

WF BOE States its Intent to Take Part in ‘Rise to the Top’ Funding

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WESTFIELD — The Westfield school district has decided to issue a memorandum of understanding to the state of its intent to be a part of the Rise to the Top federal funding program, Superintendent Margaret Dolan said on Tuesday during the board of education (BOE) meeting. The Westfield Education Association (WEA), as well as the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), do not support the program, however, school officials said.

Last year, President Barack Obama

announced a new, school grant program, Race to the Top, that would have schools throughout the nation compete for \$4.35 billion in federal aid based on how well students performed in standardized testing.

New Jersey has until Tuesday, January 19, to submit its application for up to \$400 million in funding over four years, with participating districts signing a memo of understanding by today, Thursday, January 14.

Through the program, a series of tests given throughout the year would determine how well a teacher is preparing students for college, and teach-

ers’ pay rates would be determined based on those test results.

Ms. Dolan said that New Jersey has already instituted high standards in education linked to results, and that with this new program it “will allow New Jersey to continue to do that” while receiving money to help the cause.

Kim Schumacher, president of the WEA, told the board, “I don’t want to look at more standardized tests” saying it would lead to “teaching to the test.”

Ms. Dolan told *The Westfield Leader* that the program is “not having additional tests,” but rather assessing the results of the current standardized testing already in place in the state.

Board member Alice Hunnicutt voiced her concerns over how the program is tying teachers’ pay to test results. “I don’t think a teacher should be responsible for one paper and pencil test,” she said.

New Jersey will first have to be selected by the federal government to receive the funding and then it will be decided how much each district would receive. In the past, Westfield has not received a high level of government aid, Ms. Dolan said, and, “This would not be a huge windfall” for the district. “But Westfield could potentially benefit if the state is chosen,” she said.

“From all of the research I have done, we’re not going to get any money,” Ms. Schumacher said. “In the long run...the district is going to pay for this,” referring to her understanding that the government funding will not be enough to support some of the extra costs, such as teacher training.

Signing the memorandum of understanding does not lock the school district into joining the program, Ms. Dolan said. She said if the state were notified in April that it is selected for the funding, the district would receive paperwork after that time explaining in detail its requirements to fulfill the program’s initiatives. Should the BOE decide at that time to opt out, she said, “We do not sign up to accept the money.”

In other business, the BOE and the Westfield Instructional Support Staff Association (WISSA), which represents the approximately 100 paraprofessionals in the district, have reached an agreement on its salary and ben-

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MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU...To replace six outgoing police officers in Westfield, Police Chief John Parizeau recently announced the hiring of six new officers. All of the new officers will spend the first three months in an intensive in-service training program, and each will be assigned to a certified police training officer. Pictured, from left to right, are: Dennis Dasilva, Nicholas Bruno, Michael McCarthy, Paul Neri, Eric Popliek and Dana Black.

Chief Parizeau Announces Hiring of Six New Officers

WESTFIELD – Six new Westfield police officers have been added to the department to replace retiring officers. The new officers are as follows:

Officer Dennis Dasilva is a graduate of Rutgers University in Finance and Economics; he went on to graduate from the Union County Police Academy. Officer Dasilva joined the Union County Sheriff’s Office, where he became a crime-scene investigator for Union County for a period of four years. Officer Dasilva attended numerous training courses on crime-scene investigations and is considered an expert. He joined the Westfield Police Department on October 5, 2009.

Officer Nicholas Bruno graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and then went on to West Virginia University. In 2004, Officer Bruno joined the United States Navy, where he became a combat medic. He was attached to the 1st and 4th Marine Divisions during a combat tour in Fallujah, Iraq.

He is the recipient of a number of Armed Services medals and ribbons. He currently volunteers for a local rescue squad. After graduation from the Union County Police Academy, Officer Bruno joined the department on January 4.

Officer Michael McCarthy graduated from Hunterdon Central High School and then went on to Raritan Valley Community College. In 2004, Officer McCarthy joined the United States Marine Corps, where he became an aviation ordnance technician. During 2007, Officer McCarthy served a combat tour in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He obtained the rank of sergeant

while in the Marine Corp. Officer McCarthy graduated from the Union County Police Academy in December of 2008, and joined the Westfield Police Department in October of 2009. He volunteers as a volunteer firefighter in his spare time.

Officer Paul Neri graduated from the Koinonia Academy and then went onto Union County College and Park University. Joining the United States Marine Corp in 2003, Officer Neri was attached to the 2nd Marines Echo Company and then the 1st Fast Company Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team.

Officer Neri is the recipient of a number of medals and ribbons. After graduating from the Union County Police Academy, where he was the class guide, he joined the department in November of 2009. He has been assigned to the Patrol Division.

Officer Eric Popliek is a graduate of Ramapo College in Mahwah. In 2005, he attended, and graduated from, the 19th Basic Course for Class I Law Enforcement Officers at the Monmouth County Police Academy. In 2007, he graduated from the Basic Class II for Special Police Officers at the Cape May County Police Academy.

Officer Popliek joined the Westfield Police Department as a Class II Police Officer in July of 2007, and was assigned to the Traffic Enforcement Bureau. Officer Popliek was sworn in as a full-time police officer this past December. He volunteers as a rescue diver with the Point Pleasant Beach Rescue Squad. He will be assigned to the Patrol Division.

Officer Dana Black attended C.W.

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ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD...Westfield citizens, as well as present and former officials, pack Westfield Town Hall with the traditional, large turnout for the municipal government reorganization meeting on January 5.



Lauren S. Barr for The Westfield Leader

SAVE OUR SCHOOL...Parents and children rally outside Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church in Clark Saturday evening to protest the planned closure of Saint Agnes School. Supporters claim the school is still viable and that avenues to keep it open were not sufficiently pursued, while Pastor Dennis Cohan has stated that efforts to preserve it proved unsuccessful.

Council Approves Tentative DWC, WACC, Neighborhood Council Dates

By MICHAEL J. POLLACK
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WESTFIELD – The town council approved the bulk of the event schedules presented to it by three local organizations, the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC) and the Westfield Neighborhood Council (WNC), on Tuesday night.

Events are similar to years past, but a few have been expanded.

The WNC, which typically requests the town’s permission to use the easterly portion of the south side train station lot for two annual street fairs, has planned three events this year, on Saturdays, June 12, August 28 and October 16. On two of the WNC fairs, in August and October, there will be a possible conflict in the train station; the Farmers Market, a WACC-sponsored event, takes place between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., and the fair begins at 11 a.m.

Town Administrator Jim Gildea also noted that, as scheduled, there would be an overlap in the train station lot

when the DWC hosts its new-car show on the first weekend in October, which would take place when a Farmers Market is scheduled.

A new-car show, Sherry Cronin, DWC executive director, said, “would only be done if we do it right.” The plan is to bring in new, luxury automobiles to the train station lot tentatively for early October.

While there is a conflict with certain dates, Mr. Gildea said the entities should be able to “coexist.”

Ms. Cronin requested three separate weekends for sidewalk sales.

Mr. Gildea said previously one weekend was dedicated for sidewalk sales. That doubled to two weekends in 2009, and now, the DWC has requested three, to take place April 29-May 2, July 15-18 and October 21-24. In addition, the DWC has asked for free parking during these sales.

Second Ward Councilwoman Jo Ann Neylan asked if it would be possible for businesses to pay for parking. Mrs. Cronin said that is a possibility, citing Starbucks’ previous purchase. She also said the DWC is “always flexible” and that certain events are subject to change or may not happen at all.

A second restaurant week was also added; one will occur February 21 and the other on September 19. Sweet Sounds Downtown Jazz will be heard on Tuesdays, weather permitting, from July 6 through August 31.

The DWC also plans to honor the life of Charles Addams with a celebration that brings “awareness” to his Westfield residency, Mrs. Cronin said.

The DWC again requested free two-hour parking on the street as well as in the parking lots for 14 paid-parking

days during the holidays, between December 15, 2010, and January 1, 2011.

The WACC has proposed April 25 and September 26 for the annual Spring Fling and Festfall fairs, respectively.

With Mayor Andy Skibitsky absent, Acting Mayor Mark Ciarrocca recommended approving everything except requests for parking and street closings, as well as the Charles Addams event, until the Parking and Finance Committees meet again.

In addition, next week, the council will award a contract to provide a telecommunications upgrade at the fire department’s two firehouses. Mr. Gildea said the fire department is in “dire need” of the new equipment.

The council is expected to also award a contract to erect six speed-limit signs, through the Safe Routes to School Program, at all Westfield elementary schools.

The council will also approve demolition of a single-family dwelling at 421 Clifton Street and a knockdown of a single-family house with a detached garage at 725 Embree Crescent.

Due to the swearing in of new Governor Chris Christie this Tuesday, January 19, which will be attended by some Westfield council members and officials, next week’s meeting will be moved to Wednesday, January 20, at 8 p.m.

The council discussed Sunnyside vs. The Town of Westfield—a builder’s-remedy lawsuit in which Sunnyside Senior Housing has said it was unfairly “rebuffed” in its attempt to construct a multi-family residential development of at least 60 units on Springfield Avenue—in executive session.



DEVLIN AWARD...The Westfield Historic Preservation Commission presented its annual Harry Devlin Award on December 15 to the Westfield Board of Education in recognition of the district’s “preservation, restoration and revitalization of Lincoln School.” Built in 1922, the school underwent a major renovation while maintaining the historic character. It opened in September 2008, for kindergarten and pre-school children. Town Council liaison for the commission, Vicky Kimmins, presented the award to Board of Education President Ginny Leiz. Pictured, left to right, are: back row, Margaret Dolan, superintendent of schools; William Foley, former superintendent of schools; Bob Berman, business administrator; George Duthie, architect; M.J. Vincenten, construction manager; and, front row, Audrey Zavetz, principal of Lincoln School; Ms. Kimmins; Ms. Leiz, and Beth Cassie, former board of education member.

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CARING...Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells recently addressed the graduates of CONTACT We Care's (CWC) Volunteer Training Class. Also present were CWC President Amy Green of Westfield, Rowena Madden of the Governor's Office of Volunteerism, and CWC board member Karen Yutsus of Mountainside. See story on page 7.

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efits. The WISSA agreed to increase its health insurance out-of-pocket costs, and drop its indemnity insurance plan in favor of a point-of-service plan, in exchange for a higher salary. The starting salary of paraprofessionals will increase from \$14,191 to \$14,694, during the agreement term from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012.

Board Vice-President Julia Walker also said, "Some of the bonuses went up."

At the start of the meeting, Business Administrator Robert Berman and Anita O'Neal, assistant superintendent for curriculum, each presented to the board a status of the current school year's budget.

Mr. Berman gave an outlay of the 2009-2010 operations budget, totaling \$84.5 million. Of that amount, the facilities budget represents 3.4 percent and transportation, 3.2 percent. The total operating costs for facilities is \$7.2 million, including salaries.

Facilities has a total staff of 59.2, with salaries, benefits and related costs totaling \$4.3 million while transportation costs total \$2.7 million, and property and liability insurance add up to \$414,293.

Mr. Berman said he "absolutely" does not expect the rate of increase of costs for facilities, transportation and property insurance to go above the 4 percent state cap.

Responding to board member Rich Mattessich's question regarding shared services, Mr. Berman said the district shares services with the town such as salt for snowy days, gasoline for district vehicles, and services with the Department of Public Works. Board President Ginny Leiz said the town and the district are buying jointly a groomer for the two turf fields in town.

Mr. Mattessich also asked if the district has considered using solar panels. Ms. Dolan said the "technology is getting better and the costs are coming down."

"I would guess the time is getting close when we could do that," she said.

Ms. O'Neal presented the district's mandated programs, Achieve and Basic Skills Improvement, for students who need additional help, and English Language Learners (ELL), the district's Gifted program, for students who qualify for advanced classes, and the Title I program.

Cranford Township Vows Scrutiny of 'Horrible' Affordable-Housing Report

By FRED T. ROSSI

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CRANFORD — The township committee on Tuesday reluctantly approved a court-ordered payment to a consultant for her report in connection with ongoing affordable-housing litigation, but members vowed to carefully review both the report and the consultant's billings.

At its first regular meeting of the year, the committee voted 4-1 to approve the payment to Elizabeth McKenzie, who was a court-appointed court master asked to prepare a report in connection with litigation involving Cranford's affordable-housing obligations and developers Lehigh Acquisition and Cranford Development Associates.

Committee members expressed their displeasure with the outlines of the report, which they had received earlier in the day, but not yet had the chance to digest in detail. Committee member Daniel Aschenbach, who voted against approving the payment, described Ms. McKenzie's report as "horrible" and "inaccurate in a number of cases." Without providing details for his dissatisfaction, he said the township committee would "scrutinize" Ms. McKenzie's invoices to the township carefully. Other committee members agreed with Mr. Aschenbach's sentiments, although all four voted to approve the court-ordered expenditure.

"None of us like it," committee member David Robinson said in announcing he would "reluctantly" vote to make the payment. He said the expenditure was "not a good use of tax dollars."

Committee member Mark Dugan told *The Westfield Leader* after the meeting that committee members needed some time to carefully read Ms. McKenzie's report before offering any detailed comments, although he did say the conclusions in her report were

Fanwood Names Lt.

Trigo Acting Chief

FANWOOD — The borough council held its first regular monthly meeting of 2010 Tuesday night, with new Council President Russell Huegel presiding in place of Mayor Colleen Mahr, who was unable to attend.

Fanwood Police Lt. Richard Trigo was appointed acting police chief effective February 1, due to the retirement of current Police Chief Donald Domanoski.

Garbage Hauler Allegedly Commits Dumping Violation

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WESTFIELD — Westfield police arrested garbage hauler James Aiello, operator of Preferred Maintenance & Carting, Inc. in Westfield, last week, after video-surveillance footage found him allegedly taking garbage from two of his clients and dumping it in another hauler's receptacle.

Westfield Police Chief John Parizeau confirmed with *The Westfield Leader* that, last Tuesday, police arrested Mr. Aiello and charged him with two crimes — theft of services, a fourth-degree crime, and New Jersey Statutes Annotated (NJSA) Title 13 waste violations. Mr. Aiello was to report to state Superior Court in Elizabeth yesterday, Wednesday, after press deadline.

A garbage business's largest expense is the tipping fee levied upon a given quantity of waste received at a processing facility. At present, it costs \$96 a ton to dump garbage at the Union County garbage incinerator in Rahway, and can run even a small garbage business upwards of \$18,000 each month, according to an area hauler.

Chief Parizeau said, as possible motivation to avoid paying the fees, Mr. Aiello was taking garbage from two of his clients,

Sweetwaters and Feast Catering, both of Elm Street, and tossing it in the container for 16 Prospect, which uses another disposal service. The chief said when Mr. Aiello was brought into police headquarters he was sincere and "admitted he did it."

Separately, last Tuesday, Mayor Andy Skibitsky and Westfield Town Council unanimously appointed Mr. Aiello as Westfield's representative to the Union County Solid Waste Advisory Board.

When contacted on Monday, Mayor Skibitsky was aware of the arrest but said it was a "bit premature" to take any action.

"He's been charged, not convicted," the mayor said. "The [Solid Waste Advisory] board hasn't met in some time, and it's not urgent [that we change representatives]. We'll see what happens. It's up to the courts to decide."

Reached on the phone in error, Dan Aiello, his brother, said he was "shocked" to hear of the news.

"He has an excellent company," Dan Aiello said. "He's been in town for years. His character is excellent. It's not like him to do something like that. I'm not just saying that because he's my brother; he's a good guy."

Westfield Police Hires

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Post University as a criminal justice major. In 2004, Officer Black joined the United States Marine Corps, where she earned the rank of sergeant. During a tour in Habbaniya, Iraq, Officer Black served as an instructor at the Advanced Infantry Training Center. She also trained female Marines and Iraqi search teams to inspect persons at entry and traffic control points.

She graduated from the Union County Police Academy, where she served as a squad leader. Officer Black joined the Westfield Police Department on January 4, and will be assigned to the Patrol Division.

Westfield Police Chief John Parizeau said the new six officers are replacing the following officers, who all retired last year: Lt. James Schneider, Lt. Carmen Brocato, Detective James McCullough, Officer Robert Bartkus,

MSide BOE Hears Security-Drill Plan

By MAGGIE DIGGORY

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MOUNTAINSIDE — Chief School Administrator Jeanette Baubles discussed with the board of education (BOE) on Tuesday how the district intends to comply with recently passed state legislation requiring school districts to hold security drills in addition to its twice-monthly fire drills.

In early December 2009, the New Jersey Legislature passed the Giganti-Ruiz bill (A-3002). The measure requires schools to practice for a non-fire evacuation, lockdown or active shooter situation.

Current legislation permits teachers and administrators to lock doors and exits during a simulated emergency, according to a report on polkitckemj.com.

Ms. Baubles stated, "Although A-3002 is not anticipated to take effect until the 2010-2011 school year, we will be increasing the frequency of our security drills between January and June 2010, in order to prepare students and staff members for the anticipated change in practice for the school year. For the remainder of this school year, we will continue to do two fire drills per month as well. A reminder, the procedure for security drills are in the student handbook."

GW Council Mulls Motto Change

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GARWOOD — At Tuesday night's borough council meeting, Councilman Anthony Sytko suggested that the borough change the motto on its seal from "Industrial Center of Union County" to "Small Town, Big Heart." He stated that when he thinks of Garwood, he thinks about its strong sense of community and volunteerism.

Councilman Keith Sluka stated, "I second the idea," but Councilman Louis Petruzelli stated that the current motto is a reflection on the history of the borough.

Borough Clerk Christina Ariemma stated that during her research for the borough's centennial celebration in 2003, she found documents that discussed changing the motto and, at that time, members of the public were "offended" by the notion of a change.

Resident Bruce Paterson stated that because of the decline of industry everywhere, Garwood may still have the most industry in Union County, as there are still a few factories operating.

Mayor Dennis McCarthy suggested that the members of the governing body "mull it over."

In other business, the council approved the appointment of Rosalba Comas as the alternate prosecutor for 2010, and authorized Selective Insurance Company to defend them in a lawsuit.

Summit Man Arrested for Attempting to Lure Girl

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — Berkeley Heights Police Chief David Zager has announced the apprehension of Elo R. Pintado, 36, of Orchard Avenue in Summit. Pintado was wanted in the attempted luring of a 9-year-old female from a local grammar school on Wednesday, January 6, at approximately 3 p.m. as she was waiting to be picked up from school by her mother. Pintado was arrested without incident by Det. Michael Delia and Sgt. Robert Deitch as he sat in his car, a 1993 Gold Saturn SL, at the Thomas P. Hughes School on Snyder Avenue, at approximately the same time and the same location as Wednesday's reported incident.

Chief Zager praised the efforts of the investigations division for expeditiously identifying the suspect, from what the chief described as an "excellent" description of the suspect, and the suspect's vehicle provided by the 9-year-old, as well as "outstanding detective work" by the department's investigations division.

"This was police work at its best. Our investigators utilized both old-fashioned footwork, interviewing numerous individuals and modern technology by combing through various law enforcement databases to develop the information that led to the individual's identification. Our juvenile bureau worked closely with the office of the superintendent of schools to insure that recu-

rate information was disseminated to the parents of all school children. In addition, police officers from the patrol division were assigned to every school in the township to insure the safety of the township's most valuable asset — our children."

The chief also praised the victim for doing exactly the right thing when approached by Pintado, as well as providing police with an "extraordinary" description of the individual and his vehicle, which eventually led to his arrest. "That's an incredible young lady who deserves the thanks of a grateful community. She conducted herself with poise and determination during the incident and showed maturity well beyond her age," Chief Zager said.

Pintado was charged with attempted luring of a child. Bail was set at \$100,000 by Superior Court Judge Joseph Donohue. Pintado, who was released in April 2009 from New Jersey State Prison after serving five years for kidnapping, eluding and false public alarm, was transported to the Union County jail.

Chief Zager said he would be recommending department commendations to Det. Sgt. Michael Mathis, Det. Joseph Williams, Det. Mark Stallone, Det. Patrick Moran, Det. Michael Delia and Det. William Ives, whose efforts led to the arrest of what the chief termed "a violent predator and menace to the community."



RETIRING CHAIRMAN...On Tuesday night, last week, the Scotch Plains Democratic Committee presented former chairman Dick Samuel, pictured right, with a plaque for his service to the organization. Democratic Chairman Louis Beckerman is pictured at left.

POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Monday, January 4, Ryeshon Peteet, 37, of Newark was arrested at the north side Westfield train station on an outstanding Irvington criminal warrant in the amount of \$500. Peteet was unable to post bail and was turned over to the Irvington Police Department.

Tuesday, January 5, Westley Clarkson, 20, of Westfield was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at East Broad and Elm Streets and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed, and released with a summons.

Tuesday, January 5, Breman Bookhart, Jr., 43, of Irvington was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at East Broad and Prospect Streets on an active North Plainfield warrant in the amount of \$1,269. He was turned over to North Plainfield authorities.

Wednesday, January 6, Clarence Williams, 47, of Newark was arrested during a traffic stop in the area of Central Avenue and Cacciola Place. Williams was wanted on a no-bail Union County Sheriff's Office (UCSO) warrant and an Elizabeth criminal warrant in the amount of \$250. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and turned over to the UCSO.

Wednesday, January 6, a business located on the 300 block of East South Avenue reported a burglary, in which approximately \$180 in cash was taken.

Wednesday, January 6, a resident of the 500 block of North Chestnut Street reported being the victim of identity theft, through which someone opened multiple credit card accounts.

Thursday, January 7, a Linden resident reported the theft of \$27 cash from his wallet, which had been left unattended at the north side Westfield train station. The wallet was recovered, with the cash missing.

Thursday, January 7, burglaries were reported at two residences on Sandy Hill Road. In the first incident, three gold chains, valued at \$200 each, and a digital camera valued at \$200 were removed from the home. The second incident involved the theft of \$80 in cash from a nightstand.

Thursday, January 7, an attempted burglary was reported at a residence on Moss Avenue. The residence is located in close proximity to two burglaries that were reported on the next street — Sandy Hill Road.

Friday, January 8, Lenard Robinson, 39, of East Orange was arrested at Westfield police headquarters on warrants from Westfield, for \$96; East Orange, for \$137, and Newark, for \$350. He was released after posting bail for the Westfield amount and being released on his own recognizance by East Orange and Newark.

Friday, January 8, Michael Ruzek, 19, of Scotch Plains was arrested after responding to Westfield police headquarters to satisfy an active Westfield traffic warrant in the amount of \$99. He was processed and released after posting bail.

Saturday, January 9, Nicholas Melchiorre, 33, of Cranford was arrested following a motor vehicle stop at East Broad and Elmer Streets on an outstanding Monmouth Junction traffic warrant in the amount of \$500 and a North Wildwood warrant in the amount of \$185. Bail was posted, with future court dates to be announced.

Scotch Plains

Tuesday, January 5, Tymyum Webb, 19, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

Wednesday, January 6, Willie Jones, 58, of Vadaia, Ga. was arrested on an "extraordinary" warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

Wednesday, January 6, a resident reported that she dropped off her handbag, valued at \$1,600, at a Park Avenue store and when she went to pick it up, it was missing.

Wednesday, January 6, a resident of Park View Drive reported that someone removed \$600 from her bank account without her authorization.

Thursday, January 7, Bridgette Robinson, 45, of Newark was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. She was transported to police headquarters, where she was processed and released.

Thursday, January 7, Verna Dillard, 59, of Roselle was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle

stop. She was transported to police headquarters, where she was processed and released.

Friday, January 8, a student at Union Catholic High School reported that someone removed her iPod, valued at approximately \$250, from her purse.

Friday, January 8, a resident of Scotland Place reported that someone slashed the tires on his motor vehicle while it was parked in the street.

Sunday, January 10, Virginia Bates, 23, of Roselle Park was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. She was transported to police headquarters, where she was processed and released.

Sunday, January 10, Allison Colligan, 19, of Newark was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. She was transported to police headquarters, where she was processed and released.

Mountainside

Friday, January 8, a resident came into police headquarters to report that he had been fired from his place of employment located on Globe Avenue, and when he went to say goodbye to his co-workers, his supervisor grabbed him by the arm and asked him to leave.

Friday, January 8, Darryl R. DeJesus, 21, of Wood Haven, N.Y. was arrested and charged with possession of stolen property and driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. According to police, the suspect borrowed the vehicle from a family member and after several unsuccessful attempts by the victim to contact the suspect in order to have the vehicle returned, the victim reported the vehicle stolen.

Friday, January 8, Miguel Cirne, 24, of Union was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) and driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. According to police, Cirne was seen driving erratically and after being stopped, the officer smelled the strong odor of alcohol. He was given multiple sobriety tests at the scene, which he failed, and was transported to police headquarters, authorities said.

Friday, January 8, Leroy N. Wall, 43, of Newark was picked up at the Essex County jail for contempt of court. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed.

Saturday, January 9, James A. Sabino, 43, of North Plainfield was arrested and charged with DWI after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. According to police, Sabino was stopped for careless driving, at which time the officer smelled the odor of alcohol. He failed multiple sobriety tests and was arrested and transported to police headquarters, authorities said.

Saturday, January 9, a resident came into police headquarters to report that someone had made \$695 worth of fraudulent charges to her credit card at an online jeweler. According to police, the victim notified the credit card company and the account was closed. The incident is under investigation.

CO Leak Sends Three Women to Hospital

By PAUL J. PEYTON

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WESTFIELD — Westfield Fire Department (WFD) Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) treated three office workers, on January 6, who worked at 123 Quimby Street, for carbon monoxide poisoning after the WFD found high levels of the chemical inside the building.

Fire Chief Dan Kelly said the firefighters received the call at 10:40 a.m. at which time they found the women, employees of a second-floor business, complaining of headaches and nausea.

"Their injuries did not appear to be life-threatening," Chief Kelly said. He said they were taken to Overlook Hospital in Summit as a "purely precautionary" measure.

Chief Kelly said the carbon monoxide was traced to construction workers who were cutting concrete floors in the basement with gas-powered saws as part of soil-remediation work for a previous oil leak from an underground oil tank that had been removed.

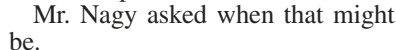
Firefighters evacuated and ventilated the building. Chief Kelly said the construction workers were instructed to change their method of removing the concrete floors. They switched to electric jack hammers.

He said employees were allowed to re-enter the building at 11:45 a.m.

By TED RITTER
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

During the meeting's public comment portion, two residents asked questions about a report expected from a state grant-funded shared ser-

Fanwood Administrator Eleanor McGovern said that the report, while not yet final, is being reviewed by the Shared Services Committee because



In other business, the governing body approved a series of resolutions. Among them were measures appointing the borough's Emergency Response Team; authorizing the cancellation of tax refunds totaling less than \$10, and approving the return of the balance of a planning board escrow following the completion of a citizen's project involving a variance.

By FRED T. ROSSI
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

After several board members expressed concern last month about the size of a three-car garage and the possibility that the third bay could be used to store equipment related to Mr. Novello's masonry business, Mr. Novello submitted revised plans for a two-car structure that measures 22 feet by 22 feet, with aluminum siding that will match the house. Mr. Novello confirmed at last Thursday's hearing



By JESSICA E. JASKULA
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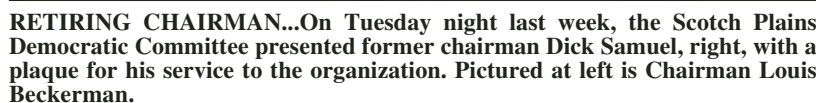
Audience member Jane Costello said that having someone oversee fundraising at a more global level

Mr. Rodriguez said at the time that he had written to the Southwick condo association, spelling out his proposal and had heard no objection to his plan. But the board maintained that it wanted a formal communication from the association about the proposal. The application was set to continue at the board's December meeting, but was postponed and then rescheduled again at Mr. Rodriguez's request.

She said that a survey would be sent to parents, who have children enrolled in World Language, at the end of January to get their feedback on the current World Language program and what they would like to see offered in the future. Middle school and high school students will be surveyed on the pro-

One mother of elementary school children said that she was concerned after seeing children left alone on the playground before school. "I was the only mom on the playground at 10 after eight [in the morning]," she said. She said she witnessed three young children try to run into woods behind the school to see if the "pond was frozen."

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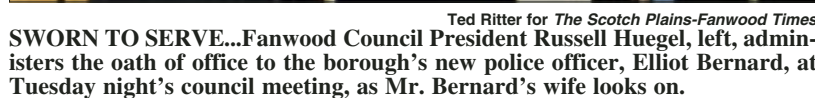
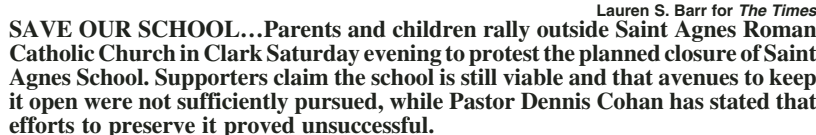


By FRED T. ROSSI
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

"None of us like it," Committee-man David Robinson said in announcing he would "reluctantly" vote to make the payment. He said the expenditure was "not a good use of tax

At the beginning of the committee's meeting, Police Chief Eric Mason announced that the fourth session of the citizens police academy had been completed and presented certificates to 12 of the 13 participants. He called the program "an integral part of community policing" and "critical to the success of the police department and our efforts to keep Cranford safe."

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CARING...New Jersey Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells addresses the graduates of CONTACT We Care's (CWC) Volunteer Training Class. Also present were CWC President Amy Green of Westfield, Rowena Madden of the Governor's Office of Volunteerism and CWC board member Karen Yutsus of Mountainside. See story on page 7.

SP-F School Discussions

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If that happens again, "If you have a cell phone on you, I'd call the police immediately," Mrs. Hayes said. She said that parents should not drop children off before school begins. She suggested that if someone witnesses students who are unsupervised early in the morning, to let the school principal know so that the principal can notify the child's parents privately.

Mr. Del Sordi was asked about the vacated spot, where a swing set was once set up, at Evergreen School. He assured that this area would not be left empty and that he is hopeful that a new swing set can go there. The swing set was taken down because of new regulations, he said.

One attendee asked about how much a student's score on the NJASK

test impacts what level class they will be put in. Another audience member said that her child received all A's in Math but was not placed in an honors class. The student's NJ ASK score was average. Currently, leveling in mathematics begins in grade 7 and Language Arts in grade 8. The high school has three levels: Standard, Academic and Accelerated.

Ms. Hayes said that the NJ ASK is never the sole factor in deciding what level a student will be placed in and said that she would be happy to discuss the individual situation privately. She gave examples of some of the factors that would go into placement and they included grades, teacher recommendation, standardized testing and end-of-year assessments.

Garwood Council Mulls Borough Motto Change

LAUREN S. BARR

Specialty Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

GARWOOD — At Tuesday night's borough council meeting, Councilman Anthony Sytko suggested that the borough change the motto on its seal from "Industrial Center of Union County" to "Small town, Big heart." He stated that when he thinks of Garwood, he thinks about its strong sense of community and volunteerism.

Councilman Keith Sluka stated, "I second the idea," but Councilman Louis Petruzzelli stated that the current motto is a reflection on the history of the borough.

Borough Clerk Christina Ariemma stated that during her research for the centennial celebration in 2003, she found documents that discussed changing the motto and at that time members of the public were "offended" by the notion of a change.

Resident Bruce Paterson stated that because of the decline of industry everywhere, Garwood may still have the most industry in Union County, as there are still a few factories operating.

Mayor Dennis McCarthy suggested that the members of the governing body "mull it over."

In other business, the council approved the appointment of Rosalba Comas as the Alternate Prosecutor for 2010, and authorized Selective Insurance Company to defend them in a lawsuit.

According to borough attorney Robert Renaud, the borough is one of approxi-

mately 200 municipalities being sued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding pollution in the Passaic River. According to Mr. Renaud, the suit stems from Occidental allegedly dumping dioxin into the river, and in his opinion the lawsuit is a "gigantic fiasco." He stated that Selective was the borough's insurance carrier during the 1980s, when the pollution supposedly took place, and as such has agreed to represent the borough. He added that the suit would likely drag on for several years before reaching a resolution.

The council also passed two ordinances on first reading regarding fencing required during residential demolition projects. If the ordinances pass on second and final reading at the Tuesday, February 9, meeting, a six-foot chainlink fence will be required on all residential demolition sites.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Mr. Paterson raised his concern that a gazebo may be demolished during the construction of the borough's new athletic complex at Memorial Park. Mr. Paterson expressed his desire to preserve the gazebo because it is a "heritage structure." However, Councilman Sluka responded that the gazebo would have to be removed because of field size regulations.

H1N1 Clinic Held in

Garwood This Sunday

GARWOOD — The Westfield Regional Health Department will hold an H1N1 (swine flu) clinic on Sunday, January 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School, located at 400 2nd Avenue in Garwood.

The vaccines to be distributed are the Inactivated Vaccine ("swine flu shot") and Live Attenuated Vaccine (nasal spray).

H1N1 vaccinations will be available at these clinics for all individuals who are interested in receiving them, regardless of medical history, age or town residency.

For more information about this clinic, call (908) 789-4070.

Westfield PD Announces

Hiring of Six New Officers

WESTFIELD — Six new Westfield police officers have been added to the department to replace retiring officers. The new officers are as follows:

Officer Dennis Dasilva is a graduate of Rutgers University in Finance and Economics; he went on to graduate from the Union County Police Academy. Officer Dasilva joined the Union County Sheriff's Office, where he became a crime-scene investigator for Union County for a period of four years. Officer Dasilva attended numerous training courses on crime-scene investigations and is considered an expert. He joined the Westfield Police Department on October 5, 2009.

Officer Nicholas Bruno graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and then went on to West Virginia University. In 2004, Officer Bruno joined the United States Navy, where he became a combat medic. He was attached to the 1st and 4th Marine Divisions during a combat tour in Fallujah, Iraq.

He is the recipient of a number of Armed Services medals and ribbons. He currently volunteers for a local rescue squad. After graduation from the Union County Police Academy, Officer Bruno joined the department on January 4.

Officer Michael McCarthy graduated from Hunterdon Central High School and then went on to Raritan Valley Community College. In 2004, Officer McCarthy joined the United States Marine Corps, where he became an aviation ordnance technician. During 2007, Officer McCarthy served a combat tour in Al Anbar Province, Iraq.

He obtained the rank of sergeant while in the Marine Corps. Officer McCarthy graduated from the Union County Police Academy in December of 2008, and joined the Westfield Police Department in October of 2009. He volunteers as a volunteer firefighter in his spare time.

Officer Paul Neri graduated from the Koinonia Academy and then went into Union County College and Park University. Joining the United States Marine Corp in 2003, Officer Neri was attached to the 2nd Marines Echo Company and then the 1st Fast Company Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team.

Officer Neri is the recipient of a number of medals and ribbons. After graduating from the Union County Police Academy, where he was the class guide, he joined the department in November of 2009, assigned to the Patrol Division.

Summit Resident Is Charged With Attempt to Lure Girl From School

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — Police Chief David Zager has announced the apprehension of Elo R. Pintado, 36, of Orchard Avenue in Summit. Pintado was wanted in the attempted luring of a 9-year-old female from a grammar school on Wednesday, January 6, at approximately 3 p.m. as she was waiting to be picked up by her mother. Pintado was arrested without incident by Det. Michael Delia and Sgt. Robert Deitch as he sat in his car at the Thomas Hughes School on Snyder Avenue, at approximately the same time and the same location as Wednesday's reported incident.

Chief Zager praised the efforts of the investigations division for expeditiously identifying the suspect, from what the chief described as an "excellent" description of the suspect, and the suspect's vehicle provided by the 9-year-old, as well as "outstanding detective work" by the department's investigations division.

"Our juvenile bureau worked closely with the office of the superintendent of schools to insure that accurate information was disseminated to the parents of all school children. In addition, police officers from the patrol division were assigned to every school in the township to insure

the safety of the township's most valuable asset — our children."

The chief also praised the victim for doing exactly the right thing when approached by Pintado, as well as providing police with an "extraordinary" description of the individual and his vehicle, which eventually led to his arrest. "That's an incredible young lady who deserves the thanks of a grateful community. She conducted herself with poise and determination during the incident and showed maturity well beyond her age," Chief Zager said.

Pintado was charged with attempted luring of a child. Bail was set at \$100,000 by Superior Court Judge Joseph Donohue. Pintado, who was released in April 2009 from New Jersey State Prison after serving five years for kidnapping, eluding and false public alarm, was transported to the Union County jail.

Chief Zager said he would be recommending department commendations to Det. Sgt. Michael Mathis, Det. Joseph Williams, Det. Mark Stallone, Det. Patrick Moran, Det. Michael Delia and Det. William Ives, whose efforts led to the arrest of what the chief termed "a violent predator and menace to the community."

All of the new officers will spend the first three months in an intensive in-service training program, and each will be assigned to a certified police training officer.

He added, "I credit the smooth transition over the last years to the hard work of our officers and supervisors who are still with us, as well as the new recruits who have joined us."

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Mountainside Bd. of Education Hears Security-Drill Plan

By MAGGIE DIGGORY

Specialty Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

MOUNTAINSIDE — Chief School Administrator Jeanette Baubles discussed with the board of education (BOE) how the district intends to comply with recently passed state legislation requiring school districts to hold security drills in addition to its twice-monthly fire drills.

In early December 2009, the New Jersey Legislature passed the Girgenti-Ruiz bill (A-3002). The measure requires schools to practice for a non-fire evacuation, lockdown or active shooter situation.

Current legislation permits teachers and administrators to lock doors and exits during a simulated emergency, according to a report on polickernj.com.

Ms. Baubles stated, "Although A-3002 is not anticipated to take effect until the 2010-2011 school year, we will be increasing the frequency of our security drills between January and June 2010, in order to prepare students and staff members for the anticipated change in practice for the school year. For the remainder of this school year, we will continue to do two fire drills per month as well. A reminder, the procedure for security drills are in the student handbook."

Westfield Garbage Hauler Allegedly Commits Dumping Violation

By MICHAEL J. POLLACK

Specialty Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

WESTFIELD — Westfield police arrested garbage hauler James Aiello, operator of Preferred Maintenance & Carting Inc. in Westfield, last week, after video-surveillance footage found him allegedly taking garbage from two of his clients and dumping it in another hauler's receptacle.

Westfield Police Chief John Parizeau confirmed with *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that, last Tuesday, police arrested Mr. Aiello and charged him with two crimes — theft of services, a fourth-degree crime, and New Jersey Statutes Annotated (NJS) Title 13 waste violations. Mr. Aiello was to report to state Superior Court in Elizabeth yesterday, Wednesday, after press deadline.

A garbage business's largest expense is the tipping fee levied upon a given quantity of waste received at a processing facility. At present, it costs \$96 a ton to dump garbage at the Union County garbage incinerator in Rahway, and can run even a small garbage business upwards of \$18,000 each month, according to an area hauler.

Chief Parizeau said, as possible motivation to avoid paying the fees, Mr. Aiello was taking garbage from two of his cli-

ents, Sweetwaters and Feast Catering, both of Elm Street, and tossing it in the container for 16 Prospect, which uses another disposal service. The chief said when Mr. Aiello was brought into police headquarters he was sincere and "admitted he did it."

Separately, last Tuesday, Mayor Andy Skibitsky and Westfield Town Council unanimously appointed Mr. Aiello as Westfield's representative to the Union County Solid Waste Advisory Board.

When contacted on Monday, Mayor Skibitsky was aware of the arrest but said it was a "bit premature" to take any action.

"He's been charged, not convicted," the mayor said. "The [Solid Waste Advisory] board hasn't met in some time, and it's not urgent [that we change representatives]. We'll see what happens. It's up to the courts to decide."

Reached on the phone in error, Dan Aiello, his brother, said he was "shocked" to hear of the news.

"He has an excellent company," Dan Aiello said. "He's been in town for years. His character is excellent. It's not like him to do something like that. I'm not just saying that because he's my brother; he's a good guy."



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU...To replace six outgoing police officers in Westfield, Police Chief John Parizeau recently announced the hiring of six new officers. All of the new officers will spend the first three months in an intensive in-service training program, and each will be assigned to a certified Police Training Officer. Pictured, from left to right, are: Dennis Dasilva, Nicholas Bruno, Michael McCarthy, Paul Neri, Eric Popliek and Dana Black.



POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Monday, January 4, Ryeshon Peteet, 37, of Newark was arrested at the north side Westfield train station on an outstanding Irvington criminal warrant in the amount of \$500. Peteet was unable to post bail and was turned over to the Irvington Police Department.

Tuesday, January 5, Westley Clarkson, 20, of Westfield was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at East Broad and Elm Streets and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed, and released with a summons.

Tuesday, January 5, Breman Bookhart, Jr., 43, of Irvington was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at East Broad and Prospect Streets on an active North Plainfield warrant in the amount of \$1,269. He was turned over to North Plainfield authorities.

Wednesday, January 6, Clarence Williams, 47, of Newark was arrested during a traffic stop in the area of Central Avenue and Cacciola Place. Williams was wanted on a no-bail Union County Sheriff's Office (UCSO) warrant and an Elizabeth criminal warrant in the amount of \$250. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and turned over to the UCSO.

Wednesday, January 6, a business located on the 300 block of East South Avenue reported a burglary, in which approximately \$180 in cash was taken.

Wednesday, January 6, a resident of the 500 block of North Chestnut Street reported being the victim of identity theft, through which someone opened multiple credit card accounts.

Thursday, January 7, a Linden resident reported the theft of \$27 cash from his wallet, which had been left unattended at the north side Westfield train station. The wallet was recovered, with the cash missing.

Thursday, January 7, burglaries were reported at two residences on Sandy Hill Road. In the first incident, three gold chains, valued at \$200 each, and a digital camera valued at \$200 were removed from the home. The second incident involved the theft of \$80 in cash from a nightstand.

Thursday, January 7, an attempted burglary was reported at a residence on Moss Avenue. The residence is located in close proximity to two burglaries that were reported on the next street — Sandy Hill Road.

Friday, January 8, Lenard Robinson, 39, of East Orange was arrested at Westfield police headquarters on warrants from Westfield, for \$96; East Orange, for \$137, and Newark, for \$350. He was released after posting bail for the Westfield amount and being released on his own recognizance by East Orange and Newark.

Friday, January 8, Michael Ruzek, 19, of Scotch Plains was arrested after responding to Westfield police headquarters to satisfy an active Westfield traffic warrant in the amount of \$99. He was processed and released after posting bail.

Saturday, January 9, Nicholas Melchiorre, 33, of Cranford was arrested following a motor vehicle stop at East Broad and Elmer Streets on an outstanding Monmouth Junction traffic warrant in the amount of \$500 and a North Wildwood warrant in the amount of \$185. Bail was posted, with future court dates to be announced.

Scotch Plains

Tuesday, January 5, Tymyum Webb, 19, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

Wednesday, January 6, Willie Jones, 58, of Vadaia, Ga. was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

Wednesday, January 6, a resident reported that she dropped off her handbag, valued at \$1,600, at a Park Avenue store and when she went to pick it up, it was missing.

Wednesday, January 6, a resident of Park View Drive reported that someone removed \$600 from her bank account without her authorization.

Thursday, January 7, Bridgette Robinson, 45, of Newark was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. She was transported to police headquarters, where she was processed and released.

Thursday, January 7, Verna Dillard, 59, of Roselle was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle

stop. She was transported to police headquarters, where she was processed and released.

Friday, January 8, a student at Union Catholic High School reported that someone removed her iPod, valued at approximately \$250, from her purse.

Friday, January 8, a resident of Scotland Place reported that someone slashed the tires on his motor vehicle while it was parked in the street.

Sunday, January 10, Virginia Bates, 23, of Roselle Park was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. She was transported to police headquarters, where she was processed and released.

Sunday, January 10, Allison Colligan, 19, of Newark was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. She was transported to police headquarters, where she was processed and released.

Mountainside

Friday, January 8, a resident came into police headquarters to report that he had been fired from his place of employment located on Globe Avenue, and when he went to say goodbye to his co-workers, his supervisor grabbed him by the arm and asked him to leave.

Friday, January 8, Darryl R. DeJesus, 21, of Wood Haven, N.Y. was arrested and charged with possession of stolen property and driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. According to police, the suspect borrowed the vehicle from a family member and after several unsuccessful attempts by the victim to contact the suspect in order to have the vehicle returned, the victim reported the vehicle stolen.

Friday, January 8, Miguel Cirne, 24, of Union was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) and driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. According to police, Cirne was seen driving erratically and after being stopped, the officer smelled the strong odor of alcohol. He was given multiple sobriety tests at the scene, which he failed, and was transported to police headquarters, authorities said.

Friday, January 8, Leroy N. Wall, 43, of Newark was picked up at the Essex County jail for contempt of court. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed.

Saturday, January 9, James A. Sabino, 43, of North Plainfield was arrested and charged with DWI after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. According to police, Sabino was stopped for careless driving, at which time the officer smelled the odor of alcohol. He failed multiple sobriety tests and was arrested and transported to police headquarters, authorities said.

Saturday, January 9, a resident came into police headquarters to report that someone had made \$695 worth of fraudulent charges to her credit card at an online jeweler. According to police, the victim notified the credit card company and the account was closed. The incident is under investigation.

CO Leak Sends Three

Women to Hospital

By PAUL J. PEYTON

Specialty Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

WESTFIELD — Westfield Fire Department (WFD) Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) treated three office employees who worked at 123 Quimby Street for carbon monoxide poisoning January 6 after the WFD found high levels of the chemical inside the building.

Fire Chief Dan Kelly said the firefighters received a call at 10:40 a.m., at which time they found the women, employees of a second-floor business, complaining of headaches and nausea.

"Their injuries did not appear to be life-threatening," Chief Kelly said. He said they were taken to Overlook Hospital in Summit as a "purely precautionary" measure.

Chief Kelly said the carbon monoxide was traced to construction workers who were cutting concrete floors in the basement with gas-powered saws as part of soil-remediation work for a previous oil leak from an underground oil tank that had been removed.

Firefighters evacuated and ventilated the building. Chief Kelly said the construction workers were instructed to change their method of removing the concrete floors. They subsequently switched to electric jackhammers.

He said employees were allowed to re-enter the building at 11:45 a.m.

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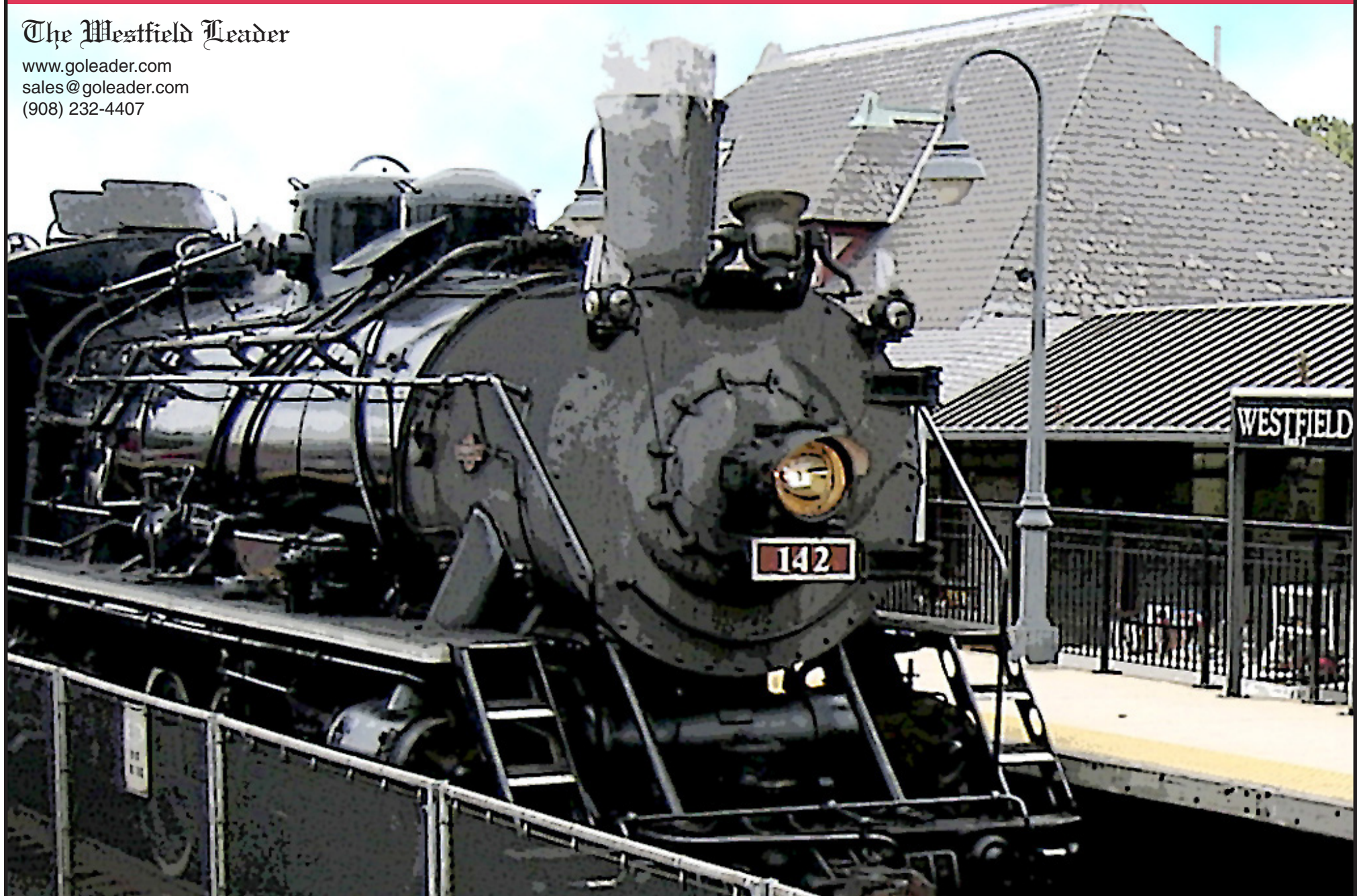
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Westfield Announces 2010 Committee Appointments

WESTFIELD — Westfield Mayor Andy Skibitsky and the Town Council made the following appointments at the January 5 reorganization meeting.

Acting Mayor, Councilman Mark Ciarrocca; Alternate Acting Mayor, Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan.

Town Council Appointments: Town Council Planning Board liaison, Councilman James Foerst; Board of Adjustment, William Heinbokel, Ken Soriero, and Andrew Wasserman (alternate no. 2); Special Improvement District board, Lisa Marvin, Alan DeRose, Town Administrator James Gildea, Councilman Frank Arena (council liaison), and Shawn Hanna; employee appointments, Town Attorney, Robert Cockren; Municipal Prosecutor, Christine Nugent; Public Defender, Michael Panagos; Labor Attorney, Frederick Danser; official newspapers, *The Westfield Leader* and *The Star-Ledger*.

Board Appointments: Board of Health, Jubb Corbet, Ronan Gold, Gavin Handwerker (alternate no. 2), Councilman Sam Della Fera (council liaison); Recreation Commission, Jim Marvin (appointed chairman for 2010), Jeff O'Connor, Loren Weinstein, William Kelly, Stacy Ukrainskyj (alternate no. 1) and Councilman Mark Ciarrocca (council liaison); Historic Preservation Commission, Anastasia Harrison, Joe Loftus, Eric Diddel (alternate no. 1), Kevin Neylan (alternate no. 2) and Councilwoman Vicki Kimmins (council liaison); Board of Architectural Review, Mary Stewart and Thomas DiGiorgio; Tree Preservation Commission, Tom Walsh and Councilman David Haas (council liaison); Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Eric Leuthold, Tom Delaney, and Councilman Keith Loughlin (council liaison); Local Assistance Board, Terry Tainow; Communications Advisory Board, George Lanzano, Joe McHugh, and Councilwoman Vicki Kimmins (council liaison); Westfield Housing Commission, Larry McDermott, Joseph Farella, Katherine Clifford, and Ronald Bansky.

Mayor Skibitsky made the following appointments: Planning Board, Vince Wilt, John Bennett, Lauren Falk (alternate no. 2), Mark LoGrippo (mayor's designee), and Town Engi-

neer Kris McAloon; Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee, Larry McDermott and Town Engineer Kris McAloon; Solid Waste Advisory Board, Jim Aiello; Union County Transportation Advisory Board, John Morgan (delegate) and George Lanzano (alternate); Air Traffic Advisory Board, Jerome Feder and Rosemary Millet; Insurance Advisory Board, Mike Csorba; Chamber of Commerce liaison, Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan; Union County League of Municipalities, Mayor Andrew Skibitsky; Board of Education liaison, Councilman Mark Ciarrocca; Second Senior Citizens Housing Corporation liaison, Mayor Andrew Skibitsky, and Municipal Alliance/PANDA liaison, Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan.

Council Committees are: Finance Policy, Mark Ciarrocca, chairman; David Haas, vice-chairman; JoAnn Neylan, and Sam Della Fera; Public Safety, Transportation, and Parking, JoAnn Neylan, chairwoman; Keith Loughlin, vice-chairman; Mark Ciarrocca and Frank Arena; Public Works, Frank Arena, chairman; Vicki Kimmins, vice-chairwoman; Keith Loughlin and David Haas; Code Review and Town Property, James Foerst, chairman; Sam Della Fera, vice-chairman; Frank Arena, and Vicki Kimmins.

Senate Confirms Walsh To Superior Court

WESTFIELD — Thomas Walsh of Westfield will be sworn in as a Superior Court judge on Friday, January 29 at Union County Courthouse. The state Senate confirmed Mr. Walsh's nomination to the bench on Monday. Governor Jon Corzine submitted his name for appointment in December.

State Sen. Tom Kean (LD-21, Westfield) introduced Mr. Walsh when he appeared before the senate judiciary committee for an interview on January 7. Sen. Kean recommended Mr. Walsh to his colleagues, describing him as an "excellent trial attorney." Mr. Walsh has more than 20 years of legal experience. He started his career as an assistant prosecutor in Union County. Fifteen years ago he left the prosecutor's office for private practice. He is now a partner in the Cranford law firm of Triarsi, Betancourt, Walsh and Wukovits.



Lauren Barr for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
GARWOOD COUNCIL...Mayor Dennis McCarthy administers the oath of office to returning councilman Keith Sluka (D) on New Year's Day while his wife Barbara and family look on.

Fanwood Mayor, Council Reveal 2010 Appointments

FANWOOD — Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and the borough council made the following municipal appointments at the government's reorganization meeting on January 1.

Environmental Commission, Sandra Redder, April Lee, and Rabbi Joel Abramson (alternate no. 1); Planning Board, John Celardo, Kevin Boris, Maghsoud Dariani (alternate no. 2), Laura DeGennaro (alternate no. 4) and William Lee (mayor's designee); Board of Health, Regina Brown; Historic Preservation Commission, Adam Kois, John Celardo and Margaret McIntyre; Recreation Commission, John Quinones; David Valian, and Tracy Fletcher; Library Board, Ann Minski and Sheldon Ross.

Borough Officials for 2010 are: Administrator, Eleanor McGovern; Deputy Borough Clerk, Rayna Harris; Chief Financial Officer, Frederick Tomkins; Purchasing Agent, Pat Hoynes; Borough Attorney, Dennis Estis; Borough Prosecutor, Daniel Antonelli; Public Defender, Michelle Jaker; Court Administrator, Joy Veeck; Deputy Court Administrator, Donna Zucker, Noise Control Officer, Tanya Moon; Public Agent, Eleanor McGovern; Official Assessment Searcher, Eleanor McGovern; Official Tax Searcher, Colleen Huehn; Police Chief (through January 31), Donald Domanoski; Fire Chief, Doug Clausen; Senior Citizens Coordinator, Paulette Drogan; Director of Public Works and Recycling Coordinator, Clinton Dickson.

Officer in Charge-Bureau of Fire Prevention/Deputy Chief, Thomas Scalera; Fire Official, Thomas Scalera; C-2 Collections Systems

Operator, Joseph Pryor; Public Officer, Clinton Dickson; Personnel Director, Eleanor McGovern; Municipal Alliance Representatives, Katherine Mitchell and Donald Domanoski; Municipal Housing Liaison and RCA Administrator, Eleanor McGovern.

Fanwood's Special Officer, Jack Ross; Fanwood School Crossing Guards, Edward Frame, Alan Krey, Consuelo Mruczinski, Joseph Fantini, Vincent Krey, and Marge Pate; Substitutes, Julia Pohlman and Lynn Sorf.

Fanwood Borough Council Standing Committees: Administration And Finance Committee, Anthony Parenti, chairman, Russell Huegel and Joan Wheeler; Public Safety Committee, Katherine Mitchell, chairman, Russell Huegel and Joan Wheeler; Public Works Committee, Russell Huegel, chairman, Robert Manduca and Anthony Parenti; Land Use And Historic Preservation, Joan Wheeler, chairman, Robert Manduca and Mike Szuch; Recreation And Community Services, Mike Szuch, chairman, Katherine Mitchell and Anthony Parenti; Health and Senior Services, Robert Manduca, chairman, Katherine Mitchell and Mike Szuch.

New Leadership Begins At Statehouse in Trenton

TRENTON -- Stephen Sweeney (D-Salem) has taken over as the senate president and Sheila Olver (D-Essex) has taken the reigns as assembly speaker in Trenton. In addition, Asm. Joseph Cryan (D-Union) is the new assembly majority leader and Asm. Jon Bramnick (R, Westfield) is now GOP conference leader.

Freeholders Make 2010 Committee Assignments

ELIZABETH — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders have announced freeholder standing committees and other board assignments for 2010. The list is as follows:

Standing Freeholder Committees: Fiscal Affairs Committee, Freeholder Al Mirabella, chairman, Freeholders Angel Estrada, Rayland Van Blake, and Nancy Ward; Homeland Security Committee, Freeholder Rick Proctor, chairman, Freeholders Angel Estrada, Al Mirabella and Nancy Ward; Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, Vice-Chairman Deborah Scanlon, chairman, Freeholders Mohamed Jalloh, Bette Jane Kowalski and Rayland Van Blake; Policy & Administrative Code Committee, Freeholder Angel Estrada, chairman, Freeholders Bette Jane Kowalski, Rick Proctor and Deborah Scanlon; Shared Services & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Freeholder Rayland Van Blake, chairman, Freeholders Angel Estrada, Bette Jane Kowalski and Deborah Scanlon.

Freeholder assignments, Chairman Daniel Sullivan, Industrial Pollution Control Authority, Labor Advisory Board, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, (delegate), Transportation Advisory Board, Union County College Board of School Estimates, Union County Utilities Authority, Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education; Vice-Chairman Deborah Scanlon, Construction Board of Appeals, Industrial Pollution Control Authority, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Shade Tree Advisory Board, Union County College Board of School Estimates, Union County Economic Task Force, and Union County Vo-Tech Board of Education.

Freeholder Angel Estrada, Advisory Board of the Disabled, Community Development Block Grant Committee, Meadowlinks, New Jersey Association of Counties (Delegate), North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (Alternate); Freeholder Mohamed Jalloh, Advisory Council on Aging, Morse Creek Flood Control Authority, Runnells Specialized Hospital's Board of Managers, Union County Planning Board; Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Cultural & Heritage Advisory Board, Human Services Advisory Board, New Jersey Association of Counties (alternate), Raritan Valley Rail Coalition, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Workforce Investment Board; Freeholder Al

Mirabella, Fire Services Advisory Board, Industrial Pollution Control Authority, Union County Alliance, Union County College Board of School Estimates, Union County League of Municipalities, Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education, and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Freeholder Rick Proctor, Industrial Pollution Control Authority, Mental Health Advisory Board, Public Health & Weapons of Mass Destruction Advisory Board, Solid Waste Advisory Board; Freeholder Rayland Van Blake, Advisory Board on the Status of Minorities, Green Brook Flood Control Commission, Industrial Pollution Control Authority, LACADA Motion Picture & TV Advisory Board; Freeholder Nancy Ward, Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board, Commission on the Status of Women, Middlesex County Utilities Authority, Senior Citizen & Disabled Resident Transportation, Youth Services Commission.

Foreclosure Task Force

Meets Today At UCC

ELIZABETH — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders have announced the Union County that the Foreclosure Taskforce will assemble professionals who advise and assist residents facing foreclosure for a conference to discuss ways to better assist those in need.

The practitioners' conference will be held today, Thursday, January 14, at Union County College's Elizabeth I. Kellogg Building located at 40 West Jersey Street in Elizabeth.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan will welcome representatives from municipal, county and state government, community and advocacy groups, legal agencies, financial institutions, faith-based organizations and housing counseling agencies to the conference where they will address this growing problem.

Featured speakers are United States Senator Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) ; Diane Johnson, field officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Terry McEwen, director of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, and Kathe Newman of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers.

Three professional panels will discuss issues that affect families, communities and the financial challenges bought on by the housing crisis. The taskforce has conducted a door-to-door outreach campaign to alert both homeowners and tenants of their rights and has also developed the foreclosure resource directory, which includes contact information for anyone facing foreclosure. A special Hope Hotline has been set up at 1-888-995-HOPE (4673).

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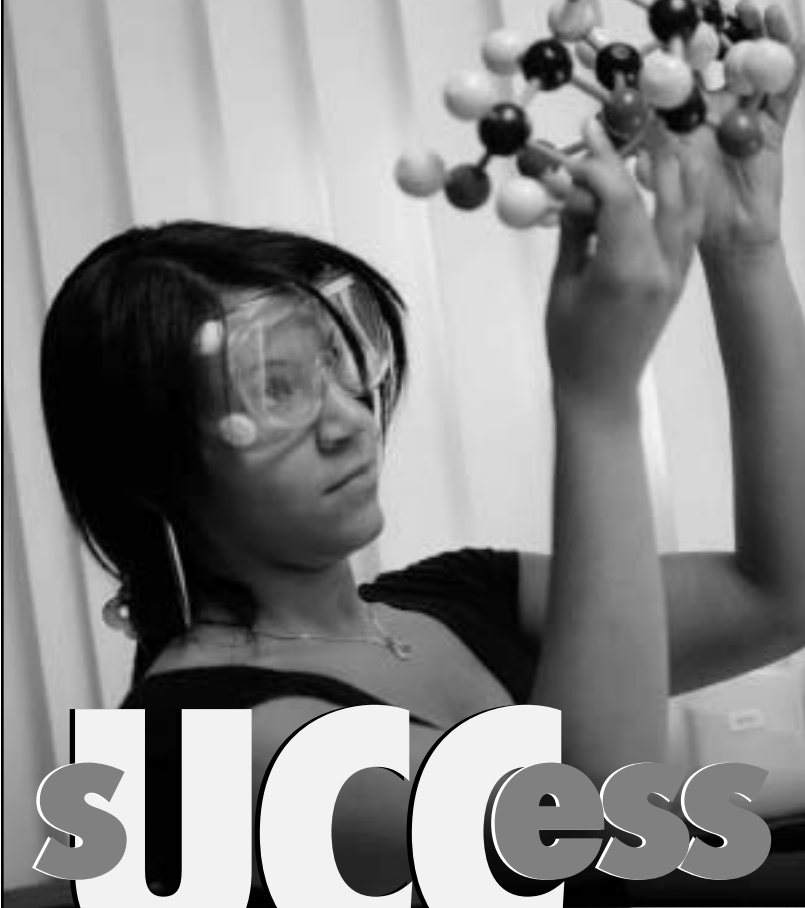


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by Kenneth W. Arida, D.D.S.
Family & Cosmetic Dentistry

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So-called "peg laterals" are small, cone-shaped teeth that develop on either side on the top two front teeth. These undersized teeth appear to be "baby teeth" surrounded by larger permanent teeth. As a result, the smile looks imbalanced. Fortunately, the dentist can restore peg laterals to the size of normally developed incisors by building them up with composite material. This tooth-colored resin restoration requires no anesthetic and can be accomplished in one visit. After the dentist acid-etches the tooth's enamel so it can properly accept the resin, layer upon layer of resin is applied to the tooth. After the composite material cures properly, the augmented tooth is shaped and polished. The result compares favorably

with surrounding natural teeth. Composite resin restorations and other advances in cosmetic dentistry make it harder than ever to tell the difference between what's natural and what's not. They also make it easier than ever to smile with confidence. This column is prepared as a public service to help our Westfield family and friends become aware of and better understand modern dentistry and the power of a healthy smile. If you would like more information on any of our topics or an appointment, please call us at 908-654-6262. Our office is centrally located in Westfield at 131 South Euclid Avenue, with free off-street parking available.

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Garwood Announces Municipal Appointments

GARWOOD — Garwood Mayor Dennis McCarthy and the borough council made the following appointments during the borough's January 1 reorganization meeting.

Robert Renaud, borough attorney; Steven Rogut, bonding attorney; Robert Cagnassola, borough auditor; Sandra Burns, treasurer; Steven Merman, municipal prosecutor; Scott Marinelli, public defender; Martha Marino, court administrator; Angela Gattozzi, deputy court administrator; Frederick Corbitt, recycling coordinator; Wayne Frew, fire chief; Michael Tharaldsen, assistant fire chief; Leonard Spina, superintendent of fire apparatus. All of the above are one-year terms.

Planning board, Councilman Louis Petruzzelli, Sandro Villaraud, Robert Montaign, Kathleen Villaggio (one-year terms) and Robert Schor (two-year term).

Borough Council standing committees: Police, Public Health and Safety, Councilmen Jonathan Linken, chairman; Stephen Napolitano and Keith Sluka; Streets, Roads and Ecology, Mr. Sluka, chairman, Mr. Petruzzelli and Mr. Linken; Fire, Mr. Petruzzelli, Mr. Sluka, and Mr. Napolitano; and Finance, Mr.

Ex-Pastor Arrested for Defrauding Immigrants

ELIZABETH — A former pastor for the Salvation Army in Plainfield was arrested Tuesday after a Grand Jury indicted the man on 14 counts of theft by deception.

Pastor Enoc Tito Sotelo, 50, of Kinston, N.C. is accused of promising immigrants that he would help them obtain green cards through a "Florida attorney." He collected thousands of dollars from them purportedly to pay for travel to and from Florida and obtain the documents, said Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow.

None of the victims, however, received their green cards, authorities said, because none of them were actually qualified for National Interest Waivers. Sotelo, who told each of the victims that he was working with an attorney named Oscar Ruiz, collected \$4,000 from each of the victims. An investigation revealed that Sotelo told the victims that \$500 from each payment would go to the Salvation Army, something disputed by the organization, Mr. Romankow said.

The investigation also revealed that Ruiz was never an attorney and had been under a cease and desist order from the Florida Bar Association since 1999 barring him from performing any immigration related work for anyone, authorities said. The alleged fraud was uncovered when a number of victims complained to local Hispanic community activists, who reported the fraud to police.

A Grand Jury indicted Sotelo last month and he surrendered to authorities in Elizabeth. He posted \$2,000 cash, 10 percent of his \$20,000 bail, and was released. He also forfeited his Passport. He is scheduled for a court appearance on January 25 before state Superior Court Judge Stuart Peim in Elizabeth. If convicted on the charges he faces up to 70 years in prison, authorities said.

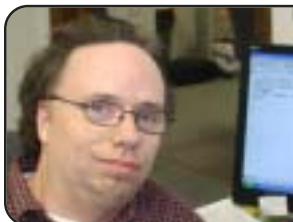
Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact Detective Johnny Ho at (908) 527-4551 or Detective Edwin Maldonado of the Plainfield Police Department at (908) 753-3047.

Napolitano, Mr. Linken, and Councilman Anthony Sytko; Buildings and Grounds, chairman, Mr. Sytko, Councilman Timothy Hak, and Mr. Petruzzelli; Laws and License, chairman, Mr. Sytko, Mr. Linken, and Mr. Sluka; Recreation, Mr. Petruzzelli, Mr. Sluka and Mr. Napolitano; liaisons, Committee on Aging, Mr. Petruzzelli; Borough Library, Mr. Hak (mayor's representative); school board liaison, Mr. Sluka, and Transportation on Advisory Council representative, Mr. Hak.

Other appointments include: school crossing guards (one-year terms), Diane Cerillo, Teresa Cuccaro, Linda Knierim, Janet Korinchak, Matilda Froat, Rosemary Snow, Kyren Reed, Walter Wise, Margaret Staba, and Doug Knierim, and alternates, Robert Froat, Laura Rigano, Lauren Montagne, Diane Petraccora, Katie Knierim, and Nery Gonzalez; Joan VanNatta and Heather Legg, board of health (three-year terms); Christine DiGiacomo, Garwood Free Public Library trustee (five-year term); Jack Sullivan, recreation committee (five-year term); Michelle Abbaticola, Anne Leonard, Thomas Englese, Tom Evelina, Chris Taylor, and Betty Galdi (one-year term); Sue Baron, Theresa Janasee, Debbie McCarthy, Sam Rocco, and Peggy Staba, Garwood Municipal Alliance (one-year term).

Emergency Management Council, Len DiStefano, deputy coordinator; William Legg, police chief; Wayne Frew, fire chief; Frederick Corbitt, public works superintendent; Dr. E. Calcaro; John Drone, first aid; Donald Guarriello, engineer; Emmett Garner, public information officer; Thomas Spera, shelter coordinator and radiological officer; Paul Josewitch, technical advisor; Joseph Ragonse, business representative; representatives from service organizations, Knights of Columbus, Michael O'Donnell; VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Catherine Madara; Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Lucille Bonfanti; Health, Eileen Kuffa; Law, William Legg; First Aid, John Drone; historical committee (one-year term), Ann Guerriero, Linda Koenig, Patricia Koenig, Anne Leonard and Mary Wanca.

Union County Community Revenue Sharing Committee, Mayor Dennis McCarthy and Kathleen Villaggio (one-year term), Mr. Linken (alternate), and Union County Solid Waste Advisory Council, Borough Clerk Christina Ariemma (one-year term).



Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of *The Leader/Times*

Same-Sex-Marriage Bill Defeated, 20-14, In Senate

The Freedom of Religion and Equality in Civil Marriage Act, S-1967, better known as the same-sex marriage bill, was defeated by a tally of 20-14 in the state senate on January 7. Locally, Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (LD-21, Westfield) voted against the measure while Senators Ray Lesniak (LD-20, Union) and Nicholas Scutari (LD-22 Linden) voted in favor of the legislation. Garden State Equality, a proponent of the measure, has vowed to go to court to legalize same-sex marriages in the state.

Medical Marijuana Bill Passed by NJ Assembly

The state Assembly passed the New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act on Monday by a tally of 48-14. The legislation, sponsored by Senator Nick Scutari (LD-22, Linden), was previously passed by the senate last February by a vote of 22-16. The legislation now heads to Governor Jon Corzine for consideration. If signed New Jersey would become the 14th state to legalize the use of marijuana for patients.

Three Corzine Cabinet Members Get Pink Slips

Gov.-elect Chris Christie has given three members of outgoing Governor Jon Corzine's cabinet notice that will be dismissed, according to the *Star Ledger*. In a hand-delivered letter, Mr. Christie's chief of staff Richard Bagger informed Children and Families Commissioner Kimberly Ricketts, Health and Senior Services Commissioner Heather Howard and Public Advocate Ronald Chen that they would be off the state payroll as of January 19, inauguration day.

Lesniak Robber Gets Four Years In Prison

Antoine Neal, 41, one of the two men who robbed state Senator Raymond Lesniak (LD-20, Elizabeth) in his Elizabeth home last year, has been sentenced to four years in state prison. Co-defendant, Brian Kinney, 27, was able to avoid jail time because he had a lesser record, according to *The Star-Ledger*.

Neal and Kinney admitted to entering Mr. Lesniak's home near Kean University by smashing a basement window. They stole \$600, some euros, a cell phone, keys and bottles of wine.

Autopsy Shows Consultant Died From Drug Overdose

An autopsy of the body of Hudson County political consultant Jack Shaw, found dead days after being arrested in last summer's sweeping bribery sting, died of a prescription drug overdose, according to a *Star-Ledger* report on the results of the autopsy.

State Panel to Vote on \$44 Million to Cities

A state legislative committee has authorized \$44 million to a fund for distressed cities on top of \$117.4 million previously budgeted, the *Star Ledger* has reported. Gov.-elect Chris Christie warned cities last week they would have to do without this money next year. The state's Local Finance Board was scheduled to vote January 13 on aid to five cities: \$27 million for Paterson, \$2.5 million for Bridgeton, \$11 million for Union City, \$67 million for Camden and \$14 million for Jersey City.

Head of Essex Bd. of Elections Indicted in Scheme

The state Attorney General's Office has indicted the Essex County Superintendent of Elections Carmine Casciano, 63, of West Caldwell, on charges that he gave unauthorized paid days off to county employees working on political campaigns and then told them to destroy or alter their logs, *The Star-Ledger* reported.

Casciano faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in state prison, a criminal fine of up to \$150,000 and a lifetime ban on any future public employment.

Tuition for Illegal Immigrants Pulled Before Senate Vote

Legislation to allow illegal immigrants to pay in-state tuition at New Jersey colleges was pulled by senate leaders on Monday thus killing the legislation for now. Senator Ronald Rice (D-Essex), the bill's sponsor, said the legislation was five votes short of what was needed to pass, according to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Lawmakers Pull Waiting Period For Casino Industry Jobs

Trenton lawmakers on Monday removed a two-year waiting period for state officials seeking jobs in the state's casino industry. Officials can now immediately obtain a range of jobs including planning, accounting and lobbying in the casino industry.

Citizens' Campaign Unveils Gov. Cost-Cutting Proposals

METUCHEN — The Citizens' Campaign has unveiled a menu of 10 model local government cost-cutting proposals designed to help put the brakes on rising property taxes now under even greater pressure due to the state's growing budget crisis.

Among the proposals are joining or forming a regional emergency dispatch service, eliminating benefits for part-time elected officials and professionals, sharing computer administration between a municipality and school board and the performance of energy audits for government buildings and vehicles.

The proposals include a Salary Sunshine Online model law by which municipalities would place on their website the top five salaries in each department, the overtime costs and all labor contracts.

According to Campaign leaders, responsible government waste reduction is the next big challenge facing New Jersey. They point out that two-thirds of New Jersey taxpayer dollars are spent at the local level. The upcoming \$9 billion state budget deficit will also mean that state funds for municipalities and school districts will drop drastically, raising the specter of skyrocketing property taxes and shrinking services, according to The Citizens' Campaign.

The Citizens' Campaign's Jersey Call to Service will recruit citizens to present the model cost-cutting proposal of their choice to their hometown governing bodies. The Citizens' Campaign used a similar strategy of residents winning the adoption of local pay-to-play reform laws to generate the momentum that resulted in New Jersey adopting the strongest state-level pay-to-play government contracting reforms in the country.

"New Jersey faces an immediate budget crisis at all levels of government and a long-term budget problem that we cannot simply wish away. It is time for New Jersey citizens to step up to the plate and constructively advance the cost efficiencies needed to stop property taxes from skyrocketing and to ensure that essential services can still be delivered," Citizens' Campaign Chairman Harry Pozyski said. "The goal of the effort is not only to win adoption of these critical cost-saving measures, but to build a culture of savings where citizens and elected officials focus on constructive ways to address the property tax crisis and put frugality front and center."

Model Cost-Cutting Proposals The

model proposals are briefly summarized below:

Becoming part of or forming a regional dispatching service thereby saving funds in the area of dispatcher services. Or, if a municipality still uses police officers as dispatchers and there is strong resistance to using regional dispatching, move to using civilians as dispatchers. Montgomery Township is saving between \$600,000 and \$750,000 annually from the full regionalization of their four dispatcher services.

Eliminating benefits for part-time elected officials and professionals. In health insurance costs, this would be a savings of between \$12,000 and \$20,000 per person depending mainly on whether the benefits were individual or family. (If co-pays are required those numbers would be somewhat reduced.)

Sharing of computer administration (network administrator) between the municipality and the school board — share the cost of the contract. This could generate savings in the \$60,000 to \$70,000 range depending on the size of the municipality. Formation of an on-going committee to explore potential cost-savings by implementing other shared service arrangements between the municipality and the school board.

Also recommended was: Sunshining On-Line to include budget summaries, the top 10 percent or salaries or top five salaries for each department, whichever is greater, overtime per department and all labor contracts; merging zoning and planning board for towns with less than 15,000 residents as permitted by the Municipal Land Use Law and condensing redevelopment authority functions in the governing body and planning board; contracting with county road departments for municipal road repairs, saving significant costs associated with bidding and private contractor oversight; contracting out vehicle maintenance; reducing the number of weekly trash pickup days after the summer months (Memorial Day-Labor Day); forming mayor's task forces on municipal service efficiencies and community service supports.

This new government cost-cutting effort is part of the Citizens' Campaign's "Jersey Call to Service Campaign," a public service initiative to inspire 5,000 citizens to participate in the leadership of their communities and reverse the tide of government waste and corruption.



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The Volunteer Rescue Squad Is an Essential Service to Our Society

As written six years ago, May 13, 2004: “One of the most rewarding ways we can contribute to our communities is by supporting our volunteer rescue squads, either by sending a contribution or volunteering. The Westfield squad, now in its 53rd (59th, 2010) year, averages 2,400 calls annually. Squad personnel make life-saving transports from Westfield to several area hospitals, including Overlook, Muhlenberg, Rahway, Union, St. Barnabas, University, JFK, Morristown and Trinitas. They logged about 25,000 volunteer hours.

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is in its 67th year (73rd, 2010). Organized on March 9, 1937, and incorporated on April 5, 1939, the squad is the oldest volunteer emergency medical service organization in Union County.

The Fanwood Rescue Squad is celebrating 56 years (62nd, 2010) in operation, having been founded in 1948.

Mountainside has commercial operations provided by Atlantic during weekday business hours. On nights and weekends, volunteers provide the service. Four hundred and eighty-nine calls were answered in Mountainside last year (2003).

Your volunteer squads do countless good for the communities. Sometimes, there’s a call above and beyond normal duty. One might recall an article in our newspaper on September 20, 2001, entitled “Rescue Squads, Fire Departments Assisted During Trade Center Disaster.” It read: “As soon as the World Trade Center was hit by hijacked jets coming out of Boston on September 11, the Union County Mutual Aid system activated the Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood volunteer rescue squads and the Westfield Fire Department to assist in various places throughout the metropolitan area. The Westfield squad assisted on Tuesday by sending two ambulances and 15 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to Liberty State Park, where patients were being triaged and transported to local hospitals. The ambulances and crews were later sent to triage centers at Ellis Island and Exchange Place in Jersey City.

“We were still able to handle four calls in town,” said Westfield Rescue Squad Captain Michelle Urso. “Even though we only had one ambulance in town, we still had members at the building and no patients were kept waiting.” Throughout the week, more than two-thirds of the members of the Westfield Rescue Squad volunteered more than 600 hours of their time. Crews were stationed at Chelsea Piers in Lower Manhattan, Exchange Place in Jersey City, and several locations in and around “ground zero”. On September 13, the Westfield squad transported a patient injured in the collapse from a New York City hospital to their Westfield home.

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad treated patients at the Hoboken Ferry triage center on Tuesday. During the week, they were stationed at Chelsea Piers and the West Side Highway in New York City. The day after the disaster, the township’s squad transported two firemen

who were injured at ground zero to New York hospitals.

The Fanwood Rescue Squad was not called to New York, but participated in decontamination procedures for commuters at the Summit train station with pharmaceutical firms Novartis and Schering-Plough. The squad provided an ambulance and crew at the triage center at Exchange Place in Jersey City on September 13.”

Our local volunteer rescue squads have highly skilled staff, superbly dedicated — and not a single person gets paid. But, we’re a little concerned. Contributions to keep them in operation are way off target this year. The rescue squad is an essential service to our society, and we urge all of you to correct this situation. Put the rescue squad on the top of your list.

If you’re making your will, consider including the squad.

2010 comments: See the contact information for the rescue squads in the story on this page.

It’s now another decade and some things have changed, such as Muhlenberg Hospital is closed, squad volunteerism is down, people are working harder to maintain their income, governments are scratching for every source of revenue while trying to reduce costs, and property tax burdens have jumped. However, the importance of emergency medical response for those in need in our communities has not changed.

There are some politically sensitive issues involved. We believe all paid fire departments in the state should do as the Westfield Fire Department does — where the firefighters are trained EMTs and answer medical calls that overflow from the limited capacity of the rescue squads. This is not the case in some fire departments, such as in Plainfield — and because of this, extra burden is placed on surrounding rescue squads such as from Watchung and Fanwood to support Plainfield. We believe the Plainfield Fire Department, which is paid, should get their act together. The Plainfield Rescue Squad was disbanded a few years ago when the state pulled their charter for malfeasance.

And there are little things that can be done that can result in big improvements. We don’t know them all, but the insiders do.

One thing we hear is, since the Westfield Fire Department is now answering so many medical calls that overflow from the under-manned volunteer rescue squad, one of the ambulances should be permanently assigned at Firehouse Number 1 to reduce the response time. As it now stands, the firemen must first go to the rescue squad on Watterson Street to pick up an ambulance, causing potentially serious delay while increasing costs out of the necessity to drive a large fire truck there to get the ambulance.

Community and county officials, 9-1-1 police dispatchers, fire departments and rescue squads should be meeting, and everything should be put on the table, to optimize the use of resources and streamline procedures. If revisions are needed, then make them.

To enhance support, the public should be kept informed of these meetings — the challenges, priorities and solutions.



**Volunteer
Rescue Squads**

Save A Life By Joining the Local Volunteer Rescue Squad

Perhaps it’s a sign of the times or another sign of the bad economy, but fewer people seem to have the free time to volunteer for their towns’ emergency squads. Many municipalities, including Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Westfield are in dire need of volunteers to staff their emergency squads.

“We’re in desperate need of members,” said Joe Urso, a volunteer (Emergency Medical Technician) EMT with the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad.

According to Dan Sullivan, Scotch Plains Rescue Squad EMT, vacancies tend to run in cycles and right now the squad especially needs individuals who can volunteer on the daytime and week-ends. He is also anticipating the annual decrease in volunteers during the winter months when some EMTs go back to school until May.

Volunteers must go through 110 hours of EMT training, which the squad will pay for. There are a number of courses in the area that new members can take. Before an individual begins the EMT training course they will be certified in CPR through their local squad and allowed to begin to ride with the squad, Mr. Sullivan said. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older in Scotch Plains and at least 17 years old in Fanwood and Westfield.

Members usually take one shift per week and each squad has its own shift policy, which can be directed to them

individually. As if saving lives wasn’t enough, volunteering with the squad brings many other rewards.

“There is great camaraderie amongst our members. We gain not only life saving skills through our training, but also friends and a wonderful support team in our personal lives,” Mr. Urso said. “Our members come from all walks of life. We have members who are school teachers, lawyers, paramedics, stay-at-home parents, and retired individuals to name but a few,” Mr. Urso said. He added, according to Mr. Sullivan, “We also have a cadet program for 16 to 18 year olds — which they then become regular members after the program.”

The area rescues squads are suggesting that individuals add joining their local squads to their New Year’s resolutions for 2010.

To get in touch with your local squad, please contact the following numbers or websites.

Fanwood Rescue Squad – fanwoodrescue.com or call (908) 322-9000 and leave a message.

Scotch Plains Rescue Squad – scotchplainsrescuesquad.com or call (908) 322-2103 and leave a message.

Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad – westfieldrescuesquad.org or call (908) 233-2500 and leave a message.

**Squad Members
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Letters to the Editor

About Ralph Jones on Game Show In 1960s with Lucille Ball

To Horace Corbin, Publisher, *The Westfield Leader*: I enjoyed your letter to me in last week’s issue of *The Westfield Leader* about Ralph Jones of the Westfield Historical Society being on Allen Ludden’s Password game show back in the 1960’s or ’70’s with Lucille Ball as his partner.

Unfortunately, it was not the Ralph Jones of the Westfield Historical Society

who is Ralph H. Jones, born in Plainfield, and not contestant Ralph E. Jones, born in Detroit. That doesn’t mean that your article shouldn’t be filed in our archives, as Ralph E. Jones was from Westfield at the time and it’s still a great story. Happy New Year.

**Bob Miller
Westfield**

Route 22 Crossing at Lawrence Ave. Is Hazard Requiring Fixing

I am a Westfield resident who commutes to New York City on the NJ Transit 114x bus route. The bus stop into New York is located on the corner of Lawrence Avenue and Route 22 (Eastbound) located in the Borough of Mountainside. On return trips from New York City, the bus drops passengers off on Route 22 (Westbound) at the corner of the Lawrence Avenue jug-handle also located in the Borough of Mountainside. Numerous residents of Westfield, Mountainside and other adjoining towns commute on this bus route each day.

On January 6, at 8 pm, I witnessed, no more than 10 feet in front of me, a Cadillac Escalade strike a fellow commuter as we walked across four lanes of Route 22 to get to Lawrence Avenue. Luckily, and amazingly, even after being tossed 20 yards to the curb, the man who was struck survived with no head injuries or broken bones. Thankfully, he is now resting easy and recuperating with his wife and family.

This is the second incident in recent months in which a commuter was struck by a vehicle leaving the Lawrence Av-

enue jug-handle onto Route 22 West. I recall hearing of other similar incidents over the years.

We commuters can only cross Route 22 when the traffic light turns green. The vehicles waiting in the jug-handle can also only cross over and head eastbound when the light turns green. As such, drivers and passengers both wait for the same green light to cross over Route 22 at the same [time]. However, it is the commuters who risk their lives each dark night to cross Route 22 to get to their cars, homes and families.

It is imperative that the Borough of Mountainside, Town of Westfield and Union County work together with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and New Jersey Transit to take immediate action to install precautions, such as a lighted crosswalk, a delayed green light or a pedestrian walkway, at the Lawrence Avenue jug-handle to help ensure the safety of the residents who commute to and from New York City.

**Matthew Sherman
Westfield**

Behind Closed Doors, Healthcare Bill Leaves Retirees Behind

On Christmas Eve, the U.S. Senate slid through its own version of the healthcare reform bill. The bill fails to protect the earned post-retirement health care benefits of tens of millions of American retirees like me.

Unjustly, this legislation goes a step further in the wrong direction by actually financially penalizing corporations that do the right thing by continuing to provide retiree prescription drug benefits they promised to their former workers.

This process is being done behind closed doors versus going through the normal conference process, which means retirees will again get left behind. This appears to be an effort to pass healthcare reform regardless of its impacts on the public. These secret negotiations should offend everyone, not just retirees, who will once again be the biggest losers in this whole debate.

I spent 26 years working for Verizon. Aren’t my lifelong dedication and the wages I contributed over many decades in exchange for retirement healthcare coverage worth protecting? There are 18.5 million American retirees in the same boat who took less in wages and less vacation over decades so their employer could sock those funds away to pay for our healthcare benefits in retirement.

If the Senate version of the healthcare reform bill is mandating that it be stripped from us, we deserve answers now from our Senators on Capitol Hill. The Senate’s health reform bill (H.R. 3590) lacks pro-

visions of the original House bill (H.R. 3962), which includes key protections contained within another vital bill — The Emergency Retiree Health Benefits Protection Act (H.R. 1322).

H.R. 1322 prohibits employers from making post-retirement cuts or eliminating the earned health benefits of people after they retired. In the amended Senate legislation, it requires a change in the tax status of payments for retiree health benefits that would negatively impact many companies’ earnings and encourage them to actually drop drug benefits for millions of retirees, instead of keeping it in place. Many leading corporations including Boeing, John Deere, MetLife, Xerox as well as the AFL-CIO have complained loudly about this and say they intend to lobby against the Senate action.

The anti-retiree and anti-baby boomer legislation that passed the Senate just as Santa mounted his sled was nothing more than a lump of coal in the stockings of millions of older Americans. It encourages, and in some cases will force, corporations to reduce benefits. Ironically, those of us who have already earned health benefits by making sacrifices during our working years now have to fight our own elected officials. It is bewildering how our Senators can do absolutely nothing to protect the rights of America’s retirees.

Let’s be clear, none of us are asking for a handout, just a guarantee that the new federal healthcare reform bill treat us fairly and not cancel the benefits we earned over a lifetime. Millions of retirees who are too young for Medicare and earn too much for Medicaid rely heavily or in some cases solely on these benefits. If the Senate does not incorporate the House’s language into the final healthcare reform bill, there will be a financial crisis for many of our nation’s retirees. This would force millions into the already overburdened government health care system, inadvertently shifting more cost onto the American taxpayers’ shoulders.

H.R. 1322 language would not cost the taxpayers or government a dime. It simply allows companies to live up to financial commitments they made to their retirees. With Congress currently working towards combining the bills, now is the time to act for the protection of earned retiree healthcare benefits.

**Chester Holmes
Former Member, Union County
Board of Chosen Freeholders**

**Carol Shortall
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Your State Legislators

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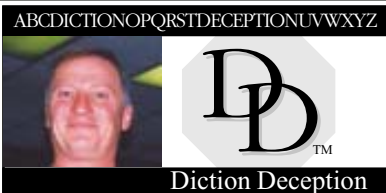
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Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions — only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?

If you can guess one correctly — good guess. If you get two — well-read individual. If you get three — word expert. If you get all four — you must have a lot of free time!

All words and correct definitions come from the board game Diction Deception.

Answers to last week’s arcane words.

1. Erinaceous — Resembling a hedgehog
2. Acicular — Slender and pointed, like a needle
3. Icerya — A scale insect that infests the orange plant
4. Ozostomia — Bad breath

MELLIFEROUS

1. Producing honey
2. Flowing sweetly and smoothly, as in song
3. Producing a yellow, strongly-staining substance
4. Entrancing; mesmerizing

CROTALIDAE

1. A hard, brittle biscuit
2. An electric eel
3. The pit vipers
4. Relating to or like a sea slug or shell-less snail

TANIWAHA

1. A guardian spirit
2. A dragonlike beast in Maori legend
3. A nocturnal Australian marsupial. Kangaroo rat
4. A penguin

THREAP

1. To make or look smart; to dress up
2. A burrowing rodent that looks like a mole rat
3. To confuse or stun with noise
4. To insist or quarrel

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Letters to the Editor

Re: Teachers’ Contract; It’s Time to Vote on SP Property Taxes

Two thirds of our property taxes are from the school district, and about 75 percent of the school’s budget is salaries and benefits. The SPFEA (teachers’ union) contract is nearly finalized, meaning about 50 percent of your property taxes is about to be voted upon by the board of education. And the typical contract is for three years.

Over the last decade, the average annual salary increase for teachers has been about 4.4 percent. Now is the time to tell the board of education (BOE) — the officials you elect — what you think. If you think teachers are being underpaid — let the BOE know. If you think staff needs to pay more into their health insurance — let the BOE know. If you think a 4.4 percent increase is too much in these times — let the BOE know.

The BOE has had hardly any contact from the public on this subject and are likely thinking we don’t really care. If you care, tell them now. For most of the last contracts, the agreement has been made with the factfinder on the final fact finding meeting. That meeting is January 25. If you want to voice your opinion (and the board is moved by public input), you need to either send an e-mail directly to the board members or call them.

The BOE e-mail and phone can be found at spfk12.org/spf_board_members.htm. Now is the time to cast your “vote” on your property taxes.

**Craig Nowlin
Scotch Plains**

The State Should Get Out of Gambling Bus.

This is an open letter to Chris Christie, New Jersey governor-elect:

In *NJ Voices: Opinions from New Jersey*, July 12, 2009, Kelly Heyboer wrote:

“The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority is at a crossroads — let’s call it the intersection of continuing drain on taxpayer lane and pull the plug place. But it’s time we see the road ahead for what it really is: a dead end.”

“New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority’s time has passed. Let’s kill it.”

Why is New Jersey involved in casino gambling and competitive businesses? As governor, will you get us out of the gaming industry?

Thank you in advance for your anticipated reply to this inquiry.

I urge that all citizens exercise their right to vote, which will keep our democracy vital and strong.

**Frank Festa, Jr.
Scotch Plains**

Leave Same-Sex Marriage Debate to Religious Authorities

There is no question, like the abortion issue, same-sex marriage is very controversial. On the one side, you have the supporters that state that if two people love each other, they should be allowed to “tie the knot.” On the other side, there are those who claim that same-sex marriage is a violation of centuries of traditions and that it violates Judeo-Christian philosophy. They also claim that same-sex marriage opens up a slippery slope in terms of what will be allowed to stand as marriage in the future.

Both sides want the state to recognize or not recognize their points of view in law. The supporters want the state to recognize such marriages, while the opponents do not want that at all. Clearly, both sides want government to approve their views. By removing government from this situation, and leaving it to the proper religious and spiritual authorities to perform marriages, I believe that civil strife can be averted and peace can be declared. This, in my opinion, would be the true libertarian/conservative position, and one that would please all sides.

**Alex Pugliese
Kenilworth**

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Christie Announces Gary Lanigan as Commissioner of Dept. of Corrections

TRENTON – Governor-Elect Chris Christie announced the appointment of Gary Lanigan, who previously served in the New York City Department of Corrections under both the Giuliani and Bloomberg administrations, to head the New Jersey Department of Corrections. In New York City, Mr. Lanigan served as both the first deputy commissioner and deputy commissioner of Administration, overseeing all operation functions for the department's 16 jails, 15 court holding facilities, and 12,400 uniformed and civilian personnel.

Mr. Lanigan currently serves as director of Budgets and Financial Management at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA).

Mr. Christie said, "Gary Lanigan has the experience, know-how and determination needed to effectively manage and focus to our corrections' system. Gary will bring to the New Jersey Department of Corrections (DOC) an understanding and care that is needed to not only protect the public, but ensure positive reintegration of those currently in the system."

Mr. Lanigan will be responsible for

overseeing the division's \$1.1 billion budget, the operations of the 13 major institutions, and the implementation of the many programs and community service opportunities offered for offenders.

Mr. Lanigan is currently director of Budgets and Financial Management at the MTA, where he is responsible for the overall direction and financial planning of the MTA's \$11-billion operating budget, which covers approximately 70,000.

Before Mr. Lanigan joined the MTA in 2003, he worked at the New York City Department of Corrections beginning in 1994. Mr. Lanigan served as first deputy commissioner at the New York City Department of Corrections from 1998 to 2003.

Prior to serving as first deputy commissioner, Mr. Lanigan served as deputy commissioner of Administration from 1994 to 1998. He was responsible for the agency's expense and revenue budgets, fiscal, personnel, payroll, management information services and population capacity planning, as well as telecommunications operations. During his tenure, the department undertook technology initiatives in criminal justice; computerized crime victim notification system and the installation of videoconferencing technology that provides for remote interviewing capabilities of inmates on Rikers Island with various parts of the Kings County Supreme Court, as well as the Brooklyn office of the New York City Probation Department.

For nearly two decades, Mr. Lanigan has specialized in administration and criminal justice, particularly in the areas of financial, information and technology issues. Prior to DOC, he served as assistant commissioner for Financial Affairs with the New York City Police Department from 1987 to 1994, managing budget, contract and financial analysis functions. From 1979 to 1987, he was an analyst with the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Lanigan served in the U.S. Navy from 1972 to 1975. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in public administration, both from Bernard M. Baruch College. He is a graduate of the Police Management Institute sponsored by the Columbia University Graduate School of Business.



Gary Lanigan

County Offers Free Class On Nutrition

WESTFIELD – "How to Enjoy a Balanced Diet on a Balanced Budget" is a free, two-hour course designed to help Union County residents save money on food bills and eat healthier, tastier home-cooked meals.

It is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, at the county building located at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield. Pre-registration for the class is required. To register, call (908) 654-9854.

"Saving money is just part of the benefit of good nutrition," said Dr. Karen Ensle, a nutrition expert and head of the Union County Extension who will conduct the class. "Good nutrition is a key tool for managing weight, and it provides an energy boost for general well-being."

Dr. Ensle will show participants how to cook with inexpensive, highly nutritious ingredients instead of expensive processed foods. The class includes meal planning, cutting down on kitchen waste and shopping for good deals in the supermarket.

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, supported in part by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, offers the class.

For more information on the class, contact Digna Torres at (908) 654-9854 or dtorres@ucnj.org.

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Letters to the Editor

Senator Kean Votes Against Gay Marriage In Favor of Opportunity

Last week, the NJ State Senate defeated the marriage equality bill. Our Senator, Thomas Kean, Jr. voted "no." The bill would have offered same-sex couples identical rights to married couples such as hospital benefits, insurance coverage and simply, equality.

Senator Kean is a young senator and is a rising politician. His vote on Thursday represented exactly that: politics. In 2008, Senator Kean spoke at my high school graduation. He promised us a bright future, and a world of opportunity. To put it bluntly, he contradicted himself when he denied equality for all gay, lesbian and transgender people in New Jersey.

Senator Kean is not a "bigot". It is clear that he wants same-sex equality. A few years back he was one of four republicans to vote for civil unions, which were intended to give the same rights as marriage. Since Kean supported civil unions, why did he vote "no" prohibiting them to gain the privilege of benefits that come with marriage?

My problem with the senator's vote is that his motivations, in my opinion, are clear and unapologetic. Senator Kean sacrificed the moral high ground for future political gain. It is clear that he intends to run for higher office. In my opinion, Senator Bill Beroni (who worked on John McCain's Presidential campaign team) the lone republican vote for marriage equality also has a bright future. However, he chose to vote for what was equal. So why did Senator Kean sacrifice what he knows is right?

Unfortunately, many elected officials sacrifice their own personal beliefs in order to gain political opportunity. This is especially true for individuals who make political office their full time career choice. They focus on satisfying party leaders or lobbyists and many times neglect their own personal views. We need to start electing officials whose prerogative is not to climb the political ladder, but to make commitments to all their constituents.

As an ally to the gay community, by sending this letter, I am opening myself to the typical criticisms of marriage equality. I understand all the typical opposition arguments. Religion? There was an amendment that provided clergy members the right to deny performing a marriage to same-sex couples. We had dozens of clergy members representing 20

sects and religions that wanted to allow same-sex marriage. [Is this] Deterioration of family values? During rallies in Trenton, there were countless same-sex families whose children begged for their parents to be treated as equals, who explained they were "normal" and "healthy". There are some who refuse to change the definition of marriage. Marriage is an institution. As an institution, it is subject to change over time. Do you recall when people of a different race were not allowed to wed? In short, there is no real excuse, and Senator Kean offered none.

A final word: I imagine when Senator Kean addresses me on the issue, privately or publicly, he will claim that he wants to fix civil unions so that they provide equality for all. He and I know this can't be done. Aside from the fact that same-sex couples could never use words like "husband" or "wife", there are many problems associated with civil unions. Companies and hospitals do not recognize civil unions as equal to marriage, and insurance coverage for same-sex partners is a nightmare. Separate but equal is all that civil unions accomplish, and apparently Senator Kean believes that is good enough for us.

Like it or not, marriage equality will eventually pass in New Jersey. It is just a matter of time. Let's move our politicians into the 21st century. I urge you to research the issue, and remember how Senator Kean voted.

Nick Brennan
Westfield

Westfield Chamber of Commerce Request

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce is in need of a conference table with chairs and folding tables and chairs. If you are willing to donate any of these items or know of anyone else, please contact the office at (908) 233-3021; e-mail info@westfieldareachamber.com. Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

Neil Pinkman
Acting Executive Director

NJ-GOP Chair Responds To Senate Vote On Gay Marriage Legislation

TRENTON – New Jersey Republican State Committee Chairman Jay Webber last week issued the following statement concerning the vote by the New Jersey Senate on gay marriage legislation:

"From the beginning, Republicans have opposed legislative and judicial efforts to redefine marriage

in New Jersey and called for any changes to be put on the ballot for voters to decide. We believe that the majority of New Jerseyans agree with that position, and following the failure of this bill in today's (January 7) Senate vote, I am heartened to see that the Senate has respected the will of the people."

Caught by Customs: Chinese Smuggle Switchblades, Guns, Brass Knuckles

PORT NEWARK — Smugglers attempted to send 100,000 stun guns, brass knuckles and switchblade knives, which they tried to misrepresent as hats, CDs and bag hardware through the Port of Newark. On January 4, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers in the Port of New York/Newark intercepted the packages, which originated in China and were bound for Flushing, N.Y.

CBP officers had selected several shipping containers for examination, when they discovered numerous packages of stun guns, brass knuckles and

switchblade knives. These items were seized not only because they posed a threat to public safety, but also violate intellectual property right laws, the "Switchblade Act", and various other import laws.

"This seizure demonstrates the continued vigilance of our CBP Officers," stated Robert Perez, director, Field Operations, New York Field Office. "CBP officers in the greater New York area are committed to intercepting any threat to public safety."

The items seized had a domestic value of nearly \$250,000.

Bramnick Pedestrian Safety Bill Finally Passes Legislature

WESTFIELD — Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (LD-21, Westfield) was successful in passing a new pedestrian safety law after several years promoting the legislation.

"Prior law only required cars to yield when a pedestrian was crossing the street, which caused cars to rush through intersections," said Bramnick, the new Republican Conference Leader.

Under the Bramnick law, motor vehicles will be required to stop as soon as a person enters a crosswalk. The law arose from traffic deaths in downtown Westfield and throughout the state.

The Bramnick Pedestrian Safety Bill, A-1329, was sponsored by Sen. Tom Kean (R-Westfield) in the Senate and Asw. Linda Stender (LD-22, Fanwood) in the Assembly. It passed both the Senate and Assembly on the final voting session of the current term, and is expected to be signed by the governor.

Assemblyman Bramnick added, "Lives throughout the state will be saved now that motorists understand they must stop."

Assembly Considers Public Input Policy

TRENTON – Incoming Democratic Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, Assembly Republican Leader Alex DeCrose, incoming Assembly Majority Leader Joseph Cryan (Union) and incoming Assembly Republican Conference Leader Jon Bramnick (Westfield) will hold a joint news conference Tuesday to discuss plans for the upcoming legislative session.

One new policy item being considered for the coming year is providing a way to enable the public to address their concerns directly to members of the Assembly. Currently, there is no mechanism for the public to address the governing body.

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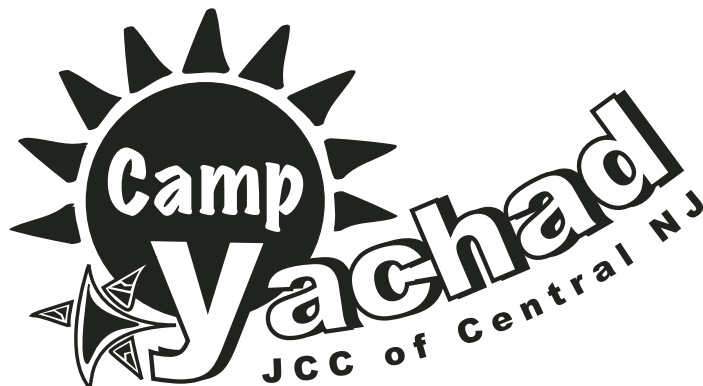
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Liam Ahearn and Ms. Allison Kelly

Ms. Allison Kelly To Wed Liam Ahearn

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Allison Kelly, to Liam Ahearn. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ahearn of Cranford.

A 2002 graduate of Roselle Catholic High School, the bride-to-be received a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from the College of New Jersey in Ewing in 2006. She currently is employed with the Summit Board of Education as a special education teacher and is earning her master's degree at Kean University in Union.

The future groom graduated from St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City in 2001 and from Georgetown

University in Washington, D.C. in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He presently is employed with the Capstone Advisory Group as a restructuring advisor.

The couple will be wed in October 2010.

Training to Commence For Museum Guides

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood has announced that it will begin museum guide training on Thursday, January 28, at 10 a.m. Participants will learn about the historic Osborn Cannonball House Museum and how to share information with visitors. Training sessions will be held at the museum, located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains. Interested persons are asked to call Ginger Bishop at (908) 889-6176.

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-09006871
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-37207-08
Plaintiff: CROWN BANK
VS.
Defendant: ALBERT G. CHEETY, JR. A/K/A ALBERT G. CHEETY, JR. A/K/A ALBERT G. CHEETY, GAIL CHEETY A/K/A GAIL H. CHEETY, CHASE MANHATTAN BANK USA, N.A., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Sale Date: 01/27/2010
Writ of Execution: 10/23/09
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is: ***Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Four and 68/100*** \$280,834.68
All that certain land and premises situated in the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being more particularly described as follows:
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Nearest Cross Street: Walnut Street
Approximate Dimensions: 100.00 feet x 26.00 feet x 100.00 feet x 26.00 feet
Being more commonly known as: 336 North Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey 07027
Pursuant to a municipal tax search dated November 11, 2009
Subject to: Sewer: 1/1/2009-12/31/2009 \$362.13 open + penalty
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Lien:
Total Upset: ***Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven and 09/100*** \$311,367.09 together with lawful interest and costs
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
Ralph Froehlich
Sheriff

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CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
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VS.
Defendant: THOMAS A. BECKER A/K/A THOMAS ANDREW BECKER
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Writ of Execution: 10/26/2009
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The judgment amount is: ***Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One and 94/100*** \$23,691.94
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Tax Lot No. 26; Block No. 1905.
Dimensions of Lot: Approximately: 415 x 50 x 422.13 x 50.51
Located: Springfield Avenue and Union County Park Boulevard
The above advertisement does not constitute a full legal description of the real estate. The full legal description may be found at the Office of the Sheriff during regular business hours.
Prior Liens: First Mortgage - Chase Home Finance LLC (4-15-08) \$112,000.00
Total Upset: ***Twenty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Five and 32/100*** \$28,695.32 together with lawful interest and costs
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CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-39909-08
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VS.
Defendant: MICHAEL F. MARINO, PAMELA MARINO, MARIALIATICO, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., AS NOMINEE FOR WEICHERT FINANCIAL SERVICES, GRACE NEINER, MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 02/03/2010
Writ of Execution: 11/06/2009
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is: ***Three Hundred Forty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and 52/100*** \$342,920.52
Municipality: Scotch Plains Township
County: Union; State of New Jersey
Street and Street No: 2397 North Avenue
Tax Block and Lot: Block 8105 also Block 801 in Westfield; Lot: 6 also Lot 1 in Westfield
Dimensions of Lot: 70 feet x 120 feet
Nearest Cross Street: Whittier Avenue
Superior Interests (if any): NONE
Total Upset: ***Three Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Three and 32/100*** \$384,663.92 together with lawful interest and costs
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
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Sheriff

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-09006969
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-34667-08
Plaintiff: CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC
VS.
Defendant: THOMAS ANDREW BECKER, SIA MIT BANK, CARD SERVICES, N.A.
Sale Date: 02/03/2010
Writ of Execution: 11/20/2009
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is: ***One Hundred Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and 19/100*** \$120,902.19
The property to be sold is located in the Town of Westfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as: 410 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.
Known as Lot 26, Block 1905, on the Official Tax Map of the Town of Westfield
Dimensions: 50.51 feet x 422.13 feet x 50.00 feet x 415.00 feet
Nearest Cross Street: Nomahegan Drive
Total Upset: ***One Hundred Forty One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Four and 69/100*** \$141,384.69 together with lawful interest and costs
Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgage, the Mortgage's attorney.
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Rabbi Kroloff to be Speaker At MLK Memorial Service

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Martin Luther King Jr. Association has announced that Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff will be the guest speaker for the 23rd anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service. It will be held on Monday, January 18, beginning at 1 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El.

As with past tradition, there will be a freedom march with songs from the civil rights struggle of the 1960s. The march will start at 12:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, located near the South Avenue circle, and proceed through downtown Westfield to the temple. The temple is located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

This year's theme will be "Individual Responsibility." Awards will be given to elementary and intermediate school students for artwork, poetry and essays reflecting this theme.

Rabbi Kroloff has a long history in the Westfield community, as well as in state politics, education, civic responsibilities and religious affiliations. In

1996, the Rotary Club of Westfield recognized him as Humanitarian of the Year. He is the founder and vice-president of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County and a member of the board of trustees for the Center for Civic Responsibility.

Rabbi Kroloff served as senior rabbi at Temple Emanu-El from 1966 to 2002 and currently is president of the Westfield Foundation. Additionally, he has authored three books: "When Elijah Knocks; A Religious Response to Homelessness," "54 Ways You Can Help the Homeless" and "A Jewish Way of Life."

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with magna cum laude honors from Yale University and a Master of Arts degree and Rabbinical Ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Married to Dr. Terry Kroloff, he has three children and five grandchildren.

For further information, contact Elizabeth Wolf at (908) 654-6670 or elizabethwolf@eawolf.com, or a member of the MLK Association.



Rabbi Charles Kroloff

Library Events to Spotlight Hearing Loss, Folk Music

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Mountainside Public Library, located on Constitution Plaza, has announced the dates and details for two upcoming programs at the library.

A discussion on hearing loss, featuring representatives from Total Hearing Care of Springfield, will take place on Wednesday, January 20, from 11 a.m. to noon. Topics will include hearing loss, the latest in hearing aid technology and other hearing-related disorders such as tinnitus.

There will be ample time for questions, and free hearing screenings will be available. This program will be free and open to the public. However, interested persons are asked to call ahead at (908) 233-0115 to reserve a seat, as space is limited.

The library will present its Folk

Music Café on Thursday, January 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by a Watts Foundation grant, this program is held on the third Thursday of every month at the library.

This month's program will provide participants an opportunity to bring along their instruments for a live jam session. There also will be a performance by Joseph Strider and his accompanists. Mr. Strider is a folk/alternative singer-songwriter with a Native American twist. He will be joined by Nadine Bergeron on the flute, harp and percussion, and also by guitarist Kokopelli. Audience members will be able to request or lead songs during a song share.

Admission will be free and include coffee and desserts. For more information, visit mountainsidelibrary.org and click on the Folk Music Café button or call (908) 233-0115.

FCC to Hold Classes In Moving Meditation

WESTFIELD – Moving Meditation classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, January 19 and February 16, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. at the First Congregational Church. Classes will be held in Room 21 on the second floor of the McCorison Christian Education Building, located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield. They are designed for beginners and will be open to everyone.

Moving Meditation is a simple, gentle, graceful movement based on ancient Asian Qigong wellness systems. Its goals are stress reduction and flexibility. The practice is performed standing up, and ordinary street clothing is appropriate. Laura Berzofsky, a certified Integral Tai Chi and Qigong instructor, will lead the group practice.

The church's Board of Christian Education will sponsor this program. Free will offerings will be accepted to benefit the church's outreach programs. Winter donations will raise funds for Heifer International, a non-profit, humanitarian organization dedicated to ending world hunger.

For additional information or to register, call Ms. Berzofsky at (908) 232-0169. Drop-in students also will be welcome.

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Margaret Kathleen Reynolds and John Francis Robie

Margaret K. Reynolds To Marry John F. Robie

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Reynolds of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Kathleen Reynolds, to John Francis Robie. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robie of Sandy Springs, Ga.

A 2004 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride-to-be received a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. in 2008. She is an Ensign in the United States Navy, completing Advanced Helicopter Pilot training in Milton, Fla.

The future bridegroom graduated

from North Springs High School in 2004 and from the United States Naval Academy in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science degree in History. He is an Ensign in the United States Navy, completing Jet Pilot training in Meridian, Miss.

The couple will be married in the summer of 2010.

College Club to Learn About Spices-Herbs

FANWOOD – Veronica Sidhu will present a program on the health benefits of spices and herbs at the monthly meeting of the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains on Monday, January 18. A short business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by Ms. Sidhu's presentation at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at The Chelsea at Fanwood, located at 295 South Avenue.

For 30 years, Ms. Sidhu learned to cook northern Indian dishes, using an array of fragrant spices, at the side of her Punjabi mother-in-law. Since her retirement as a high school director of guidance, she has taught Indian cooking classes in her home to raise money for the McGinn Elementary School playground and for scholarships in her grandson's memory.

Attendees at Ms. Sidhu's talk will be served a dessert from her new cookbook, "Menus and Memories of Punjab: Meals to Nourish Body and Soul." The cookbook will be available for purchase and signing after the meeting. This program will be free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information about the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains, access collegeclubfsp.org. For membership information, call Meril at (908) 889-4942.



HEAD START...Boy Scouts from Cranford's Troop 80 get an early jump on the 2010 growing season by preparing soil for planting at the Union County Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden in the Watchung Reservation. The Master Gardeners donate fresh vegetables to community food kitchens each year under a program of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, supported by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. For more information, call the Union County Extension at (908) 654-9854 or visit ucnj.org.

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-09001515
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-39918-07
Plaintiff: HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA HOME EQUITY LOAN, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-HE1
VS.
Defendant: CAROL L. SHEPPARD; WILLIAM W. SHEPPARD; HW
Sale Date: 01/27/2010
Writ of Execution: 11/24/2008
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The judgment amount is: ***One Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Sixty One and 66/100*** \$182,061.66
The property to be sold is located in the Borough of Fanwood in the County of UNION, State of New Jersey
Commonly known as: 225 Tillotson Road, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
Tax Lot No.: 10 in Block 46
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 75 x 139
Nearest Cross Street: WESTFIELD ROAD
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.
Tax and prior lien info: Taxes, Sewer and Water maybe delinquent you must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.
Title Number - 93689-A, Block 46, Lot 10
The total amount due for past due taxes \$0
Prior Mortgage and Judgments (if any):
Total Upset: ***Two Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty and 96/100*** \$236,650.96 together with lawful interest and costs.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-07005603
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-1909-07
Plaintiff: FRANKLIN CREDIT MANAGEMENT CORP
VS.
Defendant: ROBERT CARR; SHIRLEY CARR, H/W; HCR MANOR CARE DBA HCR MANOR CARE MOUNTAINSIDE
Sale Date: 01/20/2010
Writ of Execution: 09/28/2007
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is: ***Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 05/100*** \$525,812.05
The property to be sold is located in the TOWN of WESTFIELD, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 611 CARLETON ROAD, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090.
Tax Lot No. 23 FKA 28 in Block No. 4101 FKA 619
Dimention of Lot Approximately: 80x102 AV
Nearest Cross Street: PARK STREET
Beginning at a point in the easterly sideline of Carleton Road, said point being southerly a distance of 120.01 feet along said sideline from a point marking the intersection of the easterly sideline of Carleton Road with the southerly sideline of Park Street, and from said beginning point running thence:
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2009 4th QTR Taxes open: \$2,718.63
Total as of NOVEMBER 2, 2009: \$2,718.63
Total Upset: ***Six Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and 72/100*** \$657,400.72 together with lawful interest and costs.
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4 T - 1/23/09, 1/7, 1/14
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Fee: \$189.72

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& 1/14/10
Fee: \$183.60

Tenor and Soprano to Sing Italian Songs and Arias

WESTFIELD – Tenor Salvatore Chiarelli will sing with soprano Elga Johannes on Wednesday, January 20, at 7 p.m. at the Westfield Memorial Library. Together they will perform operatic arias, favorite Neapolitan love songs and musical theater pieces.

Mr. Chiarelli, a native of New York City, was vocally trained in both Italy and New York City for the opera stage. A former teacher and accountant, he began performing two years ago and has already appeared in more than 100 concerts and shows. He has been heard on television, radio and the opera stages of both North America and Europe.



Salvatore Chiarelli

In 2006 Mr. Chiarelli recorded his first CD, entitled "Due Terre, Un Cuore," which includes 15 tracks of opera, Neapolitan songs and musical theater. By the end of this month he will have completed the recording of his second CD.

Mr. Chiarelli received his Master's degree in Music Education with honors at Hunter College and passed the New York State Teachers Exam. He has taught music in the New York City Public School system at the middle and high school levels.

Elga Johannes is a professional soprano based in New York City.

This program is open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street. To register, visit wmlnj.org and click on Online Calendar or call (908) 789-4090, extension no. 4140.



Ms. Suzanne Zitelli and Michael Ciacciarelli

Ms. Suzanne Zitelli To Wed Michael Ciacciarelli

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Zitelli of Edison have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Suzanne Zitelli, to Michael Ciacciarelli. He is the son of Joseph and Martha Ciacciarelli of Westfield.

The bride-to-be graduated from JP Stevens High School in Edison in 2000 and from the University of Hartford in Connecticut in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She then earned her master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Leslie University in Boston,

Mass. in 2006. Ms. Zitelli currently teaches first grade at Washington Elementary School in Edison.

The future bridegroom graduated from Westfield High School in 2000. He attended Tufts University in Medford, Mass., where he graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. Mr. Ciacciarelli currently is an executive benefits consultant for Unum Corporation in Manhattan.

The wedding is planned for July 2010 in New Jersey.

Westfield Library Featuring Artwork of Elena Nazzaro

WESTFIELD – Through the end of January, the artwork of Elena Nazzaro can be seen in the Internet Lounge of the Westfield Memorial Library. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

An illustrator and watercolorist, Ms. Nazzaro has had her work featured in *Artist's Sketchbook* magazine, *Kiwi* and *Building Letters*, a design magazine which raises money for charity projects. She most recently was able to combine her love of cooking with illustrated full-color spreads in a *Craft* magazine feature entitled "The Art of Cooking."

By day she is the art director at Publishing Resources, Inc. She is illustrating a series of piano books with her husband, Paul. The couple has three children.

Included in the exhibit are such fanciful watercolors as fairies with dandelions and fireflies, a child reading in a tree, and a man and woman each sitting under different trees and looking up at the same stars.

The exhibit can be viewed anytime the library is open: Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Monday, January 18, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

For more information, visit the library's website, wmlnj.org, sign up on the website to receive the monthly e-newsletter, "Library

Loop," or stop by the library for a copy of its quarterly newsletter, "Take Note."

Difficulties and Growth To Be Topic of Forum

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church will present an Adult Forum for two weeks on Sundays, January 17 and 24, exploring the concept of how change, loss and adversity can open people to growth.

Members of the community are invited to attend this forum, which will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the church lounge.

Jill Segulin will present insights and examples from the book "Broken Open: How Difficult Times Can Help Us Grow" by Elizabeth Lesser. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss some of the challenges, hopes and fears they have experienced while struggling through difficult times. Individuals need not have read the book to attend the class. Light refreshments will be available.

Area residents also are invited to join the congregation for worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. For more information about Willow Grove's events and programs, call the church office at (908) 232-5678, e-mail info@willowgrovechurch.org or visit willowgrovechurch.org.

Willow Grove is located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, near the corner of South Martine Avenue.

Secretary Wells Is On Hand For CONTACT Graduation

WESTFIELD – CONTACT We Care, the 24-hour crisis hotline named "Best Statewide Volunteer Organization" by the Governor's Office of Volunteerism, graduated 17 men and women from the non-profit organization's intensive 12-week volunteer training program in December.

Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells was on hand to congratulate the graduates and thank all the volunteers who staff the hotline.

Representatives from the agency's board of directors, volunteer pool and staff joined Executive Director David Owens and Training Director Susan Fasano, both of Westfield, as certificates of achievement were conferred upon each new graduate.

The graduating class included Sheila Becker, Kristina Everitt, David Shulman and Jessica Sussman of Westfield; Angelo Sica of Chester; Linda Carolan of Colonia; Judy Lostaunau of Elizabeth; Masha Gelfand of Fanwood; Allison Wise of Florham Park; Kathie Simon of Garwood; Joan Johnston of Morris Plains; Lisette Guzman of Mountainside; Jamie Goldman of New Brunswick; Shaquaya Jones of North Plainfield; Megan Accardi of Roselle Park; Susan D'Agostaro of Shrewsbury and Deborah McCardle of Watchung.

"We are thrilled to welcome these dedicated volunteers to the CONTACT We Care community," said Mr. Owens. "They join a caring group of nearly 100 other compassionate individuals who give their time and energy to staff our award-winning crisis hotline. By offering the gift of listening, they make a tremendous difference, soothing souls and saving lives."

Since 1975 CONTACT We Care has trained and supervised more than 1,000 volunteers who offer the gift of listening to callers who are lonely, depressed, stressed or suicidal. CONTACT handles more than 12,000 calls a year – from individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

For more information about volunteering with CONTACT We Care or to register for the next training class beginning on Wednesday, February 17, call (908) 301-1899 or visit the agency's website: contactwecare.org.

Book Group Posts Date For 'Olive Kitteridge'

WESTFIELD – "Olive Kitteridge," a best-selling novel by Elizabeth Strout, will be the topic of discussion at the next session of the Friends of the Library book group at the Westfield Memorial Library.

The meeting is set for Wednesday, January 20, at 2 p.m. in the conference room of the library, located at 550 East Broad Street in Westfield. The book group, hosted by the Friends, welcomes all interested persons to its discussions.

The group meets four times a year, with book selections made by attendees. The library purchases most of the books through its "BookBags" program, thus saving participants money.

Future meetings include a Wednesday, March 17 discussion of "The Commoner" by John Burnham and a Wednesday, May 19 session focused on "Ruth" by Elizabeth Gaskell.

Information is available by contacting Dot Teller, a member of the Friends' board, at DoTell@aol.com.



WELCOME BACK, TROOPS... Girl Scouts from Holy Trinity Interparochial School Troops 554 and 725 of Westfield help with games at the Westfield Armory on November 14 for the Welcome Back the Troops celebration. The day's festivities, which began with a parade, were designed to welcome home service members who had recently returned from overseas. Pictured, from left to right, are: Faith Hrinkevich, Brianna Tucciarone, Meghan Hrinkevich, Mary Kate Hrinkevich, Madeline Pfeifer and Julia MacDonald.

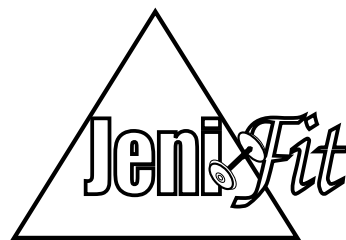
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F-SP Girl Scouts to Collect Household Goods For Needy

FANWOOD – To honor the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr., Fanwood-Scotch Plains Cadette Girl Scout Troop 40052 will run a donation drive of usable household items for families in financial need.

The collection drive will run between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Forest Road Park Building in Fanwood as part of the Martin Luther King Day of Service on Monday, January 18. Participants are asked to park in the parking lot off Woodland Avenue. Volunteers will be available to assist with unloading donations. For more information, visit fanwoodscotchplains.org.

The following items will be accepted: Children's toys (including electronic games) and books; kitchen and cooking items, such as

cutlery, dishes, pans, etc.; small appliances like toasters, clocks, hand blenders, coffee machines; gently used clothes, shoes, coats, bed linens, curtains; wall hangings, vases and decorative household items; seasonal decorations.

Items collected will be delivered to the Furniture Assist warehouse facility in Kenilworth (furnitureassist.com). The Mattress Factory of Fanwood has offered transportation to deliver the donations to the warehouse facility. Furniture Assist is a non-profit volunteer organization that provides furniture, appliances and other household items to families and individuals trying to set up a new living arrangement, such as, a financially challenged family or a battered spouse establishing a new home.

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HESS HITS 13 PTS; ROGERS SINKS 12; ‘SAB’ 4 BLOCKS

Blue Devil Cagers’ ‘D’ Stifles Cranford Cougar Boys, 45-24

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Rejection not only came in the way of senior Pat Sabatino’s four blocked shots but also from the efforts of the entire defense, as the Westfield High School boys basketball team stifled the Cranford Cougars, 45-24, in Cranford on January 7.

The 4-2 Blue Devils, who have

been playing strong defense all season, felt this win was imperative after suffering a 60-49 setback to 11-ranked Linden on January 5.

“We gave up a lot of points to Linden in the second half. We gave up only 19 in the first half but had some breakdowns, but this year, we have been playing really good team defense,” Blue Devil Head Coach Kevin

Everly said.

“We worked hard in practice. We have all this stuff down. We came out with the mental attitude that we needed a win because of that loss against Linden on Tuesday,” said Blue Devil point guard Jaraad Rogers, who netted 12 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and added four assists, four rebounds and two steals.

The 2-3 Cougars were barely able to get a good shot off because of the Blue Devils’ stubborn defense, and the fact that their primary shooter, Kendall Grier, got into foul trouble early in the first quarter did not help matters.

“He got two fouls in the first two minutes. We were never able to get into any flow,” Cougar Head Coach Ryan Huber said.

With Rogers’ outside shooting and junior forward Ryan Hess’s inside penetration, the Blue Devils won the quarter 9-0 then quietly rolled on to take a 17-4 lead at the half.

“Our motto is always defense. Defense first! We shut them down and then our offense came along afterwards,” Rogers said.

Sabatino, who finished with five

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WINNING THE TIP-OFF...Blue Devil center Pat Sabatino, No. 43, leaps higher than Cougar Will Green to win the tip-off. Westfield won 45-24 on January 7.

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WILLIAMS, SCRUDATO, KELLEY, CUSICK SET RECORD

Blue Devil Track Boys Snatch Union County Relay Crown

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Senior Jhakysse Williams was a member of three relay teams that placed first and another that grabbed a key third place finish to help the Westfield High School boys winter track team edge Union Catholic for the Union County (UC) Relay Championship at the Armory in Jersey City on January 9. The Blue Devils finished with a total of 51, while the Vikings took second at 46. Scotch Plains-Fanwood placed sixth, with a 15 total.

Williams, Andrew Gates, Ian MacKenzie and Jonathan Henry

crossed first in the 4x200 meters with a time of 1:34.82, while the Vikings took fourth in the event at 1:36.83. Williams, Zach Helfand, Kevin Ramos and Henry won the 4x400, with a time of 3:33.65. The Vikings finished third in the event, with a time of 3:34.06.

Williams teamed with Mike Kelley, Ryan Scrudato and Tyler Cusick in the distance medley relay to break the UC record of 11:00.06, set in 2008 by the Vikings, by finishing in 10:48.3. Raiders Brandon Wheeler, Quentin Blackwell, Matt Alfano and Alex Parker finished third with a time of 11:03.03.

Williams, Henry, MacKenzie and Kelley placed third in the sprint medley relay with a time of 3:46.33. Vikings Allen Eke, Mike Veiksans, Brandon Kelly and Matt O'Donnell won the event with a meet-record time of 3:42.77. But the Blue Devils needed to get a strong showing in the high jump to overcome the Vikings and did so when Bob McKeon cleared 5'10" in the high jump, and combined it with Henry's clearance of 5'8" to place third. Raiders Lamar Parkes and Moussa Channaoui both cleared 5'10" to take second with a

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IN A VERY TIGHT SITUATION...Blue Devil Diana Venezia, No. 15, finds herself wedged in between Raiders Renee Oliver, left, and Aysia Peterson, No. 24. The Raiders won 53-42 on January 5.

PETERSON PULLS 21 REBOUNDS, VENEZIA SCORES 26

Raiders’ 15-0, 2nd Q Run Jars Blue Devil Lady Cagers, 53-42

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Junior point guard Evie Klotz and junior forward Aysia Peterson have been getting the hang of leading a young Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team that got into the groove with a 22-9, second-quarter run en route to a 53-42 victory over the visiting Westfield Blue Devils on January 5.

Peterson, who finished with 14 points and an assist, absolutely owned the boards with 21 rebounds, including seven offensive.

“She was all over the place. A big part of that was having her understand that getting closer to the basket is where she has to be,” Raider Head Coach Jen Ryan said. “I didn’t have

to tell her to get in there for offensive rebounds. She did it! She was getting her own rebounds off her misses. She stayed in every single play.”

Klotz banged a momentum-changing 3-pointer at the beginning of the second quarter to set the pace, which she helped control for the remainder of the game by dishing out seven assists and adding five rebounds.

“You see things in kids, and you know what they are capable of doing, but there comes a time when they have to be confident in themselves,” coach Ryan said of Klotz. “Every single time you have to let people know that you came to play. Today, that’s what she did.”

Blue Devil senior Diana Venezia, however, led all scorers with 26 points, including four 3-pointers and hitting 6-for-10 from the charity line. Venezia also had 13 rebounds and an assist.

Senior guard Amanda Markowski, who had two points and five rebounds, dished out five assists and was the chief thief with four steals. Guard Danielle Miller banged a 3-pointer and a 2-pointer, had a steal and also dished out five assists. Junior Katie

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Blue Devil Track Boys Snatch Union County Relay Crown

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height of 11'8".

"All of the boys were tough! Jhakysse had a huge day. I wish we had [a] tape of the meet. It was that exciting," Blue Devil Head Coach Jack Martin said. "The distance boys were tough as well. Bobby McKeon was big in the high jump. Jon Henry had a big lead off in the sprint medley and 4x4 as well as a great anchor in the 4x2. It really was a total team effort!"

Blue Devils Sam Tooley, Scrudato, Jack Leahy and Cusick finished second in the 4x800 with a time of 8:27.34. Cranford Cougars Jeff Sun, George El-Khoury, Billy Haussner and Dan Cleary finished fourth at 8:40.68. Blue Devils Connor Shields, Helfand, Nick Polak and Dave Fishman finished sixth in the shuttle hurdles with a time of 34.57.

The Raiders girls tied for seventh in their meet with a total of 14. Rahway took top honors with a 40 total. Cranford placed 12th with 11 points and Westfield took 13th with nine points. Raiders Kim Wenson with a toss of 35'2", Osa Ebose at 34'5" and Danielle Schweitzer at 32'2" combined for a distance of 101'9" to win the shot put. The meet record was listed at 100'5" by Union in 2009.

Raiders Laura Bruce, Justine Valdes, Lauren Williams and Erin Pierce placed fourth in the 4x800 with a time of 11:00.19, and Cranford Cougars Astrid Adrians, Anegra

Larche, Leigh Anne Heinbokel and Sarah Murphy finished sixth with a time of 11:07.44. Cougars Natalie Englese, Gillian Burks, Kate Evans and Rebecca Shimonov finished fourth in the 4x200 with a time of 1:52.35, and Blue Devils Ashley Edwards, Lily Burtness, Daniella Ciampa and Eileen Clark placed sixth at 1:56.67.

Englese, Burke, Devon Cacchione and Megan Byrnes took third in the 4x400 at 4:24.51, while Edwards, Cook, Burtness and Jen Porch took fourth at 4:24.79. Blue Devils Tierny Cummings, Emily Harris, Shannon Mooney and Alyssa Hatch finished fifth in the distance medley relay at 14:08.98. Cougars Shimonov, Burke, Megan Schetlich and Bryanna Grant finished sixth in the shuttle hurdles with a time of 36.38. Blue Devils Alex Hawkins and Porch placed sixth in the high jump with a height of 9'2".

Raider Icemen Beat J.P. Stevens, 6-3

Sophomore forwards Steve Rachko and Alex Markovitz each netted two goals as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School ice hockey team defeated J.P. Stevens, 6-3, at Warinanco Rink in Roselle on January 6. Goalie Jason Breit made 50 stops for the Raiders.



For years, Bob Urciuoli had heard his father Joe talk about a box of stuff from his youth that he had kept in the attic. For years, the younger "Urch" would go on a "treasure hunt" and see if he could find that box, but he never found it.

About six months ago, 92-year-old Joe Urciuoli (Westfield High School (WHS) '37) and his wife sold their old house at 749 West Broad Street, after living there for 58 years, since 1951. When the new owners were remodeling the attic, some sheet rock walls were torn down and there, behind the wall, was Joe's box of stuff, including a diary he'd kept during his high school years.

"Apparently when my room was being made in the attic, in 1959, the carpenter accidentally walled off a section containing my father's box of stuff," said Bob ('67), the starting center in the 1966 WHS football team and now Dr. Bob, a local chiropractor. "The box was

entombed for almost 50 years!"

Joe's box of stuff provided his son with an interesting glimpse into life in Westfield during the latter part of the Depression.

Joe grew up at 512 Central Avenue, a block off South Avenue, and across the street from Mildred Angelo, his future wife. He and his buddies, including Mount Howarth, spent many days watching his cousins Dom ('33), a three-year starter at fullback and second base, and Tony ('36), a basketball player for WHS, sleigh riding at "Manor Hill" and hitching rides by grabbing car bumpers on snow-covered roads. The kids back then also apparently played a lot of cards and shot craps, and for some big money they would caddy at Shackamaxxon for a dollar for a loop. And there were the always-changing movies at the Rialto, sometimes as many as six different movies every week.

Oh, and they had organized baseball and softball leagues, complete with a schedule and playoff system. Among the players on Joe's teams were his younger brother Willy ('40, aka Babe), a three-year starter at WHS in basketball and baseball, and cousin Dom. Joe played outfield on the 1937 WHS baseball team that went 0-6 and then canceled the rest of its season, due to "lack of a playing field," according to the *Hi's Eye*. He was interested in a career in journalism, but "he lacked parental direction and confidence, so the dream unfortunately died," according to his son.

Columbus School, which was built in 1928 – across from the Inspection Station parking lot, on Grandview between Windsor and Myrtle avenues – and torn down in 1973, was the site of many of the games. The diary notes one team he was on was the "Champions of the Junior YMCA Softball League in 1937" and had this roster:

Harry Graves, second base
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J. Piscopo, right field
John DeStefanis, first base
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Never Know What's Hidden in the Attic

By BRUCE JOHNSON

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Devil of the Week Diana Venezia Girls basketball

February 2.

IS IT JUST ME ...

Or does anybody else think there was something rotten in Flemington/Raritan Township when the Board of Education recently voted 6-1 to not name the Hunterdon Central High School Field House in honor of the school's legendary wrestling coach and 35-year athletic director Russ Riegel?

Love him or loathe him, you had to respect the guy who single-handedly put the school on the athletic map of New Jersey – unless you were a board member.

And this from a school that named its football field after a basketball coach! Ironically, Riegel, who "retired" from Central in 1992, and is now living, and still coaching, in Kentucky, is being inducted into Central's Hall of Fame in March.

'WE'RE NO. 37!'

What's all this fuss about President Barack Obama trying to fix/improve our country's health care system? According to geographic.org, the World Health Organization (WHO) ranked the health care systems of 190 countries and the U.S.A. came in 37th.

Woo-hoo! Awwwwright! Way to go USA! We're No. 37! We're No. 37! We're ... Huh? Wait a minute. That means 36 teams, I mean countries, are better than us? Costa Rica? Chile? Morocco? Colombia? Ireland? Greece? Portugal? Malta?

Chile? Colombia? Malta? Chile? But haven't the TV and radio talking heads been telling everybody that we have the best, the finest, the greatest health care system in the history of the entire known and unknown universe? Why, they ask, should we consider changing it?

Apparently what they're telling the gullible is – surprise, surprise – not quite true, according to the WHO, whose top three countries are France, Italy and San Marino. (Sweden and Canada, two countries the talking heads like to bring up, are Nos. 23 and 30, respectively.)

Let's put this into a sports context. Imagine a 32-team bracket, like the old pre-television over saturation of the NCAA Basketball Tournament. If they allowed five at-large teams/countries, No. 37 America would go up against No. 28 Israel in a play-in game, the winner likely facing No. 5 Malta. With a couple of upsets and a shocker over No. 4 Andorra (wherever that is), the U.S. would take on top-seeded France – if it survived the Chili-Australia winner – in the semifinals. Victory fries vs. French fries. Ooh-lah-lah!

DEVIL OF THE WEEK

This week's winner of a free sub from Mike the new owner at Westfield Subs (261 South Avenue East) is Diana Venezia. The senior had 26 points, nine rebounds and five blocks against SP-F.

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HESS SINKS 14; SABATINO NETS 12, PULLS 8 BOARDS

No. 9 Tiger Boys Sprint Past Blue Devil B’ballers, 60-49

By FRED LECOMTE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Jarrett Calhoun sank eight of his game-leading 14 points in the third quarter to lead the No. 9 Linden High School boys basketball team to a 60-49 victory over Westfield in Westfield on January 5. Trying to rebound from a very low scoring second quarter, the 5-0 Tigers found the mark in the third quarter and pulled away from a 19-19, halftime tie with a 21-12 third quarter sprint.

Junior forward Ryan Hess led the 3-2 Blue Devils with 14 points and netted nine of his points in the fourth quarter. Senior forward Pat Sabatino, who had a fine game with eight rebounds, put in 12 points. Guards Max Fusaro sank eight points, including two 3-pointers, and Hugo Nolasco dropped in two from three-point range. Point guard Jaraad Rogers had five points, including one three-bagger, and forward Drew Margolis scored four points.

“Linden got hot in the third quarter, making four three-pointers within a span of three minutes. We fought back with some good perimeter shooting, with Hess attacking the basket that cut the lead to five with two minutes left; however, we could not

get all the way back,” Blue Devil Head Coach Kevin Everly said. “Linden is a great defensive team, and you’re going to turn the ball over at times. As a whole, I felt we really did well against their pressure and got some easy baskets.”

The Blue Devils established good ball and pressure defense to play even with the Tigers in the first quarter. Hess banged in a 3-pointer; Sabatino scored four, including two from the stripe, and Rogers sank a jumper as the quarter ended 11-11.

The Blue Devils showed flare and kept pace in the second quarter, led by Rogers and Nolasco striking from long range and Margolis hitting both of his free throws that tied the game at 19-19.

The story, however, was quite different for the Tigers after the break, as their passes were successfully getting to their men and their shots were hitting the mark. After Nolasco successfully hit his 3-pointer, the Blue Devils appeared to be dazed, as Linden unloaded with a 21-point trampling, including a 12-0 run to take a 40-31 lead. Westfield managed to

bucket 12 points, aided by Nolasco and Fusaro’s three-baggers, Sabatino’s four points and a two-point bucket by Margolis.

Entering the fourth quarter, Linden seized its biggest lead of the game, 42-31, but the Blue Devils responded with some strong rebounding, a few steals and brilliant inside passing. Fusaro took advantage of too much elbowroom as he nailed his second 3-pointer from center perimeter, to cut the deficit to eight, 57-49, with 2:45 remaining. Tiger Tourice Jones was fouled on a successful lay-up and made the free throw, to seal the Linden victory.

Linden	11	8	21	20	60
Westfield	11	8	12	18	49

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GOING FOR THE REBOUND...Blue Devil Pat Sabatino, center, goes for the rebound in the game against Linden on January 5. Sabatino finished with eight rebounds and 12 points.



INFLECTING A LOT OF PUNISHMENT...Blue Devil Chris Tomasso, top, works over Highlander Steven Shuanberg to get some back points in the 160-lb. bout on January 8. Tomasso won 8-5.

KIM PINS; BARBER, HENRY GET MAJORITY DECISIONS

Highlander Matmen Rumble Past WF Blue Devils, 44-27

By FRED LECOMTE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

“Intensity” could describe the attitude of the young Governor Livingston High School wrestlers as they hosted Westfield and presented them with a 44-27 defeat on January 8. The Highlanders harvested four pins, two decisions and two forfeits to up their record to 3-1.

“On the positive end, Brian Henry, Christian Barber, Chris Tomasso and Bill Kim came to wrestle today, but it is tough to win when only four kids show up,” said Westfield Head Coach Glen Kurz.

Blue Devil Mike Kalimtzis had a rock-and-rumble bout with Jonathan Mele at 103-lbs. Kalimtzis scored a first-period takedown and added a reversal in the second period to grab a 4-3 victory. Highlander Ryne Morrison received a forfeit at 112-lbs. Anthony DeFranco (119-lbs) pinned Anthony Aldana with a cradle in 1:50.

At 125-lbs., Blue Devil Reece Zakarin received a forfeit, then Highlander Mike Stepien pinned Troy Skibitsky in 1:11 at 130-lbs. Joe Hoy registered a 14-2, majority decision over Jey Yingling at 135-lbs to give Governor Livingston a 22-6 lead. But the Blue Devils were about to present the meat of their lineup. Brian Henry, wrestling down at 140-lbs, swarmed all over Victor Orozco, utilizing a host of single-leg takedowns to claim a 17-2, technical fall.

“I had to get down in weight, knew

I would be stronger there. Our conditioning is real good, so I took it to this kid. I used singles to get him down. On top, I got him in a headlock, bottomed down to the mat, got him into a cradle and got some back points. I tired him out trying to get the pin, but a tech is good,” Henry said.

Christian Barber worked over Highlander Pat Eichner at 145 with his takedowns and several tilts, to gain a 10-2, majority decision to narrow the Highlander’s team lead to 22-15.

“I wrestled Pat since I was a little kid and knew what to expect. I got my takedowns off pretty good tonight, got in deep on the high crotch, had his leg up in the air a couple of times and dominated him on my feet. Basically, I did what I planned to do,” Barber said.

GL freshman Shane Haddad at 152 worked over Erik Gozdieski to gain a 13-5, majority decision. A very exciting bout took place at 160. Blue Devil Chris Tomasso and Steven Shuanberg were locked in a 3-3 tie. Midway in the third period, Tomasso warded off a low single leg, slipped in a grapevine maneuver and stretched his opponent out to claim an 8-5, triumph.

“I knew I had to watch some of his trickier moves and the Peterson roll, because they are a roll team. Overall, I wanted to be tough on my feet, hit the under-hook hard and snap him to the mat. Our coach is big on that and we win in the third period,” Tomasso said.

At 171 lbs, Bill Kim showed Zach Heissler the lights in 2:57 to cut GL’s

lead to 26-24.

“First period, he took me down, but I did not give up and fought hard on bottom. When on top, which is a natural position for me, I just followed him, brought him back, trapped his arm and got the fall,” Kim said.

The Highlanders sealed the victory with falls at 189 and 215, and a forfeit win at heavy weight.

“Taking nothing away, Westfield kids are extremely fundamentally sound. They never quit out there and wrestle very hard. We had a little bit more than they did in some of the spots whereby we matched up okay. It was a competitive match, and it was very close. I did not know what they had at 215 and I was lucky a little bit. My little three pounder (Jonathan Mele) is a pleasure to watch. For 90-lbs., he went up against an accomplished kid. He never surrendered, got beat, 4-3, but was in that match all the way,” said Highlander Coach Rick Iacono.

103: - Kalimtzis (W) d Mele, 4-3
112: - Morrison (GL) won forfeit
119: - DeFranco (GL) p Aldana, 1:50
125: - Zakarin (W) won forfeit
130: - Sepien (GL) p Skibitsky, 1:11
135: - Hoy (GL) md Yingling, 14-2
140: - Henry (W) md Orozco, 17-2
145: - Barber (W) md Eichner, 10-2
152: - Haddad (GL) md Gozdieski, 13-5
160: - Tomasso (W) d Shuanberg, 8-5
171: - Kim (W) p Heissler, 2:57
189: - Frank Colder (GL) p Kieran Cline, 1:22
215: - William O’Sullivan (GL) p Tom Snyder, 1:00
Hwt: - Anthony Manganiello (GL) won forfeit

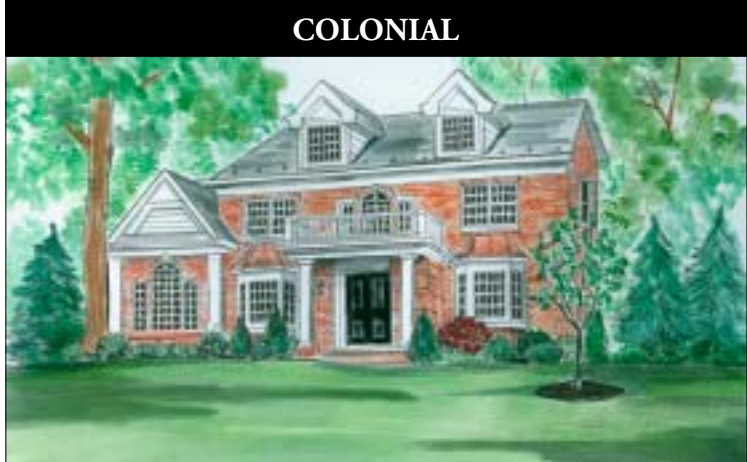
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VUONO, DEVIA, FOOTE, STEINFELD RECORD BIG WINS

SPF Raider Matmen Ransack Union Farmer Matmen, 44-13

By **DAVID B. CORBIN**
Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Luke Vuono and John Devia pulled off some key victories as a rapidly improving Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team snared the visiting Union Farmers, 44-13, on January 8. A fine across the board performance yielded 10 individual victories of the 14 bouts for the 2-4 Raiders.

The first two contested bouts ended quickly as Raider Sean Cannon turned

Mike Zuena to his back in 53 seconds, using a half nelson, at 130-lbs., then Raider Jawan Gaines pinned Julien Beve in 50 seconds at 135-lbs.

Raider Mike Steinfeld looked impressive when he mangled Ricky Rangel via 15-0, 5:39 technical fall at 140-lbs. He hit a double-leg takedown in the first period then added another takedown and a Jimmy John nearfall in the second period. After a nice shoulderroll reversal, Steinfeld added a cradle nearfall and another nearfall

to end the bout.

At 145-lbs., Raider Josh Foote used a slip-through takedown and a pair of duck-under takedowns to down Whmid Whitted, 6-2, then Vuono clamped John Sedillo in a two-point cradle nearfall and added an escape to win his 152-lb. bout, 3-2.

Facing a tough opponent in Kris Florendo at 160-lbs., Devia scored a double-leg takedown to send the bout into overtime, where he added another takedown to win, 4-2, to give the Raiders a 26-0 team lead.

The Farmers won by majority decision at 171-lbs. and by decision at 189-lbs., then Raider Andrew Jacobs scored a pair of counter takedowns and a reversal to defeat Joe Brignoni, 6-1, at 215-lbs. Talented Farmer heavy-weight Kyle Crowley demonstrated his quickness with three takedowns and an escape to defeat Anthony Tufaro, 7-2, then Farmer Bryan Villacres hung on to grasp a 1-0 victory over Lucas Cinafonte at 103-lbs. to make the team score 29-13.

Raider Danny Cardoza wasted no time at 112-lbs. when he recorded a 31-second fall, using a half nelson, to put Paul Sangelqur to sleep. Raider Devon Ausbon scored a takedown, an escape and a penalty point to grab a 4-2 victory over Jorge Bergman at 119-lbs. The final scheduled bout of the evening never took place as the Farmers spared a sacrificial lamb being offered to Raider star Tristan Bundy at 125-lbs.

BOUOT SEQUENCE:
130: — Cannon (S) p Zuena, :53
135: — Gaines (S) p Beve, :59
140: — Steinfeld (S) tf Rangel, 15-0, 5:39
145: — Foote (S) d Wymid, 6-2
152: — Vuono (S) d Sedillo, 3-2
160: — Devia (S) d Florendo, 4-2 OT
171: — Omar Shehaiber (U) md Sebastian Rosen
189: — Rashaan Richardson (U) d Mike McFarlane, 5-0
215: — Jacobs (S) d Brignoni, 6-1
Hwt: — Crowley (U) d Tufaro, 7-2
103: — Villacres (U) d Cinafonte, 1-0
112: — Cardoza (S) p Sangelqur, :31
119: — Ausbon (S) d Bergman, 4-2
125: — Bundy (S) won forfeit



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

EN ROUTE TO A BIG WIN...Raider John Devia, top, scored a pair of takedowns to beat Farmer Kris Florendo, 4-2, in his 160-lb bout on January 8.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

A MAD SCRAMBLE FOR THE BALL...Blue Devils Erika Jakub, No. 11, and Gab Cerami, No. 23 center, and Raider Taylor Sebolao, No. 23, scramble for possession of the ball on January 5.

Raiders' 15-0, 2nd Q Run Jars Blue Devil Lady Cagers, 53-42

Ponce had three points, two rebounds and a steal, while freshman Erika Jakub had five rebounds, a pair of assists and two points. Sara Nelson and Gab Cerami (three rebounds) had two points each.

Klotz finished with 10 points, including a pair of three-pointers, and junior guard Rebecca Kreyer, who had four assists and two rebounds, sank eight points. Freshmen forwards, Renee Oliver (three rebounds) and Taylor Sebolao, bucketed 11 and 10 points, respectively, with Sebolao hitting a pair from three-point range.

"We knew that they had some good shooters. Our biggest problem today was rebounding. They out-rebounded us," Blue Devil Head Coach Joe Marino said. "They definitely hit the boards on us. That's for sure!"

Venezia gave the 1-5 Blue Devils a big boost, scoring nine of her points in a 16-7, first-quarter run, but at the beginning of the second quarter, Klotz slowly dribbled down the center of the court, banged her first three-pointer and the momentum seemed to change.

"That's what perked us up," Peterson said. "When Evie comes down and pops that point, that just gets everybody else pumped, and when we take that run, everybody just gets excited. That put us in the lead

and kept us going."

"I get worried sometimes that people are too emotional. Some people operate better when their emotions go very high," coach Ryan said. "When Evie came out and hit that three [pointer], I was like, 'it's okay! If that is what you do when you get mad, then go ahead.'"

That emotional attitude coupled with confidence paid off a minute later as the Raiders began a 15-0 run to seize a 29-25 lead at the half. The Blue Devils attempted to thaw the chill of their shooting in the second quarter and oozed back to narrow the Raiders' lead to 36-34 entering the final quarter. Peterson, with assists from Klotz, scored the first four points of the quarter, and the Raiders' confidence level skyrocketed again with a 14-3 run until Ponce and Venezia finally ended the Blue Devils' frigid shooting spell. But it was too little too late.

"[Confidence] That's the first thing we talk about every time we have a game," Peterson said. "Go in with it, keep it up, stay with it and leave with it! Today, we did exactly that."

"We got cold. They controlled the boards, and that was the game," added coach Marino.

Westfield	16	9	9	8	42
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	7	22	7	17	53

Blue Devil Boys Top Cougar Cagers

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rebounds, got into the inside/outside scoring act with Hess and Rogers in the second half when he scored all 10 of his points.

"We like to work an outside and inside game. We like to see him because he is really strong both ways," Rogers said of Sabatino.

Cougar center Will Green was as cold as ice and missed all six of his shots from the field and all four of his free throws. Green finished with eight rebounds, a steal and a blocked shot. Grier, who had two rebounds and an assist, returned in the second half and managed only a three-pointer. Greg Goode (two rebounds, two steals) hit a three-pointer and finished with seven points. Chris Gross had four points and a rebound. Point guard Sean Trotter (two rebound, assist) hit a three-pointer and finished with five points. Nick Pace had three points and Joey Papandrea had two points and a pair of rebounds.

"They packed the ball in on us, and unfortunately we weren't able to make any shots from the perimeter. They take away the inside, and you only have the outside," coach Huber said. "We were 3-for-15 from the foul line and 3-for-19 from 3-point range. That doesn't really bode too well, so we got to bounce back tomorrow for a game [Union Catholic]."

Both teams have beaten a common opponent, Rahway, so such a lopsided score may have been unexpected.

"A lot of people look at common opponents, but there are a lot of dynamics that change the aspect of games. There are a lot of things in basketball with mismatches, strengths and weaknesses. Sometimes you get with somebody, who has the strength that you can really exploit," coach Everly said. "I felt that Green and Grier were two guys, who needed to be slowed down, and we did a phenomenal job team defense wise of shutting down Green. Last year, he scored 20 on us. That really challenged Pat to go out show that he is the better player. Last year Green showed that he was, but Pat showed today that he was. Sometimes Cranford gets their perimeter shooting going, but they never did today, which also allowed us to sag down and take away Green."

Westfield	9	8	13	15	45
Cranford	0	4	9	11	24

Devil Matmen Rock Glen Ridge, 61-9

The Westfield High School wrestling team defeated Glen Ridge, 61-9, in Madison on January 9.

BOUOT SEQUENCE:
189: — No match
215: — Dean Cleary (G) d Tom Snyder, 8-4
Hwt: — Sergio Rodrigues (G) won forfeit
103: — Mike Kalimtzis (W) p Nick Spitaletta, :54
112: — Pat Currie (W) p Phil Chierico, :34
119: — Anthony Aldana (W) p Matt Markowitz, 2:54
125: — Reece Zakarin (W) won forfeit
130: — Troy Skibitsky (W) md Mike Spitaletta, 12-3
135: — Kevin Castillo (W) won forfeit
140: — Brian Henry (W) d John Grimaldi, 3-0
145: — Westfield won forfeit
152: — Christian Barber (W) p Evan Gerbino, 2:40
160: — Erik Gozdiesski (W) p Peter Orbach, :26
171: — Bill Kim (W) won forfeit

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**Terrill/Park Matmen
Top Elizabeth, 41-15**

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Terrill/Park Intermediate School wrestling team defeated Elizabeth, 41-15, on January 7 to bring its season record to 3-0. All seven Raiders victories were pins (one technical) with Elizabeth taking three matches, two by pins. Tommy Cunningham, JT Bierne, Jeff Lieblich, Dominic Natale, Matt Ridge and Sam McQuaid won by pins, while Brian Lapham recorded a 17-2, technical fall in 4:10.

Against Kumpf Middle School of Clark on January 5, Will Hochman, Lieblich and Natale won by fall. Bierne and Lapham both won 2-0. Tyler Kovacs won 7-4 and Alex Mirabella won 3-2.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Township of Scotch Plains will require the services of a Public Defender during 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains adopted a resolution on January 10, 2006 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq. known as the "New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act"; which established a fair and open process for the award of certain contracts with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 per year, where those contracts are not subject to public bidding or competitive contracting under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, Requests for Qualifications and proposals for the said contract were advertised at least ten (10) days before the proposals were to be submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager and the Township Clerk have received and opened the proposals in public and the Township Council evaluated any proposal on the basis of being the most advantageous to the Township of Scotch Plains, price and other factors being considered; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation considered, as to each proposal:

- 1) Experience and reputation in the field;
- 2) Knowledge of the Township of Scotch Plains and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- 3) Availability to accommodate any required court dates;
- 4) Compensation proposal; and

WHEREAS, funds have been certified for this position by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, as follows:

That Casey Woodruff, Esq. be appointed as Public Defender for the year 2010.

A copy of this Resolution shall be published in The Times as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Dated: January 5, 2010

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 1/14/10, The Times Fee: \$44.88

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACTS
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY
THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD**

CONTRACTOR: Hatch Mott McDonald; 27 Bleeker Street, Millburn, New Jersey 07041

NATURE OF SERVICES: Engaged to provide a licensed C-4 Sewer Operator as required by NJSA 58:11-64 for public sewer collection systems.

DURATION: January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

AMOUNT: Amount of \$9,900.

CONTRACTOR: Frederick T. Danser III, Esq. 25 Independence Boulevard, Liberty Corner, New Jersey 07938

NATURE OF SERVICES: Retained to provide the professional legal services of a consultant and negotiator in connection with collective bargaining between the Town and its employee representation organizations.

DURATION: January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

AMOUNT: Amount of \$28,000.

CONTRACTOR: Apruzzese McDermott Mastro & Murphy, 25 Independence Boulevard, Liberty Corner, New Jersey 07938

NATURE OF SERVICES: Retained to provide the professional legal services in furtherance and in conjunction with the duties of Labor Counsel.

DURATION: January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$70,000.

CONTRACTOR: Suplee, Clooney & Company, 308 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

NATURE OF SERVICES: Engaged to perform the statutory annual audit of the accounts, annual audit of Federal and State Programs, the Review Report on the Town of Westfield Deferred Compensation Plan, and preparation of the Market Disclosure Report.

DURATION: January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

AMOUNT: \$65,075.

CONTRACTOR: Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal LLP, 101 JFK Parkway, Short Hills, New Jersey 07078

NATURE OF SERVICES: Retained to provide the professional legal services in furtherance of and in conjunction with the duties of the Town Attorney.

DURATION: January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$150,000.

THE RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Claire J. Gray
Town Clerk

1 T - 1/14/10, The Leader Fee: \$56.61

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD

The following resolution is an exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Westfield Town Council at its Special Meeting of January 5, 2010.

Claire J. Gray
Town Clerk

Be it resolved that the Town Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. is hereby rescheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey.
1 T - 1/14/10, The Times Fee: \$13.77

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**GARWOOD PLANNING BOARD
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2010 MEETING DATES**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the following meeting dates have been established for the Garwood Planning Board. Meetings beginning at 7:30 p.m., workshop is at 7:15 p.m. The meetings will be held at the Municipal Building located at 403 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey.

MEETING DATE

January 13, 27
February 24
March 10, 24
April 28
May 12, 26
June 23
July 28
August 25
September 8, 22
October 27
November 10
December 8
And January 12, 2011
Adele Lewis, Board Secretary
1 T - 1/14/10, The Leader Fee: \$23.46

**SPF Middle-Schoolers
Top Berkeley Heights**

The Scotch Plains Fanwood Middle School wrestling team defeated Berkeley Heights, 33-6, on January 11 to bring its record to 4-0.

(82) Hochman (S) d. Sanchez, 7-1
(87) Cunningham (S) d. Rosenberg, 5-4
(92) Colder (B) d. Bierne, 11-2
(107) Lapham (S) p. Blagh, 2:29
(115) Kovacs (S) p. Splendourio, 3:42
(120) Natale (S) p. Lipnik, 1:27
(127) Ridge (S) d. Bottone, 6-2
(147) Ferris (B) d. Mirabella, 5-0
(191) McQuoid (S) p. Amatuchi, 2:07



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WEBB SINKS 16, MILLER NETS 10, GROSS 8 REBOUNDS

Cranford Lady Cougars Stall Viking Basketball Girls, 38-21

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Stubborn defense has been the trademark of Union Catholic High School girls basketball Head Coach Kathy Matthews, who has harvested more than 600 career victories using that method, and she has taught her former players very well.

Cranford Cougar Head Coach Jackie Huber, who played for coach Matthews when she notched her 500th win, learned well as her team gave the Vikings a dose of their own medicine with a strong defensive effort, which led to a 38-21 victory

in Cranford on January 7.

"I credit the way we play defense to her. When I played at Union Catholic, we were a huge defensive team, and I brought that over when I came to Cranford," said coach Huber, who graduated in 2001. "We work on defense constantly. We talk about always doing the little things, and that's what has been helping us these days to have good leads on teams and win the games."

Senior tri-captain Jamie Webb kept the 5-1 Cougars focused both offensively and defensively. She pumped in a team-high 16 points, including a 3-

pointer, dished out four assists, had three rebounds and two steals, and added two blocked shots. But when the Vikings made their only threat with a 10-0 run at the end of the second quarter and at the beginning of the third quarter to narrow the Cougars' lead to 18-17, Webb got her team back on track to roll with an 8-0 run.

"Jamie! I always say to her, 'you are me on the floor.' So when you see things getting out of hand and you see people in the wrong spots, you need to help them out and tell them where they need to be," coach Huber said.

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
BATTLING FOR THE BALL...Cougar senior Jamie Webb, No. 15, battles a Viking for possession of the ball. Webb pumped in a team-high 16 points, including a 3-pointer, dished out four assists, had three rebounds and two steals, and added two blocked shots.



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ON HIS WAY TO VICTORY...Cougar Brian Buontempo, right, recorded a takedown, a sit-out-turn-in reversal and a three-point cradle to grab a 7-1 victory over Nick McElroy at 125-lbs.

BRADY, GIACCIO, BUONTEMPO, PELLINO GRAB WINS

No. 8 Brearley Bears Silence Cranford Wrestlers, 52-18

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Bears were not hibernating, despite a very cold winter, when the Cranford High School wrestling team traveled to Kenilworth to face eighth-ranked David Brearley on January 6. The Bears won 10 of the 14 bouts and grabbed a 52-18 victory, but the score was not indicative of the talent on the 5-1 Cougars' team.

The majority of the bouts were hotly contested, especially two that were won by the Bears. The first came in the 125-lb class where Cougar Matt DiGiovanni faced four-year veteran Allen Phillips, who initiated the scoring with an ankle pick takedown. DiGiovanni added a pair of escapes to send the bout into overtime, but Phillips caught him off-guard and took him straight to his back for a 6:09 fall.

"There were some tough matches. We would have liked to get the two matches we lost that were close," Cougar Head Coach Darren Torsone said. "We feel that we could have won those two matches. The score should not have been a blowout like it was."

The second came at 152-lbs. Bear John Balboni took a 3-0 lead after getting an escape and a takedown with three seconds left in the second period, but Cougar JP Christiano cut the lead to 3-2 and attempted a takedown that backfired. Balboni held

on to win, 5-3.

"We are trying to push him in the direction of being more offensive. Hopefully in the upcoming matches, he will be more aggressive. We hope that a match like this will open his eyes and make him be a little more aggressive," coach Torsone said.

"At 152, it doesn't get any better than that. They are quality kids. We were fortunate in some. We hit some big moves when it mattered," said Bear Head Coach Brian Luciani. "The quick pin by Allen [Phillips], the official yelled two and the kid thought the match was over."

"It happens sometimes. I am sure, later on in the season we will see them again, and those kids will get them back, but for now, that's what happened," said Cougar team captain Joe Brady, who had an exciting bout of his own at heavyweight.

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For Brady, the number five was a charm and so was the number three. Brady amassed five takedowns on Rob Schielke, four that were double-leg tackles. Three put Schielke on his back and the final one ended the bout in 5:56 to make the score 10-6.

"The first 30 seconds was to feel him out. See what he had! I didn't know anything about him. I went out there and said, 'all right! Take him down the first time and everything will be OK.' I just put on a takedown show on him," Brady explained. "I tried to tech him at first, but I said, 'Team points! I'm the captain, so I kept going for the pin. He was wrestling tough, and then the third time, I just got him with it and stuck him. I was thinking that we work way to hard to let this one go by. We were still in it for a while. It was a good match, exciting, very intense."

"That seemed like his best chance of getting him on his back was to take

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Casino Night Benefiting Cranford Project Graduation Set for Jan. 22

CRANFORD – Cranford Project Graduation will host a Casino Night at the Gran Centurions in Clark on Friday, January 22, at 7 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Cranford PTA, will raise funds to sponsor a safe, drug and alcohol free graduation night celebration for Cranford High School seniors. The event offers a night of hors d'oeuvres and games of chance including Black-Jack, Craps, Roulette, Poker and slots. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door.

"As one of the first major community social events after the holiday season, Casino Night offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends you haven't seen over

the winter, while enjoying a fun filled night in support of a program that effectively reduces some of the more significant risks associated with unchaperoned high school graduation parties," said Kathleen Hartnett, Chairperson for Project Graduation.

The Vegas-style event is a new addition to Project Graduation's existing fundraising efforts and hopes are high that community support will lead to a strong turnout. "Casino Night will be the largest fundraising event tied to Project Graduation," Hartnett said, "and we are counting on the money raised here to fund the majority of the graduation night activities slated for June of next year."

Casino Night is open to anyone over the age of 21. There are several

options to support Project Graduation include purchasing or selling tickets on behalf of the Cranford PTA, sponsoring the event and making a donation.

To purchase tickets, please contact: Grace Williams at (908) 276-2767 or gbwilliams4@verizon.net – Mary Ann Ramey at (908) 272-4039 or mampr1@comcast.net – or visit Periwinkle's located at 17 North Union Avenue, Cranford *****

For more information on Casino Night, Project Graduation, sponsorships, etc. please contact: Kathleen Hartnett, Project Graduation Chairperson, at k.hartnett@comcast.net or call (908) 276-9530 or (201) 738-5653

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CONTRIBUTING WELL ON DEFENSE...Cougar senior Taylor D'Antico had four rebounds, two points, a steal, an assist and two blocks against the Union Catholic Vikings. The Cougars won 38-21.

Lady Cougars Stall Lady Viking Cagers, 38-21

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"On offense, they (Vikings) want us to fall asleep, and they keep passing [the ball] around," Webb explained. "Our coach said, 'you have to play the ball. Play harder! Get the timing of the ball, and we needed to talk more on defense.' We did that!"

The offensive turnaround in the third quarter that continued into the fourth quarter was a result of Webb's and center/tri-captain Danielle Gross's working of a smooth give-and-go connection. Gross, who led the team with eight rebounds, bucketed four points and had three assists, while adding a blocked shot.

"We have been playing all our life, since like third grade together," Webb said. "We really know what type of basketball we want to play as a team. We work well together because we both like give-and-goes, and I pass out to her. She has a good jump shot and I am better going to the basket."

"That Danielle Gross and Jamie Webb give-and-go is something that they started doing on their own. Now, we even made a play out of it," coach Huber said. "It is working!"

Sophomore Morgan Miller got the Cougars' offense rolling by banging a pair of 3-pointers and a two-bagger in the first quarter, which led to an 11-

3 lead. Miller finished with 10 points, two assists and two rebounds.

"She is awesome! Every practice, she is making like 10 out of 11. She was off the first couple of games, and now she is starting to get back on," Webb said. "We have a lot of talent, and a few years from now they are going to be amazing."

"She has been struggling from the outside. We have been working on seeing the floor more and going to the basket," coach Huber said. "She started the game going to the basket, then she pulled out and her shots started falling. I was happy to see that. It's finally clicking. I was a shooter in high school, so I know what it is like when you have those games where your shot is not on. You can't get discouraged and keep doing it."

Freshman guard Jess McCoy pulled down seven rebounds and had three points, two assists, a steal and a blocked shot. Freshman Jenna Goeller (2 rebounds, assist) hit three points in the final quarter, and senior tri-captain Taylor D'Antico had four rebounds, two points, a steal, an assist and two blocks.

Union Catholic	3	10	4	4	21
Cranford	11	7	7	12	38

Lady Cougars Hold Off Blue Devil Cagers, 46-40

The Cranford High School girls basketball team improved to 6-2 with a 46-40 victory over host Westfield on January 12. The Cougars hit five 3-pointers in the third quarter to pull away from the Blue Devils but had to hold off a last-minute surge.

SEE COMPLETE STORY IN NEXT WEEK'S EDITION.

COUGAR PRIDE

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To make this weekly page a success, help is needed from the coaches, a stat person and/or a designated parent, who follows any of the teams and wishes to contribute a to the point, factual account of the event. Any good photos of the event may also be welcomed.

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GO COUGARS!

GOODE SINKS SEVEN POINTS, GREEN PULLS 8 BOARDS

Blue Devil Cagers' 'D' Stifles Cranford Cougar Boys, 45-24

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Rejection not only came in the way of senior Pat Sabatino's four blocked shots but also from the efforts of the entire defense, as the Westfield High School boys basketball team stifled the Cranford Cougars, 45-24, in Cranford on January 7.

The 4-2 Blue Devils, who have been playing strong defense all season, felt this win was imperative after suffering a 60-49 setback to 11th-ranked Linden on January 5.

"We gave up a lot of points to

against Linden on Tuesday," said Blue Devil point guard Jaraad Rogers, who netted 12 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and added four assists, four rebounds and two steals.

The 2-3 Cougars were barely able to get a good shot off because of the Blue Devils' stubborn defense, and the fact that their primary shooter, Kendall Grier, got into foul trouble early in the first quarter did not help matters.

"He got two fouls in the first two minutes. We were never able to get into any flow," Cougar Head Coach Ryan Huber said.

rebounds, got into the inside/outside scoring act with Hess and Rogers in the second half when he scored all 10 of his points.

"We like to work an outside and inside game. We like to see him because he is really strong both ways," Rogers said of Sabatino.

Cougar center Will Green was as cold as ice and missed all six of his shots from the field and all four of his free throws. Green finished with eight rebounds, a steal and a blocked shot. Grier, who had two rebounds and an assist, returned in the second half and



GETTING INTO FOUL TROUBLE EARLY...Cougar Kendall Grier, with ball, got into foul trouble early in the first quarter and had to sit out until the third quarter. Grier, who had two rebounds and an assist, returned in the second half and managed only a 3-pointer.

Linden in the second half. We gave up only 19 in the first half but had some breakdowns, but this year we have been playing really good team defense," Blue Devil Head Coach Kevin Everly said.

"We worked hard in practice. We have all this stuff down. We came out with the mental attitude that we needed a win because of that loss

With Rogers' outside shooting and junior forward Ryan Hess's inside penetration, the Blue Devils won the first quarter, 9-0, then quietly rolled on to take a 17-4 lead at the half.

"Our motto is always defense. Defense first! We shut them down and then our offense came along afterwards," Rogers said.

Sabatino, who finished with five

managed only a 3-pointer. Greg Goode (2 rebounds, 2 steals) hit a 3-pointer and finished with seven points. Chris Gross had four points and a rebound. Point guard Sean Trotter (2 rebounds, assist) hit a 3-pointer and finished with five points. Nick Pace had three points and Joey Papandrea had two points and a pair of rebounds.

"They packed the ball in on us, and unfortunately we weren't able to make any shots from the perimeter. They take away the inside, and you only have the outside," coach Huber said.

"We were 3-for-15 from the foul line and 3-for-19 from 3-point range. That doesn't really bode too well, so we got to bounce back tomorrow for a game [Union Catholic]."

Both teams have beaten a common opponent, Rahway, so such a lopsided score may have been unexpected.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK...Sophomore Chris Gross scored a career high of 21 points, including 15 points in the first quarter to help the Cranford basketball team jump to a 24-7 lead on its way to a, 59-56, win over Union Catholic.

Cougar Snacks:

Cougar Cagers Rally, Beat Viking Boys, 59-56

The Cranford High School boys basketball team recovered from its loss to Westfield on January 7 and came from behind to defeat 3-2 Union Catholic, 59-56, in Cranford on January 8. The game featured lopsided momentum swings by both teams.

The Cougars were clanging on all cylinders in the first quarter with a 24-7 run, but the Vikings won the second quarter, 18-7, to narrow the lead to 31-25 at the half. The Vikings continued their rampage in the third quarter to seize a 49-42 lead entering the fourth quarter, but the Cougars settled down to win the final quarter 17-7.

Sophomore Chris Gross banged in a career-high 21 points, which included 10-for-15 from the field. He had seven rebounds, an assist and a

steal. Will Green hit seven of 17 shots from the field and three of seven from the line to finish with 17 points. He also led the team with 14 rebounds, including five offensive. Kendall Grier bucketed a pair of 3-pointers and added three steals and three assists.

Point guard Sean Trotter was 4-for-7 from the field, including a 3-pointer, to finish with 10 points. He had five offensive rebounds, five acts of theft and two assists. Greg Goode had three points, three assists and a steal. Nick Pace had four assists, two points and a rebound. Joey Papandrea banged a 3-pointer, and had an assist and a steal. Bryan Fitzsimmons had a pair of rebounds and a blocked shot.

Union Catholic	7	18	24	7	56
Cranford	24	7	11	17	59

Westfield	9	8	13	15	45
Cranford	0	4	9	11	24

Cranford Cougars Top Linden Swimmers

The Cranford High School swim team defeated Linden, 124.5-45.5, on January 7.

200 medley relay: C (Gabriel Nino, Evan Brawley, Megan Byrne, Brian Lue) 2:15.77

200 free: Kelly Miller (C) 2:28.88

200 IM: Kim Lopes (L) 2:52.05

50 free: Christian Woo (C) 27.14

100 fly: Nicholas Kalafatis (C) 1:02.93

100 free: Jennifer Heine (C) 1:02.53

500 free: Robert Lento (C) 6:53.58

200 free relay: C (Miller, Heine, Ivanna Gomez, Kathleen French) 1:55.64

100 back: Nino (C) 1:17.88

100 breast: Connor Harkins (C) 1:17.6

400 free relay: C (Woo, Katie Pijanowski, Zach Fried, Gomez) 4:19.4



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SETTING UP ANOTHER TAKEDOWN...Brearley Bear Khusan Taramov, left, positions his arm to set up a takedown maneuver sometimes known as a back-seat drop. Taramov recorded an 18-6, majority decision at 215-lbs.

No. 8 Brearley Bears Silence Cougars, 52-18

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him down to his back instead of going for the Turk [pinning set up]," coach Torsone said. "It seemed like he could have ridden him, but he wasn't going to score points that way."

Cougar Joe Giaccio and Anthony Rice let the crowd know that the intensity level was quite high from the opening whistle of their 119-lb bout.

"It was a good, hard hand fight, then we both got aggressive. I mean it's a wrestling match, but it's a beast-like mentality," Giaccio said.

Giaccio initiated a takedown then used his snaky leg maturity to complete the move and maintain control. He then added an escape and another spin-around takedown to seize a 5-1 decision.

"I set up the high crotch and circled out for the single. Once I got the takedown, I knew I was going to win," Giaccio said. "My main thing is to ride him out. Don't let him get one [point]. Be tough on top, and that will take a lot out of the bottom guy. Stay

funky! Stay loose!"

As to his second takedown, Giaccio explained, "He tried to get a quick shot. I covered with a front headlock. I got two [points]."

"Giaccio and Rice had a great match," coach Luciani said. "Very exciting! Lot of close calls and things of that nature!"

Cougar Brian Buontempo recorded a takedown, a sit-out-turn-in reversal and a three-point cradle to grab a 7-1 victory over Nick McElroy at 125-lbs, then Carmine Pellino pinned Matt Samansky with a half nelson in 1:39 at 130-lbs to narrow the Bears' team lead to 22-18.

One very interesting bout came at 215-lbs where one of the three brothers "From Russia with Love", Khasan Taramov used a number of European style takedowns, including one known in Pennsylvania as a back-seat drop, to claim an 18-6, majority decision over Cougar Julian Campo.

"The European style is so much dif-

ferent," coach Luciani said. "When he and his brother Umar got here, we looked in awe of some of the things that they could do. The bottom line is they brought a totally different system. They have stepped up and done some really nice things, so we are very fortunate."

In recent years, most teams in Union County have also stepped up their wrestling programs in a quest to attain the bar that has been risen by such teams as Brearley and Roselle Park.

"There are a lot of strong kids this year," coach Luciani said. "Roselle Park is really packed and raring to go. We will have a good match with them next Wednesday [January 13]. Cranford is on the rise. They have some real good studs. GL is up and coming. They have a very, very good team, very young. They had a very nice match with Roselle Park. They will be highly competitive in the county. Westfield is down a little bit, but they still have some real good individuals. New Providence has had some nice wins, so it's good to see that a lot of teams are coming back. I think, representatively, our county champs can do just as well as Morris County, Ocean County and all those others. It's a great county for wrestling."

BOU SEQUENCE:
 189: — Wayne Hanns (B) p Errol Petgrave, 1:45
 215: — Taramov (B) md Campo, 18-6
 Hwt: — Brady (C) p Schielke, 5:56
 103: — Dylan Oliva (B) p Diego Castro, 1:39
 112: — Anthony Madonia (B) p Ian Henry, 1:32
 119: — Giaccio (C) d Rice, 5-1
 125: — Buontempo (C) d McElroy, 7-1
 130: — Pellino (C) p Samansky, 1:39
 135: — Phillips (B) p DiGiovanni, 6:09 OT
 140: — Dan Ries (B) p Eric Knight, 2:40
 145: — Devin Geoghegan (B) p Connor Londregan, 3:12
 152: — Balboni (B) d Christiano, 5-3
 160: — Dillon Geoghegan (B) md Chris Keim, 10-1
 171: — Anthony Tancs (B) p Rob Kessler, 1:36

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Roselle Park Panthers Hand Cougar Matmen, 47-24, Loss

Two days after a grueling match with No. 8 David Brearley, the 5-2 Cranford High School wrestling team was handed a 47-24 setback by the hosting 4-0 Roselle Park Panthers on January 8.

The match featured several key bouts with Union County seeding implications. Although he was favored to win his bout, Cougar Joe Giaccio stuck Panther Giovanni Rameriz with a 54-second fall at 119-lbs, but Panther Dan Pisauo got the jump on Brian Buontempo to record a 10-4 decision at 125-lbs. Cougar Matt DiGiovanni recovered well from his overtime loss against Brearley to grab an 8-4 decision over Panther Nick Longo at 135-lbs.

Two very talented athletes faced off at 152-lbs but Panther Russ Benner, and NJSIAA qualifier last year, defeated JP Christiano, 8-3. Another huge showdown took place

in the 215-lb class and Cougar Julian Campo seized a 4-2 decision over Frank Yuro, last year's Union County champion at 189-lbs.

Cougar heavyweight Joe Brady, ranked seventh in the state, rolled along with a 39-second fall over John Canelao. Panther John Devito pinned Diego Castro in 52 seconds at 103-lbs and Cougar Ian Henry recorded a 4:09 pin over Brendan Leary at 112-lbs. Panther Jon Acosta pinned Carmine Pellino in 2:49 at 130-lbs and Panther Matt Krynicki pinned Eric Knight in 2:24 at 140-lbs.

Panther Rich Westlock pinned Connor Londregan in 5:40 at 145-lbs and Panther Dennis Carroll, an NJSIAA qualifier last year, pinned Chris Keim in 2:37 at 160-lbs. Vic Pozsonyi recorded a 1:36 fall over Cougar Rob Kessler at 171-lbs and Panther Connor Gabriel pinned Errol Petgrave in 2:08 at 189-lbs.



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Cougars Top Raiders
Fall to Chief Matmen

The Cranford High School wrestling team defeated Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 61-9, then fell to the Piscataway Chiefs, 40-31, in Piscataway on January 9.

Cranford 61, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 9
BOUT SEQUENCE:
119: — Joe Giaccio (C) won forfeit
120: — Tristan Bundy (S) d Brian Buontempo, 6-2
130: — Carmine Pelinno (C) p Sean Cannon, :32
135: — Matt DiGiovanni (C) md Jawan Gaines, 9-0
140: — Eric Knight (C) p Mike Steinfeld, 3:26
145: — Josh Foote (S) p Connor Londregan, 6-0
152: — JP Christiano (C) p Luke Vuono, 1:39
160: — Chris Keim (C) d John Devia, 4-2
171: — Rob Kessler (C) p E. Khalieh, :36
189: — Errol Petgrave (C) p Brian Laspe, 2:29
215: — Julian Campo (C) p Andrew Jacobs, 4-2
Hwt: — Joe Brady (C) p Anthony Tufaro, 5:16
103: — Lucas Cinafonte (S) d Diego Castro, 4-2
112: — Ian Henry (C) p Mike McDuffie, 2:12

Piscataway 40, Cranford 31
BOUT SEQUENCE:
125: — Mike Mora (P) p Brian Buontempo, 3:24
130: — Carmine Pellino (C) p Dom Carnavale, 1:23
135: — Matt DiGiovanni (C) p Naem Nazir, 3:43
140: — Eric Knight (C) d Aaron Freeman, 7-1
145: — David Powell (P) d Connor Londregan, 7-2
152: — JP Christiano (C) p Josh Cruz, 3:13
160: — Tevin Shaw (P) p Rob Kessler, 3:13
171: — Brandon Stout (P) p Chris Keim, 3:25
189: — Kevin Smith (P) p Errol Petgrave, 2:58
215: — Matt Recine (P) d Julian Campo, 7-0
Hwt: — Joe Brady (C) md Beniah Harri-dan, 11-3
103: — Marcus Windham (P) md Diego Castro, 11-3
112: — Brandon Mora (P) p Ian Henry, 4:11
119: — Joe Giaccio (C) p Casey Poulsen, 1:13

Blue Devil Matmen Rip
Glen Ridge Boys, 61-9

The Westfield High School wrestling team defeated Glen Ridge, 61-9, in Madison on January 9.

BOUT SEQUENCE:
189: — No match
215: — Dean Cleary (G) d Tom Snyder, 8-4
Hwt: — Sergio Rodrigues (G) won forfeit
103: — Mike Kalimtzi (W) p Nick Spitaletta, :54
112: — Pat Currie (W) p Phil Chierico, :34
119: — Anthony Aldana (W) p Matt Markowitz, 2:54
125: — Reece Zakarin (W) won forfeit
130: — Troy Skibitsky (W) md Mike Spitaletta, 12-3
145: — Kevin Castillo (W) won forfeit
140: — Brian Henry (W) d John Grimaldi, 3-0
145: — Westfield won forfeit
152: — Christian Barber (W) p Evan Gerbino, 2:40
160: — Erik Gozdeski (W) p Peter Orbach, :26
171: — Bill Kim (W) won forfeit

Brearley Bear Matmen Nip
Newton Wrestlers, 32-24

BOUT SEQUENCE:
119: — Anthony Rice (B) d Kevin Antero, 2-0
125: — Steve Churchill (N) d Andrew Scarillo, 5-2
130: — Allen Phillips (B) d Josh Sibbles, 5-3
135: — Jake Connelly (N) d Nick Lospinoso, 5-4
140: — Danny Ries (B) p Kyle Post, :31
145: — Devin Geoghegan (B) d Adam Armstrong, 2-0
152: — John Balboni (B) tf Kevin Kitchel, 18-3, 4:45
160: — Dillon Geoghegan (B) d Casey Campbell, 1-0
171: — Anthony Tancs (B) d Ted Sibbles, 7-3
189: — Khusan Taramov (B) p Steve Mihail, 4:20
215: — Victor Ramos (N) won injury default
Hwt: — Evan Crustic (N) d Rob Schielke, 4-3
103: — Ashley Iliff (N) p Dylan Oliva, 5:37
112: — Kevin Churchill (N) d Anthony Madonia, 5-0

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JANUARY 6:
ROSELLE PARK 57, RAHWAY 12
160: — Dennis Carroll (P) md TJ Disney, 13-0
171: — Vic Pozsonyi (P) p Jaun Esquivet, 1:26
189: — Connor Gabriel (P) p Hanif Denny, 1:36
215: — Urayoan Garcia (R) d Frank Yuro, 7-4
Hwt: — Laziek Jones (R) won forfeit
103: — John Devito (P) p Keith McCarthy, 1:04
112: — Brendan Leary (P) p Isaac Valentin, 3:11
119: — Jabari Shults (R) d Giovanni Ramirez, 3-1
125: — Dan Pisauuro (P) md Tyler Zihlbauer, 9-0
130: — Jon Acosta (P) p Quinton Anderson, 4:53
135: — Nick Longo (P) d Dan Walsh, 8-1
140: — Matt Krynicki (P) p Nick Twerdak, 3:40
160: — Rich Westlock (P) p Rosendo Cruz, 4:55
152: — Russ Benner (P) md Brian Pyrus, 10-2

NEW PROVIDENCE 48, ELIZABETH 24
103: — Dave Dinerman (N) won forfeit
112: — Steve Rosario (E) p Dan Smith, 1:48
119: — Tim Terrezza (N) p Carlos Pleitez, 3:08
125: — Mateo Perez (E) p Jacob Jankow, 1:32
130: — Vince Sidoli (N) p Fabio Dos Santos, :46
135: — Steve Sharpe (N) d Ralph Stadler, 8-2
140: — D'ondre Floyd (E) p Harry Laplanche, 3:21
145: — Dan Umana (N) d Jose Arias, 7-5
152: — Erick Ventura (E) d Hans Dassen, 16-11
160: — Maurice Sidoli (N) p Mike Rabatin, 3:17
171: — Maurice McCullers (E) d Johnny D'Amico, 4-3
189: — Ben Carroll (N) p Jeremy Portillo, 4:08
215: — Andrew Tullo (N) p Carlos Cardenas, 2:27
Hwt: — Zach Troutman (N) p Lazaro Sanchez, 2:45

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-09007023
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-44521-08
Plaintiff: INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, FSB
VS.
Defendant: CLAUDIA DUPLAA AND GABRIEL TAJA
Sale Date: 02/10/2010
Writ of Execution: 11/09/2009
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is: ***Six Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight and 06/100*** \$606,568.06.
Property to be sold is located in: Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, in the State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as: 1118 Lincoln Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076
Tax Lot: 10; Block: 8703
Approximate Dimensions: 000.172 AC
Neares Cross Street: Evelyn Street
Taxes: 4th Quarter Taxes 2008 (Base Amount) \$2,529.32**
Sewer: (Base Amount) \$250.00**
*Plus interest on these figures through date of payoff and any and all subsequent taxes, water and sewer amounts.
Total Upset: ***Six Hundred Seventy One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty and 00/100*** \$671,740.00 together with lawful interest and costs.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
Ralph Froehlich Sheriff
Attorney: PARKER MC CAY - ATTORNEYS
7001 LINCOLN DRIVE WEST
THREE GREENTREE CENTRE - PO BOX 974
MARLTON, NEW JERSEY 08053-0974
(856) 596-8900
4 T - 1/14, 1/21, 1/28 & 2/4/10 Fee: \$169.32

Brearley Matmen Stop
North Warren, 57-24

103: — Dylan Oliva (B) p Connor Walsh, 1:00
112: — Brearley won forfeit
119: — Anthony Rice (B) tf Jeremy Britten, 15-0
125: — Mason Ryzkoff (N) p Andrew Scrillo, 3:09
130: — Nick Barzano (N) p Nick McElroy, 3:08
135: — Nick Lospinoso (B) p Mike Lascari, :26
140: — Danny Ries (B) md Mike Dorn, 12-3
145: — Devin Geoghegan (B) p Dillon Torpey, 1:31
152: — Kevin Brown (N) p John Balboni, 3:19
160: — Anthony Tancs (B) p Eric Horn, 1:12
171: — J. Cassamerto (B) p Jordan Palanca, 1:10
189: — Khusan Taramov (B) p Kyle Kaufman, :58
215: — John Rinaldi (N) p Mike Jaques, 2:12
Hwt: — Mike Christian (B) p Chris Longyhoirne, 5:00

Brearley Bears Thump
Hopatcong Matmen, 53-26

103: — Joe Cruz (H) p Oliva, :51
112: — Anthony Madonal (P) p Eric Hughes, 2:38
119: — Giancarlo Cruz (H) p Rice, 3:04
125: — Dan Haines (H) tf McElroy, 2:34
130: — Phillips (B) tf AJ Bongiovanni, 3:04
135: — Lospinoso (B) p Nick Coroneos, 1:16
140: — Ries (B) won forfeit
145: — Anthony deStefanis (B) won forfeit
152: — Balboni (B) p Alex Lekhtman, :29
215: — Dillon Geoghegan (B) p Alex Ioffredo, 3:59
171: — Miguel Burgos (H) d Tancs, 11-6
189: — Taramov (B) won forfeit
215: — Jaques (B) won forfeit
Hwt: — Sidney Padilla (H) p Christian, :54

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-09006671
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-37207-08
Plaintiff: CROWN BANK
VS.
Defendant: ALBERT G. CHEEY, JR. A/K/A ALBERT G. CHEEY, JR. A/K/A ALBERT G. CHEEY; GAIL CHEEY A/K/A GAIL H. CHEEY; CHASE MANHATTAN BANK USA, N.A.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Sale Date: 01/27/2010
Writ of Execution: 10/23/09
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is: ***Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Four and 68/100*** \$280,834.68.
All that certain land and premises situated in the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being more particularly described as follows:
Lot: 21; Block: 111 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Garwood
Nearest Cross Street: Walnut Street
Approximate Dimensions: 100.00 feet x 26.00 feet x 100.00 feet x 26.00 feet
Being more commonly known as: 336 North Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey 07027
Pursuant to a municipal tax search dated November 11, 2009
Subject To: Sewer: 1/1/2009-12/31/2009 \$368.13 per month
Mortgage recorded 2/14/89 Mortgage Book 3950 Page 0585-c in the amount of \$150,000.00
Letter from Fidelity National Title will indemnify or insure purchaser
Lien:
Total Upset: ***Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven and 09/100*** \$311,637.09 together with lawful interest and costs.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
Ralph Froehlich Sheriff
Attorney: HILL WALLACK LLP
202 CARNEDIE CENTER
CN 5226
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08543-5226
(609) 924-0808
4 T - 1/23/09, 1/7, 1/14 & 1/21/10 Fee: \$189.72

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-07005603
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-1908-07
Plaintiff: FRANKLIN CREDIT MANAGEMENT CORP.
VS.
Defendant: ROBERT CARR; SHIRLEY CARR. H/W; HCR MANOR CARE DBA HCR MANOR CARE MOUNTAINSIDE
Sale Date: 01/20/2010
Writ of Execution: 09/28/2007
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is: ***Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 05/100*** \$525,812.05.
The property to be sold is located in the TOWN of WESTFIELD, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 611 CARLETON ROAD, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090.
As Lot No. 23 FKA 28 in Block No. 4101 FKA 619
Dimenton of Lot Approximately: 80x102 AV
Nearest Cross Street: PARK STREET
Beginning at a point in the easterly sideline of Carleton Road, said point being southerly a distance of 120.01 feet along said sideline from a point making the intersection of the easterly sideline of Carleton Road with the southerly sideline of Park Street, and from said beginning point running, thence:
PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES
2009 4th QTR Taxes open: \$2,718.63
Total as of NOVEMBER 2, 2009: \$2,718.63
Total Upset: ***Six Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and 72/100*** \$657,400.72 together with lawful interest and costs.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
Ralph Froehlich Sheriff
Attorney: FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC
7 CENTURY DRIVE
SUITE 201
PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY 07054
(973) 538-4700
4 T - 1/23/09, 1/23/09, 1/7, 1/14 & 2/4/10 Fee: \$189.60

Panther Matmen Scoot
Past Passaic Valley, 37-27

The Roselle Park High School wrestling team survived several tight bouts that went in favor of Passaic Valley en route to a 37-27 victory on January 9. Russ Benner and Dennis Carroll dropped one-point decisions and John Devito lost 9-7.

130: — Nick Pezzano (P) d Jon Acosta, 5-0
135: — Nick Longo (RP) md Nick Armango, 10-2
140: — Ryan Dunphy (P) d Matt Krynicki, 10-4
145: — Rich Weslock (RP) won forfeit
152: — Frank Crocco (P) d Russ Benner, 3-0
160: — Rob Sotelo (P) d Dennis Carroll, 6-5
171: — Vic Pozsonyi (RP) d Tim Yarrish, 2-1
189: — Conor Gabriel (RP) p Kevin Loaliza, 1:35
215: — Frank Yuro (RP) p Jack Pohlman, 2:52
Hwt: — Tom Romeo (P) p John Canelao, :57
103: — Ed Aristizabal (P) d John Devito, 9-7
112: — Brendan Leary (RP) p Pete Tantillo, 3:34
119: — Nick Swangler (P) p Giovanni Ramirez, 2:16
125: — Dan Pisauuro (RP) p Rich Trias, 2:15

Brearley Matmen Beat

Boonton Boys, 64-18

BOUT SEQUENCE:
103: — Oliva (Br) p Jeremy Feland, 1:40
112: — Brandon Georgiana (Bo) p Mike Disko, :46
119: — Rice (Br) p Zach Herbeck, :50
125: — Scarillo (Br) p Matt Cohen, 1:39
130: — Allen Phillips (Br) p Terrance Green, :55
135: — Lospinoso (Br) md Andrew Regan, 13-5
140: — Max Scalice (Bo) won forfeit
145: — Devin Geoghegan (Br) p Steve Pelonak, :58
152: — Balboni (Br) won forfeit
160: — Dillon Geoghegan (Br) p Rich Barnish, 2:51
171: — Tancs (Br) p Joe Cardone, 1:21
189: — Taramov (Br) p Mike Roufael, 1:28
215: — Wayne Hanns (Br) p Vince Coiro, 3:15
Hwt: — Joe Carey (Bo) p Rasheed Banks, :44

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-09006927
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-43931-08
Plaintiff: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
VS.
Defendant: THOMAS A. BECKER A/K/A THOMAS ANDREW BECKER
Sale Date: 02/03/2010
Writ of Execution: 10/26/2009
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is: ***Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One and 94/100*** \$23,691.94.
The property to be sold is located in the Town of Westfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey. The premises is commonly known as 20 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.
Tax Lot No. 26; Block No. 1905.
Approximate Dimensions: 415 x 50 x 422.13 x 50.51
Located: Springfield Avenue and Union County Park Boulevard
The above advertisement does not constitute a full legal description of the real estate. The full legal description may be found at the Office of the Sheriff during regular business hours.
Prior Liens: First Mortgage - Chase Home Finance LLC (4-15-08) \$112,000.00
Second Mortgage - Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (12-15-08) \$28,695.32 together with lawful interest and costs.
Total Upset: ***One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine and 53/100*** \$184,684.63 together with lawful interest and costs, and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
Ralph Froehlich Sheriff
Attorney: KOURY, TIGHE, LAPRES, BISCUOLA & SOMMERS, P.C.
1425 CARLETON ROAD
SUITE 9
NORTHFIELD, NEW JERSEY 08225
(609) 383-1233
4 T - 1/14, 1/21 & 1/28/10 Fee: \$173.40

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-09006969
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-34667-08
Plaintiff: CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC
VS.
Defendant: THOMAS ANDREW BECKER, SUZANNE B. FIA CARD SERVICES, N.A.
Sale Date: 02/03/2010
Writ of Execution: 11/20/2009
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is: ***One Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 19/100*** \$120,902.19.
The property to be sold is located in the Town of Westfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as: 410 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.
Being known as Lot 25, Block 1905, on the official Tax Map of the Town of Westfield
Dimensions: 50.51 feet x 422.13 feet x 50.00 feet x 415.00 feet
Nearest Cross Street: Nomahegan Drive
Total Upset: ***One Hundred Forty One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Four and 69/100*** \$141,384.69 together with lawful interest and costs.
Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any third party has a claim against the property or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgageor, the Mortgagee's attorney.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
Ralph Froehlich Sheriff
Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
SUITE 201
MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY 08054
(856) 813-5500
4 T - 1/23/09, 1/21, 1/28 & 2/4/10 Fee: \$189.72

AL JOHNSON 36, UNION 33
103: Tom Mercurio (U) won forfeit
112: Bryam Villacres (U) won forfeit
119: Tim Scherer (J) p Jorge Bergman, 3:12
125: James Kobryn (J) d Chris Dorvius, 11-5
130: Mike Zuena (U) won forfeit
135: Beve Julien (U) won forfeit
140: Kyle Mogensen (J) p Pat Rangel, 1:22
145: Wymid Whitted (U) d Brandon Santos, 8-5
152: John Sedillo (U) d Jason Dent, 2-0
160: Taylor Kobryn (J) p Kristofer Florendo, 5:55
171: Dennis Funk (J) d Omar Shehaiber, 9-3
189: Rashaan Richardson (U) p Louis Bove, 3:45
215: Ed Olenick (J) p Joe Brignoni, 1:02
285: Kyle Crowley (U) md Matt Golias, 7-5

AL Johnson 36, Spotswood 33

103: — Brett Kline (S) won forfeit
112: — Tom Mercurio (J) won forfeit
119: — Tim Scherer (J) d Mike Fahy, 6-2
125: — James Kobryn (J) d Troy Ericson, 8-5
130: — Mike Toreky (S) won forfeit
135: — Jim Wittkop (S) won forfeit
140: — Kyle Mogensen (J) d Kevin Jackson, 9-3
145: — Brandon Santos (J) p Matt Cappella, :55
152: — Garrett Cuddy (S) d Jason Dent, 3-2
160: — Mike Duffy (S) p Mark Vinegra, 5:27
171: — Dennis Funk (J) p Dom Madelli, 3:43
189: — Justin D'Amico (S) p Lou Bove, 3:05
215: — Matt Golias (J) d Amiran Odzlashvili, 13-12
Hwt: — Ed Olenick (J) p John Crothers, 1:54

Roselle Park 46, Livingston 15

125: — PJ Farinella (L) d Pisauuro, 6-1
130: — Acosta (RP), Mitch McDonald, 9-3
135: — Justin Estevez (L) d Longo, 10-3
140: — Krynicki (RP) md Brad Krosser, 13-3
145: — Weslock (RP) p Ian Lastorino, 3:49
152: — Benner (RP) d Brandon Bright, 2-0
160: — Carroll (RP) tf Matt Melhourn, 17-2, 3:49
171: — Pozsonyi (RP) d Tony Pairs, 4-1
189: — Gabriel (RP) md Brent Singer, 13-1
215: — Yuro (RP) won forfeit
Hwt: — Canelao (RP) won forfeit
103: — Devito (RP) won forfeit
112: — Jason Estevez (L) d Leary, 7-1
119: — Keith Arlotta (L) p Ramirez, 5:25

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-09006931
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-39909-08
Plaintiff: LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP, AS SERVICER FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-16
VS.
Defendant: MICHAEL F. MARINO, PAMELA MARINO, MARIE BALIATICO, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., AS NOMINEE FOR WEICHERT FINANCIAL SERVICES, GRACE NEINER, MANHATTONVILLE COLLEGE, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 02/03/2010
Writ of Execution: 11/06/2009
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is: ***Three Hundred Forty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and 52/100*** \$342,920.52
Municipality: Scotch Plains Township
County: Union; State of New Jersey
Street and Street Address: 2391 Glenview Tax Block and Lot: Block \$105 also Block 801 in Westfield; Lot: 6 also Lot 1 in Westfield
Dimensions of Lot: 70 feet x 120 feet
Nearest Cross Street: Whittier Avenue
Prior Interests (if any): NONE
Total Upset: ***Three Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Three and 92/100*** \$384,663.92 together with lawful interest and costs.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
Ralph Froehlich Sheriff
Attorney: POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS
728 MARINE HIGHWAY
PO BOX 848 SUITE 200
MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY 08057
(856) 802-1000
4 T - 1/7, 1/14, 1/21 & 1/28/10 Fee: \$171.36

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-09001515
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-30918-07
Plaintiff: HSBC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA HOME EQUITY LOAN, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-HE1
VS.
Defendant: CAROLL L. SHEPPARD; WILLIAM W. SHEPPARD; H/W
Sale Date: 01/27/2010
Writ of Execution: 11/24/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is: ***One Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Sixty One and 66/100*** \$182,061.66.
The property to be sold is located in the Borough of Fanwood in the County of UNION, State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 225 Tillotson Road, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
Tax Lot No.: 10 in Block 46
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately 75 x 139
Nearest Cross Street: WESTFIELD ROAD
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.
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Title Number - 93689-A, Block 46, Lot 10
The total amount due for past due taxes is \$0
Prior Mortgage and Judgments (if any):
Total Upset: ***Two Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty and 96/100*** \$236,650.96 together with lawful interest and costs.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
Ralph Froehlich Sheriff
Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
200 SHEFFIELD STREET
SUITE 301
MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY 07092
(908) 233-8500
File Number: FCZ-93689
4 T - 12/31/09, 1/7, 1/14 & 1/21/10 Fee: \$189.72

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted Resolutions at its January 11, 2010 meeting for the following applications heard at its December 14, 2009 meeting.

Leon Speth, 106 Clifton Street, Applicant sought permission to store a boat on the side of the house, Section 15.03G of the Land Use Ordinance allows the outdoor storage of one boat in the rear yard. Application denied.

Kathleen Nemeth
Secretary, Board of Adjustment
1 T - 1/14/10, The Leader Fee: \$15.30

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

The Tax Assessment List for The Town of Westfield for the 2010 Tax Year will be open for inspection on Thursday, January 28, 2010 between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Tax Assessors Office, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield.

Annmari Switzer, CTA
Tax Assessor
1 T - 1/14/10, The Leader Fee: \$10.71

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Planning Board at its meeting on January 7, 2010 adopted the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Westfield has authorized the position of Attorney to the Planning Board, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board desires to appoint Russell M. Finstein, Esq. to that position for the year 2010.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Russell M. Finstein, Esq. is appointed to the position of Attorney to the Westfield Planning Board from this date to December 31, 2010.

Kris McAloon
Secretary, Planning Board
1 T - 1/14/10, The Leader Fee: \$18.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Planning Board, at its meeting on January 7, 2010, adopted the following resolution for applications approved at the December 7, 2009 meeting.

PB09-03 Jim Peterson & Cliff Peterson, 209 Livingston Avenue, Applicant sought approval of a minor subdivision to divide the property into two lots, raze the existing dwelling and construct a two-family duplex type dwelling on each newly created lot. Applicant sought variance relief for proposed lots 10.01 and 10.02 to allow lot areas of 7,812.50 square feet where 8,000 square feet is required and to allow a lot area of 7,812.50 square feet within 134 feet of the front lot line where 8,000 square feet is required. Application approved with conditions.

PB 09-13(V) Ashok J. Maliakal & Marina K. Thottan and Linda Duncan, 519 St. Marks Avenue and 523 St. Marks Avenue, Block 2309, Lot 8 & 9, Applicant sought approval of a minor subdivision with variances to move the lot line between lots 8 & 9 in order to construct a single car garage on Lot 9, Block 2309, 519 St. Marks Avenue. Applicant sought variance relief for Lot 9 to allow a lot area of 7,800 square feet where a minimum of 10,000 square feet is required; to allow a minimum lot width of 52 feet where 70 feet is required; to allow a lot area of 7,526 square feet within the first 143 feet of the front lot line where an area of 10,000 square feet is required; to allow a lot frontage of 52 feet where 43.87 feet is required; to allow a front yard of 43.87 feet where 44.12 feet is required; to allow a side yard setback of 7.35 feet where 10 feet is required; and variance relief for Lot 8 to allow a side yard setback of 2.53 feet for an accessory structure where 5 feet is required; to allow a rear yard setback of 2.87 feet for an accessory structure where 5 feet is required; and to allow a lot frontage of 44.04 feet where 44.12 feet is required. Application approved with conditions.

Kris McAloon
Planning Board Secretary
1 T - 1/14/10, The Leader Fee: \$44.88

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO.: F-58648-09
FILE NO: 118.1192

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: STACEY A. YORK

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C., Plaintiff's Attorneys, whose address is 1455 Broad Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey, 07003, an answer to the complaint in a civil action in which BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FLEET NATIONAL BANK is plaintiff and PATRICIA A. GREENWOOD, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HERS, THEIRS, OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; MR. GREENWOOD, HUSBAND OF PATRICIA A. GREENWOOD; KELLY GREENWOOD, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS CO-EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA A. GREENWOOD; MRS. MICHAEL GREENWOOD, JR., HIS WIFE; CHRISTOPHER L. GREENWOOD AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER L. GREENWOOD, HIS WIFE; CANDACE GREENWOOD AND MR. GREENWOOD, HUSBAND OF CANDACE GREENWOOD; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS ONE THROUGH TEN; FIRST DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK, N/A JPMORGAN CHASE BANK; STACEY A. YORK; PATRICIA S. RANDELL; ATLANTIC ELECTRIC COMPANY; OLD BRIDGE SAYREVILLE MEDICAL GROUP; WORLDWIDE ASSET PURCHASING LLC ON BEHALF OF DIRECT MERCHANTS BANK, NA; SHORE RESTAURANT & PARTY SUP; UNION CO BD SOCIAL SERVS; CAPITAL ONE BANK; CACV OF NJ, et als. are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey within thirty-five (35) days after January 14, 2010 exclusive of said date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules governing the courts.

You are further advised that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live. If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling the Lawyer Referral Services. The names and telephone numbers of such agencies in the county of venue are as follows: **Lawyer Referral Services:** 908-353-4715; **Legal Services:** 908-354-4340

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage and recovering possession of the lands and premises described in a mortgage dated September 12, 2002, recorded on January 7, 2003, in Book 9852, Page 0453, made by PATRICIA A. GREENWOOD BY KELLY GREENWOOD, HER ATTORNEY IN FACT, to the plaintiff and covers real estate located at 211 MONTCLAIR AVENUE, UNION, NEW JERSEY 07088, Tax Lot 22, Block 5813.

Pursuant to R. 4:4-4 and 4:6-1(d), mediation is available through the New Jersey Courts. Forms and instructions may be obtained on the Court's web site at www.njcourtsonline.com.

You, **STACEY A. YORK**, are made a defendant because you hold a judgment that may affect the mortgage premises and the mortgage being foreclosed herein. You are entitled to Notice of this action for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, to or against said mortgage premises.

Dated: JANUARY 6, 2010
Jennifer M. Perez
Superior Court Clerk

Frank J. Martone, P.C.
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1455 Broad Street
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003
1 T - 1/14/10, The Leader Fee: \$88.23



MERIT SEMIFINALISTS...Six Westfield High School (WHS) seniors have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program. WHS Principal Peter Renwick, at right, gave his personal congratulations to, left to right, Abigail Burton, Andrew Gates, Jessica Margolies, Andrew Marino and Yixiao Wang. (Sophie Greene was missing from the photo). Westfield's current seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition to become a finalist for Merit Scholarship awards that will be offered next spring.



A SPECIAL K...Franklin School used the book "S is for Save the Planet: A How-to-be Green Alphabet" by Brad Herzog as inspiration for students to create their own "Go Green" Alphabet. Each first to fifth grade class employed a different letter to illustrate a poster with a coordinating valuable tip for "going green." These creative and motivating posters were presented in a school-wide assembly and are now on display in the Franklin foyer. Pictured, from left to right, are: first graders Nattie Fountain-Jardim, Dan McDonald, Kyleigh Gildea and Sarah Rappaport from Karen Kavalin's class, showing their tip for the letter K: "Kids Keep the Earth Clean."

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS (IN COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231, P.L. 1975)

NOTICE is hereby given by the Township of Scotch Plains of the following 2010 schedule of meetings of the **Construction Board of Appeals** to be held in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey on the first **Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.**

Wednesday, January 27th - 8:00 a.m.
February 3rd
March 3rd
April 7th
May 5th
June 2nd
July 7th
August 4th
September 1st
October 6th
November 3rd
December 1st

The above schedule allows the option of calling a special meeting when necessary.
Claudette Desiato
Board of Appeals

1 T - 1/14/10, The Times Fee: \$27.54

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Scotch Plains will require the services of a Municipal Prosecutor during 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains adopted a resolution on January 10, 2006, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq., known as the "New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act", which established a fair and open process for the award of certain contracts with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 per year, where those contracts are not subject to public bidding or competitive contracting under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, Requests for Qualifications and proposals for the said contract were advertised at least ten (10) days before the proposals were to be submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager and the Township Clerk have received and opened the proposals in public and the Township Council evaluated any proposal on the basis of being the most advantageous to the Township of Scotch Plains, price and other factors being considered; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation considered, as to each proposal:

- 1) Experience and reputation in the field;
- 2) Knowledge of the Township of Scotch Plains and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- 3) Availability to accommodate any required court dates;
- 4) Compensation proposal; and

WHEREAS, funds have been certified for this position by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, as follows:

That Robert Pansula, Esq. be appointed as the Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2010.

A copy of this Resolution shall be published in The Times as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Dated: January 5, 2010
TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 1/14/10, The Times Fee: \$46.41

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, Article 4:05(A) Land Use Ordinance of the Borough of Fanwood, County of Union, State of New Jersey required the Planning Board to determine the date, time and locations of the monthly meetings through January of the next year when it organizes in January.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of The Borough of Fanwood that it will meet at 7:30 PM, in the lower level meeting room of the Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey on the following dates:

2010

AGENDA MEETINGS	REGULAR MEETINGS
January 19	January 27
February 16	February 24
March 15	March 24
April 19	April 28
May 17	May 26
June 14	June 23
No Agenda Meeting	July 19
No Agenda Meeting	August 25
September 13	September 22
October 18	October 27
No Agenda Meeting	November 15
No Agenda Meeting	December 13
January 18, 2011	January 26, 2011

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be prominently posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall, mailed to The Times and The Courier News, filed with the Borough Clerk and mailed to any person requesting same in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.
1 T - 1/14/10, The Times Fee: \$52.02

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WESTFIELD – Westfield High School Principal Peter Renwick announced the first marking period honor roll for the 2009-2010 school year. Westfield High School recognizes student achievement every marking period at two levels: Honor Roll and Distinguished Honor Roll.

Determination of inclusion on the Honor Roll is based on the following criteria: for the Distinguished Honor Roll, the GPA must be between 3.75 and 4.0 with no grade lower than a B. For the Regular Honor Roll, the GPA must be between 3.5 and 3.74 with no grade lower than a B.

9th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Anthony Aldana, Oria Alexander, Jennifer Amador, Delia Annitsakis, Michael Aronson, Mariah Baker, Corinne Barrow, Clayton Beyert, Lucas Bizzaro, Alice Bonneau, Alexander Breakstone, Owen Browne, Chloe Bryen, Justin Cafiero, John Campbell, Kathryn Capodanno, Colleen Capriaro, Riyad Carey, Robert Cassie, Ian Cauley, Julia Cearnine, Daniel Cetlin, Andres Chang, Jessica Cobuzzi, Deanna Cohen, Kathryn Contini, Mary Cornwell, Samuel Cravo, David Cui, Elizabeth Cusick, Matthew Daniel, Samuel Dejohn, Giana Di Giorgio, Ashley Dietz, Hailey Dobosiewicz, Claire Dorwart, Andrew Dougert, Daniel Dougherty, Mark Eisenhauer, Samuel Eliades, Sofie Fetter, Benjamin Fine, Christopher Fischer, Austin Fishman, Michael Fitzhenry, Erin Fitzpatrick, Meghan Fleck, Angela Gallagher, Colleen Gallagher, Daniel Gallagher, Marisa Garry, Matthew Gates, Ashley Gerckens, Matthew Gardner, Brittany Gould, Jayne Gradel, Emily Greenberg, Adam Greene, Tiffani Gregory, Elizabeth Griesmer, Christina Gulla, Courtney Han, Edmund Han, Matthew Haner, Allison Harth, Sarah Hearon, Allison Hecht, Leigh Anne Heinbokel, Maura Heinbokel, Maria Hershey, Rachel Hertzberg, Asher Horowitz, Timothy Huber, Aidan Hughes, Emily Hutchinson, Nadia Ibrahim, Aditi Jain, Miranda Jakubek, Alexander Jeffrey, Molly Jennings, Pengju Jin, Ashley Kaiser, Alexandra Kapadia, Jessica Kenny, Catherine Kerr, Sonya Kheir, Leo Kleiman-Lynch, Barrie Knapp, Hannah Knighton, Geoffrey Ko, Lauren Koenigsberg, Marina Kovalenko, Joseph Kravets, Tracy Kwok, Valerie La Porta, Alexander Laitamaki, Bradley Lankler, Caitlin Lawrie, Sarah Leahy, Paul Lee, Marissa Lowe, Adam Lupicki, Jennifer Mandelblatt, Jeffrey Marino, Megan McCusker, Catherine Meixner, Eric Mikalauskas, Julia Miller, Zachary Milrod, Olivia Mohrarak, Kleiman Moise, Connor Moore, Regina Morales, Gregory Morano, Megan Mulrooney, Jack Mustard, Michaela Nies, Eric Oberman, Hannah Painter, Michael Paone, Sun Park, Grace Partridge, Scott Pass, Jenna Perrotta, Chelsea Peterson, Elizabeth Pindtelli, Molly Prybylski, Tara Reardon, Meghan Reilly, Michael Reilly, Elinor Reinhardt, Katie Rembisz, Samantha Rembisz, Brett Ripberger, Lindsay Ripberger, Robert Romano, Aaron Rubin, Charlotte Russo, Lillian Russo, Kyra Sagal, Rohit Saigal, Joseph Salmon, Benjamin Schwartz, Tara Sciorinno, Sian Scott, Sarah Seitz, Joel Seltzer, Melissa Shendell, Alison Simon, Anna Simon, Isabelle Smelkinson, Amanda Soldati, Thanach Srithaninrat, Laura Streaman, Elisabeth Sulmont, Emily Suriano, Emma Tabachnick, Annalya Tanella, Margaret Tanji, Austen Thien, Scott Thompson, Alexandra Tinfo, Katherine Towers, Michaela Tropeano, Kristin Troutman, Natalia Trujillo, Natalia Tupper, Kelly Vassel, Kirsten Von der Wroge, Garrett Williamson, Jimmy Yang, Alex Ying, Reece Zakarin, Allison Zale, Brianne Zelko, Alana Zepka, Rebecca Zhang, Brian Zilberberg, Nicole Zimmermann



READ AND RESPOND...Eileen Cambria, principal of Franklin School, recently hosted a story hour at Barnes & Noble in Clark. She read some of her favorite children's books while students' parents could shop, and a portion of sales was donated back to Franklin. Pictured are students listening to Ms. Cambria as she reads "Bad Dog, Marley!" by Josh Grogan.

9th Grade

Regular Honor Roll

David Adsit, Andrew Aldana, Megan Ariola, Sofia Beneroff, John Birnie, Corentin Bonneau, Alexander Borr, Emily Brucia, Lillian Butters, Madelyn Cannone, Edward Carolan, William Cary, Grace Cerra, Celia Childs, Jonathan Clancy, Meghan Clifford, Jack Colwell, Michael Corcoran, Alexander Corea, Betsy Crossland, Patrick Currie, Erica Davis, Britany Denicola, Theresa Depalma, Andrew Donohue, Katherine Fischer, Caroline Frankola, Mark Frega, Andrew Fromm, Kevin Galasso, Kyla Gargiulo, Julia Godbee, Nicholas Grawehr, Jacob Greenberg, Alexandra Grosser, Brenton Harries, Christopher Harris,

10th Grade

Regular Honor Roll

Nahea An, Emily Bailey, Hannah Bass, Caroline Bertoni, Oliver Bevan, James Birnie, Rebecca Bleich, Ryan Bohrod, Victoria Bonsall, Christina Bruce, Thomas Case, Emily Clauss, Justin Coelho, Molly Colvin, Maura Colwell, Eileen Cook, Kelly Anne Crowley, Gabrielle Cruz, Rebecca Daeleam, Jeffrey Dattilo, Carey Davis, Melissa Decandia, John Dedea, Rives Derosa, Melissa Diep, Thomas Edwards, Jessie Fang, Richard Fletcher, Katherine Fox, Dana Friedman, Victoria Gagliano, Alexa Geltzeier, Matthew Hall, Henry Hershey, Ryan Hobson, Kimberly

BMW Car Club of America Makes Donation to Westlake

WESTFIELD – The New Jersey Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America (NJBMWCCA) presented a \$6,700 donation to the Westlake School of Westfield at the Union County Educational Services Commission Board of Education meeting on December 9.

The BMW Club has supported Westlake programs for more than a dozen years and has made donations totaling over \$73,000. These donations have been used to provide the school's multiply disabled students with specialized computer equipment, materials and equipment for various educational programs, summer camperships and supplies for Westlake's annual carnival.

The donation was made possible by the generous support of the sponsors of the chapter's annual June Club race, which was held this year at Thunderbolt Raceway, a 2.25-mile road course located at New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville.

Sponsors for the Club Race were

JMK BMW in Springfield and BMW of Bloomfield. Thunderbolt also hosts several professional racing series, including the Grand-Am Rolex series and the ARCA Remax stock car series.

Six students from Westlake attended the race as special guests of the NJBMWCCA. In addition to watching the race in person, they were able to ride along on a pace lap and have their picture taken while sitting in one of the racecars. Each of the students has been presented with a framed picture of them sitting in the racecar, complements of Matt Sweetwood of Unique Photo.

The New Jersey Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America was established in 1973 and, today, has over 2,500 members throughout the state and surrounding areas. Its purpose is to promote interest in the BMW automobile and to conduct activities that encourage safe and skilled driving.

For more information on the New Jersey BMW Car Club of America, visit njbmwcca.org.

WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

First Marking Period

Rebecca Harris, Kyla Im, Gregory Inamine, Liam Keller, Katelyn Kelly, Evan Komar, Daniel Lacorte, Steven Lee, Paul Lizzo, Hope Lloyd, Natalie Lopez, Peter Lovito, Michael Macquaide, Julia Mannino, Danisha Mellafield, Hannah McRoberts, Drew Melusi, Samantha Meltzer, Valerie Memnona, Charlotte Milford, Janet Morrison, Ryan Morse, Veronica Murphy, Jessie Murray, Emily Natko, Fallon O'Connor, Elana Pascoguin, Benjamin Ritter, Chandler Robertson, Samantha Rohwetter, Alexandra Schewje, Max Shin, Leon Shum, Lilly Sisto, Clara Smith, Kevin Smith, David Solomon, Olivia Spiridigliozzi, Connor Swingle, Jade Tankard, Ryan Torney, Naomi Tortorello, Jennifer Tresnan, Marc Vazquez, Courtney Weiss, McKenna Wilson, Emily Wolf, Jessica Zucker

10th Grade

Distinguished Honor Roll

Edward Allen, Meg Anderson, Alison Antonelli, Grace Antonelli, Gemma Antoniewicz, Arjun Asija, Loren Ball, Mia Ballan, Tara Bange, Mary Barber, Alana Basil, Michelle Behzadpour, Daniel Berke, Jonathan Biagioli, Daniel Bigelow, Joy Binder, Markian Borkowsky, Zachary Botos, Morgan Bowen, Eleanor Callinan, Matthew Caminiti, Madeline Chandler, Sarah Chandler, Wilson Cheung, Hsiao-Min Chiang, Robert Ciardullo, Sarah Collins, Jessica Cronin, Nicole Cruz, Cassandra Curness, Ella D'Amico, Dominick De Paula, Michael Depaolo, Sophia Devita, Isabel Docampo, Sydney Doskow, Patrick Dyer, Amanda Earl, Ryan Elliott, Brandon Eng, Emily Fahey, Allison Faktor, Abraham Fertig-Cohen, Julia Fisher, Declan Fitzmaurice, Rory Fitzpatrick, Kaitlyn Frey, Evan Friedman, Geena Gao, William Geoghegan, Christopher Gerckens, Andrew Goldfarb, Zachary Goldfarb, Abigail Goldring, Alec Goldschmidt, Zoe Greenberg, Emily Gretskey, Brennan Haley, Kelly Hall, Jacob Harris, Nick Hering, Samantha Hindes, Bernadette Hopon, Krysta Huber, Matthew Huff, Taylor Ingber, Jason Ishit, Lindsey Jacobs, Katherine Jaruzelski, Alexandra Jason, Dominik Jedruszczak, Kaitlyn Johnson, Patrick Johnson, Michael Kalimtzis, Kelly Kalis, Jenna Karnofsky, Ashley Kattak, Lawrence Keating, Bong Kim, Elizabeth Kuehn, Allegra Larche, Timothy Lehmberg, Brandon Levan, Dara Levy, Danielle Lipschutz, Tess Lukowiak, Carolyn Maguire, Hannah Margolin, Katie Marino, Finbar Martinson, Erika May, Cali Mazzara, Marc Mazzeuco, Kavita Mehta, Michael Mondon, Jessica Morse, Richard O'Connor, Thomas O'Neill, James O'Rourke, Anne Oldakowski, Kevin Oster, Olivia Pecora, Audrey Peterson, Emily Polak, Zhe Qin, Elizabeth Queisser, Julia Queller, Matthew Ragoza, Patrick Reilly, Jack Rickles, Joseph Rinaldi, Ilana Rood, Madeline Rosenberg, Megan Roth, Alexander Rothfelder, Dean Schapow, Andrew Schwarz, Charles Scott, Kayla Seigelstein, Sara Shields, Ashley Simmons, Jessica Sipe, Austin St.Lifer, Emily Smith, Sari Solomon, Alina Spera, Elizabeth Steller, Nicholas Sternal, Alyssa Stewart, Michael Stravach, Kathleen Tang, Lauren Tebbets, Stephanie Tepper, Leonidas Tolas, Robin Toth, Alexa Turitz, Aswad Turner, Anthony Valles, Brian Vander Schaaf, Matthew Varakian, Tyler Varian, Brandon Vassallo, Jacob Vergara, Caroline Weber, Hannah Weeks, Matias Werner, Steven Wronski, Madison Yarusi, Nicholas Zahodny, Jacob Ziff

Hoffman, John Hogge, Lydia Hughes, Rafaela Jakubovic, Amanda Juchnik, Yeoun Kim, Pauna Kiricheva, John Kirma, Kurt Kowalski, Thomas Malley, Maeve Maloney, Amanda Marcotullio, Pilar Martinez, Peter Mebane, Allie Merkelson, Hannah Millen, Emily Miller, Cecelia Mosco, Katherine Nemeth, Lucas Nugent, Kaycie O'Donnell, Ellis Opoku, Gabriella Pirrone, Emma Polini, Brian Pollock, Emily Prosk, Sarah Ramirez, Sam Rosenburgh, Alexa Rothenberg, Alexandra Rubin, Brett Ryan, Jack Santangelo, Rebecca Sarkos, Eric Saunders, Abigail Sawers, Laura Schmah, Geoffre Scognamiglio, Mercedes Smith, Mia Spitz, Samantha Sterba, Hannah St.Lifer, Haley Tanella, Leah Tavasi, Rebecca Tunis, Christopher Walsh, Peter Wanfried, Victoria Wang, Marisa Watanabe, Jacob Wegbreit, Aimee Wenta, Daniel Wolf, Jordan Yarusi

11th Grade

Distinguished Honor Roll

John Allen, Paige Alvarez, Taylor Anderson, Mark Androconis, Rakhee Barai, Rachel Baron, Adrian Bizzaro, Michael Bluffield, Jane Braun, Morgan Bungerz, Frank Carlone, Caitlin Coleman, Alyssa Conte, Alyssa Cuellar, Tara Culnan, Rebecca Delafuente, Jeffrey Desorbo, Wenqi Duan, Justin Erickson, Danielle Fields, Adam Fischette, Abigail Flaherty, Emma Foley, Michael Foley, Alexandra Frankel, Sarah Frantz, Catalina Gaglioti, Haozhe Gao, Alexander Garcia, Tzvetelina Garneva, John Gentile, Georgia Gleason, Betsy Goellner, Emily Goldstein, Dana Gottdiener, Erik Gozdzieski, Dana Grant, Joseph Greenspan, Emma Gross, Rachel Gross, Kathryn Halliburton, Edward Han, Rachel Harth, Alyssa Hatch, Alexandra Hawkins, Ryan Heine, Evan Heroux, Evan Hindes, Maddie Horowitz, Alexander Jedruszczak, Tracy Kaplan, Nikki Koll, Hayden Koper, Hannah Kronick, Ho Lam, Michael Levidy, John Lorentzen, Anne Maguire, Mikhail Maslyuk, Diana Mason, Colleen McCabe, Katherine McKinley, Amanda Minken, Dominick Molinari, Amelia Morabelli, Melissa Mary, Alex Murphy, Morgan Murphy, Priyanka Nayer, Kadeem Noray, David Osterman, Charles Pantazis, Emma Partridge, Christine Poy, Erik Rackear, Amy Reich, Bryan Reilly, Shannon Reilly, Rachel Rickles, Matthew Ritter, Allison Rose, Jessica Russo, Christina Scaglione, Jennifer Sexton, Joshua Simmons, Shane Skibitsky, Wyatt Smith, Caitlin Storcks, Peter Surace, Gabrielle Tanji, Matthew Tarantino, Sabrina Telsey, Samantha Waldman, Madison Weist, Daniel Wickens, Vivien Wolf, Andy Wong, Jeffrey Yang, Timothy Younger, Zachary Zagorski, Adam Ziering

11th Grade

Regular Honor Roll

Mackenzie Anderson, Madelein Archambault, Kylie Bangs, Patrick Bergin, Mitchell Bell, Mary Bick, Alex Blum, Buccino, Jillian Cearnine, Hoon Chae, Emily Chan, Ashlyn Chen, Alan Chu, Zachary Cornwell, Sarah Crawford, William Cronen, Tierny Cummings, Matthew Curry, Gustav Danielsson, Lauren Darchi, Catherine Davidson, Nicholas Depalma, Juliette Diaz, Brooke Domino, Sara Durst, Jeremy Einbinder, Krista Embret, Catherine Filipkowski, Steven Forgash, Katherine Frega, Alec Friedlander, Josh Friedman, John Githens, Alison Glynn, Yasme Goodwin-Rivera, Peter Grandstrand, Jessica Gregory, Cornelius Haggerty, Charlotte Harmer, Cheri Herrington, Melanie Johnson, Yasemin Karamete, Daniel Kerr, Kevin Kessler, Andrew Kirna, Madeline Komar, Steven Korn, Jenna LaRusso, Justin Lee, James Lisooey, Charlotte Lorentzen, Emily Mack, Christina Martinez, Cara Martone, Natalie Materek, Joshua Mazen, Matthew McEvoy, Carlos Mejias, Philip Mierswa, Charles Milrod, Sarah Morasso, Kevin Morris, Christopher Morrissey, Andrew Murray, Max Narotzky, Francine Nieva, Aileen Nunez, Henry O'Brien, Dylan Olson, Rachel Opataowski, Tae-Yong Park, Kristina Perez, Michael Pohling, Aris Psychojios, Hannah Purdy, William Riggs, Robyn Rosenzweig, Adam Ross, Bradley Ross, Olivia Ryan, Jill Salisbury, Matthew Santry, Thomas Scheurer, Nicole Schneider, William Siegel, Stefani

County, Americorps Offer Free 45-Min. Presentation

COUNTY – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders encourages sixth grade teachers and local community groups to register for a free 45-minute, in-class science presentation that relates watershed and environmental concepts in a fun and meaningful way.

Teachers, students and community members will discover how human behavior can impact the land and waterways around them.

"Since 1999, these interactive presentations about how a land area drains into a river system have been receiving positive reviews from students and teachers alike," said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, liaison to the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "They enjoy participating in the hands-on demonstration that includes the use of a three-dimensional topographic land use model."

Most importantly, the program offers easy, practical solutions that everyone can implement to reduce non-point source pollution and improve water quality. Examples of ways the average person can help the environment include eliminating or minimizing the use of pesticides on lawns,

Spector, Christine Spittler, Robert Steinfield, Jacob Steinfield, Matthew Stierhoff, Meghan Sullivan, Nathaniel Suri, Meghan Suriano, Angela Tata, Margot Tishberg, Isabelle Weisman, Kayla Wiesinger, Cheryl Wu

12th Grade

Distinguished Honor Roll

Mary Ajodah, Meredith Ambinder, Allison Ammermuller, Elaine Anderson, Robert Anderson, Elise Annis, Calvin Antoniewicz, David Athenson, Caragh Ball, Katherine Bange, Richard Barber, Leslie Bartsch, Tyler Becker, Scott Bernstein, Nicole Bilica, Zachary Bowman, Katie Brennan, Emily Budnick, Sadie Burgdorf, Abigail Burton, Michael Byrne, Julia Carlino, Amanda Centrella, Marc Cervantes, Robert Ciarrocca, Kevin Clancy, Danielle Cofone, Anne Comba, Andrew Cordeiro, Melissa Crosta, Tyler Cusick, Monica D'Amico, Katherine Davidson, Elizabeth Dennerlein, Adam DiBattista, Brandon Dietz, Mitchell Dornfeld, Nicole Egnazzo, Michael Eilbacher, Jennifer Eisenberg, Carly Erman, Jonathan Erman, Caroline Fahey, Christopher Fantini, Michael Fietkiewicz, David Fishman, William Foltz, Melissa Ford, Rachel Friedman, Alex Furlong, Kevin Furlong, Shelley Fussman, Andrew Gialanella, Michael Gismondi, Sarah Glickstein, Ellen Gormley, Sophie Greene, Kyla Grodzka, Emily A. Harris, Emily J. Harris, Kate Heffernan, Zachary Helfand, Kyle Higgins, Anneliese Himmel, Valerie Hoffman, Leslie Holt, Miles Hsu, Lauren Hughes, Halli James, Ryan Jennings, Elizabeth Kamel, Michael Kaufhold, Anne Knisely, Sara Koznecki, Joseph Kramkowski, Stephanie Kuntz, Zachary LaPorta, Jaclyn Laspati, Melissa Littman, Kamil Lupicki, Grace Mackenzie, Ian Mackenzie, Jessica Margolies, Andrew Marino, Amanda Markowski, Laura Marvin, Mary Mekevitt, Gregory Mitchell, Sara Mitchell, Samuel Mumford, Hugo Nolasco, Michael Oster, Corinne Parsloe, Elizabeth Penczak, Davide Peruzzo, Gaffney Peterson, Kristin Peyton, Anna Powell, Beau Preston, Wade Preston, Lindsay Psolka, Megan Pulliam, Kevin Ramos, Stephanie Rog, Adam Reich, Megan Reilly, Alison Ricardo, Melissa Riegel, Jenna Rodriguez, Alicia Rogers, Jaraad Rogers, Amy Roggenburg, Meredith Romer, Amy Rosenfeld, Justin Rosin, Michael Rosin, Michael Ruschmann, Kevin Russell, Michael Sagal, Andrew Sauerwein, Drew Schapow, Maxwell Schuster, Ryan Scuduto, Julian Seltzer, Vishal Shah, Michael Sheehan, Ariele Silverman, Robert Sinisi, Emma Smelkinson, Dillon Smith, Meredith Smith, Reid Smith, Joshua Solomon, Virginia Spinelli, Julia Spiridigliozzi, Sarah Spitz, Clara Stabler, Graeme Stahl, Molly Sternal, Claire Stevens-Haas, Kelly Sullivan, Sarah Szlach, Scott Thien, Madeline Tiedrich, Christina Tsui, Denise Virzi, Gretel Waddell, Yixiao Tang, Austin Wenta, Emily Williams, Melissa Wong, Marie Wyant, Mei-Dong You

12th Grade

Regular Honor Roll

Jamie Ackerman, Nicole Aronson, Zachary Bakula, David Ballan, Allison Barba, Megan Boersig, John Bohlinger, Meghan Brody, Jacquelyn Buckman, Justin Butler, Heather Callahan, Andrew Carson, Gabrielle Cerami, Victoria Cheung, Danny Choo, Sara Connery, Alexander Cruz, Lacy Cummings, Christy Di Iorio, Maryjuliet Donohue, Kathleen Dooley, Shannon Doyle, Christopher Dunstan, Carolyn Dyer, Seth Egert, Kathleen Esler, Lia Fagan, Sharon Faktor, Adam Fine, Benjamin Fine, Elizabeth Frankola, Maximilian Fusaro, Bridget Gallagher, Andrew Gates, Hannah Gelb, Emily Gluck, Nina Goodbee, Caitlin Guse, Jordan Harris, Brian Henry, Danielle Hollaway, Danielle Hopkins, Ryan Ingram, Kelly Irving, Rebecca Kap, Richard Knapp, Daniel Krack, Ryan Krasnow, Elaina Kujawski, Tracy Landon, Gabriella Larosa, Kefan Lee, Suzanne Lemberg, Christopher Lloyd, Conor Loughlin, Dalton Mack, Brian Maehl, Olivia Magnanini, Drew Margolis, Sarah Mendoza, Matthew Meserole, Benjamin Mooney, Dylan Moran, Grace Mustard, Lisa Nehring, Angela Newton, Maria Niemiera, Luke Noble, Sean O'Connor, Andrea Ortis, Joshua Periman, Nicholas Polak, Megan Ramage, Matthew Rapoport, Evan Rosenburgh, Philip Russo, Patrick Sabatino, Christopher Salemm, Sean Scuduto, Samantha Seib, Jennifer Sgalardi, Nikolay Shargorodsky, Connor Shields, William Sickles, Dylan Simon, Justin Snyder, Jenna Strauss, Janya Tagat, Kamal Tamboli, John Taylor, Christopher Tomasso, Gariella Van Ness, Diana Vassel, Diana Venezia, Kelsey Wilson, Matthew Wronski, Jason Yang, Caroline Yeager, Bowei Zhang

picking up pet waste and not feeding geese.

The presentations are offered by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador Program.

To schedule a free presentation for a sixth grade class or a community group, or for more information, call Steve Hruby, the watershed ambassador for Watershed Management Area 7, at (908) 789-3209.

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DRIVEN...Members of the New Jersey Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America are shown presenting a check for \$6,700 to the Westlake School in Westfield. Pictured, left to right, are Dr. Elihu Savad, BMW Club Board Member; Larry Engel, BMW Club President; Dr. Ross Karlin, BMW Club Race Chairman; David Bailey, Westlake School Supervisor of Instruction; and William Presutti, Union County Educational Services Commission Superintendent.



ANGELS IN DISGUISE...Middle School students at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison gathered on December 9 to select a name and buy a present for a child in need this holiday season. Eighth graders Moenika Chowdhury of Fanwood, the daughter of Bobby and Margaret Chowdhury, and Elias Gerasoulis of Edison, make their selections from the clay-dough angels. The presents were distributed to students at The Crossroads School in Westfield.

SPFHS Senior Boys

Compete for 'Mr. Spiffy'

SCOTCH PLAINS – Thirteen senior boys competed for the title of Mr. Spiffy High in the fall of 2009. Organized by DECA, under the leadership of Marjorie FitzGibbon, DECA Club advisor, Mr. Spiffy High was created as a fundraiser in an effort to raise money for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA).

Pulled together in a little over a month, members of Mr. Spiffy High and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) community came together in an effort to find a cure. After hard work, and an exceptional show, DECA was able to raise more than \$1,700 for CCFA.

Seniors Devon Daly, Amelia Brause, Brendan McEvoy, Michael Reisenberg, and Danny Campbell spent the end of September and October working hard to ensure the success of the event. Due to personal experiences, it was decided that the CCFA would be the chosen organization for this community service project.

Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBS) affects more than 500,000 people in North America alone. The CCFA aims to improve the lives of those suffering IBS. The entire DECA chapter was involved from day one of the event planning.

Members of marketing classes made the decorations and helped backstage during the night of the event. In addition, they assisted the judges and calculated the official scores. Each contestant brought an escort, adding an extra special touch to the show.

Ms. Brause said, "I was unsure that we would be able to pull it together as well as we did. I was shocked when we counted the money and discovered that we raised over \$1,700."

The event consisted of an opening dance to "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus, a fashion portion featuring tuxedos donated from Tuxedos by Cozy in Westfield, a talent section and a question-and-answer opportunity.

At the end, the final four contestants were challenged with SPFHS Trivia. After a heated competition, the winner, John Maxwell, was crowned.

DECA members look forward to presenting CCFA with their donation at a board meeting in January.

Area Residents Make

Quinnipiac Dean's List

AREA – The following area residents were named to the dean's list for the fall 2009 semester at Quinnipiac University:

Leigh-Ann Bartsch of Berkeley Heights, Joshua Bornstein of Westfield, Michael Chobor of Berkeley Heights, Gregory DiGiovine of Cranford, Jeffrey Haymaker of Berkeley Heights, Jennifer LaSpata of Westfield, Elyse Piacentini of Cranford, Kaitlyn Schulz of Berkeley Heights, Daniel Sullivan of Westfield, Nikki Todaro of Berkeley Heights, Stephanie Walls of Cranford, Leigh Weissman of Westfield, and Arielle Ziering of Westfield.

Union Catholic Health Club Sponsors School Blood Drive

SCOTCH PLAINS – Union Catholic High School Health Club, moderated by school nurse JoAnn Ball, along with the New Jersey Blood Services, hosted a blood drive on December 15.

Led by the Health Club Blood Drive committee members, Shweta Gohil, Nathalia Obara, Angelina Caravello, Megan Hely, Lindsay Chaillet, Tyler Cunningham, Ashley Robinson, Kiera Morris, DJ Thornton and Amy Zofcin, the club successfully surpassed its goal by engaging 52 donors in the event.

Among the 52 donors were current Union Catholic students, faculty and walk-ins from the surrounding community. Union Catholic parent Maryann Gingrich assisted with

the day's event and ensured that donors were given proper care after their donation.

Statistically, one out of every three people will need blood at some point in their lives, and the Union Catholic Health Club is strongly dedicated to increasing awareness for this cause. The Health Club will host its second blood drive in the spring of 2010.

All eligible candidates are strongly encouraged to participate. For general information regarding medical eligibility, visit nybloodcenter.org or sign up through Nurse Ball at (908) 889-1600, extension 311.



BLOOD IS THICKER...Members of the Union Catholic Blood Drive Committee, left to right, Shweta Gohil, Nathalia Obara, Ashley Robinson and DJ Thornton are pictured at the Union Catholic Health Club-sponsored blood drive.

Comm. Center Announces 2010 Scholastic Awardees

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Community Center announced the awarding of three scholastic achievement awards to area students. The scholarships have been made possible by generous bequests of the late Dr. and Mrs. Hubert G. Humphrey, former residents of Westfield and Scotch Plains.

Brianna Fields, Plainfield High School; Joseph Obiajulu, Magnet High School, and Faizah Romano, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, were named the 2010 Dr. Hubert G. Humphrey Scholars.

The late Dr. Humphrey, a physician, established the Dr. Hubert G. Humphrey Scholastic Achievement Awards at the Westfield Community Center. A community leader, volunteer and philanthropist, Dr. Humphrey served on the board of directors of a Westfield Community Center and the Scotch Plains Board of Health.

Dr. Humphrey took an interest in encouraging the highest academic achievement of African-American

school-aged children in Westfield and its surrounding towns.

The awards are designed to motivate African-American students to achieve better grades by rewarding them for grade improvements; deter dropouts, and to increase student interest in planning for their future. Scholarships are awarded to students in grades 7 through 12.

The scholarship award presentation will take place on Monday, January 18, at 9:30 a.m. during the center's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Pancake Breakfast.

The Westfield Community Center is a multi-service center providing recreational, nutritional and educational programs to all age groups. The Westfield Community Center is celebrating 75 years of service. The Westfield Community Center is a Westfield United Fund and a United Way agency.

To learn more, call (908) 232-4759 or westfieldcomctr@gmail.com.

William E. Somers, 97, Senior Engineer; Was Active In Scouts, Choir and FUMC

William Eugene Somers died on Thursday, October 1, age 97 years, seven months and eight days. Born in Northfield, N.J. on February 23, 1912, he was a direct descendant of John Somers, the Quaker founder of Somers Point, N.J. in 1695. At his death, William was considered to be the oldest living descendant of John Somers.

Will was named after his maternal grandfather, William L. Flick, with his middle name being that of his father, Eugene. The latter was a civil engineer who during the first six years of Will's life moved the family often, living in Fullerton, Pa., Hudson, N.Y., Tarrytown, N.Y., Wilmington, Del., Woonsocket, R.I., back to Northfield, and on to Catasauqua, Pa. At the insistence of his wife, Mary, they remained in Catasauqua for the duration of Will's public education. Will graduated first in his class from Catasauqua High School in 1929 and went on to Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. for both his undergraduate (second in the class of 1933) and graduate studies (Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1935).

He worked for Babcock and Wilcox, first in Barberton, Ohio (September 1935-March 1936), then in New York City until World War II, when in December of 1942 he was taken into the United States Navy as an ensign. During the war Will designed and supervised the building of the power plant for the Naval Engineering Experiment Station at Annapolis, Md., mustering out in 1946 as a lieutenant. After the war he joined Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) on January 2, 1946, in the Mechanical Engineering Division of the Electric Engineering Department.

Will had a 31-year career with PSE&G, retiring in 1977 as Senior Engineer specializing in power boilers and associated equipment (air heaters, precipitators, forced draft and induced draft fans, ash handling, and flue gas desulfurization systems).

A world-renowned engineer specializing in pressure vessels, Will was chairman of the Power Boiler, Section 1 of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel (B&PV) Code committee, finally resigning his membership at the age of 88. He also was a member of the B&PV Main Committee and Executive Committee until 1987 and was a member of

the ASME Research Committee associated with boiler operating problems. He was elected Life Fellow of the ASME in 1978 and in 2002 was honored for his contributions to the ASME and for his membership in the Society since 1933.

Although known as both a design and hands-on engineer, Will was published several times throughout his career. After retirement from PSE&G in 1977, he was reengaged as a consultant for the company until May of 1979. He also did consulting work for Energy Engineering Corp. of Jersey City until 1992.

Will married Marion Mack in 1938, having met her during his years in Bethlehem, Pa., where she was a third-grade teacher. They were married for 67 years until her passing on April 2 of 2006 at the age of 94 years and five days.

He was for many years active in the Boy Scouts of America. As a youth he was a member of Troop 2 at the Catasauqua Presbyterian Church. As an adult he was Master of Cub Pack 176 at McKinley School in Westfield for seven years, then committee chairman of Troop 71 at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, and finally Scoutmaster of that troop for three years. Within the Watchung Council, he was one of the planners for its inaugural Klondike Derby and continued participating in it for many years, running the signaling competition.

From the age of 8, Will was an avid choral singer. His longest association was from 1938 until 2001 with the Sanctuary Choir of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield. From 2001 he continued to sing with the choir at Bristol Glen until only a few weeks before his death. He and Marion joined the Methodist Episcopal Church (later the First United Methodist Church) of Westfield in the fall of 1938. With that church's Wesley Singers, he and Marion twice toured in Europe, and were founding choristers of the Oratorio Singers. Will was the designer of its stage.

At the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, he was at various times a trustee, a member of the Property Management Committee, the Access-Building Committee and the Administrative Board, and was the Institutional Representative for Boy Scouts of America Troop 78.

Will was an athlete in high school, lettering as a shot-putter and as a champion half-miler on the track team. He also was a guard on the football teams of both Catasauqua High School and Lehigh University, both of course in the days when players played both offense and defense. As an adult he walked at least two miles each day as part of his commute. During the summer he would swim a half-mile per day. He never drank alcohol nor smoked.

He is survived by his elder son, Paul Mack, and his wife, Janet Carol Schlein, their son, Luke Alexander, his wife, Ekaterina Gennadyevna Shatalova, and their children, Sophia Victoria and Anthony Luke, and by his younger son, David Philip, his wife, Nina Anne Poli, and their children, Karen Lynn and Daniel Brian, and Daniel's wife, Hannah Eliza Fairman. Will's cousin, Joseph Stokes of Orlando, Fla., survives as the youngest child of Eugene's youngest sister, Louisa.

Will's memorial service will take place on Saturday, February 20, 2010, at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield. His ashes will be placed in the Memorial Garden at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, where he was a member for 71 years. A portion will be reserved to be placed on the grounds of the Somers Mansion in Somers Point, N.J., the origin of the family in America.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Bristol Glen, 200 Bristol Glen Drive, Newton, N.J. 07860, where both Will and Marion lived from March of 2001.

January 14, 2010

L.A.A.

Prayer to The Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me! Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x).

Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I may attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank You as I confirm once again that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Amen.

Say this prayer on three consecutive days. Publish this prayer after the favor is granted.

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Obituaries

Margaret Cooper, Former Teacher; Was Parishioner and College Trustee

Margaret Mencke Cooper died on Sunday, January 3, 2010, in Vero Beach, Fla., surrounded by her family. Born January 27, 1928, Margaret

was the daughter of Terence C. and Mabel Brady. She grew up in Westfield, N.J. and graduated from Westfield High School in 1945. Margaret received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in 1949.

After teaching English at Plainfield High School, Margaret married John B. Mencke, also of Westfield, on June 28, 1952. They raised their family in Summit, N.J. and retired to St. Michaels, Md. in 1988. For more than 40 years Margaret enjoyed summer vacations with her family at Pocono Lake Preserve in Pennsylvania.

Following John's death in 1999, Margaret moved to Easton, Md. In 2004 she married E. Newbold Cooper, and they split their time between Vero Beach, Fla. and Media, Pa. Margaret was an active contributor to every community in which she lived. A devoted church volunteer, she served as a lector and Eucharistic Minister for St. Theresa Church in Summit, N.J., Christ the King Church in New Vernon, N.J., Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Easton, Md. and Holy Cross Church in Vero Beach. Margaret also served as a trustee of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in Indiana.

In Summit, Margaret was active in The United Way, Church Women United and the Junior League. She also served on the planning board and was founder and president of Youth Employment Services. While living in Maryland, Margaret was involved with the Easton Day Care Center, the Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and Christmas in St. Michaels. She also served on the



Margaret Cooper

Hospice Advisory Board.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Margaret is survived by her husband, E. Newbold

Cooper; her children, Susan M. Hanson, Alice M. Mencke, John B. Mencke, Jr. and Anne M. Lowe; her seven grandchildren, Jennifer H. Isaacs, Stephanie A. Hanson, Erich W. Lowe, Ryan J. Lowe, Emma M. Mencke, Elizabeth J. Mencke and John B. Mencke, III, and her great-granddaughter, Chloe Anne Isaacs. She also is survived by her sister, Alice B. Callahan, and her three brothers, Terence C., Jr., John H. and James C. Brady.

A prayer service was held on Thursday, January 7, at the Strunk Funeral Home of Vero Beach. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, January 11, at St. Theresa Church in Summit. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Margaret's name to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. 47876 or to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, P.O. Box 636, St. Michaels, Md. 21663.

January 14, 2010

Josephine Ruggeri, 90

Josephine Ruggeri, 90, of Westfield passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2010, at Overlook Hospital in Summit surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Sicily, Italy, she lived in Westfield since the age of 7. Mrs. Ruggeri was a homemaker.

Her son, Orlando Ruggeri, Jr., predeceased her.

Surviving are her husband, Orlando C. Ruggeri, and her children, Dr. Sebastian Ruggeri, Isabel Novak and Dr. Patricia Ruggeri-Weigel. She also will be deeply missed by her 16 grandchildren.

Friends are kindly invited to visit the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield, tomorrow, Friday, January 15, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 16, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Entombment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 299 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 201, Parsippany, N.J. 07054.

January 14, 2010

Paula Taranta, 86

Paula Domenick Taranta, 86, of Robbinsville died on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at her home.

Born in Beaver Falls, Pa., Mrs. Taranta was raised in Plainfield and lived in Westfield from 1962 until moving to Robbinsville in 2002.

Her husband, Joseph L. Taranta, predeceased her in 2007.

Surviving are two daughters, Meg Taranta of Freehold and Carrie and her husband, Ron Wayne, of Robbinsville; two brothers, Louis of Watchung and Frank Domenick of Florida, and two sisters, Carrie DiDomezio of Connecticut and Jeanette Luliano of Green Brook. Also surviving are two grandsons, Peter and Andrew Taranta.

Services were held on Saturday, January 9, at the Scarpa Funeral Home of North Plainfield. Burial took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

January 14, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice that on January 27, 2010 at 7:30 PM at the Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, the Planning Board, in its capacity as a Zoning Board of Adjustment, will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned. The property in question is located at: 47 Staggard Place, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 79 Lot 8, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map, owned by Joseph and Laura Ursino.

The applicant requests required variances and approvals to allow the widening of an existing driveway that enters onto La Grande Avenue (County Route 601) and addition of a second driveway that would enter onto Staggard Place. The driveway widening and addition of the second driveway is in violation of the following:

Section 184-163A of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Approval to widen an existing Driveway. Permitted: Maximum driveway width of 10 feet; Present: Driveway width of 10 feet; Proposed: Driveway width of 18 feet.

Section 184-163A of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Approval to add an additional Driveway; Permitted: One driveway; Present: One driveway; Proposed: Two driveways.

The applicant will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the application.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday) from the Secretary of the Planning Board at the Administration Office of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Fanwood Planning Board.

Applicants:
Joseph and Laura Ursino
47 Staggard Place
Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023

Attorney for Applicants:
Joseph E. Murray, Esq.
Schiller & Pittenger, P.C.
1771 Front Street
Scotch Plains, New Jersey, 07076
1 T - 1/14/10, The Times Fee: \$49.96

Frederick J. Kessler, 75, Merck Retiree; Was Active In Youth Sports Programs

Frederick Joseph Kessler passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at the age of 75. Fred was born on March 20, 1934 in Newark, N.J. He was the



Frederick J. Kessler

only son of Frederick Charles Kessler and Katherine Margaret von Garmeten Kessler of Rutherford, N.J. His arrival was something of a surprise to his 42-year-old parents, as the youngest of his three older sisters—still called “Babe”—was 10 when he was born. Fred attended Boston College, where he studied biology and graduated in 1956. He then spent a year in graduate studies at Georgetown University, before enlisting in the United States Army. Fred graduated from the Intelligence School at Fort Holabird, Md. and then was stationed in Washington, D.C. There, he conducted Army intelligence investigations and met the love of his life, Clara Louise “Cliss” Reed. They married in 1960.

Following an Honorable Discharge from the Army in 1960, Fred attended the George Washington University School of Government, Business and International Affairs and, in 1962, earned a Masters of Hospital Administration. Upon graduation, he spent several years as an administrator at the George Washington University School of Medicine and then joined Merck and Co., Inc. During his 28-year career with Merck, he became director of product development planning. Then, in his own words, at the age of 59 he found his “true calling” and happily retired.

Fred and Cliss moved to Westfield, N.J. in 1967, where they resided for over 40 years. Cliss predeceased him in 2008.

He is survived by his three children, Frederick R. Kessler and his wife, Rose, of New York City, John B. Kessler and his wife, Kelly, of Westfield and Nancy Kessler McCabe and her husband, Larry, of Mountaintop, as well as their 10 grandchildren, Zoe, Cassie, Henry and Reed; Kevin, Jack, Owen and William, and Katherine and Hugh. Fred also is survived by his two dear sisters, Elizabeth “Betty” Baker

and Katherine “Babe” Lefebvre, and their families.

Fred was a devoted husband, father and friend. In the early 1970s, he helped to build the Westfield Cub

Scout Football program. Later, he coached Little League Baseball and Softball teams for each of his children. In the 1980s, he was an active member of the Westfield Booster Association, serving as its president for the 1984-1985 term. He also enjoyed regular poker games and golf with a close circle of friends, including legendary annual LBIO road trips. In later years, he spent summers at Long Beach Island, where he enthusiastically entertained family and friends. When not at the beach, he was a regular volunteer at the Holy Trinity Soup Kitchen. He will be dearly missed by all.

On Monday, January 11, a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment followed at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington, N.J. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Westfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield, N.J. 07091.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

January 14, 2010

Genealogical Society To Learn ‘Sleuthing’

WESTFIELD—Robert Stein, president of the Morris Area Genealogical Society, will share his expertise today, Thursday, January 14, at 1 p.m. at the regular meeting of the Genealogical Society of the West Fields.

Mr. Stein likens genealogical research to investigation. He will outline the various talents that private investigators must possess in order to succeed and show how those same skills can further family research.

As always, the meeting will be open to the public. It will be held in the meeting room of the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street. For more information, call Nancy Humphrey at (908) 612-6029.



OUR SOLDIER...Fanwood-Scotch Plains Girl Scout Troop 40417, comprised of sixth graders from Park Middle School in Scotch Plains, adopted a soldier, Lieutenant Joe Zdaniewicz, who currently is serving in Afghanistan. In December, the girls made him holiday and birthday cards (his birthday is December 29) to thank him for his service. Since the cards would not get there in time via traditional mail, the troop leader took pictures and sent everything by e-mail. The troop has received a thank you note from Lt. Zdaniewicz, who keeps them updated through periodic e-mails sent to the troop leader.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Scotch Plains will require the services of a Township Auditor during 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains adopted a resolution on January 10, 2006, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq., known as the “New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act”; which established a fair and open process for the award of certain contracts with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 per year, where those contracts are not subject to public bidding or competitive contracting under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, Requests for Qualifications and proposals for the said contract were advertised at least ten (10) days before the proposals were to be submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager and the Township Clerk have received and opened the proposals in public and the Township Council evaluated any proposal on the basis of being the most advantageous to the Township of Scotch Plains, price and other factors being considered; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation considered, as to each proposal:

1) Experience and reputation in the field;
2) Knowledge of the Township of Scotch Plains and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
3) Availability to accommodate any required meetings;

4) Compensation proposal; and
WHEREAS, funds have been certified for this position by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, as follows:

That Conner Strong Risk Control is hereby appointed as Township Risk Manager for the year 2010.

A copy of this Resolution shall be published in The Times as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Dated: January 5, 2010

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 1/14/10, The Times Fee: \$47.43

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WHEREAS, funds have been certified for this position by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, as follows:

That Suplee, Clooney & Co. is hereby appointed as Township Auditor for the year 2010.

A copy of this Resolution shall be published in The Times as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Dated: January 5, 2010

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 1/14/10, The Times Fee: \$47.43

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The work of Sheila Lenga, on display at Kenilworth Public Library

Gallery on the Boulevard Welcomes Lenga

KENILWORTH – Gallery on the Boulevard, the exhibit space of the Kenilworth Public Library, will present the photography of Sheila Lenga during the months of January and February.

The photographs of this exhibit open a window onto the sights of southern Africa, featuring such exotic images as herds of impalas, ostriches and wildebeests at the Kariega Game Reserve in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, as well as the native dancers of Shakaland Zulu Village in Durban.

Visitors to the exhibit will also have the experience of viewing the strange, but beautiful, Welwitschia plant, which is the national flower of Namibia.

Ms. Lenga, a resident of Union, has been taking pictures since she was a child growing up in an artistic family

in Westport, Conn. After first studying at the Julliard School of Music and then pursuing an interest in jazz and raising a family, Ms. Lenga renewed her love of photography.

Ms. Lenga has exhibited her photographs at a variety of New Jersey venues, including the Watchung Arts Center, Les Malamut Gallery in Union, The Westfield Art Gallery, the Jewish Community Center in Edison, the North Edison Public Library and the Millburn Public Library.

Her photographs are also in private collections in New York, Arizona, Massachusetts, Mexico, Canada and St. Maarten.

The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard. For more information, call the library at (908) 276- 2451 or visit kenilworthlibrary.org.

Arts & Entertainment

Kids ‘n’ Arts Helps Children Express Talents

WESTFIELD – The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) Kids ‘n’ Arts program, a weekly two-hour drop-off class for children ages 3 to 5, continues its introduction to the creative and performing arts when the new session begins on February 16 and 18.

Kids ‘n’ Arts (KNA) gives area children a unique introduction to art, music and drama while surrounding them with a safe, comfortable and creative environment. The curriculum, designed specifically for this age group, encourages them to express their natural talents with such themes as “Discovery of Self,” “Discovery of Others,” or “Discovery of the World.”

Pre-schoolers listen to the music of Mozart while they create arts and crafts using a variety of mediums during the art segment of the program. In music, the group learns about rhythm and pitch, using their voices and percussion and tonal instruments.

They are also introduced to various instrumental instruction throughout the year. During the drama segment, the children express themselves through acting, theater games, creative movement, dance, puppetry and pantomime.

The staff of the KNA program includes Donna Stein, a recipient of a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Connecticut State University and a Masters Degree and certification as a learning-disability teacher consultant from Seton Hall University.

A former educator in the Westfield School system, Ms. Stein, a landscape and portrait artist, is an evaluator for the Paper Mill Playhouse’s Rising Star Awards Program.

Also on the KNA staff, Maureen

Monroe is a graduate of Vassar College with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music with a Master of Music degree. She has a wide range of experience in performing, directing and teaching and has extensive

operatic experience as a principal artist, producer and director.

A vocal music teacher at the NJWA Music Studio, Ms. Monroe has performed in many area musical theater venues.

Kids ‘n’ Arts will begin its second session on Tuesday, February

16, or Thursday, February 18, and continue until June 1 or 3. Parents may choose a Tuesday or Thursday class at either 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Tuition for the 15-session semester is \$470. Students may enroll at any time and tuition will be pro-rated.

For additional information and a brochure on Kids ‘n’ Arts, or any program of the NJWA, call (908) 789-9696, visit NJWA studios at 150-152 East Broad Street or log on to njworkshopforthearts.com.

First Baptist Launches New Saturday Service

WESTFIELD – The First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street in Westfield, has begun a Saturday evening church service emphasizing Christian music in a contemporary, informal fashion. The service also features a message, prayer and reflection.

Entitled “Branches,” this pilot program is particularly aimed at attracting younger people, but all ages are welcome. It will be held at 5 p.m. on January 16 and 23 and on the second, third and fourth Saturdays in February and March. For more information, call the church at (908) 233-2278.

GW Artist’s Paintings On Exhibit at Pearl Street

GARWOOD – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders are presenting an exhibit of oil paintings by Garwood artist Clementina Hechevarria in the gallery space at the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, located at 633 Pearl Street in Elizabeth.

A selection of her paintings, titled “The Journey,” is on display at the Pearl Street Gallery through Friday, January 29. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

“The talent and diversity of our county artists assure an inspiring and interesting variety of exhibitions at the Pearl Street Gallery,” said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board.

Ms. Hechevarria attended Kean College, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in Fine Arts. She worked in various fields after college, both in the corporate world and as a legal secretary for many years, but she al-

ways had a love and appreciation of art.

Ms. Hechevarria’s artwork consists of portraits in oil on canvas, landscape paintings in oil, murals for children’s rooms and painted furniture. She also sews special-occasion clothing for children. Her work has been sold at craft shows sponsored by Rose Squared Productions as well as at the Cranford and Westfield Street Fairs.

Her work can be viewed on clementinascreations.com

Union County artists (whose works can be hung on a wall) interested in exhibiting in the gallery space are welcome to apply. For more information about the Pearl Street Gallery or other programs, contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, N.J. 07202.

Free on-site parking is available. To learn more, call (908) 558-2550. NJ Relay users can dial 7-1-1 or send e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

WF’s Ida Chen’s Poem Makes Poetry Anthology

WESTFIELD – Last year, Ida Chen of Westfield, the daughter of Carol and Chao Chen, submitted a poem to a contest that was held for young poets. Ida is in eighth grade in Westfield. Her poem was selected from thousands of entries as one of the top 10 in her grade.

The contest was held for all students in grades K-12. The top 10 poets in each division (grades K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12) are each receiving special recognition in the poetry anthology *A Celebration of Poets*. Each top-10 winner receives a complimentary copy of the anthology and a \$50 savings bond. Poems are selected for their literary merit, creativity and social significance.

Creative Communication sponsors this contest to offer a “creative outlet that honors our youth,” said Tom Worthen, director of Creative Communication.

According to Mr. Worthen, “Too often, the efforts of young writers are unrecognized and they lose their motivation to express themselves.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

In compliance with J.J.S.A. 10:4-8D (Open Public Meeting Act), the Westfield Recreation Commission wishes to advise the public that it will hold its regular meetings for 2010 in the Recreation Conference Room of the Municipal Building 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30pm, on the following dates:

MONDAY, JANUARY 11
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1
MONDAY, MARCH 8
MONDAY, APRIL 5
MONDAY, MAY 3
MONDAY, JUNE 7
MONDAY, JULY 12

NO REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

1 T - 1/14/10, The Leader Fee: \$21.93

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

DWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

Be advised that the Downtown Westfield Corporation will meet at the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) office at 105 Elm Street, Lower Level on the following days and times in the year 2010:

Annual DWC Reorganization Meeting
January 25, 2010 at 7:30 pm

BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are at 7:30 pm

February 22, 2010
March 22, 2010
April 26, 2010
May 24, 2010
June 28, 2010
August 9, 2010
September 27, 2010
October 25, 2010
November 22, 2010
December 13, 2010

Sherry Cronin
Executive Director
1 T - 1/14/10, The Leader Fee: \$24.48



Carrot-and-‘Stick’ Approach

By Gino Jannotti,
International Correspondent

Editor’s note: Mr. Jannotti, of Garwood, is on business in south Asia. He wrote us the following:

“A little explanation. Near to our office is an Indian temple, and last Saturday, as we walked back to the office from lunch, we saw this event taking place:

“The swordsman was blindfolded and walked around to each person with the carrots, and his sword was placed gently on the

carrot. Then the guide left him alone, and he walked to each person and cut the carrot in half (blindfolded). An amazing site.

“The last one was the boy in the middle with two carrots, (pictured above). After the first one was cut, he went to get up. The others charged in to stop the swordsman and put the boy back down. Then the guide showed the swordsman the carrot, and he left him alone and he cut the final one on the boy’s stomach.”

The Seeing Eye Awards Scholarship to Denker

SCOTCH PLAINS — Kaitlyn Denker, 18, of Scotch Plains, received a scholarship from The Seeing Eye for raising several puppies for the world-famous dog guide school.

James Kutsch, president of The Seeing Eye, formally congratulated Kaitlyn among the 59 puppy raisers to receive scholarships at Family Day, an annual celebration for puppy raisers and their families held at the Morristown campus last year.

Kaitlyn is a freshman at Towson University, where she is studying kinesiology and nutrition.

Kaitlyn has been a puppy raiser for five years as a member of the Seeing Eye/4-H puppy club. In this capacity, Kaitlyn taught her puppies basic obedience, attended local puppy club meetings once a month, exposed puppies to a variety of social situations and provided them with love and companionship.

After a year and a half, she returned each puppy to The Seeing Eye for its formal training.

“Young adults like Kaitlyn are special because they provide a rock-solid foundation for a Seeing Eye dog’s formal training,” said Peggy Gibbon, director of Canine Development for The Seeing Eye. “We are delighted to recognize Kaitlyn for her dedication to the puppy-raising program and wish Kaitlyn well in her future endeavors.”

“We applaud the extraordinary commitment of Kaitlyn and her fel-

Summit Playhouse Casts For Comedy Sylvia

SUMMIT – *Sylvia*, a comedy by A.R. Gurney, is being cast at The Summit Playhouse on February 6 and 7 at 1 p.m. There are four actor positions available. Dancer auditions will take place on February 7 at 6 p.m.

In the comedy, Greg and Kate have moved to Manhattan after 22 years of child-raising in suburbia. The fun begins after Greg brings home a dog he found in Central Park bearing only the name “Sylvia” on her nametag.

The playhouse is looking for a female actress in her 20s, two male actors between 40 and 50, and a female actress between 40 and 50, as well as one male and one female dancer (no lines).

The characters Sylvia, Greg and Kate will be asked to read from the script as well as to sing “Ev’ry Time We Say Goodbye” by Cole Porter.

Chase Newhart directs the performance. To learn more, refer questions to producer Frank Hawrusik at (908) 313-0884. The production runs April 23 to May 8.

Summit Playhouse is located at 10 New England Avenue in Summit. For more information on the playhouse, visit summitplayhouse.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains will require the services of an Attorney during the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. (40 A-11-1et seq.), requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids be publicly advertised; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, that VINCENT K. LOUGHLIN, an attorney of the State of New Jersey with the law firm of Johnstone, Skok, Loughlin & Lane, P.C., located at 324 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, be appointed Attorney to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the period effective from January 7, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” under the provisions of said Local Public Contracts Law because the services are of such a qualitative nature as will not permit the receipt of competitive bids due to the subjective difference in the work product of such persons and the fact that the ethical requirements of such professionals will not permit such bidding.

Barbara Horev, Secretary
Zoning Board of Adjustment
1 T - 1/14/10, The Times Fee: \$31.11

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting on January 11, 2010 adopted the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Westfield has authorized the position of Attorney to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Adjustment desires to appoint Vincent Loughlin, Esq. to that position for the year 2010.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Vincent Loughlin, Esq. is appointed to the position of Attorney to the Westfield Zoning Board of Adjustment from this date to December 31, 2010.

William E. Heinbokel
Chairman, Board of Adjustment
1 T - 1/14/10, The Leader Fee: \$19.89

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2010 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING SCHEDULE

**January 11, 2010 (5:00 PM)
February 1, 2010
March 1, 2010
April 5, 2010
May 3, 2010
June 7, 2010

*No meetings scheduled in the months of July and August

**September 13, 2010 (5:00 PM)
October 4, 2010
November 1, 2010
December 6, 2010

The above listed meetings are scheduled for 5:30 PM on the first Monday of the month, except where otherwise indicated. All meetings will be held in the Council Conference Room located on the first floor of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street.

Marylou Fashano-Sollis
Board Secretary
1 T - 1/14/10, The Leader Fee: \$23.46

Teen Arts Exhibit Remains On Display at PF Library

PLAINFIELD – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced that the 2009 Teen Arts Traveling Exhibit is on display at the Plainfield Public Library, located at 850 Park Avenue, through Friday, January 29.

The exhibit consists of 55 pieces of art selected from more than 600 visual-art works shown at the Union County Teen Arts Festival held in March 2009 at Union County College in Cranford. The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Parks & Community Renewal administers the annual event.

The exhibiting students are: Isabelle Perrin, Mountainside, Deerfield School; Veronica Tolentino, Scotch Plains, Union County Vo-Tech; Emily Aschenbach, Scotch Plains, Union

County Vo-Tech; Brian Fischer, Scotch Plains, Union County Vo-Tech; Louis Rodriguez, Scotch Plains, Hillcrest Academy; Gabby Aragona, Westfield, Lamberts Mill Academy; Julia Godbee, Westfield, Edison Intermediate School.

“I am amazed by the exceptional artwork submitted by the students,” said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan. “I encourage everyone to get out and see this fun, lively exhibit as it continues its tour throughout Union County.”

For information about the Teen Arts program, contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, N.J. 07202 or call (908) 558-2550. NJ Relay service users should call 7-1-1 or e-mail culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

POPCORN™

It’s Complicated:

The Second Time Around



By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
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Think about it. We two are lucky. The odds of taking part in a blissful, ‘til-death-do-us-part marriage are infinitesimal. Nonetheless, almost to a man, and a woman, folks strive to be in Cupid’s line of sight. Indeed, so hardwired to this goal are divorced Jane (Meryl Streep) and Jake (Alec Baldwin) that they’re willing to try it again, with each other, yet.

Putting them through the romantic wringer in *It’s Complicated*, director-writer Nancy Meyers does all but speculate the Vegas line on these two grabbing the brass ring on the second go-round. Glimpses of classic screwball comedy mixed with sitcom sensibilities and the stick that is signature Meyers (*Baby Boom*, 1987) achieve fairly funny results.

But the chief calling card here, distinguishing the effort from so many similar, mediocre romps, is the dramatis personae. Meryl Streep and Alec Baldwin as the double-dog dare, near-crossed and twice-smitten pair, clearly elevate the material one full rung more than it deserves. Both are able to inject a creditable, engaging gravity to the farcical doings.

In other words, we care. Oh, not necessarily about Jane or Jake per se, but certainly about the compelling predicaments they bring to life in their alternately rollicking and piteous tumult through the wiles of amour. While there have been situations where so-so writing has hampered La Streep (*Death Becomes Her*, 1992), such is not the case here.

Though apparently content in her new life, perhaps the divorcee will never fully recover from the marital failure. OK, we forgive her the million-dollar heartbreak trappings...the sprawling Santa Barbara manor and the ideal, career-affirming gourmet foods/bakeshop in town. The fact is, she loved, come rain or come shine, and then he cheated on her.

But part of what makes it so complicated is that the cad, played to vulnerable-as-a-fox perfection by Alec Baldwin, is so darn likable. Mr. Baldwin should devote the rest of his career to acting only with great actresses. It brings out the Franchot Tone and/or Walter Pidgeon in him, an Almost Leading Man quality that thrives on great team players.

Cheering and booing the re-wedding couple from court-side seats are the damaged urchins, Lauren (Caitlin Fitzgerald), Luke (Hunter Parrish) and Gabby (Zoe Kazan). But while they have something to say, either it’s their affluence, spot-on California argot or the Oprah-ization of Ameri-

can dysfunction that makes it all seem trite and inconsequential.

Still, Luke gets indirect credit for bringing Mom and Pop together...again. It happens in New York, and not without a sweet note of hopefulness when, on the eve of sonny boy’s graduation (looks like from Columbia), the two find themselves in the hotel lounge, abandoned by the brood. And undoubtedly like the first time, it begins with hanky-panky.

Initially we’re all for it, save for one sticking point. Jake is remarried, to a damsel named Agness, several years his junior. That makes him an adulterer yet again. But hey, Wife 2 cheated on him once and has a little tyke named Pedro to prove it. In the rationalizations of Moviedom, that almost makes this affair with his ex-wife OK, if not exactly moral.

Besides, they have history. They make a nice couple, and we can see why they originally wed. Of course when it comes to why they ultimately broke up, at this juncture we don’t know the half of it. So let’s just complicate it a tad more by throwing in a new suitor for Jane’s affections. Enter stage left, Adam, her sensitive architect played by Steve Martin.

With the comical and serious ingredients now assembled and a dash of philosophy generously sprinkled in for seasoning, the tale begins to churn. Figure on a lot of the usual comic conventions to pad a rather thin plot. But while often predictable, only the more skilled soothsayers will successfully predict who, if any, her Lady Fair shall choose.

Meanwhile, we are pretty much being charmed by the courtship of Jane and Jake, essentially a serio-comic update of love among the Baby Boomer generation. Born from experience, new modes of the mating dance are introduced. But far more infatuating and funny are the plays and stratagems that doubtless haven’t changed since both were teens.

It’s as cute as it is confounding. Laughing at the heart’s intrigues, while no answer to one of life’s biggest enigmas, is consoling. It allows us to acknowledge en masse this mystery only we humans share. But no need to get esoteric about it if that’s not your cup of love potion. While certainly *It’s Complicated*, in good part it’s also simply entertaining.

It’s Complicated, rated R, is a Universal Pictures release directed by Nancy Meyers and stars Meryl Streep, Alec Baldwin and Steve Martin. Running time: 118 minutes

Choral Art Society of NJ Introduces Public to Paine

WESTFIELD – Music lovers will have an unusual opportunity to hear the *Mass in D* by John Knowles Paine on Saturday, January 23. Led by Music Director James Little, the Choral Art Society of New Jersey will perform the work with orchestra and soloists at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Many devotees of choral music have not heard of Paine. Yet, this late 19th century (1839-1906) American composer's *Mass* is highly appealing, with its beautiful melodies, surging rhythms, many moving passages and arresting fugues.

After studying organ, piano, harmony, and composition in his native Portland, Me., Paine left for Berlin in 1858 when he was 19. There, he studied organ and orchestration with Bach enthusiast Karl August Haupt and gave organ and piano recitals in England and Germany, where he received special acclaim for performances of Bach's organ works.

Paine began writing his 18-movement *Mass* while in Germany but did not complete it until after his return to the United States in 1861. He conducted the premiere of the work in February 1867 in Berlin, the first performance in Europe of a large work by an American composer.

In the spring of that year, the *Mass* received its first American public performance in Boston. An *Atlantic Monthly* critic described it as "a work of considerable power and great formal beauty" in which "command over musical form was at once evident."

The work's subsequent performance history is unknown until 1972, when composer/conductor Gunther Schuller led a performance at the New England Conservatory.

Performing as soloists are Andrew Martens, Kurt Alakulppi and Ellen Goff Entriiken and Sharon Byrne.

Lyric tenor Mr. Alakulppi made his Carnegie Hall debut singing Schubert's *Mass in G* with the New England Symphonic Ensemble and his Lincoln Center debut as Eduardo in Rossini's *La Cambiale Di Matrimonio* at Alice Tully Hall.

Ms. Entriiken, soprano, was born in Brooklyn, and grew up on Long Island, N.Y. She studied at the Franz Schubert Institute in Baden bei Wien,

Austria, on full sponsorship, where she was recipient of the Franz Schubert Prize for Voice and was featured in a recital aired on Austrian radio. She made her Carnegie Hall debut as soprano soloist in the New York premiere performance of

Handel's *Joshua* with the Oratorio Society of New York.

Mr. Martens, bass, is a versatile performer, equally comfortable on both the operatic and concert stages. Highlights of his career include being a part of Francesca Zambello's highly acclaimed production of *The Nose* by Shostakovich for the Bard SummerScape festival and a return engagement to sing the role of Balthasar in the U.S. premier of

Schumann's *Genoveva*. Mr. Martens made his Carnegie Hall debut singing Ramphis in *Aida* and Alvaro in Verdi's *Alzira*, both with New York Grand Opera.

Ms. Byrne, Mezzo-soprano, frequently appears as a guest soloist with several New Jersey musical organizations, including the Raritan Community Choir, the Westminster Conservatory Chorale and the Choral Art Society of New Jersey. Her many solo performances include Brahms' *Alto Rhapsody*, as well as Handel's *Messiah*, Bach's *Magnificat*, Bach's *Mass in B-Minor*, Bach's *St. John Passion*, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Mozart's *Requiem* and Verdi's *Requiem*.

Tickets to the Choral Art Society performance, available at the door, are \$20 and \$15 for seniors and students.

Rehearsals Begin For Oratorio Society

AREA – The Oratorio Society of New Jersey's Spring Concert, with professional soloists and orchestra, will feature two short operas, Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* as well as Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury*.

The date of the concert is March 27, and rehearsals began January 12, at Cedar Grove High School at 7:30 p.m. Scores will be available. Subsequent rehearsals begin at 8 p.m.

For further information, log on to oratoriosocietynj.org or call (973) 783-3837.

Arts & Entertainment



75 YEARS AND GOING STRONG...Westfield Community Players' season opener, *The Second Time Around*, is a comedy by Henry Denker. Pictured, from left to right, Renée Litwin of Scotch Plains, James Broderick, Nancy Lee Ryan and John Schweska star in the comedy that runs weekends through Saturday, January 23.

Mixed Media Reveals Three Personal Narratives

CRANFORD – From Friday, January 22, through February 25, the group exhibition, "It's Personal" will be on display in the Tomasulo Gallery in the MacKay Library of the Cranford campus of Union County College.

The exhibition, curated by Tomasulo Director Valeri Larko with an accompanying essay by Rocio Aranda-Alvarado, associate curator of El Museo del Barrio, consists of mixed-media works by artists Dahlia Elsayed, Jenny Krasner and Amy Wilson. All of the artists in this show use their personal lives/stories as inspiration for their art.

The exhibition, as described in the essay by Ms. Aranda-Alvarado, is a composite of "confessional whispers, hidden longings, vague memories, intellectual musings – all of these make their appearance in the works of the artists... All three artists use text and personal narrative as the basis of their potent, intelligent and witty works."

For Ms. Elsayed, her works have always been a combination of writing and painting and have ranged from book art to work on paper to large-scale installation paintings. Image and text create detailed, visual narratives of location and experience.

In her artist statement, she said, "The work draws on my surroundings, informed by autobiography and environment, creating contemporary cartographies of memory, place and location. My recent work explores the idea of emotional landmarks."

Ms. Krasner said her mixed-media works combine the use of pen and ink, handwritten short stories, digitally scanned objects and photographs, found and brought objects, oil and acrylic paint, charcoal, pastel and gouache.

In her artist statement, she said, "The daily theater that transpires around me is so wrought with tragedy, irony, love and passion, that creating art about my own present circumstances and current events is enough material to last me a lifetime."

Ms. Wilson works in watercolors and uses the image of an industrious little girl, sometimes many, in a single drawing, to represent herself; therefore, many of her pieces can be considered a self-portrait.

She said that in her drawings she, "plays with the tension between the sweet images, pretty girls, simple palette, and the honest and fearless conver-

sations they have as a way to explore the femininity and her internal life."

The opening reception for this exhibition will be held on Friday, January 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Tomasulo Gallery, on the college's Cranford campus, located at 1033 Springfield Avenue.

Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Evening hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays. For more information, call (908) 709-7155.

UCPAC Presents Best of NJ Film Festival

RAHWAY – The Union County Performing Arts Center (UCPAC) in Rahway will host an evening of the "Best of the Garden State Film Festival – Short Films" on Saturday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m.

This two-hour evening will include the following creative short films: *Snowtime*, *New Boy*, *The Heart Is A Hidden Camera*, *The Reader*, *Vagabond Shoes*, *Mutt*, *The Kiddush Man*, *The Wednesdays*, *Highlights* and *Final Sale*.

The artistic philosophy of the Garden State Film Festival is rooted in the celebration of the independent film genre and the creation of a forum in which local and other independent filmmakers can exhibit their works. This event will be presented in the UCPAC Studio Theatre.

For tickets or more information, call the box office at (732) 499-8226 or visit ucpac.org.

SOPAC Welcomes Duncan Sheik

SOUTH ORANGE – The South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC) will present Grammy and Tony Award-winning singer and composer Duncan Sheik on March 18 at 8 p.m.

After the release of his hit single "Barely Breathing" from his eponymous debut album in 1996, Sheik catapulted to the top of the charts. His Broadway musical, *Spring Awakening*, earned 11 Tony nominations and earned critical acclaim, including *The New York Times*, which declared that Broadway "...may never be the same."

Sheik comes to SOPAC as part of the company's commitment to bring an array of diverse and acclaimed artists to the community. This Montclair native will perform a collection of songs from his latest work, *Whisper House*, which Sheik has composed for a forthcoming theatrical piece of the same title.

SOPAC is located at One SOPAC Way. All artists and prices are subject to change at the time of this release. For more details on the upcoming season, including a complete schedule and ticket information, visit SOPACnow.org, or contact the SOPAC Box Office at (973) 313-2787 (ARTS).

WCP Presents 'Pertinent Comedy' for 75th Birthday

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD – Westfield Community Players' (WCP) celebration of their 75th season is being kicked off by a comedy, *The Second Time Around*, by Henry Denker. For audience members, the trip down memory's path to the late 1960s suggested a time period in which there was a clear double standard of morality: the swinging free love of college-age kids and that of the married, monogamous, older generation.

Denker's play centers around Laura Curtis (Nancy Lee Ryan), a widow, and recent widower Samuel Jonas (James Broderick), who strike up a love affair. They rationalize that they will live together instead of marrying because her Social Security benefits will be higher and she will not be cut off from her husband's will, which stipulates she cannot remarry.

This coupling might not raise eyebrows of concern in today's world, but for the adult children that each of the duo brings to the new family unit, it spells catastrophe.

A meeting in Samuel's apartment is the staging of the news bombshell to be lobbed at the adult children. Laura's doting son, Michael (John Schweska) suffers from a spastic colon, and Samuel's daughter, Cynthia (Renée Litwin) is riddled with neuroses, so the comedy hinges on the reaction of these children and their spouses to the "elderly twosome" (who are a mere 65 years old).

The WCP payroll calls this play "A Pertinent Comedy." Some might call it "dated," with references to ZaZa Gabor, Jimmy Carter, Masters and Johnson Sex Clinic, and chess great Bobby Fisher.

"What would the neighbors say?" asks one of the adult children about

the affair in a line that clearly would be answered today with "Get over it."

In Act II, the swinging grandson, Bruce, (Travis A. Morgan) decked out in his hippie vest and sporting sideburns, ushers his gorgeous girlfriend into his grandfather's apartment for an "afternoon delight."

It's then that the picture of double standard comes into focus with all the family members gathered together. "You're my grandfather. You're supposed to set an example for me," he wails in the ironic twist.

Director Fred Cuozzo has assembled a cast that serves the play well. The four principals do a credible job with the one-dimensional roles they have been handed.


Nancy Lee Ryan has a wickedly delightful moment when her son yells in exasperation, "You are this man's mistress!" and she grins to the audience, displaying her dimples and riveting blue eyes.

Playing her lover, James Broderick is teddy-bear adorable with his bliss in not being lonely anymore.

John Schweska is quite funny as he talks "man-to-man" with Samuel but has to interrupt his discourse to run to the bathroom. Renée Litwin, from Scotch Plains, as Cynthia, is not just angry at the proposed liaison of her father and Laura, she is scary angry.

Danielle Levitt, playing a supporting role as Eleanor, does a superb job as the severe, controlling health-food fanatic. With her dark hair snaked back with not an errant wisp in sight and a diabolical grin no matter what line she is uttering to her mother-in-law or her husband, one can see why her husband Michael would have colon problems.

The season opener runs weekends through Saturday, January 23.



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Junior Musical Club To Hold Auditions in February

WESTFIELD – The Junior Musical Club, a division of The Musical Club of Westfield, is a performing group of 8th grade through high school instrumentalists and vocalists from Westfield and nearby communities united by their love of music.

Club meetings are held once a month throughout the year. Musicians in the club perform for each other during club meetings and join with members of the Senior Club to perform for special events such as Festifall in Westfield.

Highlights this year include: the Ensemble Concert on Saturday, March 20, at 4 p.m., featuring all the members of the Junior Musical Club and a Senior Recital on Saturday, June 12, at 4 p.m. by club members about to go on to college. Both con-

certs are held at the First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street in Westfield, and are free and open to the public.

Auditions for membership in the Junior Musical Club are open to individuals in grades 8 to 12 who are studying music. Two pieces must be performed for the audition—one piece from the period up to and including Beethoven, and another piece from the Romantic or Modern period.

Audition dates are Sunday, February 7, at 6 p.m. at the home of Sue Xiao, located at 574 Pierson Street in Westfield, and Sunday, July 11, at 6 p.m. at the home of Beverly Thomson Shea, located at 2121 Princeton Avenue in Scotch Plains.

To audition, or for more information, contact Kevin Shi, vice-president of Auditions, at (908) 656-1334 or juniormusicalclub@gmail.com.

'Conscience' Welcomes Sinners and Saints Tour

WESTFIELD – The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series continues its 10th season by presenting Pat Wictor and Toby Walker, "the Saints and Sinners Tour," at the First United Methodist Church, located at 1 East Broad Street (corner of North Avenue) in Westfield, on Saturday, January 16.

Mr. Wictor is a contemporary songwriter, drawing on the rural country, gospel and blues traditions in the United States.

Mr. Walker is an accomplished finger-style guitarist who is also adept at ragtime and bottleneck. He draws inspiration from the traditional and contemporary blues, folk, ragtime and country.

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series is a 10-show series running from September through June at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield and supports various local charities, including Contact We Care of Westfield and the Keith Knost Special Needs Trust of Mountainside. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m., and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$19 online and \$23 at the door. Advance purchase of tickets is highly recommended by going to wictorwalker.eventbrite.com. For more information, visit coffeewithconscience.org, call (908) 412-9105 or e-mail ahhre@ahhre.com. Volunteers are always appreciated.