Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call the Department of Fine Arts at (908) 737-4400.



Paul and Storm, part of the troupe DaVinci's Notebook, will be part of a double bill presented Saturday night by the Coffee with Conscience concert series in Westfield.

'Conscience' series presents a double bill at First United

The Coffee with Conscience series of Westfield will present a double bill featuring the NYC-based singer/songwriter Eric Schwartz with Paul and Storm of DaVinci's Notebook Saturday night at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 East Broad St.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14. All net proceeds from the concert will be donated to Central Jersey chapter of the Names Project, commonly known as the AIDS Quilt.

Eric Schwartz has been entertaining audiences for more than 10 years in the U.S. and abroad. He is equally at home performing schmaltzy ballads and over-the-top, satirical and shockingly funny material. Schwartz's show is not for the meek, though the concert will maintain a PG-13 tone.

The Coffee with Conscience Concert series of Westfield is a 10-show series running from September through June at the First United Methodist Church. The concerts are also being recorded for broadcast by Westfield's TV-36. Residents of Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside can catch each month's concert on Fridays at 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

The series supports the following charities: The Eric Johnson House in Morristown, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless, the Names

Net proceeds from the concert will be donated to Central Jersey chapter of the Names Project.



ERIC SCHWARTZ

A degree in biology from Tufts University and a former career as a touring bilingual actor have furnished Schwartz with an analytical mind, a vivid imagination, and a thirst for the spotlight. After studying piano at a young age and guitar in Madrid, he spent a year performing on the streets and in the cafe's of Europe (he can sing songs in five languages and speaks Spanish and French). Schwartz then moved to Greenwich Village and quickly became a staple on the Village bar scene for five years as he honed his craft as an original singer/songwriter and began pulling attention from some of the world's toughest audiences.

Paul and Storm have spent more than a decade writing and performing original music together as one-half of the acclaimed and award-winning comedy a cappella troupe DaVinci's Notebook, which sold out the house at the concert series in February of 2004.

As an energetic acoustic power duo, Paul Sabourin and Greg "Storm" DiCostanzo enjoy inflicting their material — which ranges from the biting satirical to the charmingly crass — upon unsuspecting audiences.

For more information about the performers, visit www.eric schwartz.com or www.paulandstorm.com.

Project, Habitat for Humanity and the Community FoodBank of NJ. Each concert benefits one of these charities.

The series is made possible in part by a Union County HEART grant, a substantial gift from the Westfield Service League and private donations.

For more information about the series, the upcoming performance, or ways to get involved, call (908) 522-1501 or visit www.coffeewithconscience.com. Volunteers are always appreciated.

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Husband's photos, wife's sculptures featured at Swain

Renowned photographic artist Howard Nathenson will premier his color photography in a dual exhibit, "New Directions," with his wife, the celebrated sculptor Elaine Lorenz, from April 2-30 at the Swain Gallery in Plainfield.

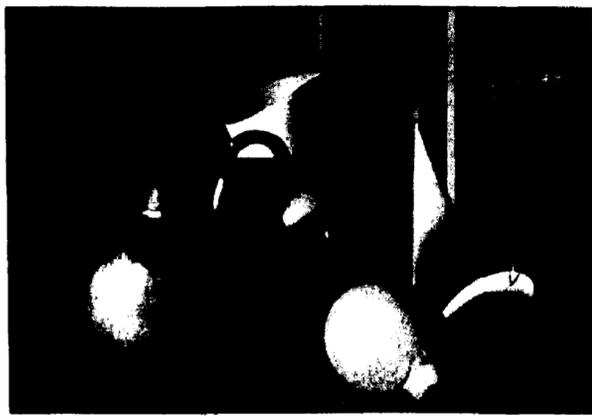
Known for his black-and-white still life images, Nathenson will introduce his ultra-chrome giclee prints of still lifes in full color. Matching his tones are recent clay sculptures of organic abstractions in various glaze ranges, some reduction-fired and matte glazes, some oxide, by sculptor Elaine Lorenz, whose earlier large-scale outdoor work has garnered accolades. Her natural forms expressing emotional content will for this exhibit be of smaller scale, up to about 50 inches.

Nathenson, the former curator of photography at the Bergen Museum of Art and Science in Paramus, is currently an instructor at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Summit. Since 1991, Lorenz has taught beginning and advanced sculpture and ceramic sculpture as well as three-dimensional design at William Paterson University in Wayne. Recently she submitted a proposal for a large scale outdoor work of concrete with vegetation to the NJ Meadowlands

Commission.

Nathenson's earlier black-and-white still lifes garnered wide attention in more than 20 solo exhibits between 1982-2002 and at least 15 group shows, including the Whitney Museum of American Art's "Extraordinary Images" exhibit in 1972. His work has been viewed throughout New Jersey. In New York City, he has exhibited at the Interchurch Center, the 92nd Street YMCA and, on Staten Island, the Snug Harbor Cultural Center. His appearances in group exhibitions in New York have included the US Federal Reserve Bank, The Drawing Center, Artists Space and the Whitney. His images are included in the 1983 book, *Overlay: Contemporary Art and the Art of Prehistory* by Lucy Lippard.

Nearly a dozen solo exhibits of Lorenz's work have been held between 1976-2004. Her New York City exhibits have been held at the Interchurch Center and the Fulcrum Gallery



New images from Howard Nathenson will be on display in Plainfield from April 2-30.

on Mercer St. In group exhibitions from 1981-2004, her work has been viewed nationwide.

Among her awards are the Virginia Center for Creative Arts fellowship, the Mr. and Mrs. Salomone prize of the National Association of Women Artists and honors from the Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City.

The "New Directions" dual exhibit opens on April 2 with a reception from 5-7 p.m. and continues Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday to 4 p.m. through April 30 at Swain Galleries, a 137-year-old Plainfield art and framing enterprise at 703 Watchung Ave. in the Crescent Historic District. For details, call (908) 756-1707.

Guild presents jazz concert, art classes

The seventh season jazz series at the Arts Guild of Rahway continues April 1 with a performance by New Jersey jazz couple Pam Purvis and Bob Ackerman. The duo will be joined by Vinnie Correo on guitar and Calvin Hill on bass.

Advance sale tickets are now available for \$14. Tickets will be available at the door for \$16. To purchase tickets, call the Arts Guild of Rahway at (732) 381-7511 or email a request at arts-guild1670@earthlink.net

Purvis and Ackerman have been making music together for over 25 years. Their music consists of standards from the American songbook, jazz classics, and original material. They have developed a duet presentation for horn and voice that is both unique and satisfying.

Purvis began singing jazz in 1974 in Paterson at Gulliver's, where she met and sang with Chuck Wayne, Joe Puma, Gabor Zabo, Joe Morello, Jack Six, and, finally, Bob Ackerman. Purvis and Ackerman have been married and working together for 25 years and have eight recordings together to this date. During the last several years they have performed in Europe, Mexico and all over the U.S.

Purvis currently sings with Joe Cohn, Richard Wyands, Dennis Irwin, Earl May, Chip Jackson and many other musicians. Ackerman has worked with such diverse artists as Phillip Glass and Steve Reich, Joe Morello, John Coates, John Purcell, Wilber Morris and others.

Also at the Arts Guild, registration is now open for the spring art class session. Students may register at Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Call (732) 381-7511 for a brochure or information or view the spring class listing on the website at www.rahwayartsguild.org.

Spring session adult classes include oil painting, acrylic painting, pottery, watercolor and beginning and intermediate level stained glass. Classes begin the

week of March 21 and run for eight weeks. Most classes are suitable for students at all levels of experience, beginner, intermediate and advanced. Most classes are two and a half hours per week. Students are responsible for tools and materials in most cases.

After-school children's classes for the spring vary from one to two hours per week. Choices include drawing, pottery/clay building, acrylic painting, three ways to art (combines exercises in drawing, painting and collage) and Japanese Anime/Manga cartooning. Children's classes are for children between 7 and 14. Fees for all classes vary. All materials are supplied for children's classes.

A teen drawing class is also being offered for students from 12 to 16 years at all levels of experience.

Upcoming one-day art workshops include encaustic (wax) painting on Saturday, April 2 with Westfield artist Francesca Azzara; bendarounda ring, a beading workshop taught by Clara Manheim at which students will create one or several beaded rings of their own design; words and images/personal mark-making, a workshop that covers combining image and text using a variety of mark-making tools, collage, image transfers, paints and printed materials; and transformative doll making with artist/instructor Pamela Hastings, at which students will experiment with ancient and abstract doll forms with the idea of incorporating new forms and using dolls to express complex and powerful ideas. Workshop fees vary. Students are responsible for certain materials for each session.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a non-profit multidisciplinary center for the arts. Ongoing art exhibits, performances of jazz and classical music, art classes and workshops for adults and children can be found at the Arts Guild of Rahway. Call (732) 381-7511 or email artsguild1670@earthlink.net.

UCC to host a pair of unique cultural events

Jazz concert, slide survey offered March 23

On March 23, two dynamic cultural events will be presented at Union County College's Cranford campus, located at 1033 Springfield Ave.

Beginning at noon, in the Roy Smith Theater, the jazz group Groove Apparatus will present their second UCC concert performance, in which they will perform a repertoire of their original compositions and renowned works by jazz legends.

Then, at 1:30 p.m., New Jersey artist Faith Ringgold will present a slide survey lecture focusing on more than 35 years of her professional career as a painter, mixed media sculptor, performance artist, and writer.

Groove Apparatus, a New York/New Jersey based group, is comprised of members Scott Robert Avidon, Jim Ridl, Steve Swanson, and Edward Taylor and has been performing since 1997. The group's 2001 debut

CD recording, *The Enlightened Ones*, earned strong reviews and was the number two most played jazz album on New York radio station WRHU in October 2002.

Over the past several years, Groove Apparatus has performed in venues such as The Garage, the 55 Bar, The Deer Head Inn, Van Gogh's Ear, Kavehazt, and the Arka Lounge. The group has just completed work in the studio for its second CD.

In her discussion Ringgold will present a slide survey lecture that will focus on the 1960s with political imagery and first hand accounts about the civil rights movement in her "American People Series." Her inspiring and often humorous stories will illustrate her life's work as an artist, activist, author, teacher and parent through the evolution of a body

of work that contains more than 100 paintings. Images from her "Woman on a Bridge Series 1988," "The French Collection 1991," "The American Collection 1997," and the "Coming to Jones Road Series 2000" will also be included in her presentation.

A resident of Englewood, Ringgold began her artistic career as a painter, mixed media sculptor, performance artist, and writer. Best known for her painted story quilt (art that combines painting, quilted fabric and storytelling) her work has been shown in major exhibitions in the U.S., Europe, South America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, and is included in many private and public collections including the Boston Museum of Fine Art, The National Museum of Art, The Baltimore Museum, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Modern Art, and The Newark Museum.

She is also the recipient of more than 75 awards, including

15 honorary doctorate degrees, and has received fellowships and grants including the National Endowment for the Arts Award and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship.

The March 23 program is part of an annual Art Society/Fine Arts Visiting Lecture/Performance series, and is being sponsored by the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages departments of Union County College, The UCC Art Society and the Student Government Association, and College's Cultural and Educational Programs Advisory Committee (CEPAC). The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Professor Anthony Nicoli at (908) 497-4261.

Society plans bus trip, dinner dance

KENILWORTH — The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a pair of fundraiser events next month to bolster its "Restore-the-House Campaign" and continue upgrades at the historic Nitschke House.

The first of the events is a Beefsteak Dinner Dance from 7-11 p.m. April 9. The event will be held at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, 33 South 21 Street.

The cost of \$45 per person includes a full-course, family-style steak dinner, presented by Baskinger's, plus dessert, coffee, wine, beer and soda. Music for dancing and listening will be provided, courtesy of DJ Adrian Love of DJ's United.

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ervations for the dinner dance, call (908) 276-0546 or (908) 709-0391.

The second event is a bus trip to Cape May's Spring Festival on April 23. The bus will depart the St. Theresa's School parking lot on Washington Avenue in the morning and return to Kenilworth that evening.

The cost of \$86 per person includes motor coach transportation, a trolley tour of historic Cape May, a guided tour of three Victorian homes, admission to the Cape May Spring Garden Festival Home and Garden Show, and dinner with a choice of entrée. The trip and tours will be arranged and escorted by Progressive Travel, Union.

For further information and

reservations for the bus trip, call (908) 245-0861 or (908) 709-0434. As space is limited, it is suggested that reservations be made as soon as possible to ensure availability.

Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's "Restore-the-House Campaign," a project to restore the local 19th century Nitschke House and transform it into a "living museum" and cultural arts center.

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Obituaries

Herman Gallman

WESTFIELD — Herman Gallman, 89, died March 14, 2005 at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

He was born in Birmingham, Ala., and had lived for many years in Westfield.

Mr. Gallman owned a real estate and insurance agency in Westfield. He earlier was an investigative clerk for 25 years at the Military Ocean Terminal in Bayonne.

He was a military policeman in the Army during World War II; Mr. Gallman transferred to the Army National Guard after the war and became an artillery officer with the 50th Armored Division. He retired in 1976 after

a 39-year career with the military.

Mr. Gallman was a member of the Masonic temple in Newark. His wife, Lela Frances Gallman, and a daughter, Sylvia M., are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Leroy W.; two daughters, Marilyn F. Adams and Jannette B. McDaniels; two brothers, Thomas and James; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is at 10 a.m. today at the Higgins Home for Funerals, 752 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, where services will follow at 11 a.m. To send a condolence, visit www.higginsfuneral-home.com.

Joseph D. Parsons

WESTFIELD — Joseph Daniel Parsons, 82, died March 10, 2005 at his home in Whiting.

Born in Newark, he lived in Maplewood and Westfield before moving to Whiting.

Mr. Parsons was a letter carrier with the Westfield post office. A Meals on Wheels volunteer, he was a member of the Residence Club and Bocce Club at Crestwood Village VI in Whiting.

He was active in the Perpetual Adoration Society, Helping Hands organization and Our Lady's Rosary Makers at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church in Whiting. During World War II, Mr. Parsons was posted to the South Pacific with Photographic

Reconnaissance Squadron VMD-354 of the Marine Corps.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Rita; five sons, Joseph Jr., John, Paul, James and Thomas; a daughter, Maryann; a sister, Adele Fuerth; and 16 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday in All Saints Chapel at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Burial was in the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arnytown.

Arrangements were by the Manchester Memorial Funeral Home in Whiting. Donations may be sent to the Van Dyke Hospice at Community Medical Center, 99 Route 37 West, Toms River, NJ 08755-6423.

Helen Giordano

SCOTCH PLAINS — Helen Hedwick Giordano, 82, died Feb. 18, 2005 at the Scotch Plains home of her daughter, Catherine Mortarulo.

Mrs. Giordano was born in Jersey City. She lived in Seacucus, Highland Lakes and Miramar, Fla., before moving to Scotch Plains.

She was a past president of the Highland Lakes Woman's Club and a former chairman of the Beach Badge Checkers in Highland Lakes. Mrs. Giordano was honored as a Woman of the

Year in Highland Lakes.

Her husband, John S., died in 1989.

Also surviving are a son, John of Sebring, Fla.; a son-in-law, Michael Mortarulo of Scotch Plains; a sister, Frances Pandolfi of Bridgewater; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 1571 S. Martine Ave. Arrangements are by the Scarpa Funeral Home in North Plainfield.

Veronica Farese

WESTFIELD — Veronica J. Kampen Farese, 93, died March 12, 2005 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in New York state, she lived in Linden and Roselle before moving to Westfield.

Mrs. Farese retired after 25 years as an assembler with the Kearfott Manufacturing Co. in Newark. She was a member of the Fifth Ward Democratic Club in

Linden.

Her husband, Angelo M., and a son, Frank, are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonita Monus of Union; several brothers and sisters; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home in Linden. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Karen K. Mullen

WESTFIELD — Karen Kassak Mullen, 34, died March 13, 2005 at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

She was born in Union and had lived in Westfield since 1999.

A licensed social worker, Mrs. Mullen was on the staff of the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center from 1999-2001. She earlier worked at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Mullen also was on the executive board of the Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Complex. She earned a master of social work degree in 1997 from the Lincoln Center Campus of

Fordham University, located in Manhattan. She received a bachelor's degree in social work from Kean University in 1995.

She was a member of the National Association of Social Workers.

Her father, John J. Kassak, died in 2002.

Surviving are her husband, Shawn; her mother, Yoshi Kassak of Union; a son, Patrick at home; a sister, Kathryn Kassak Spada of Holmdel; and her grandfather, Kamakichi Miyagi of Okinawa, Japan.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lambert's Mill Road. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at the Donley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Ave. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Associated Humane Societies or National CASA Association.

Earlean Mayer

SCOTCH PLAINS — Earlean Mayer, 75, died March 9, 2005 at the Haven Hospice of Middleberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Arley, Ga., she lived in Roselle before moving to Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Mayer was a retired office worker with American Cyanamid Co. in Linden.

Surviving are her mother, Lilian McRae; a sister, Eula Andrews; three brothers, Arnold McRae, Ronald Mathis and Thomas Mathis; five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Nesbitt Funeral Home in Elizabeth. Burial was in Roschill Cemetery, Linden.



Park Naturalist Ginger Case demonstrates the proper way to plant a tree at an "Arbor Day Celebration" at a past Trailside Nature and Science Center's Earth Awareness Week. This year Earth Awareness Week will be held March 25-April 2. The theme is "Water, Water Everywhere." The Watchung Reservation, set within the Arthur Kill and Lower Raritan watersheds, is home to many streams, lakes and ponds that provide a wetland sanctuary for a variety of flora and fauna. Programs throughout the week offer hands-on opportunities to learn about the wonders of water. Call Trailside for a complete listing of Earth Awareness events and upcoming spring activities at (908) 789-3670.

Trailside explores a world of water

MOUNTAINSIDE — Union County is offering special programming with the theme "Water, Water Everywhere" at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside during Earth Awareness Week, from March 25-April 2.

Trailside will be offering various family programs, drop-off workshops for children, nature hikes in the Watchung Reservation and teacher training workshops to celebrate water as a precious resource.

The Watchung Reservation includes 2,060 acres set within the Arthur Kill and Lower Raritan watersheds. The reservation is home to many streams, lakes and ponds that provide a wetland sanctuary for a variety of flora and fauna.

Among the leaders the Earth Awareness celebration is Holly Jantz, an Americorps Watershed Ambassador who will present "Wandering Watershed" for families with children ages 5 and older, from 1:30-3 p.m. Monday, March 28. Jantz will use an enviro-escape model, a hands-on replica of a watershed, to identify various types of pollutants that affect local waterways. After examining the enviro-escape, participants will play "The Long Haul," which aims to demonstrate how fortunate we are to have instant access to clean water. Registration is required, and the fee is \$4 per person for Union County residents and \$5 per person for out-of-county participants.

An activity back by popular demand is

"EcoArt," designed for families with children ages 4 and older on Friday, March 25. Families may drop in between 10 a.m.-noon to use their artistic abilities and create crafts from recycled objects. In this program, cereal boxes and sandwich baggies make cool fishbowls, paper rolls become hungry whales and popsicle sticks become fun puzzles. Registration is not required; the fee is \$4 per child for Union County residents and \$5 for out-of-county children.

Trailside will also host two drop-off programs for students in the first through fifth grades. "Backyard Wildlife Habitat," offered from 1:30-3 p.m. on Friday, March 25, will allow students to discover how Trailside's new pond attracts local wildlife. Participants will enhance the area by planting iris, evergreen and berry bushes in and around the pond to provide shelter and food for animals. When the work is complete, participants will enjoy hot cocoa and marshmallows around a warm campfire.

In "Wet-N-Wild Animals," offered from 3:30-4:45 p.m. on Monday, March 28, participants will investigate the diversity of insects, fish, frogs and reptiles that live in the wetlands of the Watchung Reservation. Children will learn how adaptations such as gills, fins and camouflage help these animals survive. Students will also help feed Trailside's painted turtles and meet the resident water snake.

Registration is required for each of the drop-off programs, and the fee is \$8 per person for Union County residents and \$10 per person for out-of-county participants.

The Earth Awareness Week activities will culminate from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 2 with a teacher training workshop entitled "Project WET." This workshop is designed to provide the necessary tools, resources and lessons for teachers to use in the classroom to teach students about the importance and value of water in everyday life.

More than 90 interdisciplinary activities and lessons, tested by teachers and ready for use in classrooms from kindergarten to high school, are included in the Project WET curriculum activity guide. Lessons in the guide correspond to the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Participants will receive six NJDOE professional development credits. The fee is \$25 per person and includes a curriculum guide.

For a complete listing of Earth Awareness Week workshops or for information on upcoming programs and special events, call (908) 789-3670.

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. It is operated by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

New book pays tribute to a UCC pioneer

CRANFORD — The "father of the two-tier college in New Jersey," Dr. Kenneth C. MacKay, is the subject of a biography — *As Ever, Mac: A Biography of College Frontiersman Kenneth C. MacKay* — to be published by St. Johann Press in April 2005.

In the biography, author Roy W. Smith traces MacKay's lifelong dedication to Union County College, from his first association with the college as a history teacher in 1935 to his long tenure as president of the college from 1944 until his retirement in 1969. Using extensive correspondence, usually signed "As Ever, Mac," between MacKay and his colleagues and friends, Smith paints a vivid portrait of the educator and administrator.

MacKay was president of Union Junior College, now known as Union County College, for 25 years and was active in the two-year college movement in New Jersey and nationally for four decades. According to Smith, who himself served as vice president of Union County College, MacKay

"became an early pioneer in understanding and appreciating the values and strengths of the two-year college as a major segment of American higher education and the relationship of the two-year college with the other sectors of higher education."

When MacKay became president of Union Junior College in

under the GI Bill, to attain status as a full member of the higher education community through accreditation, to raise funds for modern facilities on a new campus in Cranford, and to attain acceptance as an institution of distinction.

MacKay played an important role with the American

As Ever, Mac describes MacKay's efforts to save Union Junior College from extinction when enrollment had dropped to 90 as a result of students going to World War II.

1944, there were few junior colleges in New Jersey; they did not have the authority to confer a degree, and they were hardly recognized as institutions of higher education. *As Ever, Mac* describes MacKay's efforts to save Union Junior College from extinction when enrollment had dropped to 90 as a result of students going to World War II. It details his efforts to make the college ready to serve the returning veterans

Association of Junior Colleges in attaining inclusion of the two-year college in the precedent-setting Higher Education Act of 1963. That legislation is the foundation of today's support of higher education, especially financial aid for students.

The author, who retired from Union County College in 1998 after 41 years of service, also was affiliated with Union Junior College, Union College, and

Union County College. During his tenure, Smith served as the director of public relations, vice president for college relations, acting president, vice president for institutional advancement and secretary of the governing boards.

Interested readers can get a first look at *As Ever, Mac* on March 24, as the Union County College Foundation will host a reception and book signing event to celebrate the publication of the book. The event will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Commons on the College's Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Ave. Books will be available for \$25 at the signing.

After March 24, copies of the book can be obtained by contacting St. Johann Press at P.O. Box 241, Haworth, N.J. 07641, or at (201) 387-1529 for \$29.95. The book will also be available on www.amazon.com.

Royalties for the book will be donated by the author to the Kenneth C. MacKay Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Friends, neighbors seek to raise funds for family

SCOTCH PLAINS — As many local residents are aware, on Sept. 2, 2004, Salvatore "Sam" Spadaro, age 45, died suddenly of a massive heart attack.

Spadaro left behind his wife Cindy and three young children, Salvatore, 11, Antonio, 9, and Gabriella, 5. The Spadaros are long time residents of Scotch Plains and, before marrying, Sam lived in Westfield.

The Spadaro family is active in the community, schools, church, sports programs, Boy Scouts, and Brownies. Spadaro was an employee of the Scotch Plains-Fairwood Board of Education and worked as head custodian at the Terrell Middle School.

His untimely death has caused tremendous grief for his wife, chil-

dren and extended family. His loss has also caused unexpected long term financial difficulties for his wife and children. Nonetheless, his family members have found strength in one another and have carried on, continuing their generosity to the community. Days after Sam's funeral, Cindy Spadaro and her children carried on with the family's plans to hold a neighborhood garage/bake sale with proceeds benefiting a child suffering from spinal bifida and in need of a wheelchair.

Friends of the Spadaro family are now seeking an opportunity to return some of the kindness that the Spadaros have always given to others. Final plans are underway for a "get together fundraiser" to be held March 18 at the Italian

American Hall in Scotch Plains. The evening will include dinner, dessert, DJ/dancing, raffles, silent auctions and 50/50s. Tickets for the event are \$40 each or \$100 for a table of 10 and may be purchased by calling Karen Stone at (908) 889-8159 or Lynn Kelly at (908) 654-0051. Even residents who do

not know the Spadaro family personally are encouraged to spend the evening out to benefit the effort.

Residents who cannot attend but would still like to make a monetary donation or merchandise that can be used for the raffles are encouraged to contact a committee member.

Dads, kids shoot hoops at Y

WESTFIELD — As part of the Westfield Area YMCA's effort to enhance family relationships and foster togetherness, the Y is offering a new event for divorced or single dads and their kids.

From 6-8 p.m. March 26, participants can play basketball with other single dads and their kids. A Y membership is not required, but an RSVP is. For more information or to RSVP, e-mail Jill.Brown1@comcast.net or call (908) 233-2700, ext. 233.

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Honor students named at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

SCOTCH PLAINS — The following students earned academic honors at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School for the second marking period of the 2004-2005 school year. High Honor Roll students earned at least five A's and no lower than one B. Honor Roll students earned no grade less than a B and at least three A's.

High Honor Roll
Grade 12: Robert Bethea, Andrew Capodicasa, Kaitlyn man, Elise DeVries, Daniel DeJohn, David DiGiorgio, Rachel Elizabeth Amy Drewes, Elizabeth Corey Fineman, Dakim Laura Harrison, Kate Nora Isack, Steven Markiewicz, Hillary Moricz, Rebecca Koransky, Krueger, Nora Lacko, Lasher, Andrew Loblance, McManus, Michael Piccoli, Daniel Piccola, Jamie William Rollins, Joanna Samuel Slough, Speer, Elizabeth Amanda Walker, Weber.

Grade 11: Allison Abbott, Alfonso, Saif Alzoobae, Bauer, Faye Bi, Michael Elizabetha Bourchein, Brass, Daniel Bug, Robert Jr., Julianne Carman, Cleo Deirdre Clark, Allen Erbes, Erin Crawford, Neil al, Carolyn DiProspero, Aaron bos, Briana Falco, Gabrielle o, Joseph Fallon, Andrew son, David Ginsberg, Andrew Iberg, Jonathan Greenspan, iten Henkels, Gary Herzberg,

Catherine Jahn, Kelli Kaskiw, Meaghan Kelly, Katelyn Kosenick, Jessica Levine, Matthew Linsenber, David Mecca, Ian McNally, Troy Morgan, Jeffrey Mullen, Rauna Palejwala, Elaine Piniat, Danielle Porter, Edward Ragan, Michael Rusin, Barry Shapiro, Leah Siegal, Katherine Van Haasteren, Thomas Ventura, Katerina Wong, Joshua Zimman.

Grade 10: Arley Aguilas, Courtney Berger, Peter Bistur, Lisa Bloom, Allison Brown, Colin Campbell, Samantha Carow, Cathleen Carr, Ana Castillo, Diana Chaves, Inbar Cohen, Grant Darwin, Karina DeMair, Christina Defeo, Laurel Devlin, Morgan Finkel, Kelly Frazee, Daisy Fung, Brittany Fusillo, Jennifer Gaglioti, Jennifer Gardella, Jason Giamboi, Genevieve Gilroy, Helen Han, Allison Hoynes-O'Connor, Magda Isack, Catherine Kaiserman, Eric Kaufman, Jessica Lieberman, Kathryn Magalhaes, Simone March, Stacy Marr, Lauren Messina, Julie Meurer, Kimberly Molnar, Sophie Neuhaus, Samantha Passarelli, Poojaben Patel, Portia Price, Christopher Rau, Heather Rodriguez, Maeta Lorenzberg, Melissa Rupnarain, Laurynn Scholar, Alexandra Sebolao, Amanda Shukla, Tovi Spero, Lauren Spirko, Stacey Tanguy, Kenneth Wasserman, Lauren Weissbrod, Tiffany Wong, Jason Zelesnik.

Grade 9: Dana Abramson, Kathryn Albanese-Dema, Andrea Apuzzio, Maureen Asante-Nkansa, Izabela Blach, Amy Braun, Ryan Bridge, Trevor Cannon, Bailey Cardinal, Katelyn Cavanagh, Jarek Cohen, Nicole Colineri, Bridget Cornwell, John De Maio, Janine Defeo, Silvano Dimonte, Ian Feller, Christina Halma, Catherine Harley, Lindsay Hauptman, Thomas Hercel, Brian Hessemer, Edward Kahn, Marc Lheureux, Caitlin Leist, Scott Leyden, Andrew Livingston, Ming Lu, Victoria McNally, Chibuzor Onwuanaegbule, Erin Rossi, Jacquelin Saunier, Michael Scannell, Grace Sigona, Barbara Slaugh, Alex Soloway, Katlyn Soriano, Nicole Tavares, Lindsay Traiman, Samuel Ungar, Anthony Vecchione, Andy Wang, Christina Woods.

Grade 8: Dana Abramson, Kathryn Albanese-Dema, Andrea Apuzzio, Maureen Asante-

Nkansa, Izabela Blach, Amy Braun, Ryan Bridge, Trevor Cannon, Bailey Cardinal, Katelyn Cavanagh, Jarek Cohen, Nicole Colineri, Bridget Cornwell, John De Maio, Janine Defeo, Silvano Dimonte, Ian Feller, Christina Halma, Catherine Harley, Lindsay Hauptman, Thomas Hercel, Brian Hessemer, Edward Kahn, Marc Lheureux, Caitlin Leist, Scott Leyden, Andrew Livingston, Ming Lu, Victoria McNally, Chibuzor Onwuanaegbule, Erin Rossi, Jacquelin Saunier, Michael Scannell, Grace Sigona, Barbara Slaugh, Alex Soloway, Katlyn Soriano, Nicole Tavares, Lindsay Traiman, Samuel Ungar, Anthony Vecchione, Andy Wang, Christina Woods.

Honor Roll
Grade 12: Briana Berry, Mathew Blasi, Matthew Bonasia, Byard Bridge III, Jesse Bruch, Jenny Burke, Aliza Burns, Stephen Carroll, Rachel Charnebaum, Dori D'Aloisio, Nicole D'Annunzio, Elizabeth DeCataldo, Christine Deluca, Tracy Esposito, Marc Fabiano, Jeannette Franzone, Johanna Ghabour, Octavia Gomes, Candice Grimes, Nicole Hagerty, Matthew Hassett, Shannon Hasset, David Hauptman, Abraham Hiatt, Vester Howard, Christopher Huether, Lamont Hunt, Kara Johnson, Michelle Kania, Stephanie King, Aaron Klemow, Joseph Knechtel, Matthew Kudolla, Steven Kuza, Caroline Lheureux, Jonathan Lorenzini, Luke Makowski,

Kaitlyn Meredith, Amy Mills, Heather Novorro, Vanessa Okoro, Manish Pandya, Jason Parker, Lauren Perrotta, Danielle Pietruha, Brooke Price, Michelle Regg, Sophia Riordon, Alyssa Robak, Sean Robinson, Max Rosenbeck, Jennifer Roth, Justin Rowinsky, Jeremy Sanders, Mary Shashaty, Sean Smith, Erica Stuppler, Chloe Sundstrom, Michelle Swick, Ryan Thompson, Sean Varsolario, Katie Zaleski, Raheel Zabour.

Grade 11: Claudia Ahiabor, Christine Albanese-Dema, Daniel Appel, Colleen Baines, Jeffrey Bell, Cheryl Beqaj, Justine Brown, Gregory Bruno, Matthew Canfield, Derrick Chen, Jessica Churgin, Kayla Cicales, Robert Dawson, Joshua Decker, Caitlin Delaney, Kathryn Deylin, Christine DiTroilo, Jonathan DiFiore, Megan Domenick, Caitlin Driscoll, Danielle Egan, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Michael Fragna, Brian Glassett, Staci Goldberg, Eboni Gonzalez, Joshua Green, Keila Guzman, Jessica Halloran, Sarah Halpern, Shannon Hauser, Lauren Hercel, Zachary Hvizdak, Julie Hyman, Joseph Jacobi, Elizabeth Jacobs, Kristen Kersey, Melissa Koerner, Brittany Lambros, Caroline Lazar, Dana Levinson, Andrew Lipstein, Ricardo Lisojo, Julie Madan, Alyssa Markovits, Brittany McDonald, Jessica McGarry, Rebecca McGuire, Hallie Mintz, Jeffrey Ondeyka, Katherine Paseka, Devyang Patel, Alexander Resnick, Kelly Rigano, Allison Rost, Thomas Ruggieri, Michael Rusin Jr., Kara Sang, Samantha Savino, Katherine Schreiber, Amira Selim, Melissa Sette, Joanna Snodgrass, Stacey Subbie, Sam Tepper, Robert Ventura, Emily Wallden, Colin Weber, Matthew Wetlesen, Guenevere Zucker.

Grade 10: John Acito, Lauryn Adams, Kimberlee Appezato, Alison Baier, Brittany Barnett, Amanda Bobyack, Gregory Brand, Alexander Bromley, Katherine Buro, Colin Chan, Alex Cyetovich, Jenna Delle-Donne, Jessica Estriplet, Daniel Foley, Kirstan Fuller, Damian Gibbs, Michael Goland, Mitchell Gorbunoff, Matthew Huether, Nychole Hunt, Ashley Jacobi, Steven Jacobus, Cristin Joy, Shirley Kim, Melissa Kliesch, Colleen LaForge, Christopher Lacko, Brittany Larkin, Katherine Lauricella, Ryan Lemence, Christopher Luby, Jillian Lusk, Lauren Mains, Amanda Makowski, Emily Mankoff, Anthony Osterman, Heather Pasko, Adam Perez, Christopher Pflaum, Jeffrey Pober, Lindsay Port, Liana Rivera, Christopher Rodriguez, Andrea Rosko, Kyle Rowbotham, Andre Smith, Kathrine Stambler, Ian Starker, Megan Swick, Stephen Wallden, Eric Wasserman, Arianna Williams, Lauren Wright, Allison Zazzali, Leigh Zebleckas, Caleb Zimmermann, Jennifer Zimmermann.

Grade 9: Courtney Adamezyk, Deborah Albert, Courtney Baines, Alana Bencivengo, Gregory Bencivengo, Amie Berlant, Courtney Bifani, Julianne Brennan, Keith Bronikowski, Anna Chapman, Daniel Ciabattari, Andrew Clark, Kristen Conlan, Michael Cornacchia, Robert Cunningham, Amanda Curcio, Lauren Cutrone, Eugene Cyckowski, Noelle DeGregorio, Sean Dolgin, Patrick Doliber, Bryan Dougher, Joseph Dunn, Samantha Grecco, Andrea Guzman, Colleen Hagerly, Mary Henkels, Adam Horowitz, William Hubbard, Jessica Impellizzeri, Alec Jacobs, Julia Joseph, Alyssa Karis, Samantha Knierim, Allison Kodan, Rachel Kreyer, Ryan Krueger, Rachel Leitner, Jacquelin Lenoff, Alexa Lindenberg, Jared Lindenberg, John Loomis, Francesca Lumetta, Andrew Manns III, Brian Many, Elizabeth McMillion, Molly Mechan, Elizabeth Minski, Nicholas Murray, Emily Nering, Ahmed Osman, Rachel Parker, Minal Patel, Justin Peer, Brian Pesin, Jaclyn Petrov, Brian Piccola, Steven Polhamus, Neil Pratt, Brandon Reddington, Briana Redmount, Alice Ren, Maya Robinson, Marc Rosenberg, Theodore Rosenblatt, Christine Rosen, Joseph Schiavo IV, Jasmine Seegers, Alexandra Segal, Brian Sensor, Camillia Shanks, Adam Silverman, Michele Silverstein, Scott Stefanik, Jeffrey Stuart, Harrison Stuppler, Kristen Thompson, Ariana Tolliver, Alexis Turner, Janelle Vanderwiel, Gregory Weststock, Vivian Wong, Jordan Yellen, Gregory Zabel.

'SH gets 10K from foundation

The Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation recently announced that Children's Hospital has been awarded a \$10,000 Quality of Life grant. The Reeve foundation received more than \$928,417 in grants to 117 nonprofit organizations nationwide as part of its Quality of Life program. The Quality of Life grants program was conceived by Dana Reeve, chairman of the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation and co-founder of the Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center. Reeve founded the program with the goal of helping people living with disabilities in the "here and now." Grants are awarded to programs and projects that improve the well-being of people living with disabilities, particularly spinal cord injuries. Funding is awarded annually in 13 categories, including accessibility, advocacy, assistive technology, child counseling, education, employment, health promotion, independent living, practical skills, sports and recreation, therapeutic riding. Since 1999, CRPF has awarded 734 Quality of Life grants totaling \$1 billion. The Center of Excellence at Children's Specialized Hospital, Spinal Cord Injury Program provides intensive and comprehensive rehabilitation services to infants, children and adolescents with acquired and congenital spinal cord problems. The program treats patients with all levels of pediatric spinal cord dysfunction, from the child dependent on a ventilator to the individual with the lowest level of spinal injury. With this grant, Children's Hospital will develop a high-level spinal cord classroom at its inpatient facility that will provide an ideal learning environment for children with spinal injuries. The classroom will provide patients alternative ways to computers and assistive technology devices for learning (doing school work). We are so grateful to be a part of a Quality of Life grant from the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation. This grant will provide great benefits for our children, providing them the opportunity to improve their quality of life," said Philip Salerno, executive director of Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation.



Little sweethearts
Jeremy Ienart and Dierra Kennedy display the heart shaped cake that they helped to make and decorate for the Valentine's Day program last month at Brunner School in Scotch Plains.

Registration now open for WSW

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Summer Workshop, a fine and performing arts program for students from preschool to grade 12, is beginning registration for its 2005 summer program. Taught by certified teachers, experienced performers and professional artists and musicians, WSW offers more than 80 classes in arts, crafts, music, dance and drama, with separate musical theater productions for both junior and senior high school students. The WSW program will run from June 29-July 29, with a special arts festival scheduled for the evening of July 28. Classes are held from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. daily at Roosevelt Intermediate School on Clark Street. There are 30 individual offerings in the Arts and Crafts Department, with new courses in Architecture, Exploring Art, and Knitting/Crocheting. Some returning courses in this department are Airbrush, Graphic Design, Studio Art, Basketry, Carving, Mosaics, Needlework, Origami and Scrapbooking. Among the new classes in the Communications Department are Myths and Legend, Science Fiction and Young Writers. This area continues to offer other writing sections such as Panel Dads and Tomorrow's Authors, and the popular TV Production classes.

The Dance and Movement Department contains such courses as Fencing, Gymnastics, Hip Hop, Dance/Pom, Get in the Game and Jazz Aerobics. For students who enjoy performing, there are two Musical Theater Chorus classes, "Interplanetary Jammin'" and "We Haz Jazz." In addition to some favorites in the Drama Department, such as Magic, Junior Acting Workshop and Whose Line Is It, there are two new offerings. Classes in Clowning and Juggling have been added to the schedule. Chess, Kitchen Chemistry, Exploring Science, Think Tank, and Fun with Math are among the 12 subjects in the Kaleidoscope Department. Among the Music Department offerings are Keyboarding, Beginning Guitar, Brass/Woodwinds, Fiddling Fun and new classes in Vocal Performance and String Ensemble. The Workshop also has two special pre-school programs. Pre-kindergartners, who are not entering school in September, can be enrolled for 2, 3 or 5 days each week. The kindergarten class, which is a daily program, is designed for children who must be 5 years old by Oct. 31. Both groups are self-contained workshops which explore arts and crafts, music, creative move-

ment, violin, science, Spanish and drama. In order to accommodate the needs of pre-schoolers, these classes will be held at Redeemer Lutheran School on Cowperthwaite Place. Also, the WSW will have two separate musical theater productions taught by professionals with Broadway and regional theater experience. The first play will be *My Fair Lady*, for students in Grades 6-9. No auditions are necessary for this show, which will be performed July 27-28. The second musical will be *Into the Woods*; the cast and crew will meet prior to the opening of the Workshop on June 27-28, and then daily from 11:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. through July 22. Auditions for this play for students in Grades 9-12, will be held on March 19 and April 2. (See more details in "Prime Time" Performance on page 1.) For more, call (908) 415-1551, visit the main office at 150-152 East Broad St., Westfield, or visit www.wswfd.org.

Campus notes

Cadet Sean Richard Callahan of Westfield was named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. In addition, Callahan earned a Gold Star for maintaining a grade-point average of 3.7 or higher. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Callahan.

Several area students were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. They include Danielle Turner and Nathan Parker of Scotch Plains and Jennifer Napieraki, Cari Rock, Joshua Shapiro and Adam Sharpe of Westfield.

Scott Joseph Pober of Fanwood, a first-year student at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., was named to the president's list for the fall semester. To achieve the honor, students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.9. Erin Gibbons and Heather Lane, both of Westfield, were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Providence College in Providence, R.I.

Four Westfield residents were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Monmouth University in West Long Branch. They are Jacquelyn Born, Samantha Bourque, Traci Johnson Ponzio and Andrea Strauchler.

Tara Amelia of Westfield was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa.

Laura Miranda Browne, a resident of Scotch Plains, was named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester.

Several local students earned academic honors for the fall semester at Franklin & Marshall in Lancaster, Pa.

Named to the honor list was Michael Kirk Huber of Westfield. A first-year student, he is the son of Joann and Karl Huber. Honors

list students maintain a grade-point average of 3.7 or better. Named to the dean's list were Sarah Maneck Bhagat and Blair Wallace Richardson, both of Westfield. Bhagat, a sophomore Latin and psychology major, is the daughter of Drs. Patricia and Phiroz Bhagat. Richardson, a junior accounting/finance major, is the son of Deborah and Taw Richardson.

Also named to the dean's list was Judith Michelle Brown of Scotch Plains, a first-year student and the daughter of Elizabeth and Charles Brown Jr. Dean's list students earned a grade-point average of 3.25 or better. Christopher Annesse and Gina Laura Cillo, both of Westfield, were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Curry College in Milton, Mass.

Four Westfield residents were named to the dean's commendation list at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. They are Katherine Gilrain, a junior; Ashley Nemece, a junior; Alison Petrov, a first-year student; and Michael Pollack, a senior.

Three other Westfield residents were named to the university's dean's honor list. They are Tyne Duffy, a senior; Shawn McCabe, a senior; and Alison McCabe, a first-year student.

Scotch Plains resident Rosarito Jahn has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Felician College in Rutherford and Lodi.

Several Westfield residents earned academic honors for the fall semester at Connecticut College in New London, Conn.

Hannah Burke, a first-year student, earned high honors. Danielle Coleman, a first-year student, and Breigh Manza, a senior, both earned honors.

Jessica Conner of Westfield, a first-year student at Simmons College in Boston, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

CC's Tiyulim offers campers unique opportunities

SCOTCH PLAINS — Growing wild water rafting, horseback riding, paint ball, mountain biking, jet boats, summer stock arena, laser light shows, city tours, museums, bumper boats, ropes course are among the activities open to the youth and young adults campers participating in Tiyulim, a travel camp unit of

the JCC of Central NJ's Camp Yachad, offers six weeks of sightseeing, recreation and informal life experiences beyond New Jersey. The schedule includes trips to Philadelphia/Cape May, the Catskills, Montreal, Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard, Western Pennsylvania and the Blue Ridge Smokey Mountains. Beginning after the July 4

holiday weekend and ending in mid-July, this teen, four- to six-day camp is designed for the young traveler. One of the features of the teen camp is weekday travel, allowing the youngsters to be home every weekend with their friends and families. For young teens who want more than a day camp experience, Tiyulim can be a next step.

Registration is now open but space is limited. For more information, contact Bobbi Gray, camping and recreation director, at (908) 415-1551, ext. 201 or send an email to camping@jccnj.org. Or, check out the camp website at www.campyachad.com or visit the JCC's site at www.jccnj.org.

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Real Estate

Newer mortgage options create opportunities for remodeling

(ARA) — Home remodeling projects come in all shapes and sizes: from simple projects that breathe new life into a home to major projects that involve gutting a house and redesigning the floor plan to customize it for your lifestyle. The reasons people remodel are as varied as the projects that homeowners can undertake: adding a room, modernizing a kitchen, even improving the energy efficiency of a home by adding new doors and windows.

The nationwide housing boom of the past few years is extending beyond the initial purchase of a home. People are putting money into their houses to improve comfort, safety and protect

their initial investment. According to the Remodeling Activity Indicator (RAI) used by Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies, homeowners continued to invest in their homes by spending almost \$127 billion on remodeling in 2004 — up by almost 6 percent over 2003 levels.

One reason for the jump may be a mortgage option that allows borrowers to purchase and renovate a home using a single loan.

"Renovation loans give homebuyers some options when it comes to considering houses that aren't perfect," says John Sway, renovation program manager for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. "With the majority of the nation's hous-

ing stock at least 25 years old, there's demand for mortgage products that address the needs of homebuyers who are looking at older homes that need some TLC."

In the past, financing options were limited, especially if the owner didn't have sufficient equity in the home. These days, however, homeowners have choices that were developed specifically to help buyers and owners finance home improvement projects.

The Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) 203(k) loan is one of the more popular renovation loan programs. This loan is generally used to update or improve a house or condominium needing a minimum of \$5,000 in essential repairs such

as new wiring, plumbing, roof repair/replacement or structural repairs.

Other renovation loan programs offer higher loan limits, allowing buyers to obtain more financing toward the purchase and improvement of the property. In addition to essential repairs, these loan programs can sometimes allow financing for luxury items such as swimming pools, hot tubs and sun rooms.

"These mortgage products are great tools for homeowners and important for community revitalization," says Sway. "Homebuyers and neighborhoods benefit from the improvements these loan programs make possible. Investing in a

home contributes to the financial well-being of the owners, and it certainly contributes to the financial well-being of a community because the homeowners are preventing these older homes from deteriorating and falling out of the housing stock."

Over the coming decade, many metropolitan areas are expected to see a noticeable pickup in remodeling activity, especially as rising home prices force an increasing number of buyers to look for older, more affordable homes.

For more information, visit Wells Fargo Home Mortgage office on the Internet at www.wellsfargo.com.

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Survey: Mature homeowners not looking to downsize

The results of ERA Real Estate's annual survey of mature consumers have been released, and they reveal the changing attitudes of today's seniors and their aptitude for technology when it comes to the home buying and selling process.

To learn more about the needs of the fast growing mature market, ERA hired market research firm InsightExpress to conduct an online survey of more than 1,500 consumers age 50 and older.

Contrary to the popular belief that most seniors feel that their current home is too big and that they would prefer living in an active adult community, survey results revealed that most mature homeowners are not looking to downsize their home or relocate to an adult community.

— Nearly 25 percent of respondents thought their current home was too small.

— Only 11 percent felt that their existing home was too big.

— Only 8 percent of respondents considering a move during the next five years indicated that they might consider purchasing a home in an adult community.

Interestingly, survey findings showed that mature consumers are far more tech savvy than expected. When it comes to buying a new home, survey respondents considering a move in the next five years chose the Internet as their top research tool, moving up from second place in last year's survey. While mature consumers may prefer to use the Internet to search for real estate information, it is not how they choose their real estate agent. The survey showed that 92 percent of respondents were only somewhat to not at all likely to select their agent based on Internet research. The findings indicate that having an existing relationship with a broker or agent is more important to this market.

Sharing the results of this survey with its vast network of brokers and sales associates nationwide is one part of ERA's program for mature customers called ERA New Thresholds. Other elements of the program include the opportunity to participate in educational courses and seminars that teach about the diverse interests and needs of the senior market. In addition, ERA, in

cooperation with the Senior Advantage Real Estate Council, provides its brokers and sales associates with the opportunity to achieve their Seniors Real Estate Specialist designation. By understanding the varying concerns of consumers age 50 and up, ERA associates are then able to provide the resources and services which are most valued by this market.

One such service, the ERA Sellers Security Plan, can be valuable to mature homesellers who need to sell their current home in order to purchase their new home within a specific time period. The plan offers both a guaranteed sale and closing date for their current home, and includes an Equity Advance Program that can provide sellers with up to \$150,000 to use for a down payment and closing costs on their new home, and for up to four house payments on their existing home.

For more information about the ERA annual survey of mature consumers and New Thresholds program, contact your local ERA office, which can be found at ERANJ.com.

Buying a home? Keep homeowner's insurance in mind

(ARA) — If you are one of the many people buying, selling or building a home this spring, you already have a lot on your mind. But don't overlook one of your biggest expenses as a homeowner: your homeowner's insurance. Many factors can affect your insurance rates, including the age of your house or having a pool, wood-burning stove or nearby fire hydrant.

Features that could help you

You could save a significant amount by purchasing a newer home. For example, Dan Kovac, personal lines assistant vice president for General Casualty Insurance Companies, noted that General Casualty gives a discount to homes less than eight years old, with savings up to 15 percent for a brand new home.

Insurance companies also may give you a credit for having a certain number of strategically placed, working fire alarms, having a home security system or being within a certain distance from a fire hydrant, said Kovac.

If your home search spans more than one municipality, you may want to look at the difference in the communities' fire departments. A fire department with modern equipment, plenty of staff and a good water supply could lead to significantly lower rates for homeowners in its surrounding community. Your insurance agent can find out the ratings for fire departments in the towns, cities or villages where you're house-hunting and let you know how the different ratings could affect your individual premium.

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During your search for the perfect home, it's helpful to know what home features may be considered high risk for some insurance companies. Certain features could cause your insurance provider to decline your policy, add extra costs or bump you to a policy with less comprehensive coverage. Items that may affect homeowners coverage include:

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Your agent can help you learn more about how your new home affects your insurance rates. And more importantly, he or she can help ensure you have enough coverage to protect what is likely to become your biggest asset.

Even though it may be tempting to save a few bucks right now, insurance professionals warn not to skimp on homeowner's coverage. You want to make sure you have enough insurance so you could recover from a total loss. If you're looking to make your policy more affordable, try choosing a high deductible or talking to your agent about available discounts.

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Prudential Realtors set a new record for Union Co.

Prudential New Jersey Properties' Union County sales offices achieved a record-breaking year \$260 million in sales volume for 2004.

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"This stellar success is attributable to our sales associates' genuine desire to provide superior quality service to each and every

buyer and seller," said William O. Keleher Jr., chairman and CEO of Prudential New Jersey Properties, which maintains offices throughout northern and central New Jersey.

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Murphy is named associate of month

WESTFIELD — Prudential New Jersey Properties has named Ellen Murphy Sales Associate of the Month for February 2005.

Specializing in new and re-sale residential real estate, Murphy is a member of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors and the Garden State Multiple Listing Service. Before joining the real estate industry, Murphy spent 20 years devoted to customer service in the retail sales and education sales industries.

"Ellen is an invaluable member of our team," says Marge Cuccaro, manager of the Prudential New Jersey Properties Westfield office. "Her clients consistently comment on her excellent service and the dedicated personal attention she delivers."

A lifetime Union County resident, Murphy has strong knowledge of the local area, including the school districts. Her market area includes residential neighborhoods in Westfield and the surrounding communities. She may be reached at (908) 232-5664 ext. 102.

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Choi continues to perform at high level

WESTFIELD — Demonstrating a consistency that belies the nature of the real estate business, Hye-Young Choi of the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker has once again honored with the industry's highest awards.

Choi has earned the N.I.A.R. Circle of Excellence Platinum Level. This marks the 17th consecutive year that Choi has received the highest award offered by the N.I. State Association.

In addition, Choi has earned Coldwell Banker's highest achievement Premier Agent. This designation is reserved for less than 1 percent of the three thousand plus agents nationwide with the N.I./Rockland County Company. For the 10th straight year, Choi ranked within the Top Ten of all agents within that company.

"The strength of Hye-Young's spirit is what sets her apart," Michael Scott, manager of the Westfield office. "She believes so strongly in what she does that success is almost inevitable for her," he added.

Hye-Young Choi can be reached at the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker, located at 200 Central Ave., (908) 231-6556 or on her direct line at (908) 301-2015.



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Sports

Raiders' Fantastic Four



HILLARY KLIMOWICZ

Finished with a school record (girls and boys) 1,948 points. Led the team in field goals, FG percentage, points per game (18.4), free throws made and attempted, rebounds, blocks and steals. Attending St. Joseph's University next year.



MAURA GILLOOLY

Finished with 1,087 points in her career. Led team in 3-pointers made and attempted as well as free throw percentage. Averaged 10.3 points per game.



JENNY BURKE

Holds all-time school record (girls or boys) in assists with 725. Led team with 183 assists this year and played a team-high 27 minutes per game. Had 3.1 assist to turnover ratio over her career. Attending Yale next year.



ELIZABETH DECATALDO

Played in every game this year. Led team in 3-point percentage with .373 (19 of 51). Averaged 6.1 points per game.

SP-F seniors a class to remember

By CHAD HEMENWAY
THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Winter Sports Awards Banquet was held Tuesday night and Raiders head girls basketball coach Lori Gear McBride found it the perfect time to make sure this year's seniors knew how special they were on the hard court. "I flat out said they can never think that by not winning it all, they failed," McBride said. "That's not fair and I hope they don't think that way."

"This senior class put Scotch Plains girls' basketball on the map. Period. They were incredible and could compete with anyone."

The seniors never got over the Shabazz hump, losing once again to the Bulldogs in the sectional finals. But McBride said the seniors should have nothing to be ashamed of as they continuously played Shabazz as good as any team has.

"It is some special rivalry," McBride said. "But we always brought our 'A' game and played them so close — threw everything we had at them. I know it hurts to lose but for me, it doesn't hurt as much because I know these girls left everything they had on that floor and I'm proud of them. We could not have played tougher."

McBride, a first-year coach, said she realized this year was a challenge for the seniors who had to learn a brand new and very different style of play. But their leadership, she said, is what made it all work this year and it didn't go unnoticed.

"It was rough in the beginning. It was hard and I understood," McBride said. "But I couldn't have asked for anything more from them. They stepped up. I'm grateful that I had such a special, talented group to make this work."

Caps and gowns will be worn in June by four of the most special basketball players Scotch Plains has seen.

St. Joseph's University-bound senior center Hillary Klimowicz will forever be remembered on the all-time scoring leaders' banner that hangs in the gym. Her point total, 1,948, is one that is sure to stand alone for some time.

McBride was almost speechless trying to find the right words to describe Klimowicz and what she meant to the team and school.

"She is just such a joy to coach. She 'gets it,'" McBride said. "That's a term I guess a lot of coaches use when there are no words to describe a special player and that's true of Hillary."

"She'll go down in the record books as one of those special players. She knows what it takes to be successful — to be a team player and leader. She's willing to sacrifice everything to for her team and to win."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Klimowicz is not the only Lady Raider scheduled to keep on playing the sport. Point guard Jenny Burke, the school's all-time leading assist leader with 725, will keep wearing the same school colors next fall — for Yale.

"In my opinion, she has improved 100 percent and that's saying something because she was pretty talented to begin with," McBride said of Burke. "Jenny did such an outstanding job for us this year. Teams couldn't pressure us because of her ball handling."

Burke started every game in of her four years at Scotch Plains (110 games). Her assist average over that span was about 6.6 per game. Burke had 232 turnovers over the same time period, meaning her assist to turnover ratio over her career was 3:1.

"In my opinion she's one of the best point guards in the state," McBride said. "She just does not turn the ball over and I can't say enough how important that is at any level to have a point guard like that. She makes great decisions on the floor."

Burke led the team in assist this year with 183, scoring 233 points for an eight points per game average. She also had 41 steals and led the team in minutes played per game at 27.

Quietly, senior forward Maura Gillooly kept racking up the points with mostly long-range jumpers and found herself on the 1,000-point scoring banner as well. She finished with a total of 1,087 points in her career as Scotch Plains' premier outside shooting threat.

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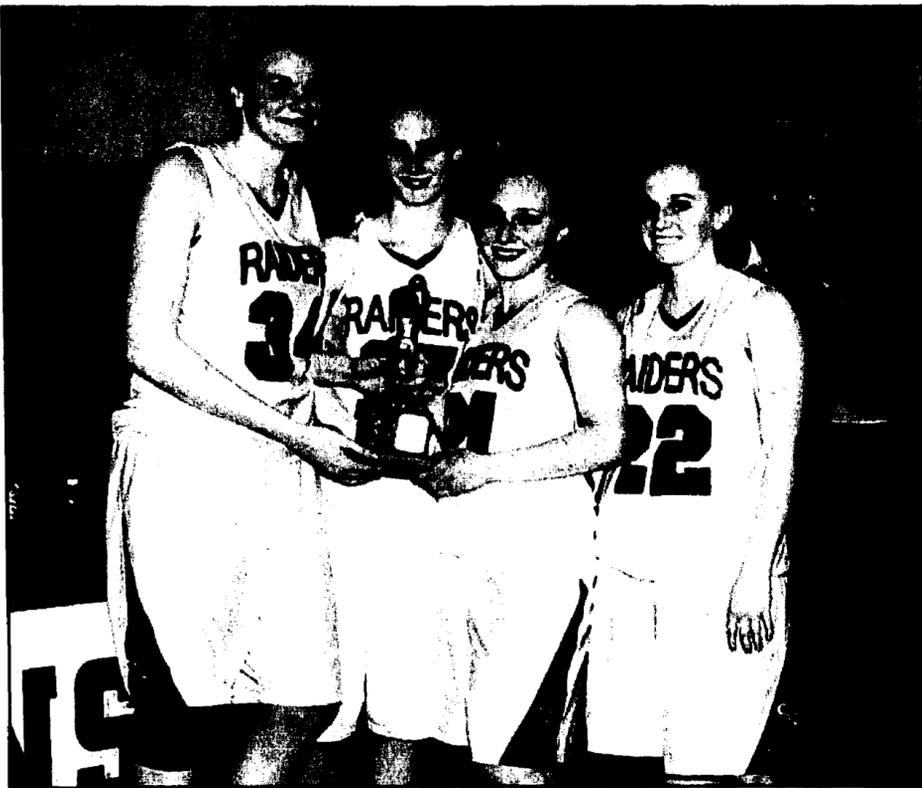
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"I am so pumped to have the summer to work with these girls — to improve them and get the most out of them, as coaches are supposed to do," McBride said. "I know we have plenty of talent remaining and it's my job to maximize their potential."

"Next year will be different but I'm excited to teach and cater our game the new strengths of our team."

Klimowicz, Gillooly, Burke and Decataldo are playing in the Union County seniors game March 24 at Union High School at 7pm. Klimowicz, Gillooly and Burke will be attending a banquet April 7 honoring the Top 15 seniors in Union County.

FSPY pool packed with areas best

By DAVID LAZARUS
CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — If you could combine most of the top girl swimmers from Mount St. Mary's, Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood, you would have a high school swimming version of "The Dream Team."

The squad would certainly seem to have no weakness and have the stars to dominate large events — the depth to win smaller ones. It would seem impossible to put so much talent on one team but at the modest confines of the Fanwood Scotch Plains YMCA (FSPY) it is happening and the boys team is pretty strong, too.

It is no mystery that, in a sport where fractions of seconds often separate the top competitors and good technique is crucial, the top coaches often attract the best swimmers and vice-versa. At FSPY the magnet has been Ed Pretre, a 1992 graduate of Westfield High School, who swam in college for West Virginia.

While the FSPY still trails some of the older more established clubs, the gap is continually narrowing as this year's results show. With strong contributions from FSPY members Maggie Goussman and Meghan

Gaynor, Mt. St. Mary's will finish as no worse than the third-ranked team in the state. FSPY swimmers Amanda Dickson, Brittany Reyes, Darrell Ann Smith and Liz Hawkins were key members of fourth-ranked Westfield. The hometown Scotch Plains-Fanwood team, which enjoyed its greatest season ever, has its top swimmers Amanda Cameron, Jillian Murphy, Melissa Helock, Brittany Larkin and Mary Henkels among others, swimming for the FSPY.

"I think having practice each day and great coaches at the Y has helped me to succeed both in YMCA meets and high school meets," said Murphy. "My coaches push me to help improve all areas of my swimming including starts, turns and technique. Swimming at the Y has taught me dedication and discipline to help me succeed in swim and everything else I do."

"He cares so much about the swimmers and makes sure everyone is having fun and wants to swim for the right reasons," Cameron said. "Ed is my role model because I know that he has gone through everything that I am going to go through or have experienced."

Many top high school swimmers train with Pretre

Head coach Jen Buccino was not surprised by the breakout performances.

"That's what happens when she can finally get some rest before a major competition," said Buccino of MacNeil's performances.

"I would like to run a 2:13 consistently outdoors and hopefully break that and get down near 2:10 if I can by the end of the season," said MacNeil.

Buccino also believes the outdoor relay record of 9:27 is within reach of the quartet of Annie Onishi, Meg Driscoll, Miriam Becker Cohen and MacNeil.

"I do believe that they are capable of improving that time," said Buccino. "Annie has run under 2:20 before, Meg has run 2:22 before and Miriam has run 2:20. So if all four can repeat or improve their bests, I think that is a realistic expectation. We just have to put it together on the same day."

MacNeil has won an individual 800-meter state championship and anchored Westfield to the state relay championship. MacNeil finished off a tremendous month of January by leading the Blue Devils to the Union County team championship and she also led them to the relay championship four weeks earlier. In the Union County meet, MacNeil won her fourth straight 800 yard title and started the first leg of the winning mile relay team.

Throughout all the rigors of competitive track MacNeil continues to lead a nonstop schedule, which includes playing indoors for her club team, being sports editor for the Westfield High School newspaper, "The Hi's Eye," and maintaining

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Among the boys teams, St. Joseph's of Metuchen, the No. 2 ranked school in the state has top swimmers Scott Marino, Phil Lazny, Calvin Devries and Billy Swenson, younger brother of multiple state champion Eric Swenson, a 2004 graduate, Westfield's top swimmer. Pat Daurio is coached by Pretre as is almost the entire Scotch Plains team.

When Pretre took over the program five years ago, his goal was to bring it back to the prestige level it had in the late 1980s when he was on the team. And

always be soccer. I've been playing it for as long as I can remember and winning an important soccer game is one of the best feelings in the world. The individual wins in chess just can't compare to a big team victory in soccer."

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FSPY pool packed with areas best

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Pretre certainly has experience in the pool. He was captain of the 1992 Westfield team, considered the school's best ever and probably ranked the second best team in state history.

"We are heading in the right direction. It is exciting to be part of such a focused and enthusiastic swim program," Pretre said. He credits much of his success to his young staff which includes Jarrod Hector, Chris Karlous, Chris Feinthal, Gillian Hauptman, Aaron Moore, Madeline Glacken and Tracy Crane.

"I get along with the high school coaches very well," Pretre added. "The key is having a good communication with the coaches. It is important for all coaches, regardless of their particular program, to always have the athletes' best interests in mind. We keep in touch to be sure that we are all on the same page."

"We've had an excellent relationship with Ed as well as other club coaches," said Westfield head coach Bruce

Johnson. "It's at the club that most of the top swimmers get their technique and where they train almost year-round."

Johnson added that, although the high school gets more swimmers from the Westfield YMCA, FSPY kids litter the Westfield High School record board, including Aaron Weber, Darren Hertell and Dave Schwartz.

"I do believe that the high school coaches realize that the kids benefit from our program. They all do an excellent job with not burning the kids out. Swimmers at The Y are on an 11 month training schedule and I think the H.S. coaches have learned when it is time for (our) important training or tapering," said Pretre.

Scotch Plains coach Jess Hulnik said Pretre does an excellent job of keeping her up to date on how the swimmers who compete for the FSPY and high school are doing in the water and out.

"Ed is a fan of high school swimming and often shows up at meets," Hulnik said. "He is able to successfully walk that fine line of training his swimmers for big meets like JO's and Nationals in the

spring, while still having them swim extremely well in the winter.

"I love the fact that I have such a great relationship with someone who has the best interest of the kids at heart," she added.



FILE PHOTO Elizabeth Hawkins of Westfield and Amanda Cameron of Scotch Plains congratulate each other during a meet this year. Both train at the FSPY.



2004-2005 SCOTCH-PLAINS FANWOOD GIRLS BASKETBALL STATISTICS

NAME	G	GS	FG	FGA	%	3pt	3ptA	%	FT	%	REB	A	AVG
Hilary Klimowicz	27	26	203	326	.623	0	0	0	91	.705	368	36	18.7
Maura Gillooly	28	27	105	257	.409	45	127	.354	34	.829	85	96	10.3
Jenny Burke	29	29	104	254	.409	5	26	.192	20	.606	43	183	8.0
Liz Decataldo	29	27	75	187	.401	19	51	.373	9	.450	65	62	6.1
Alie Zazzali	28	5	66	177	.373	14	58	.241	23	.742	70	30	3.7
Lauren Benovengo	29	27	36	139	.259	0	0	0	34	.466	191	21	3.9
Tiffany Smith	21	3	37	96	.385	0	0	0	6	.381	83	11	1.5
Loni Kaye	22	0	15	39	.385	3	6	.500	2	.133	34	25	1.6
Lauren Manns	20	0	10	33	.303	0	6	.000	9	.429	46	11	1.5
Brianne Mahoney	15	0	10	32	.313	8	24	.333	1	.500	12	1	1.9
Kendra Spady	12	0	8	20	.400	0	0	.000	3	.429	26	3	1.6
Melini McFarland	4	1	3	6	.500	0	1	.300	2	.500	8	1	2.0

Leaders in Bold

* Hilary Klimowicz ended her career with over 1,900 points. Maura Gillooly finished with over 1,000 points. Jenny Burke recorded a school record 725 assists with a turnover ratio of 3:1. Season Record 24-5; Conference 11-2; Home 9-1; Away 7-2; Neutral 8-3.

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SPORTSCENE

F-SP YMCA gymnastics
 At its final home meet of the season March 5, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA B Division gymnastics team hosted gymnasts from the Madison, South Mountain, Montclair and South Brunswick YMCAs.
 Competing for Fanwood-Scotch Plains in the 11 and under age group, Sarah VanBuskirk captured second all-around honors, facing first on vault and second on both balance beam and floor exercise. Third place on vault went to Alivia DeMaria, while Nivia Dunham received third place on floor.
 For the 12 and 13 year olds, Hannah Kronick tumbled her way to third place on floor and vaulted to a fifth place finish in that

event, tying with teammate Samantha Mazucco on vault. Kelsey Herbig and Victoria Shack also delivered powerful performances in this age group.
 In the 14 and over category, Patty Matejek placed fourth all-around, also winning first and third place ribbons on vault and uneven bars respectively. With a personal high score on beam, Allison Zeller earned the second place award, while Allison Lasher placed fourth in this event.
 The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA will host its last C Division meet of the year on Saturday, April 16. The A and B teams will travel to Madison for their final regular season meet on April 10.
 In addition to its competitive program, the Fanwood-Scotch

Plains YMCA offers gymnastics classes for parents/toddlers, preschool and kindergarten boys and girls, and school age girls through grade 12. Expanded summer gymnastics opportunities and gymnastics birthday parties are also available. Open registration for the spring and summer camp sessions begins on April 9. For more information, log on to www.fanwoodscotchplainsymca.org or call (908) 889-8880.
Westfield Y Spring Track
 The Westfield Area Y Flyers Track Club is preparing for their 4th year. This program is offered to both boys and girls in 4th to 8th grades. Practices will be held twice a week on Wednesday and Friday from 6:00-7:30pm beginning late March.

The Westfield Area Y Track Club is a member of USATF. The program has matured over the past three years and includes runners that have competed at a regional and national level. This is an excellent introduction for those interested in competitive track and field as well as those looking for a fun way to add more physical activity to their lives. Coaches include professional running coach and many top NJ track and field competitors.
 Beginners through competitive athletes are welcome. Practices will be held at Kehler Stadium. Meets will be held on weekends running through June. For more information, call Jennifer Hesserberger at 908-233-2700 x258.
Galloping Hill Women's

Golf Assoc.
 The Galloping Hill Women's Golf Association 18-Hole League is looking for new members. Play commences each Saturday at noon at Galloping Hill. Players are required to be at "The Hill" by 11 a.m. or earlier in case tee times are moved up.
 The season starts April 16 and ends Oct. 15. There is a two-day club championship one Saturday and Sunday with a 9 a.m. tee time. The championship is lighted so all skill levels can participate.
 Call Nancy Mruk for membership information at (908) 245-1891.
St. Barts names three new coaches
 The St. Bartholomew Mens

Oldtimers Softball League has voted in three new coaches for the 2004 season. The new coaches and their team names are Howard "Stratocaster" Bialos (St. Stephen), "Quick Nick" Dinizio (St. Nicholas) and Luke "Matt" Fugett (St. Luke).
 The league would also like to thank and acknowledge the years of service to out-going captains Ed Marchelitis, Jim Hoelzel and Harry Semple, who will remain with the league as players.
 There are a few more openings for paid scorekeepers. If interested call Nick Barattucci at (908) 322-8649. For more information about the league, visit the website at www.stbartsoftball.com, which was created by all-star Howard Bialos.

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