

Announcements

Cornwall Center News



From left to right: President McCormick,
Dr. Bush-Baskette, Provost Diner

Rutgers-Newark welcomes new Cornwall Center Director. Rutgers University President Richard McCormick and Rutgers-Newark Provost Stephen Diner joined in hosting a welcome reception for the Cornwall Center's new director, Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette, on April 1, 2004, at the Center for Law and Justice Atrium. Welcoming speakers included President McCormick and Provost Diner; Mark Murphy, Executive Director, The Fund for New Jersey; and Dr. Clement Price, Professor of History, Rutgers University-Newark. Also in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Cornwall and family.

Assemblywoman Sheila Oliver presented Dr. Bush-Baskette with a resolution from the New Jersey General Assembly to recognize and pay tribute for her meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment to higher education in New Jersey. The resolution extended best wishes to Dr. Bush-Baskette for continued success in future endeavors. Dr. Bush-Baskette briefly discussed her vision and goals for the Center. She invited interested groups and individuals to explore ways to partner with the Center on projects benefiting the region and state.

Ruffin authors book review. Fayth Ruffin, a graduate student at the Cornwall Center, recently published a review of "Turbulent Peace: The Challenges of Managing International Conflict," in the *UN Chronicle*. Fayth, a Ph.D. candidate with the Center for Global Change and Governance, also interns at the United Nations. The review appears in Issue 1, 2004.

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Institute on Education Law and Policy Releases Report on School Choice. The Institute on Education Law and Policy (IELP) has issued the short form of its report, "Tough Choices: Setting the Stage for Informed, Objective Deliberation on School Choice." The report, written by Paul Tractenberg, Alan Sadovnik and Brenda Liss, addresses a wide variety of legal and policy issues related to school choice and possible expansion of choice in New Jersey's urban education effort. The short form of the report is intended for wide distribution and to be used as the basis for informed discussion among interested organizations and individuals throughout the state. A full report will be available in coming weeks. Copies of the report are available on the Institute's website, <http://ielp.rutgers.edu> or by email to ielp@andromeda.rutgers.edu.

Liss and Sadovnik deliver presentations. Brenda Liss and Alan Sadovnik of the Institute on Education Law and Policy recently delivered two presentations on School Choice:

- "The Impact of Charter Schools and other Forms of Choice on the Reform of Urban Education," was presented at the National Conference on Charter Schools: Trends and

Policy Issues. The conference was held at the McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific in Sacramento, California on March 27-28, 2004.

- “The Impact of School Choice on the Reform of Urban Education,” was presented at the Virginia Education Law Conference. The Commonwealth Educational Policy Institute at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond Virginia sponsored the conference that was held on April 15-17, 2004.

Faculty News

Holzer and the Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience receive Human Dignity Awards. On April 14, 2004, Rutgers University honored Dr. Marc Holzer and the Institute for Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience (IECME) with Human Dignity awards to recognize their extraordinary commitment to promoting diversity in the Rutgers community. Dr. Holzer, Professor of Public Administration, was recognized for his commitment to bringing diversity and multiculturalism to the doctoral program in public administration. IECME, under the direction of Dr. Clement Price, Rutgers Board of Governors’ Distinguished Service Professor of History, was recognized for encouraging diversity on both the Newark campus and in the surrounding community through its events, seminars and programs.

Sidney to present fair housing research at HUD meeting. Dr. Mara Sidney, Department of Political Science was invited to deliver a presentation at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development on April 27, 2004. Dr. Sidney presented her research on fair housing as part of a luncheon series sponsored by the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

Markowitz paper published. Dr. Sara Markowitz, Department of Economics, will have a paper published in the *Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*. The paper titled, “The Relationship between Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment in Juvenile Crime,” is the product of research funded by the Cornwall Center.

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## **Local News**

### **Essex County**

#### **Finance**

***County approves budget.*** The Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders has passed its FY2005 budget. \$311 million of the \$537 million spending plan will be raised through taxes. The plan will mean an average tax increase of 2.3%—about \$34 per household, however the rates varied widely. Montclair will see the highest tax increase, about \$93 per assessed home. Millburn resident taxes will decrease by \$115.

***Related article.*** “Budget is approved: taxes go up for some, others see a decrease,” [Local Source.com](http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=11326764&BRD=1847&PAG=461&dept_id=359925&rfti=6) April 15, 2004.”

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***County seeks funding from state.*** County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo has asked the state to support two bills that would lower the tax burden of Essex County residents. DiVincenzo has asked the state to gradually assume the costs for the County Prosecutor’s office over a period of

10 years. The prosecutor's office staff would become state employees under the proposed plan. The second bill seeks to transfer responsibility for the county's vocational schools to the Newark Public School district. If the bill passes the vocational schools would be eligible for Abbott funding, increasing the annual subsidy from \$2,538 to \$6,552 per pupil.

**Related article.** "Essex seeking additional state aid: Prosecutor, vo-tech funding at issue," Star Ledger, Tuesday, April 06, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/108123936147420.xml>

### ***Social Services***

***Officials say staff needed to manage growing welfare caseload.*** "County urged to step up welfare hiring: Workers say increasing caseloads are hard to manage," Star Ledger, Sunday, April 11, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/108166655897050.xml>

### ***Essex County Jail***

***New county jail up and running.*** Inmates were recently transferred into the long awaited Essex County jail facility in April. Construction delays and personnel issues have plagued the jail for several months. The NJ Department of Community Affairs will provide the County with funding to aid with the costs associated with the move.

**Related articles.** "State grant of \$1.5 million cuts cost of move to new jail," Local Source.com, April 22, 2004.

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"Essex calls back 35 corrections officers: County official cites 'blue flu,' not understaffing at jail," Star Ledger, Tuesday, April 06, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/108123918847420.xml>

"Transfer of prisoners fills cells of new jail," Local Source.Com, April 1, 2004.

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"Transition for jail beset by problems: One inmate dies, others miss court," Star Ledger, Wednesday, March 31, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/10807184307390.xml>

"Essex puts off completion of inmate transfer until tonight," Star Ledger, Monday, March 29, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/jersey/index.ssf?/base/news-6/1080544254230280.xml>

"Guarded relief accompanies jail move: Despite protests, a smooth transfer to Essex facility," Star Ledger, Sunday, March 28, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/jersey/index.ssf?/base/news-6/1080458173318980.xml>

## Headlines from the Metropolis

### Newark

**Mayor and Council move forward with redevelopment plans.** The Newark City Council has given its approval to expend approximately \$210 million to support a Devils hockey stadium in downtown Newark. Under the plan the city would receive 35 annual payments for leasing the Newark marine terminal to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The installment scenario would yield more revenue than an earlier lump sum plan. The mayor would seek to sell the future revenue on the bond market at a value of approximately \$220 million. The Council also authorized the Central Planning Board to investigate the redevelopment needs of adjoining downtown property. In addition, Newark received state and local funding for two projects. The city received \$10 million from a revolving loan granted through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) that will be used to benefit neighborhoods throughout the city and the County has agreed to repave Stuyvesant Avenue, a major thoroughfare that runs between Newark and Irvington.

**Related articles.** “Newark council boosts finance plan for arena: Mayor's proposal would generate \$210 million from P.A. lease for downtown facility,” Star Ledger, Tuesday, April 13, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/1081839058108210.xml>

“Council authorizes development zone,” Vailsburg Leader, April 15, 2004.

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“Loan program to aid neighborhood revitalization,” Vailsburg Leader, April 10, 2004.

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“\$10 million for Newark under loan from state: Money to help fund variety of projects,” Star Ledger, Thursday, April 01, 2004.

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“County announces Stuyvesant Avenue repaving project,” Vailsburg Leader, April 1, 2004.

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**Major rate hike sought to improve public utilities.** “James seeks big hikes for water, sewer: Double-digit rate increases needed to fix system, Newark mayor says,” Star Ledger, Sunday, March 28, 2004.

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**Churches partner for neighborhood revitalization effort.** “Churches look beyond their walls,” Star Ledger, Sunday, April 18, 2004.

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***Leadership Newark begins neighborhood outreach strategy.*** “Program helps a city talk to its people: Neighborhood councils would help speed up projects in Newark,” Star Ledger, Sunday, April 25, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-5/10828822348930.xml>

***Neighborhood advocacy campaign produces results for West Side Park.*** “Residents' push yields West Side Park plan: County undertaking \$1 million in work,” Star Ledger, Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

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## **East Orange**

***Redevelopment projects in site for EO.*** The City of East Orange is undergoing redevelopment efforts that would produce many new units of housing and economic opportunities for the city. Mayor and Council are entertaining plans to develop lower Main Street while demolition and construction efforts have begun in other areas of the City. Construction on a new police facility is also expected shortly.

**Related articles:** “Lower Main Street redevelopment plan is introduced,” East Orange Record, April 15, 2004

[http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=11326803&BRD=1847&PAG=461&dept\\_id=484483&rfi=6](http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=11326803&BRD=1847&PAG=461&dept_id=484483&rfi=6)

“East Orange launches plan to aid section of Main Street,” Star Ledger, Tuesday, April 13, 2004.

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“E. Orange plan seeks to make Main an attraction again,” Star Ledger, Sunday, April 11, 2004.

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“Demolition paves way for renewal: Destruction and construction go hand in hand,” Star Ledger, Thursday, April 08, 2004.

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“Doubt looms over landmark in E. Orange,” Star Ledger, Sunday, April 04, 2004.

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“Contractor picked to finish police building: Firm will get \$11.6M for E. Orange facility,” Star Ledger, Thursday, April 01, 2004.

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## **Irvington**

***Irvington presses forward with quality of life issues agenda.*** The City of Irvington is continuing its efforts to improve the quality of life in the city. The presence of state troopers has helped curtail drug activity that has plagued the area for years. Although their presence doesn't appear to have had an impact on the rates of other violent crimes, the reduction of drug trafficking is

viewed as a highly desirable outcome of the city's partnership with state police. On another front, the city council has begun discussions that would rid the city of fliers on public property.

**Related articles:** "Council discusses ordinance banning fliers from public property," Irvington Herald, April 22, 2004.

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"Troopers answer new calling in Irvington," Star Ledger, Sunday, April 18, 2004.

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## **South Orange**

***Bike/pedestrian path plan in motion.*** The Village of South Orange recently obtained federal funding to begin construction of a Rahway River Corridor Pedestrian Bike Path. The project will run along the river and connect to the downtown area and train station. The proposed plan has been on the table for several years.

**Related article:** "\$400,000 will help get bike path rolling," Star Ledger, Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/1082538025177150.xml>

## **Orange**

***City projects underway.*** The City of Orange is readying for major redevelopment activities in the near future. Public housing units will be demolished and replaced with lower density housing units through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) HOPE VI program. The demolition is expected to occur this summer. Housing and Neighborhood Development (HANDS), a local nonprofit agency, has undertaken to renovate a 100 year-old building located within the HOPE VI/Transit Village redevelopment area. The building once housed a regional newspaper and will be renovated for commercial uses.

**Related articles:** "Father Rasi complex awaits demolition: Official says structures in Orange should fall by the summer's end," Star Ledger, Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

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"Chronicle building is re-born," Orange Transcript, April 15, 2004.

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***State board officially approves closing of Hospital Center at Orange.*** "Hospital gets state nod to close: Orange medical facility told it also can cease operating satellite ER," Star Ledger, Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

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## **State News**

### **Economy**

***Increased taxes may become reality for the rich.*** Amid new projections of an improving future economy, Governor James McGreevey is again taking up the possibility of increasing taxes for

wealthier New Jerseyans. The move is anticipated to help close present day gaps in the state's budget.

**Related articles:** "Tax hike on rich is closer to reality: Governor to detail plan for Legislature," Star Ledger, Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/statehouse/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-1/108244288472980.xml>

"McGreevey to propose income tax hike on rich: Overall plan would ease property levies," Star Ledger, Sunday, April 04, 2004.

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"Tight times force governors' hands: States trying all measures to boost revenues," Star Ledger, Sunday, April 04, 2004.

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"State's surplus could grow by \$300M, report suggests," Star Ledger, Tuesday, March 30, 2004.

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"Democrats push McGreevey to address property taxes," Star Ledger, Sunday, March 21, 2004.

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## **Education**

***Students opting for alternative route/teacher standards also under review.*** State Department of Education Commissioner William Librera is challenging the use of the Special Review Assessment (SRA) by increasing numbers of New Jersey high school students. SRA is an alternative, less rigorous test that allows students to graduate without passing the preferred standardized educational proficiency test. According to Librera more than two thirds of Newark students and one fifth of students statewide will use the alternative test that was designed for only a small number of special needs students. Librera is also looking into raising the standards to license teachers in the state. Under the plan prospective teachers would need higher test scores on their Praxis exams to be eligible to teach.

**Related articles:** "Fifth of high school graduates bypass test: Librera says 70 pct. in Newark, Trenton use 'alternative' route," Star-Ledger, Thursday, April 22, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/statehouse/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-1/1082625985176343.xml>

"Tougher licensing proposed: Prospective teachers may need higher scores," Star-Ledger, Thursday, April 08, 2004.

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***Federal education policy grants schools some leeway.*** The U.S. Department of Education has announced plans to slightly revise a policy that requires 95% of enrolled students complete proficiency tests each year. No Child Left Behind policies will now allow schools to average figures over a three-year period to achieve that percentage.

**Related article:** “No school left behind by a few absentees: U.S. tweaks NCLB again, softening its 95% annual participation rule,” Star-Ledger, Tuesday, March 30, 2004.

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**Abbott districts receive more funding.** The NJ Department of Education has allocated \$110 million more to the state’s 30 Abbott districts as mandated by recent court decisions. However, some districts have indicated that they may still appeal for more funding for FY2004. Requests for FY2005 funding already total more than \$550,000 above the amount requested in Governor McGreevey’s budget plan.

Abbott policies also require funding for preschool age children in the state’s poorer school districts. Recent data indicates that funding spent on the Abbott preschools have had some impact but finds that many programs are lacking.

**Related articles:** “Neediest towns gain school aid infusion: 30 districts will split up \$110 million more,” Star-Ledger, Thursday, April 22, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/statehouse/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-1/1082625991176340.xml>

“Abbott aid ruling means \$78 million more for schools,” Star-Ledger, Friday, March 19, 2004

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“Preschoolers make modest gains: But study finds court-mandated programs for state's poorest kids lacking in several areas,” Star-Ledger, Friday, March 26, 2004.

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## **Human Services**

**New Human Services Commissioner campaigns for reform plan, funding.** James Davy was recently installed to head the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS). The DHS oversees the Division of Youth and Family Services, an agency that has remained under fire and tough scrutiny for more than 2 years, largely due to failures in its child welfare program. In coming months Davy’s biggest challenges will include adopting a new plan to reform the embattled agency and securing adequate funding to fully implement the plan.

“DYFS chief told to boost nonprofits' aid,” Star Ledger, Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

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“New man takes on state's toughest job: Davy's swearing-in is called good news for DYFS children,” Star Ledger, Thursday, April 15, 2004.

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“Overhaul begins with reinforcing DYFS' front line,” Star Ledger, Sunday, April 11, 2004.

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“Senate panel asked to give DYFS \$125M: Davy seeks extra funds for agency reforms,” Star Ledger, Thursday, April 08, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/statehouse/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-1/1081411980268960.xml>

“Child Advocate launches probe into center for disabled kids,” Star Ledger, Wednesday, April 07, 2004.

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“Human Services chief rips cut in his request for funds,” Star Ledger, Thursday, April 01, 2004.

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“Panel cuts budget for DYFS plan: Legislators vote down half of \$15M request,” Star Ledger, Wednesday, March 31, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/statehouse/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-1/10807183087390.xml>

“State to act on fate of hospital for troubled kids: DYFS reform could shut Brisbane facility,” Star Ledger, Saturday, March 20, 2004.

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“DYFS revamp likely to gain an agreement: Conditional approval would allow agency to start implementing the \$320 million plan,” Star Ledger, Friday, March 19, 2004.

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## **Environment**

***Legislators take up Highlands preservation.*** Governor James McGreevey and the New Jersey State Legislature are at work debating the merits of a sweeping plan to protect the region that produces much of the state’s water supply. The bill would give veto power to a regional commission that will oversee large-scale development in the watershed area. The bills sponsors added a number of amendments to clarify its intent and gain support from small landowners, residents, mayors, and business owners in the region. Although environmentalists and former governors have endorsed the plan, it continues to face opposition from land developers.

**Related articles:** “6 governors find Highlands something to agree about,” Star Ledger, Tuesday, April 27, 2004.

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“Changes to Highlands bill seem to take the bite from critics,” Star Ledger, Friday, April 23, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/statehouse/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-1/1082701843191780.xml>

“McGreevey presses his Highlands goal,” Star Ledger, Thursday, April 22, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/statehouse/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-1/1082625790176340.xml>

“Lawmakers delay vote on measure to protect Highlands: Sponsors say bill hasn't been derailed and they promise action on May 10,” Star Ledger, Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

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“Court tosses builders' challenge to water protection rules,” Star Ledger, Friday, April 16, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/statehouse/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-1/1082098540140500.xml>

***Jersey counties fail to meet environmental standard.*** The Environmental Protection Agency has announced that all New Jersey counties failed to meet new federal guidelines for ozone standards. New Jersey was among five states (the others are Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware) that failed to meet the standard as a whole. Nationwide 474 counties were out of compliance.

**Related article:** “Every county in Jersey exceeds U.S. ozone standard: Failure could force new pollution rules on businesses and consumers,” Star Ledger, Friday, April 16, 2004.

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***Governor signs legislation to curb sprawl.*** “McGreevey signs bill to shift development,” Star Ledger, Tuesday, March 30, 2004.

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