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Palatucci told *The Westfield Leader*.

New Jersey in December 2001 and served seven years. The New Jersey Bar Association opposed the move,

citing his lack of experience. He went

on to become the state's longest-serv-

As a U.S. Attorney, Mr. Christie drew a national reputation going after and winning successful convictions of pub-

lic officials - 130 of them - with no defeats. The convictions list was highlighted by former Newark Mayor and

state Senator Sharpe James, a Democrat, and ex-Republican Essex County

In his inaugural address, Mr. Christie

said, in addition to cutting some state

programs while transforming others,

spending would have to be curbed at

the municipal level. "We have the larg-

est budget deficit per-person of any

state in the Union. We have the highest

Following his election as governor

over incumbent Jon Corzine this past

November, Mr. Christie named former

state lawmaker and ex-Westfield

mayor Richard Bagger as his chief of

staff. Mr. Bagger, who served on the

Westfield Town Council and was

mayor in 1991, served for 10 years in

the Assembly. He was elected to the

Senate in 2001, but served only one

year before resigning due to a promo-

As a show of bipartisanship, Gover-

nor Christie called the state's new leg-

islative leaders, Senate President

Stephen Sweeney and Assembly

Speaker Sheila Oliver, both Democrats,

to the podium. "Let us shake hands as a

symbol for our citizens of all that is

possible in a future that demands that

who gets the credit finally takes a back

seat to doing something worth getting

credit for," Governor Christie said. He

vowed to represent all New Jerseyans,

regardless of political affiliation, wealth

Mr. Christie has appointed former

Westfield resident Bret Schundler, the

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status or age.

tion with his employer, Pfizer.

tax rates in the nation," he said.

Executive James Treffinger.

ing U.S. Attorney.

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Gov. Chris Christie Takes Office: 'Change Has Arrived' at Statehouse

By PAUL J. PEYTON and SONIA OWCHARIW

AREA - New Jersey is under new leadership after Tuesday's swearing-in of former Westfielder Chris Christie as the state's 55th governor.

Signaling the huge challenges he faces, headed by a \$1-billion shortfall this year and \$10 billion starting in July, Mr. Christie promised, "One person can make a difference; I will make a difference.'

"While the economic hour is dark, there are brighter days ahead," Governor Christie said.

Mr. Christie's ascent to the Statehouse has its roots strongly planted in Union County. His new administration also has strong ties to the Cranford-Westfield area.

The new governor, who lived on Prospect Street in Westfield from 1987 to 1989 and near Tamaques Park in 1991, was a partner in the then-Cranford law firm of Dughi, Hewit & Palatucci (now Dughi & Hewit). Prior to living in Westfield, he and his wife, Mary Pat, resided in a small apartment above a liquor store in Summit and later bought their first home in Cranford.

One of Governor Christie's law partners in the Cranford firm, William Palatucci of Westfield, was put in charge of organizing the inauguration along with Mr. Christie's brother, Todd. While at the law firm, Mr. Christie specialized in securities law, appellate practice, election law and government affairs.

"The governor was known as a hardworking and able attorney for the 14



PAST AND FUTURE...Governor Chris Christie gives his inauguration address Tuesday at the War Memorial in Trenton. Pictured, left to right, are: Former Governors Thomas H. Kean, Donald DiFrancesco, Richard Codey and Jon Corzine; state Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce, Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (LD-21, Westfield), Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver (LD-34, East Orange), Senate President Stephen Sweeney (LD-3, West Deptford), and Mr. Christie's former law partner, William Palatucci of Westfield. Not pictured, but standing near the podium, are former Governors Brendan

Needle Point Files 'Builder's Remedy'

GLORY DAYS...New Governor Chris Christie and wife, Mary Pat, rock out to Bruce Springsteen hits Tuesday night during an inaugural celebration at Newark's Prudential Center. Governor Christie and Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno

Teachers Unions React To Schundler Appointment

By PAUL J. PEYTON

were sworn into office earlier that day.

AREA - The selection of former Westfield resident and 2001 Republican gubernatorial candidate, Bret Schundler, a proponent of school vouchers, school choice and charter schools, as education commissioner has drawn a mostly positive reaction from local school officials, although concerns on possible school aid reductions and spending limits were foremost on their

Mr. Schundler is a product of the Westfield public school system, having graduated in 1977 from Westfield High School (WHS), where he made All-State in football. He later had a career on Wall Street before being elected to two terms as Jersey City mayor. He lost the governor's race in 2001 to Jim McGreevey.

Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (LD-21, Westfield), the Republican leader in the state Senate, has called Mr. Schundler, "one of the most vocal advocates of charter schools and school choice in the

"Bret can be expected to champion reforms that will bring equally dramatic improvements in the education of the children of our state," Mr. Kean

said. Ginny Leiz, president of the Westfield Board of Education, said her concern was what Governor Chris Christie and Mr. Schundler's position is on moving school board elections to November and imposing stiffer restrictions on increasing school budget spending. She said proposals in Trenton are to no longer allow spending adjustments outside of the current state-imposed cap of 4 percent, or to move to a 3-percent cap. Both

proposals, she said, are to move to "automatically-approved" budgets, which

would no longer go before voters. "I wish him (Mr. Schundler) well in a certainly difficult economic time," Ms. Leiz said. She said there is "much uncertainty" and "real concern" as to the future of school funding in New Jersey and spending limits for boards of education.

Westfield Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan said, "We always are pleased when we hear of the accomplishments of our graduates. We are certainly proud of the fact that our 1977 Westfield High School graduate, Bret Schundler, has been named commissioner of education, responsible for all the public schools in the state. We con-

Kim Schumacher, president of the WEA, said the choice of Mr. Schundler, as well as Mr. Christie's Chief of Staff Rich Bagger, another WHS graduate, is "fabulous" for Westfield and points to the quality of the town's public school

She said her concern is how the current economic crisis will impact public-education funding in New Jersey. "What does this mean for (public) education?," Ms. Schumacher asked. "We (Westfield) don't get a lot of funding CONTINUED ON PAGE 8



"WE'LL WALK HAND IN HAND"...Walkers take to East Broad Street in Westfield, Monday, to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) and sing Civil Rights-era freedom songs such as "We Shall Overcome." The walk began at the South Avenue circle by the MLK monument and proceeded toward Temple Emanu-El, where a service to commemorate the life of Dr. King took place. Above, a young woman carries the message of Dr. King: "Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

"It will be interesting to see how the governor's relationship with the NJEA (New Jersey Education Association) will play out," Ms. Leiz said, noting that the Westfield school board will soon begin negotiations with the Westfield Education Association (WEA), whose contract expires in June. "We need to continue our close relationship with our teachers' union."

gratulate him on this honor."

For Pre-K School Program LAUREN S. BARR

Garwood BOE Sets Tuition

GARWOOD - The Garwood public schools will offer a tuition-based pre-kindergarten program for the 2010-2011 school year for three- and four-year-olds. At Tuesday night's board of education meeting, the board voted unanimously to charge \$2,500 for a half-day program and \$5,000 for a full day.

Superintendent Teresa Quigley said that the board had given the issue a lot of thought, and because board members "take pride in our school system," they chose to continue to offer a pre-K program rather than eliminate it. She said the "state keeps giving us mandates" to fund programs, but does not tell the board how to fund them.

Mrs. Quigley said the classes will be mixed ages, with a maximum of 15 children. This will require one teacher and one paraprofessional per classroom.

Board Member and Finance Committee Chairwoman Susan Groning said the board looked at fees for both public and private pre-K programs, and that the fees the board came up with are lower than most. She also said that Garwood will have certified teachers, which not all private pre-schools offer. Mrs. Groning also said that in looking at the upcoming 2010-2011 budget, the board would face a deficit, with teacher salaries increasing 4.3 percent and health insurance costs set

to rise by approximately \$100,000. Several parents asked questions and raised concerns about the pre-K program, budget issues and NJASK test

By MICHAEL J. POLLACK

WESTFIELD - As one builder's-

remedy claim against the Town of

Westfield gets dismissed, another simi-

lawsuit, a plaintiff is allowed to pro-

ceed with the construction of a devel-

opment at a higher density than would

otherwise be permitted in a given zone,

as long as a sufficient portion of the

project is dedicated to providing af-

plan with the Council on Affordable

Housing (COAH) can offer a munici-

pality some protection, it does not fully

guarantee complete safeguard from

such a grievance. Being a member of

been certified by COAH. However,

Town Administrator Jim Gildea said

Westfield "intends to pursue COAH

certification as soon as it is able." COAH

will not accept a plan while litigation is

"We decided to get certified," he

said. "The town planner was working

on it with other town professionals. The

plan was finalized, approved by the

planning board as part of the master

plan and submitted to COAH before [a

prior builder's-remedy] lawsuit (called

Discussed in executive session last

'Sunnyside') was filed."

At present, Westfield's plan has not

While filing an affordable-housing

If successful in a builder's-remedy

lar lawsuit has arrived.

fordable housing.

COAH is also voluntary.

ongoing.

Resident and mother Maria Cortise said she will keep her daughter in a private pre-school next year because the three- and four-year-olds are segregated, unlike the Garwood program. She stated that the Helen K. Baldwin School in Cranford will charge approximately \$2,900 for a half-day program next year.

Parent Patricia Puentes questioned the recently published NJASK test scores, and said that if the teachers' salaries keep going up, they should be kept "accountable" for their students'scores.

Resident Bruce Paterson said that the advanced proficiency scores were "stellar," but that the overall scores were "average."

Board Member and Buildings and Grounds Chairman Russell Graham reported to the board that work needs to be done to Washington School, which houses the pre-school and kindergarten students. He said that work needs to be done on the computer and phone systems and that the building also needs painting. He said the board "can't put (the repairs) off any longer" and suggested that the long-term costs of maintaining the school be examined to decide whether or not the building should remain open.

The Finance Committee will meet weekly to prepare the 2010-2011 budget. A public hearing on the budget will take place in the last week of March. The public will vote on the budget on Tuesday, April 20.

Against WF Council, Planning Board Tuesday, the new lawsuit, which was served on the town, Mayor Andy Skibitsky, the Westfield Town Council and the Westfield Planning Board in late December, alleges that the town is hindering the development of afford-

> able housing. While one legal team defends the town, council and Mayor Skibitsky, the planning board, a separate statutory body, requires its own legal defense, which is provided by the board's attor-

The plaintiff, known in the suit alternately as 466 West Broad Street and 440 North Avenue East, refers to a company doing business at 212 Lenox Avenue, the location of Needle Point Homes in Westfield

The plaintiff has alleged that both areas of land, 466 West Broad Street and 440 North Avenue East, are suitable for multi-family developments,

but the defendants have unfairly "rebuffed" the business in its attempts to move its plans forward.

Thus, the plaintiff has demanded judgment against the defendants, declaring that the zoning ordinance and other landuse regulations of the town are "unconstitutional, null and void" and that the business is entitled to a builder's remedy. requiring re-zoning of both properties to permit construction.

The 466 West Broad Street property, zoned R-6 (6,000 feet minimum) for residential multi-family use, is the site of the former Heart and Soul Cafe, cattycorner to McKinley School. The lot at 440 North Avenue East, zoned for general business, is the site of the former White Diamond, next to Lindeman Buick.

The plaintiff also has requested that certain expenses, including applica-**CONTINUED ON PAGE 8**

began in October 2009. After identify-

ing what features were required, the

committee conducted research to nar-

row down their choices. They then

reached out to colleagues in districts

that are similar to Westfield in size and

needs, and who have already imple-

mented student management system.

BOE to Implement New **Student-Management System**

By SARA MAGNOLA

WESTTFIELD — The Westfield Board of Education (BOE), Tuesday night, unanimously voted to approve the implementation of Genesis, as the new student management system for the public school district.

In response to heightened state mandates on student data collection and a growing number of users, the board requested that the district's chief technology officer, Brian Auker, along with an 18-member committee, who represent all aspects of the district, make a recommendation on which student management program would best meet the

district's data management needs. "The committee was thorough and performed a comprehensive evaluation," Westfield High School Principal Peter Renwick said.

During Superintendent Margaret Dolan's report on the new system, Mr. Auker presented the board with an overview of the selection process, which At the end of the process, all of the committee members felt Genesis was the most appropriate choice. "We wanted to make sure [the new system] would be able to handle the traffic," Mr. Auker said. "[Genesis] is more robust."

The purchase of the Web-based software, which offers a Parent Portal, more efficient state reporting, customizable report cards, flexible scheduling, and integrated grade book and heath record applications, as well as the ability to integrate with the existing programs utilized throughout the district, will cost \$157,100. That, along with addi-

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tional costs associated with the imple-



INAUGURATION PAUSE...Westfield High School graduate Bret Schundler, pictured left, Asm. Jon Bramnick, second from left, Rich Bagger and Senator Tom Kean, Jr., right, all of Westfield, pose at Governor Chris Christie's inauguration luncheon Tuesday. Mr. Schundler has been named commissioner of education and Mr. Bagger is the governor's chief of staff.

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ELECTED...Sherl Brand of Westfield will serve as an advocate on the national level in Washington, D.C., representing home care and hospice interests. Ms. Brand poses with President Bill Clinton.

Sherl Brand Elected Chair of the National Association For Home Care & Hospice Forum of State Associations

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 15, 2010) - Val J. Halamandaris, President of the National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC), announced today that Sherl Brand, RN, has been elected the new Chair of the NAHC Forum of State Associations. Brand was elected to a two-year term and will represent home care and hospice state associations on the NAHC Board of Directors. Brand's professional health care career includes wide-ranging experience in nursing, case management and home care. She currently serves as President and CEO of the Home Care Association of New Jersey, Inc. She also serves as the co-chair of the State of New Jersey's Medicaid Long Term Care Advisory Council, which focuses on the state's long term care rebalancing effort.

"Sherl's passion and proven service on behalf of nurses, therapists, aides and other health care providers, coupled with her astute understanding of legislative advocacy, cement my great pride in announcing her as the new Chair of the Forum of State Associations," said NAHC President Val J. Halamandaris. "I look forward to working closely with Sherl to give voice to the 12 million Americans who depend on home care services and the 78 million baby boomers who are nearing retirement age.'

Throughout her career, Brand has been appointed to multiple industry and government committees and advisory groups as well as community organization boards. In 2000, she was named Member of the Year by the Home Care Association of New Jersey due to her strong leadership and advocacy in support of legislative changes needed for home care providers and the people they serve. This experience makes Brand an invaluable asset to state associations as they develop and grow into strong advocates. It also makes her uniquely qualified to serve as an advocate on the national level in Washington, D.C. representing home care and hospice interests before Congress and federal

"Virtually everyone knows someone who's living with a chronic medical condition and wants to stay in their own home while receiving treatment or someone who's progressing in age, but doesn't want to be uprooted from their home. In my new

role as Chair of the Forum of State Associations, I'm prepared to fight for these people and for each American's right to home care and hospice," said Brand. "It's an honor to accept this position to advance such a worthy cause, one that I've

spent my entire professional career

NAHC and its Forum of State Associations are made up of home care and hospice providers and associations from every state. Both have been at the forefront of the effort to craft a health care reform bill that both provides access to care for all Americans and recognizes the vital, cost-effective, role that Medicare home health plays in the overall health care system.

Earlier this year, NAHC and the Forum of State Associations launched a joint educational and advocacy campaign called Help Us Choose Home (www.HelpUsChooseHome.com) to help prevent the proposed cuts to Medicare home health services. Brand will play a leadership role in directing the future of this campaign.

The Home Care Association of NJ, founded in 1973, is a non-profit statewide trade association that represents and advocates for the full scope of home care (home health agencies and health care service firms) and hospice agencies. The Home Care Association of NJ fulfills its mission to serve as the catalyst for excellence in home care and hospice by providing information, education, assistance and advocacy for New Jersey's providers and the people they serve. For more information contact 732-877visit http:// or www.homecarenj.org

NAHC is the nation's largest trade association representing the interests and concerns of home care agencies, hospices, home care aide organizations, and medical equipment suppliers. From professional development to fighting for better regulation, from knowing all angles of federal and state regulations to providing the latest information affecting home care and hospice, NAHC is dedicated to serving the needs of its members, enabling them to better serve their patients. For more information, visit: http://www.nahc.org/.

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County to Help United Way Offset Fees for Haiti Effort

By SONIA OWCHARIW

ELIZABETH - Haiti is not alone after being struck by a 7.0 earthquake recently claiming thousands of lives, destroying homes and leaving the country in desperate need of water, food, shelter and medical care. The world is responding and Union

County is answering the call as well. Frank Guzzo, director of Human Services in Union County, requested at last Thursday's Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' meeting to contract a fee not to exceed \$5,000 to the United Way of Greater Union County in Elizabeth to offset administrative fees of processing monetary donations for Haiti. The United Way has been

asked to be the lead agency for relief efforts. Residents can check on county and state efforts for Haiti by visiting ucnj.org and

nj4haiti.org.
In other business, Erick Torain, of Torain Group of Mullica Hill, and Shamida Coney, arts coordinator for Central Jersev Arts Charter School in Plainfield, requested that the Union County Improvement Authority be the "conduit issuer" for the tax-exempt bonds included in the \$7-million budget. The charter school is a 501(c) 3, nonprofitexempt organization, according to Mr.

"There's no risk for the county since no county dollars are being budgeted," Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan said.

The charter school hired the Torain Group to raise the \$7 million through private investors. The school is looking to purchase and renovate the building at 1225 South Avenue in Plainfield. The existing building at 35 Watchung Avenue opened its doors in September 2006, and offers classes from kindergarten to fifth grade, and currently has 345 students with its first eighth-grade gradu-

ating class in June, according to Ms. Coney. "We are a school that applies math with music and art with science suiting needs for our Plainfield students. For example, our kindergarten students learn the alphabet through physical movement. Mathematical fractions are learned through music patterns. Our teachers are licensed and highlyqualified according to the New Jersey Department of Education and our students take NJASK (New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge)," Ms. Coney said.

A board also considered agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plaint Inspection Services for managing the Canadian geese population throughout the Union County Parks System in an amount not to exceed \$347,239.

The freeholders also considered a resolution to enter into agreements with Scotch Plains and Westfield for participation in the Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program for labor assistance from non-violent prisoners.

From Cranford to Trenton

Republican Party's nominee for governor in 2001, as education commissioner. Mr. Schundler is a 1977 graduate of Westfield High School, where he was All-State in football. Mr. Schundler later was elected to two terms as Jersey City mayor.

Governor Christie said the state needs to "make better use of the resources showered on education." He vowed that his administration "will hold schools accountable and give people the choice to pursue alternatives to schools that fail."

In addition to Mr. Christie's administration, Westfield residents Tom Kean, Jr. and Jon Bramnick both hold leadership posts in the Republican caucus in Trenton. Mr. Kean serves as Senate minority leader, while Mr. Bramnick is in the number two spot as conference leader for the GOP.

Mr. Bramnick said he expects the incoming governor to initiate his idea to conduct unannounced audits of

mentation of the new system, will be

funded through federal stimulus funds,

which were granted to the district under

state and local governments. "Where there is state funding and where the state has authority to enter the workplace, we are going to follow people around and ask, 'what are you doing now?" he said.

Following the inauguration, invited guests headed to a reception at the Prudential Center in Newark, where Bruce Springsteen's "Glory Days" filled the air from The B Street Band, a cover band. The event, which replaced the traditional inaugural ball due to the strugglling economy, featured sections of Jersey's favorite foods such as taffy and fudge from Atlantic City, Campbell's soup from Camden County and the traditional pork roll from Trenton. All proceeds went to charity, according to Governor Christie, such as \$100,000 to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Hillside.

One attendee, John DeSimone of Clark, said of the new governor, "Do what you say, we are all behind you."

tionally, the positions of superinten-

dent of technology and chief technol-

Courtesy of Glenn Mortimer MAKING HISTORY...Kim Guadagno makes history, as she is sworn in as New Jersey's first lieutenant governor, by New Jersey Chief Justice Stuart Rabner, as her family surrounds her during Tuesday's inauguration ceremony in Trenton. Her husband, Michael, a Superior Court judge in Monmouth County, holds the Bible. Governor Chris Christie, pictured far left, and his wife, Mary Pat, look on.

POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Monday, January 11, Ahmed Mostafa, 22, of Greensboro, N.C. was arrested after an early morning, high-speed chase through Westfield that ended when Mostafa crashed the motor vehicle he was driving into a pole.

Police had spotted Mostafa speeding and pursued him from the corner of North Avenue and East Broad Street to South Avenue and Crossway Place. After striking the pole, Mostafa and a passenger exited the vehicle, which police say was stolen, and fled on foot. Mostafa was apprehended and charged with three counts of receiving stolen property, resisting arrest and possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. He was transported to the Union County jail, with bail set at \$25,000. Authorities said the other suspect

remains at large. Wednesday, January 13, Oscar Naranjo, 30, of Cranford was arrested in the area of the 200 block of West South Avenue on an outstanding no-bail Union County Sheriff's warrant. Police stopped Naranjo based on knowledge of the warrant, which was confirmed. He also was wanted on three criminal warrants from Elizabeth, with \$450 total bail. Naranjo was transported to Westfield police headquarters for processing. He was released on his own recognizance on the Elizabeth warrants and turned over to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Thursday, January 14, Francisco Vega, 60, of Plainfield was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at West South Avenue and Tuttle Parkway on a Totowa warrant. He was released after posting bail in the amount

Thursday, January 14, Isaiah Gaines, 27, of Elizabeth was arrested in the area of the 600 block of West South Avenue on an outstanding Plainfield criminal warrant in the amount of \$200. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released after

Thursday, January 14, Michael DeFazio, 24, of Westfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting from a business on the 600 block of West North Avenue. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and reeased with a summons.

Thursday, January 14, Nathaniel Obedos, 42, of Cranford was arrested at East Broad Street and Harrison Avenue on warrants from Clifton and Bayonne, each in the amount of \$89. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Thursday, January 14, an anonymous resident turned in a motor vehicle key with personal information attached. Attempts made to contact the owner were unsuccessful. The item was held for safekeeping.

Thursday, January 14, an anonymous resident turned in a brown Fossil wallet found in the street on the 600 block of Boulevard. The wallet contained personal information and United States currency. Attempts to contact the owner were unsuccessful. The wallet was held for safekeep-

Friday, January 15, Arif Welcher, 31, of Elizabeth was arrested during a motor vehicle stop in the area of East Broad and St. Paul Streets and charged with possessing and presenting a known false document (insurance card). Welcher was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed, issued a summons for the offense and then

Friday, January 15, Georgie A. Kiely, 36, of Summit was arrested at Westfield police headquarters on outstanding warrants from Westfield and Maplewood, in the amounts of \$99 and \$180, respectively. Kiely was released after processing. He posted bail on the Westfield warrant. Maplewood waived bail and set a new

Saturday, January 16, Danny Dacosta, 29, of Elizabeth was arrested pursuant to a motor vehicle stop in the area of the 500 block of West South Avenue on two outstanding warrants. They included a Union Beach warrant for \$533 and a Belmar warrant for \$250. He was processed and

Sunday, January 17, Herbert K. Francis, Jr., 64, of Westfield was arrested after voluntarily surrendering himself at Westfield police headquarters to satisfy an outstanding Westfield warrant in the amount of \$175. He was released after posting bail.

Sunday, January 17, Kevin Anderson, 22, of Westfield was arrested pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on Lamberts Mill Road near Rahway Avenue on an outstanding Westfield traffic warrant in the amount of \$99. Bail was posted and a waiver was signed.

Monday, January 18, Darris Martin, 18, of Elizabeth was arrested on an outstanding Mount Laurel traffic warrant in the amount of \$114 as the result of a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue near Summit Avenue. He was released after posting bail.

Monday, January 18, Edward Friedman, 46, of Lincoln Park was arrested after responding to Westfield police headquarters to satisfy an outstanding Westfield warrant in the amount of \$91. He satisfied the warrant, was processed and released. **Scotch Plains**

Tuesday, January 12, John Namka, 45, of Irvington was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

Tuesday, January 12, Leon Walters, 28, of North Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

Tuesday, January 12, a resident of Farley Avenue reported that someone has been calling her and then hanging up without saying anything. Wednesday, January 13, a resident of Forepaugh Avenue reported that some-

one smashed the window of her motor vehicle while it was parked in front of her house. Wednesday, January 13, a resident of

Martine Avenue reported that someone stole his phone, which was valued at \$350. Wednesday, January 13, Christian Berk, 19, of Fanwood and Andrew Ho,

18, of Scotch Plains were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after a motor vehicle stop, at which time the officer smelled the odor of the controlled dangerous substance. Both were transported to police headquarters, where they were processed and released. Thursday, January 14, a resident of

Brandywine Drive reported that the alarm of his residence was activated. When police responded, they observed a broken window. According to authorities, it appeared that the alarm scared the suspect away, and entry was not gained.

Thursday, January 14, a resident of Birch Street reported that someone scratched the side of his motor vehicle while it was parked in front of his house. Friday, January 15, a resident of Jacobs Lane reported that someone damaged the

fence on the side of his residence. Friday, January 15, a resident of Westfield Avenue reported that someone entered his

residence and removed jewelry. Friday, January 15, Jennifer Moyd, 24, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. She was transported to police headquarters,

where she was processed and released. Saturday, January 16, Pedro Santamaria, 27, of Elizabeth was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

Sunday, January 17, William Malinowsky, 29, of Colonia was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released

Mountainside Tuesday, January 12, the owner of a

Route 22 business reported that someone illegally dumped construction material behind his shop sometime overnight. According to police, the debris included mostly ceiling tiles and other material that would typically be found in a base-

Tuesday, January 12, police responded to a school on Bristol Road on a report of a possible overdose. According to police, the victim was taken to Overlook Hospital in Summit for further medical evaluation.

Wednesday, January 13, Andre S. Brown, 32, of North Plainfield was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license and on two outstanding warrants. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

Wednesday, January 13, the building and grounds supervisor of the school district recovered a license plate, which he returned to authorities. According to police, the owner of the plate was contacted and advised she could pick up the plate at headquarters.

Wednesday, January 13, a resident of Wild Hedge Lane reported that her daughter had recently lost her purse in Chicago, which contained a credit card belonging

to the victim. According to police, someone used the credit card to purchase a Gucci handbag online. The credit card company was notified of the fraud and the incident is under investigation, authorities

reported. Thursday, January 14, Richard C. Algoo, 38, of Plainfield was picked up at the Middlesex County jail on an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$750.

Thursday, January 14, George L. Carey, 34, of Plainfield was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. He also was found to have an outstanding warrant for him

out of Jersey City in the amount of \$300. Thursday, January 14, a resident came into police headquarters to report that she lost her purse, described as a small, pink Vera Bradley bag, containing her driver's license, a Visa credit card, numerous re-

ceipts containing personal information and approximately \$120 in cash. According to police, the purse was lost on Sunday, January 10, in the parking lot of the Westfield Memorial Library on East Broad Street or the Westfield CVS on South Avenue between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday, January 14, an officer re-

sponded to a location on Central Avenue on a report of illegal dumping. According to police, three clear plastic trash bags containing what appeared to be medical waste, including rubber gloves, gauze and syringes, were observed. The county HAZ-MAT authorities responded and removed the waste, police reported.

Friday, January 15, a patron of a Route 22 theater reported that as he was leaving the theater, he tripped on the curb and injured the pinky finger of his left hand. According to police, the victim was transported to Overlook Hospital for treatment. Friday, January 15, Ernesto Sani, 32,

of Hatfield, Pa. was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Friday, January 15, Matthew D. Boettcher, 23, of Springfield was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana following a motor vehicle stop for failure to wear a seatbelt. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released

Builder's-Remedy Lawsuit

tion fees, escrow fees, inspection fees and legal fees, be waived for the developments.

Needle Point also alleged that the planning board has "failed to adopt a Fair Share Plan." The Fair Share document outlines how the town plans to meet its affordable-housing obligation from now through 2018. Mr. Gildea said the town does have a Fair Share plan, but it has not been approved due to the filing of the previous builder's-remedy lawsuit.

The plaintiff further alleged that the town adopted an "unauthorized, invalid and illegal" Growth Share Ordinance, pursuant to which it collected development fees from development in lieu of building affordable housing units.

Separately, in the first builder's-remedy lawsuit, Union County state Superior Court judge has dismissed with prejudice Sunnyside Senior Housing's claims for a builder's remedy. Sunnyside alleged in early 2009 that the town's "unreasonable and onerous" zoning ordinances unfairly prevented it from constructing a proposed 60-unit development on Springfield Avenue, which was to have a component for low- and moderate-income housing. Other

The law was on our side with that piece of the case," Mr. Gildea said,

referring to the builder's remedy. The town council was to have approved a resolution Wednesday night, after press deadline, to re-engage Stuart Koenig and his Cedar Grove law firm for the continuation of the Sunnyside

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case and the Needle Point matter.

ogy officer were combined into one. the American Recovery and Reinvest-Technology salaries, benefits and rement Act in 2009. lated costs are included in the The implementation, which includes training, is already underway, and will continue through October 2010, with the new program going live as of July 1,

Westfield Board of Education

During its meeting Tuesday night, the board also heard the fourth installment of the 2009-2010 budget overview, which provided a breakdown of technology spending. The total budget allocation for technology, excluding salary, benefits and related costs, is \$640,325, which represents 0.8 percent of the \$84,544,832 total operating bud-

Business Administrator Robert Berman told the board that of the district's 3,000 computers, which include desktops for classrooms, computer lab, libraries, and administration and guidance use, as well as a computer cart and teacher laptops, more than 50 percent are four years old or older and most of the computers are leased.

"When (the computers) come of lease we own them and owe nothing," Mr. Auker told the board. "Most of the computers are on four-year leases."

Of the \$421,127 spent on computer leases, \$198,779 is allocated to computers in the fourth year of the lease.

The total amount spent on operating costs, which encompass network and instruction supplies and materials, as well as equipment repair and Internet services, accounts for \$219,198.

Mr. Berman also reported that due to restructuring of personnel spending for 2009-2010, which totals \$637,669, there are four full-time technicians who service the district's entire computer and information technology needs. Addiadministration's costs in the overall In response to board member Gary McCready's questioning if there had

been a noticeable increase in lag time due to the reduction in technicians, Mr. Auker told the board that the decrease in personnel is "especially noticeable if someone is out."

"If (a technician) is sick for a few days it has a domino effect," Mr. Auker

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Join us on Sunday, January 24th from 11am-1pm for a free lunch and a tour of our state of the art Catholic School, Saint Agnes School, 342 Madison Hill Road, Clark. You may have heard that we were scheduled for closure in June 2010, but we have been given an opportunity by the archdiocese to save our state-of-the art school. All we need is YOU to bring your child to see our school that has:

Middle states accreditation, 30 brand new computers with internet access for research, seven smart boards, a brand new middle school wing, a very large free open green space for running and playing, playground equipment, hot lunch program, before care, after care, a brand new media center and much more! Come see what we have to offer and find out about one of the best kept secrets in Union County....Saint Agnes School.

Other open houses will be held on Tuesday, January 26th from 9:30am-10:30am and Wednesday, January 27th from 7-9pm. Hope to see you there!

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SIXTY CENTS

Gov. Chris Christie Takes Office: 'Change Has Arrived' at Statehouse

By PAUL PEYTON and SONIA OWCHARIW

AREA – New Jersey is under new leadership with Tuesday's swearingin of former Westfielder Chris Christie as the state's 55th governor.

Signaling the huge challenges he faces, headed by a \$1-billion shortfall this year and \$10 billion starting in July, Mr. Christie promised, "One person can make a difference. I will make a difference.

"While the economic hour is dark, there are brighter days ahead," Governor Christie said.

Mr. Christie's ascent to the Statehouse has its roots strongly planted in Union County. His new administration also has strong ties to the

Cranford-Westfield area.

The new governor, who lived on Prospect Street in Westfield from 1987 to 1989 and near Tamagues Park in 1991, was a partner in the then Cranford law firm of Dughi, Hewit & Palatucci (now Dughi & Hewit). Prior to living in Westfield, he and his wife, Mary Pat, resided in a small apartment above a liquor store in Summit and later bought their first home in Cranford.

One of Governor Christie's law partners, William Palatucci of Westfield, in the Cranford firm was guration along with Mr. Christie's brother, Todd. While at the law firm, law, appellate practice, election law

put in charge of organizing the inau-Mr. Christie specialized in securities and government affairs.



GLORY DAYS...New Governor Chris Christie and wife, Mary Pat, rock out to Bruce Springsteen hits with the B Street Band Tuesday night during an inaugural celebration at Newark's Prudential Center. Governor Christie and Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno were sworn into office earlier that day

Bridge Construction Starts Fri.; Appointments Revealed

By FRED T. ROSSI

SCOTCH PLAINS — The first stage of construction work on the Route 22 bridge connecting Park Avenue with Bonnie Burn and New

Providence Roads will get underway tomorrow, Friday, January 22, two weeks after the scheduled start date, Township Manager Christopher Marion said at Tuesday's township council meeting.

No reason was given for the delay in the start of construction, although tree trimming and removal has been underway since the start of the year and has been especially visible at the base of the bridge at Park Avenue and Route 22. Lane closures on the bridge itself have been in effect for the past week in conjunction with the tree removal, and electronic signs have been posted to alert drivers to lane alterations and closures, as well as any other changes in traffic patterns.

The first stage, which is expected to last until the end of the year, will involve a widening of northbound Bonnie Burn Road and westbound New Providence Road leading to their intersection, along with some widening of the southern end of the bridge at Park Avenue. Mr. Marion said residents can consult the township's website, scotchplainsnj.com, for information as the 19-month project moves forward.

In other business, the council made several appointments for 2010. Hatch Mott MacDonald was named township engineer and C-3 Sanitary Sewer operator. Steve Rogut was appointed municipal bond counsel and the firm of Appruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy was named municipal labor counsel. Conner Strong Risk Services was appointed township insurance broker/consultant for 2010.

Mr. Marion announced that the four H1N1 flu vaccination clinics held in the latter part of 2009 had inoculated 4,222 individuals. He said further information and updates are available at the township's website. He also informed the council that TD Securities had won a bid from among seven that were received to renew \$8.4 million in bond anticipation notes that are scheduled to mature on January 21, 2011. He said the notes have an interest rate of 0.332 percent, which Mr. Marion said was indicative of a "reasonably favorable" bond market for municipal debt.

Mayor Nancy Malool thanked the several hundred volunteers who took part in Monday's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. She singled out Rabbi Joel Abraham of Temple Sholom and his wife, Michelle, saying they "did a wonderful job" in coordinating the efforts at some 35 different sites. "So many people from so many walks of life" from Scotch Plains and Fanwood came together, the mayor said, "to show the volun-

teer spirit." Councilman Jeffrey Strauss announced that a spelling bee for third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students would be held on Tuesday, January 26. Co-sponsored by the recreation commission and the Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club, the bee will be held at Park Middle School. Participants can sign up online at the township's website, and Mr. Strauss said the Woman's Club is asking attendees to bring a non-perishable food item for the group's food drive.

The council's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2.



SHELTER FOR HAITI...Eric Hendrickson of the Rotary Club of Hillsborough-Rocky Hill stands next to a shelter box during his recent visit to the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary luncheon. See story on Page 7.

Born in Newark, Mr. Christie and his family moved to Livingston. Governor Christie joined Dughi, Hewit & Palatucci in 1987, becoming a partner six years later. Governor Christie is a

"The governor was known as a hard-working and able attorney for

the 14 years he was living and work-

ing in the Westfield-Cranford area.

He took a great interest in the per-

sonal lives of everyone at the office,

always quick with a good word and offers of help," Mr. Palatucci told The

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times.

graduate of the University of Delaware (1984) and Seton Hall Law School (1987). According to the University of Delaware website, Mr. Christie served as student government president in his senior year and was succeeded by his future wife.

A former Morris County Freeholder and state Assembly candidate, Mr. Christie received his political big break when President George W. Bush appointed him United States Attorney for New Jersey in December 2001. When President Bush first appointed him, many, including the New Jersey Bar Association, opposed the move, citing his lack of experience. But he went on to serve, from January 2002 to December 2008, becoming the state's longest-serving U.S. Attorney from New Jersey.

As a U.S. Attorney, Mr. Christie drew a national reputation going after and winning successful convictions of public officials - 130 of them - with no defeats. The convictions list was highlighted by former Newark Mayor and state Senator Sharpe James, a Democrat, and ex-Republican Essex County Executive James Treffinger.

In his inaugural address, Mr. Christie said, in addition to cutting some state programs while transforming others, spending would have to be curbed at the municipal level. "We have the largest budget deficit per person of any state in the Union. We have the highest tax rates in the nation," he said.

On Tuesday, he asserted that, "Crime is high, and hope is too low," as he said too many urban school districts have failed despite massive spending per pupil.

Following his election as governor over incumbent Jon Corzine this past November, Mr. Christie named former state lawmaker and ex-Westfield mayor, Richard Bagger, as his chief of staff. Mr. Bagger, who served on the Westfield Town Council and was mayor in 1991, served for 10 years in the assembly. He was elected to the state Senate in 2001, but served only one year before resigning due to a promotion with his employer, Pfizer.

As a show of bipartisanship, Governor Christie called the state's new legislative leaders, Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Sheila CONTINUED ON PAGE 8



PAST AND FUTURE...Governor Chris Christie gives his inauguration address Tuesday at the War Memorial in Trenton. Pictured, left to right, are: Former Governors Thomas H. Kean, Donald DiFrancesco, Richard Codeyand Jon Corzine; state Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce, Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (LD-21, Westfield), Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver (LD-34, East Orange), Senate President Stephen Sweeney (LD-3, West Deptford), and Mr. Christie's former law partner William Palatucci of Westfield. Not pictured, but standing near the podium, are former Governors Brendan

Teachers Unions React to Schundler Appointment as Edu. Commissioner

By PAUL J. PEYTON

AREA – The selection of former

Westfield resident and 2001 Republican gubernatorial candidate, Bret Schundler, a proponent of school vouchers, school choice and charter schools, as education commissioner has drawn a mostly positive reaction from local school officials, although concerns on possible school aid reductions and spending limits were foremost on their minds.

Mr. Schundler is a product of the Westfield public school system, having graduated in 1977 from Westfield High School (WHS), where he made All-State in football. He later had a career on Wall Street before being elected to two terms as Jersey City mayor. He lost the governor's race in

2001 to Jim McGreevey. Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (LD-21, Westfield), the Republican leader in the state Senate, has called Mr. Schundler, "one of the most vocal advocates of charter schools and school choice in the nation."

"Bret can be expected to champion reforms that will bring equally dramatic improvements in the education of the children of our state," Mr. Kean

Ginny Leiz, president of the Westfield Board of Education, said her concern was what Governor Chris Christie and Mr. Schundler's position is on moving school board elections to November and imposing stiffer restrictions on increasing school budget spending. She said proposals in Trenton are to no longer allow spending adjustments outside of the current state-imposed cap of 4

percent, or to move to a 3-percent

cap. Both proposals, she said, are to

move to "automatically-approved"

budgets, which would no longer go before voters. "I wish him (Mr. Schundler) well in a certainly difficult economic time," Ms. Leiz said. She said there is "much uncertainty" and "real concern" as to the future of school funding in New Jersey and spending limits for boards

of education. "It will be interesting to see how the governor's relationship with the NJEA (New Jersey Education Association) will play out," Ms. Leiz said, noting that the Westfield school board will soon begin negotiations with the Westfield Education Association (WEA), whose contract expires in June. "We need to continue our close

relationship with our teachers' union." Westfield Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan said, "We always are pleased when we hear of the accomplishments of our graduates. We are certainly proud of the fact that our 1977 Westfield High School graduate, Bret Schundler, has been named commissioner of education, responsible for all the public schools in the state. We congratulate him on this honor."

Kim Schumacher, president of the WEA, said the choice of Mr.

Schundler, as well as Mr. Christie's Chief of Staff Rich Bagger, another WHS graduate, is "fabulous" for Westfield and points to the quality of the town's public school system.

She said her concern is how the current economic crisis will impact public-education funding in New Jersey. "What does this mean for (public) education?," Ms. Schumacher asked. "We (Westfield) don't get a lot of funding right now."

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Michael J. Pollack for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times "WE'LL WALK HAND IN HAND"...Walkers take to East Broad Street in Westfield, Monday, to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) and sing Civil Rights-era freedom songs such as "We Shall Overcome." The walk began at the South Avenue circle by the MLK monument and proceeded toward Temple Emanu-El, where a service to commemorate the life of Dr. King took place. Above, a young woman carries the message of Dr. King: "Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

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Garwood BOE Sets Tuition For Pre-K School Program

LAUREN S. BARR

GARWOOD - The Garwood public schools will offer a tuition-based pre-kindergarten program for the 2010-2011 school year for three- and four-year-olds. At Tuesday night's board of education meeting, the board voted unanimously to charge \$2,500 for a half-day program and \$5,000 for a full day.

Superintendent Teresa Quigley said that the board had given the issue a lot of thought and, because board members "take pride in our school system," they chose to continue to offer a pre-K program rather than eliminate it. She said the "state keeps giving us mandates" to fund programs, but does not tell the board how to fund them.

Mrs. Quigley said the classes will be mixed ages, with a maximum of 15 children. This will require one teacher and one paraprofessional per class-

Board Member and Finance Committee Chairwoman Susan Groning said the board looked at fees for both public and private pre-K programs, and that the fees the board came up with are lower than most. She also said that Garwood will have certified teachers, which not all private pre-schools offer. Mrs. Groning also said that in looking at the upcoming 2010-2011 budget, the board would face a deficit, with teacher salaries increasing 4.3 percent and health insurance costs set to rise by approximately \$100,000.

Several parents asked questions and raised concerns about the pre-k program, budget issues and NJASK test

Resident and mother Maria Cortise said she will keep her daughter in a private pre-school next year because the three- and four-year-olds are segregated, unlike the Garwood program. She stated that the Helen K. Baldwin School in Cranford will charge approximately \$2,900 for a half-day program next year.

Parent Patricia Puentes questioned the recently published NJASK test scores, and said that if the teachers' salaries keep going up, they should be kept "accountable" for their students' scores.

Resident Bruce Paterson said that the advanced proficiency scores were "stellar," but that the overall scores were "average."

Board Member and Buildings and Grounds Chairman Russell Graham reported to the board that work needs to be done to Washington School, which houses the pre-school and kindergarten students. He said that work needs to be done on the computer and phone systems and that the building also needs painting. He said the board "can't put (the repairs) off any longer" and suggested that the long-term costs of maintaining the school be examined to decide whether or not the

building should remain open. The Finance Committee will meet weekly to prepare the 2010-2011 budget. A public hearing on the budget will take place in the last week of March. The public will vote on the budget on Tuesday, April 20.

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ELECTED...Sherl Brand of Westfield will serve as an advocate on the national level in Washington, D.C. representing home care and hospice interests. Ms. Brand poses with President Bill Clinton.

Sherl Brand Elected Chair of the National Association For Home Care & Hospice Forum of State Associations

"Virtually everyone knows some-

one who's living with a chronic medi-

cal condition and wants to stay in

their own home while receiving treat-

ment or someone who's progressing

in age, but doesn't want to be up-

rooted from their home. In my new

role as Chair of the Forum of State

Associations, I'm prepared to fight

for these people and for each

American's right to home care and

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to accept this position to advance

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spent my entire professional career

NAHC and its Forum of State As-

sociations are made up of home care

and hospice providers and associa-

tions from every state. Both have

been at the forefront of the effort to

craft a health care reform bill that

both provides access to care for all

Americans and recognizes the vital,

cost-effective, role that Medicare

home health plays in the overall health

Earlier this year, NAHC and the

Forum of State Associations launched

a joint educational and advocacy cam-

paign called Help Us Choose Home

(www.HelpUsChooseHome.com) to

help prevent the proposed cuts to

Medicare home health services. Brand

will play a leadership role in direct-

founded in 1973, is a non-profit state-

wide trade association that represents

and advocates for the full scope of

home care (home health agencies and

health care service firms) and hos-

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enabling them to better serve their

patients. For more information, visit:

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Roselle Park Teacher

Faces Prison

substitute teacher at Roselle Park High

School was arrested last Thursday and

charged with second degree, aggravated

sexual assault, announced Prosecutor

Theodore Romankow. It was revealed

the man had sexual relations with a stu-

Nick Genovese, 20, faces up to 10

years in prison if convicted. Genovese,

who worked briefly for the school in late

2009, met the victim while teaching, Mr.

At a later date, the two met off of school

operty and engaged in sexual acts, said

Genovese was released on \$50,000 bail.

Mr. Romankow. The alleged assault came

to light after the girl's parents were noti-

fied and they contacted police.

Romankow said.

ROSELLE PARK — A 20-year-old

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more information contact 732-877-

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www.homecarenj.org

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The Home Care Association of NJ,

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care system.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 15, 2010) - Val J. Halamandaris, President of the National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC), announced today that Sherl Brand, RN, has been elected the new Chair of the NAHC Forum of State Associations. Brand was elected to a two-year term and will represent home care and hospice state associations on the NAHC Board of Directors. Brand's professional health care career includes wide-ranging experience in nursing, case management and home care. She currently serves as President and CEO of the Home Care Association of New Jersey, Inc. She also serves as the co-chair of the State of New Jersey's Medicaid Long Term Care Advisory Council, which focuses on the state's long term care rebalancing effort.

"Sherl's passion and proven service on behalf of nurses, therapists, aides and other health care providers, coupled with her astute understanding of legislative advocacy, cement my great pride in announcing her as the new Chair of the Forum of State Associations," said NAHC President Val J. Halamandaris. "I look forward to working closely with Sherl to give voice to the 12 million Americans who depend on home care services and the 78 million baby boomers who are nearing retirement age."

Throughout her career, Brand has been appointed to multiple industry and government committees and advisory groups as well as community organization boards. In 2000, she was named Member of the Year by the Home Care Association of New Jersey due to her strong leadership and advocacy in support of legislative changes needed for home care providers and the people they serve. This experience makes Brand an invaluable asset to state associations as they develop and grow into strong advocates. It also makes her uniquely qualified to serve as an advocate on the national level in Washington, D.C. representing home care and hospice interests before Congress and federal

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POLICE BLOTTER

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Monday, January 11, Ahmed Mostafa, 22, of Greensboro, N.C. was arrested after an early morning, high-speed chase through Westfield that ended when Mostafa crashed the motor vehicle he was driving into a pole.

Police had spotted Mostafa speeding and pursued him from the corner of North Avenue and East Broad Street to South Avenue and Crossway Place. After striking the pole, Mostafa and a passenger exited the vehicle, which police say was stolen, and fled on foot. Mostafa was apprehended and charged with three counts of receiving stolen property, resisting arrest and possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. He was transported to the Union County jail, with bail set at \$25,000. Authorities said the other suspect remains at large.

Wednesday, January 13, Oscar Naranjo, 30, of Cranford was arrested in the area of the 200 block of West South Avenue on an outstanding no-bail Union County Sheriff's warrant. Police stopped Naranjo based on knowledge of the warrant, which was confirmed. He also was wanted on three criminal warrants from Elizabeth, with \$450 total bail. Naranjo was transported to Westfield police headquarters for processing. He was released on his own recognizance on the Elizabeth warrants and turned over to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Thursday, January 14, Francisco Vega, 60, of Plainfield was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at West South Avenue and Tuttle Parkway on a Totowa warrant. He was released after posting bail in the amount

Thursday, January 14, Isaiah Gaines, 27, of Elizabeth was arrested in the area of the 600 block of West South Avenue on an outstanding Plainfield criminal warrant in the amount of \$200. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail

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Thursday, January 14, Michael DeFazio,
24, of Westfield was arrested and charged
with shoplifting from a business on the 600
block of West North Avenue. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters,
processed and released with a summons.

Thursday, January 14, Nathaniel Obedos, 42, of Cranford was arrested at East Broad Street and Harrison Avenue on warrants from Clifton and Bayonne, each in the amount of \$89. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Thursday, January 14, an anonymous resident turned in a motor vehicle key with personal information attached. Attempts made to contact the owner were unsuccessful. The item was held for safekeeping.

Thursday, January 14, an anonymous resident turned in a brown Fossil wallet found in the street on the 600 block of Boulevard. The wallet contained personal information and United States currency. Attempts to contact the owner were unsuccessful. The wallet was held for safekeeping.

Friday, January 15, Arif Welcher, 31, of Elizabeth was arrested during a motor vehicle stop in the area of East Broad and St. Paul Streets and charged with possessing and presenting a known false document (insurance card). Welcher was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed, issued a summons for the offense and then released.

Friday, January 15, Georgie A. Kiely, 36, of Summit was arrested at Westfield police headquarters on outstanding warrants from Westfield and Maplewood, in the amounts of \$99 and \$180, respectively. Kiely was released after processing. He posted bail on the Westfield warrant. Maplewood waived bail

and set a new court date.

Saturday, January 16, Danny Dacosta, 29, of Elizabeth was arrested pursuant to a motor vehicle stop in the area of the 500 block of West South Avenue on two outstanding warrants. They included a Union Beach warrant for \$533 and a Belmar warrant for \$250. He was pro-

cessed and posted bail.

Sunday, January 17, Herbert K. Francis,
Jr., 64, of Westfield was arrested after voluntarily surrendering himself at Westfield police headquarters to satisfy an outstanding Westfield warrant in the amount of \$175. He

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Sunday, January 17, Kevin Anderson, 22, of Westfield was arrested pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on Lamberts Mill Road near Rahway Avenue on an outstanding Westfield

Rahway Avenue on an outstanding Westfield traffic warrant in the amount of \$99. Bail was posted and a waiver was signed.

Monday, January 18, Darris Martin, 18, of Elizabeth was arrested on an outstanding Mount Laurel traffic warrant in the amount of

\$114 as the result of a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue near Summit Avenue. He was released after posting bail. Monday, January 18, Edward Friedman, 46, of Lincoln Park was arrested after responding to Westfield police headquarters to satisfy an outstanding Westfield warrant in

the amount of \$91. He satisfied the warrant,

was processed and released.

Scotch Plains
Tuesday, January 12, John Namka, 45, of
Irvington was arrested on an outstanding
warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was
transported to police headquarters, where

he was processed and released.

Tuesday, January 12, Leon Walters, 28, of North Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

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Wednesday, January 13, a resident of Forepaugh Avenue reported that someone smashed the window of her motor vehicle while it was parked in front of her house. Wednesday, January 13, a resident of

Martine Avenue reported that someone stole his phone, which was valued at \$350. Wednesday, January 13, Christian Berk, 19, of Fanwood and Andrew Ho, 18, of Scotch Plains were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after a motor vehicle stop, at which time the officer smelled the odor of the controlled dangerous sub-

stance. Both were transported to police head-

quarters, where they were processed and

Thursday, January 14, a resident of Brandywine Drive reported that the alarm of his residence was activated. When police responded, they observed a broken window. According to authorities, it appeared that the alarm scared the suspect away, and entry was not gained.

Thursday, January 14, a resident of Birch Street reported that someone scratched the side of his motor vehicle while it was parked in front of his house.

Friday, January 15, a resident of Jacobs Lane reported that someone damaged the fence on the side of his residence. Friday, January 15, a resident of Westfield

Avenue reported that someone entered his residence and removed jewelry.
Friday, January 15, Jennifer Moyd, 24, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. She was transported to police headquarters, where

she was processed and released.
Saturday, January 16, Pedro Santamaria,
27, of Elizabeth was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop.
He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

Sunday, January 17, William Malinowsky, 29, of Colonia was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

Mountainside

Tuesday, January 12, the owner of a Route 22 business reported that someone illegally dumped construction material behind his shop sometime overnight. According to police, the debris included mostly ceiling tiles and other material that would typically be found in a basement.

Tuesday, January 12, police responded to a school on Bristol Road on a report of a possible overdose. According to police, the victim was taken to Overlook Hospital in Summit for further medical evaluation.

Wednesday, January 13, Andre S. Brown, 32, of North Plainfield was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license and on two outstanding warrants. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

Wednesday, January 13, the building and grounds supervisor of the school district recovered a license plate, which he returned to authorities. According to police, the owner of the plate was contacted and advised she could pick up the plate at headquarters.

Wednesday, January 13, a resident of Wild Hedge Lane reported that her daughter had recently lost her purse in Chicago, which contained a credit card belonging to the victim.

According to police, someone used the credit card to purchase a Gucci handbag online. The credit card company was notified of the fraud and the incident is under investigation, authorities reported.

Thursday, January 14, Richard C. Algoo, 38, of Plainfield was picked up at the Middlesex County jail on an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$750.

Thursday, January 14, George L. Carey, 34, of Plainfield was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. He also was found to have an outstanding warrant for him out of Jersey City in the amount of \$300.

Thursday, January 14, a resident came into police headquarters to report that she lost her purse, described as a small, pink Vera Bradley bag containing her driver's license, a Visa credit card, numerous receipts containing personal information and approximately \$120 in cash. According to police, the purse was lost on Sunday, January 10, in the parking lot of the Westfield Memorial Library on East Broad Street or the Westfield CVS on South Avenue between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Thursday, January 14, an officer responded to a location on Central Avenue on a report of illegal dumping. According to police, three clear plastic trash bags containing what appeared to be medical waste, including rubber gloves, gauze and syringes, were observed. The county HAZ-MAT authorities responded and removed

the waste, police reported.

Friday, January 15, a patron of a Route 22 theater reported that as he was leaving the theater, he tripped on the curb and injured the pinky finger of his left hand. According to police, the victim was transported to Over-

look Hospital for treatment.
Friday, January 15, Ernesto Sani, 32, of Hatfield, Pa. was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Friday, January 15, Matthew D. Boettcher, 23, of Springfield was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana following a motor vehicle stop for failure to wear a seatbelt. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

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MAKING HISTORY...Kim Guadagno makes history as she is sworn in as New Jersey's first lieutenant governor, by New Jersey Chief Justice Stuart Rabner, as her family surrounds her during Tuesday's inauguration ceremony in Trenton. Her husband, Michael, a Superior Court judge in Monmouth County, holds the Bible. Governor Chris Christie, pictured far left, and his wife, Mary Pat, look on.

Governor Christie

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Oliver, both Democrats, to the podium. "Let us shake hands as a symbol for our citizens of all that is possible in a future that demands that who gets the credit finally takes a back seat to doing something worth getting credit for," Governor Christie said. He vowed to represent all New Jerseyans regardless of political affiliation, wealth status or age.

Mr. Christie has appointed former Westfield resident, Bret Schundler, the Republican Party's nominee for governor in 2001, as education commissioner. Mr. Schundler is a 1977 graduate of Westfield High School, where he was All-State in football. Mr. Schundler later was elected to two terms as Jersey City mayor.

Mr. Schundler replaces another ex-Westfield resident, Lucile Davy, as education commissioner. A member of the Westfield Parent-Teacher Council from 1996 to 2000, Ms. Davy had served as education commissioner since 2005.

Governor Christie said the state needs to "make better use of the resources showered on education." He vowed that his administration "will hold schools accountable and give people the choice to pursue alternatives to schools that fail."

In addition to Mr. Christie's administration, Westfield residents Tom

Kean, Jr. and Jon Bramnick both hold leadership posts in the Republican caucus in Trenton. Mr. Kean serves as Senate minority leader, while Mr. Bramnick is in the number two spot as conference leader for the GOP.

Mr. Bramnick said he expects the governor to initiate his idea to conduct unannounced audits of state and local governments. "Where there is state funding and where the state has authority to enter the workplace, we are going to follow people around and ask, 'what are you doing now?'," he said.

Following the inauguration, invited guests headed to a reception at the Prudential Center in Newark, where Bruce Springsteen's "Glory Days" filled the air from The B Street Band, a cover band. The event, which replaced the traditional inaugural ball due to the strugglling economy, featured sections of Jersey's favorite foods such as taffy and fudge from Atlantic City, Campbell's soup from Camden County and the traditional pork roll from Trenton. All proceeds went to charity, according to Governor Christie, such as \$100,000 to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Hillside.

One attendee, John DeSimone of Clark, said of the new governor, "Do what you say, we are all behind you."



Courtesy of Timothy Mulhull

INAUGURATION PAUSE...Westfield High School graduate Bret Schundler, pictured left, Asm. Jon Bramnick, second from left, Rich Bagger and Senator Tom Kean, Jr., right, all of Westfield, pose at Governor Chris Christie's inauguration luncheon Tuesday. Mr. Schundler has been named commissioner of education and Mr. Bagger is the governor's chief of staff.

County to Help United Way Offset Fees for Haiti Effort

By SONIA OWCHARIW
recially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood To

ELIZABETH – Haiti is not alone after being struck by a 7.0 earthquake recently claiming thousands of lives, destroying homes and leaving the country in desperate need of water, food, shelter and medical care. The world is responding and Union County is answering the call as well.

Frank Guzzo, director of Human Services in Union County, requested at last Thursday's Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' meeting to contract a fee not to exceed \$5,000 to the United Way of Greater Union County in Elizabeth to offset administrative fees of processing monetary donations for Haiti. The United Way has been asked to be the lead agency for relief efforts.

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In other business, Erick Torain, of Torain Group of Mullica Hill, and Shamida Coney, arts coordinator for Central Jersey Arts Charter School in Plainfield, requested that the Union County Improvement Authority be the "conduit issuer" for the tax-exempt bonds included in the \$7-million budget. The charter school is a 501(c) 3, nonprofit-exempt organization, according to Mr. Torain. "There's no risk for the county

since no county dollars are being budgeted," Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan said.

The charter school hired the Torain Group to raise the \$7 million through private investors. The school is looking to purchase and renovate the building at 1225 South Avenue in Plainfield. The existing building at 35 Watchung Avenue opened its doors in September 2006, and offers classes from kindergarten to fifth grade, and currently has 345 students with its first eighth-grade graduating class in June, according to Ms. Coney.

"We are a school that applies math with music and art with science suiting needs for our Plainfield students. For example, our kindergarten students learn the alphabet through physical movement. Mathematical fractions are learned through music patterns. Our teachers are licensed and highly-qualified according to the New Jersey Department of Education and our students take NJASK (New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge)," Ms. Coney said.

A board also considered agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plaint Inspection Services for managing the Canadian geese population throughout the Union County Parks System in an amount not to exceed

The freeholders also considered a resolution to enter into agreements with Scotch Plains and Westfield for participation in the Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program for labor assistance from non-violent prisoners.

Who says there is no such thing as a free lunch?

Join us on Sunday, January 24th from 11am-1pm for a free lunch and a tour of our state of the art Catholic School, Saint Agnes School, 342 Madison Hill Road, Clark. You may have heard that we were scheduled for closure in June 2010, but we have been given an opportunity by the archdiocese to save our state-of-the art school. All we need is YOU to bring your child to see our school that has:

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Other open houses will be held on Tuesday, January 26th from 9:30am-10:30am and Wednesday, January 27th from 7-9pm. Hope to see you there!

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Lance Tells Constituents How to Help Quake Victims

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) has issued the following statement regarding the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the citizens of Haiti, Haitian-Americans, those who have been injured or killed, as well as the missing persons from all over the globe who have been caught in this horrific earthquake, including people from New Jersey.

"It is my hope that the international community will work together to provide swift and efficient search and rescue efforts, disaster relief and humanitarian assistance to all of those who have been affected. Nations around the world must also combine resources and cooperate to help Haiti

Munoz Pedestrian Safety Bill Advances

TRENTON — Legislation sponsored by Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz (LD-21, Summit), that increases penalties to drivers who fail to yield to a pedestrian when such a failure results in serious injury, received unanimous approval in the General Assembly. The bipartisan measure had moved to Governor Jon Corzine's office for his signature. Mr. Corzine was reviewing bills on Mon-

day, his last full day in office.
"There are many instances where a driver's lack of attention or familiarity with the law results in serious injury to an innocent pedestrian," Asw. Munoz said. "Too often someone behind the wheel is distracted because they are using a cell phone or another electronic device. As a result, many people take their life in their hands when accessing a crosswalk. The objective of this legislation is to heighten a driver's awareness that their focus must be on the road."

Under Asw. Munoz' bill (A-1728/ S-2479), a court may impose a fine on a driver found guilty of causing serious bodily injury to a pedestrian of not less than \$100 and up to a maximum of \$500. Additionally, such an offense could result in a sentence of 25 days in prison or a six-month suspension of one's license

"According to the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, our state experienced 130 pedestrian fatalities through October 2009," Mrs. Munoz said. "Safety on our roads includes both drivers and pedestrians.

"This legislation is a wake-up call to pay closer attention when getting behind the wheel," Mrs. Munoz said.

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recover from such a catastrophic event," the Congressman said.

Anyone who may have missing family members to report or would like to offer assistance to the recovery effort is asked to visit Mr. Lance's website at lance.house.gov for more information

Help is available by contacting the State Department: Families can call the Bureau of Consular Affairs Overseas Citizens Services at (888) 407-4747 to report missing family members. Also, families can register with Mr. Lance's office. Constituents can call the district offices in Westfield at (908) 518-7733 or Flemington at (908) 788-6900 to initiate a case for assistance. The office will need the name, address and total number of people in the household to reach out to the Unires States State Department for assistance.

Anyone wishing to donate or provide assistance to Haiti should contact the Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI). CIDI has established a dedicated page to coordinate Haiti support at cidi.org/ incident/haiti-10a. To make a contribution to the disaster relief efforts, those wishing to help can go online to organizations like the Salvation Army, the Red Cross and Mercy Corps.

Corzine Signs Med. Marijuana Bill

TRENTON — New Jersey has become the 14th state – and the first in the region - to approve the use of marijuana for medical use by chronically ill patients.

Outgoing Governor Jon Corzine signed the law in the weaning hours of his administration on Tuesday. The legislation was sponsored by

Senator Nick Scutari (LD-22, Linden). "New Jersey has a demonstrated record of being tough on illegal drug use and the underground drug trade,' Mr. Scutari said. "However, when it not talking about hardened criminals,

comes to medical marijuana, we're but individuals looking for some small bit of relief from chronic pain and debilitating illness. New Jersey has no interest in treating these folks like drug kingpins, and should provide legal access to medical marijuana for New Jerseyans who need it." Calvina Fay, executive director of

Save Our Society From Drugs (S.O.S.), opposed to legalizing medical marijuana, said, "There is nothing stopping a convicted drug felon from opening up a business in your neighborhood and profiting.

Peyton's Peek at the Week **In Politics**

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times **Christie Releases Names of**

Governor Chris Christie has announced his senior staff team. These key positions follow the December 3 announcement of Rich Bagger as chief of staff, Bill Stepien as deputy chief of staff, Jeff Chiesa as chief counsel and Kevin O'Dowd as deputy chief counsel.

Governor's Office Staff

Other key staff include: Maria Comella, deputy chief of staff for communications; Wayne Hasenbalg, deputy chief of staff for policy and planning; Lou Goetting, cabinet secretary; Rosemary Iannacone, director of operations; Michele Brown, appointments counsel, and Deborah Gramiccioni, director of the authorities unit.

During the fall campaign, it was revealed that Ms. Brown, a close friend of Mr. Christie's, had received a \$46,000 loan from Mr. Christie while he was U.S. Attorney and while she was a prosecutor in the office. Mr. Christie had failed to pay taxes on the loan income and file it on financial disclosure forms, according to politickernj.com.

Christie Appoints Eristoff as Treasurer, Martin DEP Head

Governor Chris Christie has nominated Andrew Eristoff, the former New York State tax commissioner under Governor George Pataki, as New Jersey state treasurer. Mr. Eristoff served as GOP chairman in Manhattan and as member of the New York City Council.

Mr. Christie named Bob Martin as Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) commissioner. Mr. Martin is a partner with Accenture LLP, a business and technology consulting firm that employs 140,000.

Robert Grady, former chief of staff to the late U.S. Representative Millicent Fenwick and communications director for former Governor Thomas H. Kean, was named chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors. Alfred Koeppe, former president and chief executive officer for PSE&G, will serve as chairman of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

Governor Christie also reappointed both Jennifer Velez of Summit as commissioner of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Major General Glenn Rieth as the Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. He also announced the ap-

pointment of Tom Considine, a Met-Life vice-president, as commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (DOBI).

Ms. Velez was nominated to the post by Governor Jon Corzine in February 2007, and was confirmed and sworn in on June 21, 2007.

Sweeney Serves as Acting Governor for Last Time

Democrat Stephen Sweeney (LD-3, West Deptford), the new senate majority in Trenton, took over last week as acting governor while Governor Jon Corzine was in Switzerland. The tradition of senate presidents serving as acting governor was abolished on Tuesday with the swearing in of Kim Guadagno as the state's first lieutenant governor. Unless both Governor Chris Christie and Lt. Gov. Guadagno are out of state at the same time, the senate president will not serve in that role.

Three New GOP Members Join State Assembly

Republicans Anthony M. Bucco (LD-25, Booton), Domenick DiCicco, (LD-4, Franklin Township), and Robert Schroeder (LD-39, Washington Twp.) have joined the state Assembly following their successful

Connors Not A Candidate In Third Congressional Dist.

elections in November.

Chris Connors (LD-9) said he would not be a candidate for the third Congressional District. A Republican, his announcement is in response to numerous inquiries made of his legislative office by constituents. The third congressional district is currently held by freshman Rep. John Adler, a Democrat, after Republican Rep. James Saxton retired.

Dodd Will Not Seek Sixth Term

In United States Senate United States Senator Chris Dodd, 65, (D-Conn.) has announced he will not seek re-election to a sixth term, according to the Associated Press. The senator is the current chairman of the Senate Banking Committee. The state's attorney general, Richard Blumenthal, 63, announced that he would seek the Democratic Party's nomination to replace Mr. Dodd.

Mr. Blumenthal has been attorney general since 1990, and previously served in the state legislature from 1984 to 1990.

Also said not to be seeking another term is Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) and six Republican senators.

DeCroce, Bramnick Rip \$120 Mil. Aid to Cities

TRENTON — Assembly Republican Leader Alex DeCroce and Republican Conference Leader Jon Bramnick have criticized a decision last week by the state's Local Finance Board to disburse more than \$120 million in special aid to five cities. The board's decision was made despite a \$1 billion hole in the state's current budget and a projected \$10 billion gap in the Fiscal Year 2011 budget.

"I believe Governor Corzine is personally responsible for [last week's] award by the board," Mr. DeCroce said. "Contrary to the message he delivered at yesterday's State-of-the-State Address, it is decisions like this that have put New Jersey on the verge of bankruptcy. It is astounding that funds can be doled out without regard for our financial condition, but reckless spending is something that has symbolized the Corzine Administra-

"Gov.-elect Christie specifically requested that all discretionary grants, including Special Municipal Aid, be placed in reserve until he completes an assessment of how to fix our enormous deficit," Mr. DeCroce said. "It is pretty clear what motivated the board to spend these funds at this time. All of New Jersey's taxpayers are hurting."
He said the board's "business-as-

usual" approach is "a problem that has plagued New Jersey for years."

Both legislators were also critical of a decision by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee to transfer \$44 million into the special aid program. They said the funds were earmarked as part of the identified savings to shore up the \$1 billion shortfall in the current budget.

Mr. DeCroce and Mr. Bramnick said there are still no written rules or regulations governing the Special Municipal Aid Program despite such requirements by the Administrative Procedure Act. They said the auditing of the cities receiving such aid by the same department charged with running the program runs afoul of sound accounting practices.

"I don't see how the Local Finance Board could even consider allocating these funds when the state faces such a dire fiscal situation," Mr. Bramnick said. "There are also too many questionable practices taking place in awarding and monitoring these funds. The state comptroller should be auditing this program."

"Why do the same cities continue to receive the lion's share of assistance while many are left out in the cold? It is time for the cloak and dagger approach used in disbursing these funds to end," Mr. Bramnick said.

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TRENTON – The General Assembly has passed legislation to increase funding for senior transportation programs.

The measure, A-2046, would increase the annual appropriation for The Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Program from 7.5 percent to 8.5 percent of the revenue deposited in the Casino Revenue Fund. According to lawmakers, increasing funding 1 percent would more easily allow the transportation programs currently in place to absorb the costs of 2008's summer gas price spike and insulate programs against continually fluctuating fuel costs, while neither curtailing existing service nor impacting other programs funded through the Casino Revenue Fund.

The Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Program assists counties in developing and providing access to fixed-route transportation services, where available, and creating local transit services

where they are not available. "Redirecting this small percentage

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Applicants must be 62 years of age, or older.

of funding will ensure New Jersey's seniors can continue to access essential transportation services. It is worth doing to protect against volatility in the energy market," said Assemblywoman Linda Stender (LD-22, Fanwood), one of the sponsors of the legislation.

The Assembly passed the measure by a vote of 73–2 with two abstentions.

Christie Names Law Div., Authorities Heads

TRENTON - Governor Chris Christie appointed Robert Hanna of Madison as director of the Division of Law in the Attorney General's (AG) office under Paula Dow, the attorney general designee. Mr. Hanna is currently director of the Newark law firm, Gibbons PC, and previously served as an assistant U.S. attorney for 16 years. Stephen Taylor will serve as director of criminal justice in the AG's office. Deborah Gramiccioni of Monmouth County will serve as director of the authorities unit.

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Clerk's Office Revenue Plummeted In 2009

ELIZABETH — The economic recession continued to impact the housing market and foreclosure rate in the county, according to Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi's 2009 annual report.

For all property documents, there was a 5-percent increase in volume from 87.000 to 92.000, however, this number reflects an increase in foreclosure recordings. Pre-foreclosures topped 4,200, the highest number ever recorded in the history of the Clerk's Office; concurrently, there was a drop in the volume of new homes and

commercial properties recorded. "Revenue derived from property recordings decreased dramatically to \$22 million for 2009, compared to \$38 million in 2008," according to the report.

The clerk's office joined in the initiation of a countywide Foreclosure Task Force to assist homeowners threatened or facing foreclosure.

An electronic scanning initiative for e-filing, begun in 2007, grew exponentially through the expansion of its e-filing customer base. Countrywide, Wells Fargo, Nationwide and nine other large national lenders joined the base membership to e-file assignments and discharges. Twenty-eight percent of all discharge recordings and 8 percent of all assignment recordings are

received through e-filing.
Additionally, the clerk's propertysearch website generated \$42,000 in revenues from memberships and renewals, Ms. Rajoppi said. To date, the index dating from 1977 is online; images of deeds and mortgages from 1986 are also online. More than 880,000 searches were conducted on the property website in 2009.

A total of seven elections were held including the School Election in April, Hillside municipal, primary and municipal runoff elections, Rahway and Cranford special school elections, and the general and gubernatorial elections.

The new "Vote by Mail" application and ballot began in 2009, a system designed to make it easier for voters to vote by mail rather than

going to the polling places. Three hundred thousand sample election ballots were printed for the General Election. Due to the implementation of a new process in printing the names and addresses of polling places, the clerk's office saved approximately \$7,000 in printing the sample ballots, Ms. Rajoppi said. In an effort to expand the optical scanning option for ballots, provisional ballots were formatted to be optically scanned replacing paper provisional ballots to insure "greater uniformity, security, efficiency and convenience in tallying." Vote by Mail ballots also are optically scanned.

The Westfield County Clerk's office expanded its hours by opening Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in addition to Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

"The Saturday opening was an overwhelming success, generated additional revenue and represents the only county clerk's office in the state with weekend hours providing access," according to the report.

The clerk expanded outreach for Passport and Pass Cards by initiating Passport Fairs. Fairs were held in New Providence, Clark, Rahway and Union in conjunction with the freeholder mobile meetings. Ms. Rajoppi reported a 1-percent increase in the number of passports it processed, while trade name filings, notaries and construction liens decreased. Overall, revenues in the business office in 2009 fell 7 percent to \$456,800 due to the economic downturn.

In-house staff imaged and indexed all naturalization papers from 1906 through 1986 for easier access by staff. The original papers were donated to the New Jersey State Archives, where they will be preserved for future generations at no cost to county taxpayers. These in-house projects saved taxpayer dollars by eliminating the need for outsourcing to vendors, Ms. Rajoppi said.

All document images of recorded documents will be available on the web from 1977 to present by the end of the first quarter of 2010, allowing uninterrupted property searches for a 33-year period to be conducted by title companies, banks, clients and other interested parties.

A re-configuration of the public record room is planned to allow for a more customer friendly environment. To achieve faster access to the digital records, more computer stations will be installed.

A map project will be initiated during the year to place the indices of maps from 1977 to the present on the website along with an order form for easier access for title searchers and clients.

The Westfield county clerk's office will expand its functions by servicing additional documents including trade name certificates and construction liens. The website will be re-designed to permit users the ability to determine the availability of trade names for use, as well as provide detailed instructions on how to apply. A new money order service will be introduced into the business office to assist customers processing passports and business documents.

In addition, an expanded outreach program will be initiated to further educate voters on the new Vote by Mail option including fairs and instructional meetings for community groups



STUDENT ADVOCATES...High school students from Temple Emanu-El in Westfield pose with RabbI Erin Glazer, pictured far left, in front of the United States Supreme Court between lobby visits on Capitol Hill. After spending a weekend in Washington, D.C. learning about social justice advocacy, the students took their concerns on issues such as the environment, gay rights and reproductive choice to the offices of U.S. Senators Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) and Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) and Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th).

Westfield Students Take Their Voices to Congress

of social and political change.'

The students spent the final day of

the program on Capitol Hill participat-

ing in the advocacy process firsthand

by meeting with members of Congress

and their staff. This hands-on advo-

cacy presents the students an extraor-

dinary opportunity to put their four

days of learning into action. The group

also toured the U.S. Holocaust Memo-

rial Museum and participated in a

WESTFIELD - Earlier this month, 34 Reform Jewish high school students from Temple Emanu-El in Westfield joined more than 250 teenagers from across the country to Washington, D.C., where they voiced their opinions on social and political issues to their members of Congress.

This visit to Capitol Hill culminated the Bernard and Audre Rapoport L'Taken Social Justice Seminar, an intensive four-day program that allows teens to learn about social justice and public policy issues through a Jewish lens.

The students visited the offices of Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez, as well as Representative Leonard Lance, where they advocated on issues such as eliminating poverty, reforming the healthcare system, caring for the environment and protecting Israel.

Throughout the course of the year, dozens of synagogues nationwide (including numerous New Jersey congregations) will also attend the Bernard and Audre Rapoport L'Taken Social Justice Seminar, sponsored by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC).

These seminars enable students to hear from experts both inside and outside the Jewish community as they examine contemporary issues against a backdrop of Biblical texts and Jewish values in a variety of interactive formats.

Speaking to the value of the L'Taken seminar, RAC Program Director Rabbi Michael Namath said, "This program allows students to discover the connection between Judaism and social justice. At the end of the four days, the participants understand the Jewish mandate to be a part

Legislation Prohibits Use Of Taxes for Bogus Degrees

TRENTON – Democratic members of the Assembly Education Committee last week issued a multimedia package on legislation to make it tougher for educators and school administrators to abuse taxpayer funds to obtain degrees from unaccredited institutions.

The bill (A-3671) would ensure local boards of education provide employees with tuition assistance only for academic coursework completed at an accredited institution of higher education and would require sign-off on any employee's course of study prior to enrollment.

The committee members said the bill stemmed from a 2008 incident at the Freehold Regional School District, where three administrators used \$8,700 in public funds to pay for doctoral "degrees" from Breyer State University, an unaccredited, online diploma mill.

The multimedia package consists of a video press release on the bill, audio of same, and a transcript of comments by the committee members. The video can be accessed at assemblydems.com or by pasting vimeo.com/8563019.

New Assembly Majority Leader Joseph Cryan (LD-20, Union), chairman of Assembly Education Committee, said, "The purpose of the legislation is to ensure that those in the highest levels of our school education system, in fact, have the type of degrees that are from accredited uniGovernor Christie said, "Our state

director of New Jersey Transit.

is facing great fiscal difficulties, which is why I am pleased to have two individuals with extensive backgrounds in management, budgeting and infrastructure. Both Jim Simpson and James Weinstein know the tough road ahead of us and have the strong credentials to handle the task at hand.'

that, not only for incurrence of sala-

ries, but for those residents and those

educators and those students in the

systems can have faith that those de-

grees they're believing and trusting

in are actually real," Mr. Cryan added.

Ex-FTA Administrator

To Head NJ DOT

Christie has appointed Jim Simpson,

former administrator of the Federal

Transit Administration (FTA), as com-

missioner of the New Jersey Depart-

ment of Transportation (NJDOT) and

James Weinstein, former commis-

sioner of the NJDOT, as executive

TRENTON — Governor Chris

HS Service Students Projects Extended

TRENTON — Legislation to extend and expand a previous pilot program requiring high school students to undertake community service programs as a condition of graduation was signed into law Saturday by act-



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With Each New Governor, **Hope Is Aroused**

On Tuesday, Chris Christie became Governor of New Jersey and the public said goodbye to former Governor Jon Corzine. We have hope as Governor Christie faces enormous challenges that he can help solve our government's problems. We stand behind our new governor in what we anticipate to be a long and grinding recovery.

In December 2005, we had hopes for Mr. Corzine too. Our hopes did not come to pass. Governor Corzine did not leave office with many bouquets of roses.

We wrote of the challenges back then. Has much changed?

December 8, 2005, editorial, "Should Governments, Boards and Counties Be Merged in Our State?"

New Jersey government entities borrowed enormous sums of money to contend with operating budget appetites, under-funded pensions, enlarged salaries and benefit commitments and failed school construction initiatives. This has occurred to such an extent that debt cannot be expanded to deal with these issues as prohibited by the State Constitution and as ordered by the State Supreme

Arguably, Wall Street imposes more practical limits on government borrowing by setting the bond ratings. New Jersey crossed over the line a year or so ago and the bond rating was clobbered.

Acting Governor Richard Codey brought it back under the threshold, and the bond rating has since been stabi-

Every means thought of and possible to date for increasing revenues, from gambling to traffic fines, has been tapped.

Our new Governor Jon Corzine will have his hands full dealing with this legacy and meeting his campaign

How will this be dealt with? Unfortunately, the old standby method seems to be the only alternative increasing property taxes. There are basically no controls on this hated, but readily accessible, form of taxation in New Jersey.

Calls for a property-tax convention have failed after much rhetoric. In fact, it never was a serious effort from the start because all talk was limited to only about how to tax, not coupled with how to bridle expenditures and

A new discussion is on the horizon now. The Summit Common Council and the Change County Government Steering Committee will co-sponsor an educational forum entitled, "The Millburn and Summit Studies on County Government." This forum, the third of four offered at various locations in Union and Essex County, will take place at the Summit City Hall Building, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, in the Council Chambers from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2005. The featured speakers will be Millburn's Mayor Tom McDermott and Summit Councilwoman P. Kelly Hatfield. The forum is free and open to the general

Last week, a steering committee looking into either abolishing or reducing the size of county government held a meeting in Cedar Grove. It featured a Massachusetts state senator who helped in reducing the number of county governments in his home state from 14 to five.

There is a big difference between New Jersey and Massachusetts. Massachusetts' counties were facing fiscal emergencies when they were chopped.

Also, the state assumed control of much of the operations handled by the county; i.e., county hospitals and the courts. Despite Massachusetts' action, the county portion of property taxes was not reduced, although tax increases leveled off.

New Jersey has 21 counties, 566 municipal governments and 603 school boards, not to mention numerous authorities, agencies and organizations, which all have a stake in how government spends, how money is borrowed and how taxes are imposed.

Would merging services reduce property taxes? How would the various government unions react to such a move? Should the county jails be under state control? Should the prosecutors be in the state budget? Should municipalities assume control over maintenance of county roads in their jurisdiction? Does it make sense to have 21 municipal tax assessors or should the county assume this responsibility? Is there merit to merging school districts to save money on administrative costs? Massachusetts' voters approved a proposition to limit county budget increases to 2.5 percent annually. Would such a restriction work in New Jersey? What about outstanding bonded debt? Neighboring Essex County is approaching \$100 million in debt.

According to Summit Councilwoman Kelly Hatfield, county government in New Jersey costs taxpayers \$6 billion annually. But would shifting county operations to the state and towns actually save taxpayers money? Or is this simply shifting county government from the property tax to the state income tax? We encourage the Change County Government Steering Committee to continue their efforts with more of a focus on projected cost savings and not simply a shift in responsibilities.

It seems easy to pick on the county, but there appears to be the need for county government to bridge the gap between the state and towns. The question now is what should that role be? There are many other questions such as why does government spend more than it has? -"Because they can?" Some think spending more than one has is progressive and good policy – well, maybe, at

For the property taxpayer at the end of the line that is forced to pay the bill, it's beyond mounting frustration for many. Too many are feeding out of the trough fed by the bleeding stream of this open wallet.

We don't see property tax conventions or forums on county government having much of a chance to be effective, although we heartedly encourage the dialogue. The issues are too complex and the interest groups are too deeply entrenched.

Even well meaning elected officials admit they have little control.

Since it's all about money – your money – radical simplicity may be the only solution. Perhaps – limit the allowable amount of property tax, period. Put it all in a pot and force the special interest groups to fight it out amongst themselves for their slice. If someone wants a bigger slice, they will have to take it from someone else - not you. This may cause corruption and fraud to implode in a self-policing manner.

This may help you from being taxed out of your home. But, it will do little about "eminent domain" - the other battle being raged and coming over the horizon.

How did we get ourselves into this, anyway?"

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Letters to the Editor

Westfield Armory 102 CAV Family Readiness Group Salutes You!

We would like to thank all the outstanding citizens and businesses of Westfield and the surrounding towns for their unyielding support of our soldiers.

Right before Christmas, two of our soldiers based at the Westfield Armory were involved in a fire. Their home and all their belongings were burned to the ground. We put a plea in The Westfield Leader, and within 24-48 hours the soldiers had almost everything they needed to get back on their feet again, through donations. We could not have done this without the support of our wonderful com-

We, and the soldiers, can't thank you enough for all you have done and continue to do to serve those that so selflessly

If you would like to learn more about the volunteer Family Readiness Group (FRG) of the 102 CAV and what we are doing to continue ongoing assistance for all our soldiers, please contact us at 102.cav.frg@gmail.com. Thank you! Happy New Year!

> Danielle Bracco, Amy Lovato, Westfield 102 CAV FRG Co-Leaders

Marriage Straddles Religious and **Secular Realms**

I appreciate Alex Pugliese's letter on leaving same-sex marriage solely to the religious authorities, for what it reveals: a yearning for a simple answer to unsettling social change. However, the proposal for government to abandon its place in the institution of marriage is not a simple solution. Marriage is an institution that straddles the religious and secular realms, such that both government and religious officials are empowered to marry couples and the resulting union is equally legal no matter who consecrated it. We are a country of many varied religions with differing social values, and so it is easy to imagine that Alex Pugliese's proposal would be the surest path to legal same-sex marriages,

with certain churches catering to the desire of same-sex couples to be married.

Authentic American conservatives should be on the side of same-sex marriage, for it clearly is an extension of individual liberty that is the core value of the American political experience. Whether the social conservative likes it or not, we are a society based on law and we are moving steadily, if slowly, to ensure that individual liberty is respected throughout all our laws and institutions. So, it is just a matter of time before samesex marriage is fully legal throughout our

Lee McDonald

Health Plan: 'Great for Unions, **But What About Everyone Else?**

The ObamaCare plan, even though it imposes lots of new taxes, is not deficit neutral as is claimed by some of our politicians. Worse yet, the bill plants in our tax laws the seeds of distinctions based on political party affiliation. The bill sets out a 10-year plan. Under the bill, most of the new taxes are imposed immediately, continuing for the entire 10 years. Benefits under the bill start after the fourth year. So, the bill has 10 years of revenue and six years of expenses. (If in a year you got to collect your salary for the entire year, but had to pay your mortgage or rent and other bills only for April through December, that would be great, wouldn't it? That's the way this bill works.) So, this is why the Congressional Budget Office and the politicians can claim the bill not only doesn't increase the deficit, it actually makes money. Well, sure it does! It has 10 years of money coming in and only six years of money going out, but what about the next 10 years?

One of the taxes they want to impose is a 40-percent tax on health insurance plans worth more than \$24,000 a year. The idea was originally floated as a way to penalize rich bankers at Goldman Sachs. However, since our professional politicians don't understand business, they didn't appreciate that there are a lot of people out here who have good health insurance plans because they have accepted those plans in exchange for a lower cash salary. Unfortunately, for Congress and the administration, a big chunk of union members fall into this group. And unions have political clout with the Democrat party. The unions objected. Still, the politi-

cians didn't get the point until they were hit over the head. In the private meetings

union members won't have to pay this tax until 10 years after the bill goes into effect. Great for union members! But what about everyone else? Too bad.

at the White House, they've agreed that

So, on our tax returns there will be a new line item: State the value of your healthcare insurance provided by your employer. If the amount is above \$24,000, enter 40 percent of the total amount and add it to your total tax. If you are a member of a union, enter zero and go to the next line.

Our income-tax system relies on people to report their income and pay their taxes. People believe the tax system is fundamentally fair. Sure, many high-income workers have real issues with progressive tax rates. But at least all high-income workers are in the same boat.

But, with this exemption given to a union, that's something very different. Economic circumstances are not driving the distinction between who will pay the tax and who won't. Some will pay less income tax than you solely because he is in a union. Why does the ObamCare plan work like this? Because unions have political clout and you don't. The fact that it is unfair to a majority of the people in this country doesn't matter to the politicians.

The fundamental unfairness of this exemption likely will start to get many people to think that they ought not to comply with the tax laws. It will also cause people to think that their government unfairly plays favorites and no longer functions properly and needs to be overhauled. Those are not good results for anyone, union member or not.

Richard Fortunato

NJEA Brings Professional Negotiators; **School Boards Have Amateurs**

In the January 14, 2010, edition of *The* Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times, a letter was printed by Craig Nowlin, who I believe is a past school board member. He reminded us that the teachers' contract is almost finalized, and the board has not heard any thing from the public about it.

Well, that may be true, but I don't even remember hearing that talks were underway. I must have missed it. Regardless, he is very correct in that the school taxes make up almost 70 percent of our property taxes. I will accept his statement that the teachers' salary increases over the last decade was 4.4 percent, but add that their benefits must also be considered. He recommended that we voice our opinion.

Some of us are upset about further tax increase – those who have lost their jobs and those hoping to hang on to the ones they have. How can we afford year-afteryear tax increases?

Is there anyone on the board that does not know someone who is unemployed? Look at the empty [Fanwood] train station parking lot. In addition, all of us in Scotch Plains received a first-time sewer bill this past year. Are there lucky board members insulated from this recession?

Year after year, I ask, "Where do we get the money?" We have 69 employees in the school system that make over \$100,000 a year and at least one that has a compensation package in excess of \$200,000. Last year's school property tax increase was almost 4 percent. How many taxpayers have received this amount of raise from our employers?

Last year, the board presented out-ofdate facts from a national publication in either a failure to confirm how current the data was or an act to mislead some of us. The board never addressed these inaccuracies. Do you really think that they care about our financial situation?

Many of us are convinced that we know the answer. The board will do whatever they can to prove that their settlement with the unions is a good deal and we should thank them for all their work. Make no mistake, we appreciate their dedication, but how can we afford it?

We should not forget that we have debt for such things as fields and there is talk of increasing this further for solar power installations. This is more money out of our shrinking pockets.

I doubt the board cares since last year only 17 percent [of registered] voters came out to vote on the school budget (Yes was 9.2 percent and No was 7.4 percent). Some called this a landslide. With the election of Mr. Christie [as

governor] and appointment of Mr. Schundler as education secretary, the environment for giving into the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) on the state level has changed, but some believe that the towns will be targeted. I doubt that our leadership will be able to defend against their pressure. Some in the media

support my view. To handle the agreements, the NJEA brings out professional negotiators, while school boards only have well-intentioned amateurs who have restrictions imposed on them.

Mr. Nowlin, since you have an in with the board, feel free to send this letter to them. I am not going to waste my time, since it will be ignored.

Albert Muller Scotch Plains

Town Employees Volunteer 10% Pay Cut

The Westfield Leader Archives January 18, 1933

A voluntary reduction of 10 per

cent. in wages has been accepted by all employees of the town, according to an announcement made this week by Mayor William H. Davies. This new reduction, the Mayor said, takes the place of the one in effect since August1, which was 5 per cent. The Mayor expressed appreciation to all town employees for their willingness to co-operate with town officials at this time and declared that their action deserved the high commendation of all. The police and firemen announced their willingness to accept a 10 per cent. reduction last week, and other town employees adopted the same measures shortly afterward.

The Mayor's statement follows: "Effective February 1, 1933, all Town employees have voted to con-tribute 10 per cent, of their salaries oward lessening the cost of Town government, recognizing the immediate need of economies and a substantial reduction in 1933 budget apropriations.

"A few years ago the people of Westfield generously voted an increase in pay to their police and firemen in appreciation of their excelient work and arduous duties. In the same spirit the police and firemen are now making this sacrifice in the interest and benefit of the general good of the community. "Similar action has been taken by

ther employees of the Town. "This action on the part of the Town employees amends and substitutes the present agreement to contribute 5 per cent. of their salaries, which would have expired on July

"People of Westfield have reason to feel proud of their Police and Fire Departments and other Town employees, and this action on their part will further tend to promote and cement the good feeling existing between the community and its employees."



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 dic-

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

All words and correct definitions come from the board game Diction

Answers to last week's arcane words.

1. Melliferous – Producing honey 2. Crotalidae – The pit vipers

3. Taniwha – A dragonlike beast in Maori legend

4. Threap – To insist or quarrel

1. To dismiss from employment

2. A small brook

3. Active; vigorous 4. To defile

THEBAISM 1. Deception; sleight of hand

2. The habitual use of opium 3. Devotion to the greedy pursuit of

ches
4. Hospitality
THEROID 1. Like an animal or beast

2. Rust-colored 3. Pertaining to the earth

4. Having the shape of a funnel **JACAL** 1. A fool or imbecile

2. A hut built of logs and daubed with

mud 3. A nickname

Haitian Relief

Mountainside Joins

Haitian Relief Effort The Watts Foundation announced that for every \$2 contributed by residents of Mountainside to the Haitian Relief effort, it would add \$1 up to a total of \$16,667, which would make a total relief contribu-

tion of \$50,000 for the community. Contributions should be made to the Watts Mountainside Community Foundation and sent to P.O. Box 2038, Westfield, N.J. 07091. The money will then be forwarded to the following three organizations: American Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders and Partners in

Contributors may pick which one of the charities they wish to benefit. Any unspecified contributions will be divided

equally among the three. Although a grant of this nature does not fit into the general guidelines of the Watts Foundation, members of the board noted, "Extraordinary events call for extraordinary action." Any questions, please call (908) 232-2244.

Thomas Phelan

Union Haiti Relief Seeks Donor Help

We are collecting medical supplies for the victims of Haiti. We are working with the United Way and The Red Cross. If you can give a case or just a box, it will be

appreciated. Îtems sought are: Boxes of gloves (regular and latex free), IV Solutions, oxygen masks, sterile water and saline, oxygen tubing, Band-Aids, IV starting supplies tubing, glucometers, alcohol wipes, glucose testing strips, gowns, sanitary napkins, drapes, cotton gauze, Ace wraps, masks, dressing supplies, walkers, crutches, insulin, syringes, wheel chairs lab coats, scrubs, sheets, towels, unopened

sample medications and sutures. Please drop off any of the supplies to the Ambulatory Surgical Center located at 950 West Chestnut Street, Union, N.J. 07083 (Route 22, 78 and the Garden State Parkway). We are accepting donations Monday through Friday from 6 am. to 5 pm. If you are unable to drop off your supplies, Integrated Health will pick them up. Please call to set up a time. We, the physicians, nurses and staff of the Ambulatory Surgical Center of Union Integrated Health Industries thank you for your support. For more information, contact Marcy Sasso, director of Operations: msasso@ascunion.com, call (908) 688-2700 or fax (908) 688-7424.

LD-20 Forms **Haiti Support**

"New Jersey for Haiti" is a collection of agencies, nonprofit organizations, businesses and citizens dedicated to providing relief and assistance to the victims of this disaster in Haiti.

Assemblywoman Annette Quijano stated, "The key issue right now is ensuring that the donations get to the victims in Haiti as quickly as possible. The main goal is to get various groups together to form one significant relief movement throughout the State of New Jersey, which will be more effective than numerous small groups.

The group has partnered with United Way of Greater Union County. Haitians are the largest foreign group in New Jersey. Senator Ray Lesniak said, "Elizabeth, the epicenter of the Haitian community of New Jersey, will continue, not for

years, but for decades... For more information, see nj4haiti.org and uwguc.org or call (908) 629-0041.

Morning Star To Help Families in Haiti

Morning Star Community Christian Center located at 1009 Chandler Avenue in Linden is gearing up to help the families in need who were affected by the tragedy in Haiti.

"A significant number of Morning Star members are of Haitian descent and have large numbers of immediate and extended family that live in the affected area and we must do our part to help," said Therman Evans. "We hope people in the community will step up to help us in this coordi-

nated effort.' For more information about donating, call (908) 925-7979 or visit the church's website at morningstarccc.org.

Scranton Named Grand Marshal of 2010 County St. Patrick's Day Parade

Marion Scranton

UNION — The 2010 Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee announced Sister Marion Scranton, a Sister of Charity, was named grand marshal of the 14th Annual Union

Parade. Sister Marion is known for her outstanding work in education as a teacher and principal, as well as for her ministry, community outreach and her volunteerism. She is director of Community Initiatives for Trinitas Řegional Medical Center in Eliza-

County Saint Patrick's Day

"We are pleased and honored to have Sister Marion leading us in our tribute to St. Patrick," said Jim Lowney, 2010 parade

general chairman. Sister Marion traces her Irish roots to County Leitrim in the Midwest of Ireland. She has visited the Emerald Isle several times and studied at All Hallows in Dublin for Sabbatical in 1999.

"I am certainly humbled and honored to have been chosen to be grand marshal,'

Letter to The Editor **Accomplishments Do Not Prove Character**

Mark McGwire's recent admission that he used steroids when he made homerun history is only a small part of a major problem in our country and throughout the world. We celebrate celebrity without knowing much, if anything, about the person being so honored. Tiger Woods led an exemplary public life, but we learned a long time later that his private life leaves much to be desired. The Watergate Tapes revealed President Richard Nixon to be far from the public image his public-relations team portrayed him to be.

Governor Elliot Spitzer of New York, Governor Mark Sanford, former presidential and vice-presidential candidate and former North Carolina Senator John Edwards, and Nevada Senator John Ensign, to name four examples, fell from public grace because of their sordid private lives, which were first revealed by the news media. Up until that time they were viewed as models of the community, honest and above reproach. The shame is that millions of people put their faith in them and cast their votes for them and that two of them, Mr. Spitzer and Mr. Edwards, even had dreams of becoming President of the United States.

The public has every right to expect that the famous, rich and politically powerful, who inhabit the airways, newsprint and television screen, exhibit the highest standards of conduct. It is bad enough that the adult citizenry is constantly disappointed by violations of these standards. It is even worse that the younger generations, who often look up to a Mark McGwire or a Manny Ramirez as role models, as much as Tiger Woods was viewed by millions of his golf fans, are disappointed. The result is distrust and cynicism and even an anything-goes attitude that says that if these people can get away with it anybody can.

What is required is the public's attention to detail and not to commercials and press releases and other forms of puffing to use a term of advertising. The public must be vigilant, and here we have the news media to thank, so that those truly deserving public admiration are the ones who actually receive it. That a person makes homerun records, or plays a championship tournament way under par, or runs a huge organization, or wins by a landslide does not prove the character of the person. For as Ecclesiastes said a very long time ago, "What profiteth a person if he or she gains the world and loses his or her soul

Stephen Schoeman Westfield



The founder of the Sisters of Charity in New Jersey was from Skibbereen in County Cork," she added. "I know she will be looking down on us as we celebrate and honor St. Patrick."

Irish American Society of Union nominated Sister Marion for grand marshal and she was elected unanimously by representatives of the 17 parade committee member organizations and parade officers.

Sister Marion will be officially installed as grand marshal during an Investiture Mass on Sunday, January 31, at 3 p.m. in St Michael's Church, located at

1212 Kelly Street in Union. The Grand Marshal's reception will follow at 4:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Council 4504, located at 1034

Jeanette Avenue in Union. The 14th Annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade will step off at 1 p.m. sharp on Saturday, March 13, on

Morris Avenue in Union For more information about the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade, call 448-6885 unioncountystpatricksdayparade.com.

IRS Warns of Scams for Haiti Relief Donations

MOUNTAINSIDE — The IRS reminds people to ensure that their donations are made to reputable organizations and not fall victim to fraudulent scams.

The IRS offers these tips: Contributions to domestic, tax-exempt, charitable organizations that provide assistance to individuals in foreign lands qualify as tax-deductible contributions for federal income tax purposes, provided that the U.S. organization has full control and discretion over the uses of such funds. Contributions to foreign organizations generally are not deductible. Contributions to benefit specific individuals or families are also not deductible.

A taxpayer must have a bank record or a written communication from the charity showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution.

For individuals, only taxpayers who itemize their deductions on Form 1040 Schedule A can claim deductions for chari-

table contributions. For additional information on chari-

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TIGERS...Cub Scouts from Pack 270 of Washington School in Westfield visited the office of *The Westfield Leader* newspaper, on January 14, because their mothers made them do it, and because they wanted to.

Letters to the Editor

Already On The Ground in Haiti, We Ask for Your Support

Dear Friends: We are all aware of the ongoing tragedy of the earthquake in Haiti. The Rotary Club of Westfield is making an immediate donation to assist the rescue, cleanup and rebuilding of lives that were affected in Haiti. The two Rotarybased organizations that we plan to support are Pure Water for the World and ShelterBox.

ShelterBox is already on the ground in Haiti distributing the first Shelter Boxes that include a 10-person tent, water filters, food implements, first aid kits, etc. Pure Water for the World was already active in Haiti. We are in direct contact with the director and putting together supplies to send to Haiti. There are 14

Rotary Clubs in Haiti involved with imple-

We hope the contribution we are sending is just the down payment on the support we plan to send in the future. We would appreciate your help also to support Rotary's efforts in Haiti. Please make your check payable to: Westfield Rotary Foundation and indicate "Haiti" on the check. Please mail your donation to: David Foltz, Westfield Rotary Club Founda-

tion, PO Box 2189, Westfield, N.J. 07091. Thank you in advance for your sup-

Mark Swingle, President Rotary Club of Westfield

Scutari Palimony Bill Is Now NJ Law

TRENTON - Jon Corzine, before stepping down as governor, had signed a measure sponsored by Senator Nicholas Scutari (D-Linden) that prohibits the enforcement of palimony agreements that have not been put in writing.

"This new law will help to clear up any disputes caused by the 'he said, she said,' that often surfaces after the dissolution of a relationship," said Senator Scutari. "The days of accepting a promise on a hand-shake, a wink and a nod are gone. The reality is that we live in a litigious society, and legislation like this will help clear up any confusion before cases are heard, by clarifying what is expected by each partthat a promise of palimony is not binding unless it is in writing. The bill also requires both parties to receive independent advice of legal counsel before the agreement can become binding.

"The ending of a relationship, especially a long-term relationship, is difficult for all parties involved. This law simply puts into place a system for ensuring that, when it comes to palimony, a promise made is a promise kept," said Senator Scutari.

This measure was approved by the full Senate on March 16, 2009, and it received final legislative approval from the Assembly on January 11. The law takes effect immediately



Rep. Leonard Lance

Post Health Bill Online

Congressman Leonard Lance and more than two dozen House Republicans are calling on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to post the final healthcare bill on the Internet for two weeks prior to any votes in Con-

"The American people have a right to read and review the final healthcare bill in a time that is honest, reasonable and fair," Mr. Lance and the other lawmakers wrote in a letter to Ms. Pelosi. "The American people and Congress deserve a reasonable time to read this legislation and understand exactly what's in it. That's a transparent, simple and common-sense request.'

Specifically, 32 House Republicans signed Mr. Lance's letter to Ms. Pelosi, asking to post the final healthcare legislation online for 14 days prior to a House vote. Mr. Lance said doing so will give the public time to read the bill and bring transparency to the process.

Last year, Mr. Lance was one of the first members of Congress to post the entire House-passed healthcare bill on his congressional website.

Thousands of constituents have visited Mr. Lance's portal, lance.house.gov/ healthcare, to understand more about the healthcare reform and alternative legislation. Congressman Lance also made copies of the more than 2,000-page bill available to local area libraries for constituents to read and review

Debt, Pay It Back

Regarding reports that President Barack Obama will propose a \$90-billion tax on financial institutions over the next decade: "We can't tax our way out of a bad economy," said Mr. Lance. "The administration's proposed tax will hurt, not help the economy and will inevitably be passed on to consumers. It's my hope the House Financial Services Committee will have comprehensive hearings on this wrong-sided proposal so that the American people will get a better understanding about how bad this really is.

Mr. Lance said he would also object to allowing any of the proposed tax funds to be used to further underwrite the failed Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) which Mr. Lance strongly opposes. Rep. Lance is the sponsor of the "Pay It Back Act" to apply recaptured taxpayer

908-518-7733 investments toward reducing the national debt — including unspent funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment

To learn more, constituents can visit lance.house.gov/debt.

Act of 2009 (federal stimulus) as well as

Kean's Autism Bill Becomes Law

TRENTON — A bill by Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean, Jr. of Westfield was signed into law last week. The bill amends the state's law against discrimination so that autism disorders are recognized causes of disabilities.

"Autistic residents will now receive the same protections as other disabled citizens from discrimination in access to housing, employment and public accommodations such as theaters, stores and

restaurants," Senator Kean said. "New Jersey is known for opening doors of opportunity for all its disabled residents," Senator Kean said. "This bill's passage shows that legislators of both parties can and do work together to build a more compassionate New Jersey."

Senator Kean and Democratic Senator Joe Vitale of Woodbridge, chairman of the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, were coprime sponsors of the legislation.







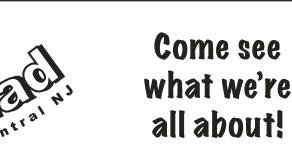
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Library Invites Storytellers For Wednesday MothUP

WESTFIELD - Storytellers and writers are invited to the Westfield Memorial Library on Wednesday, January 27, at 7 p.m. for a new type of event called a MothUP. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

This program was inspired by the success of New York City's "The Moth," an event where people get up and tell five-minute, true stories based on a particular theme. All the stories are told in front of an audience, without notes, scripts or cheat

The theme of the Westfield Memorial Library's event will be "Firsts": first job, first car, etc. Participants should share a true, first person story. The names of 10 individuals from the audience who have prepared stories will randomly be picked from a hat. Each storyteller will have five minutes to share his

RESOLVE to Hold

Children's Program

SCOTCH PLAINS - RESOLVE Community Counseling Center, located at 1830 Front Street in Scotch Plains, will offer a program for children in grades 3 to 5 designed to help them cope with the challenges of separation and/or divorce and to navigate through the stress, questions and

emotions related to such changes. It will be held on four consecutive Wednesdays beginning February 3, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be a small materials fee. For further information and registration, call RE-SOLVE at (908) 322-9180.

or her story. A team of judges, chosen from the audience, will give a score. For more information on how this program works and for inspiration, visit themoth.org.

The Moth, a not-for-profit storytelling organization, was founded in New York in 1997 by poet and novelist George Dawes Green, who wanted to recreate the feeling of sultry summer evenings on his native St. Simon's Island, Ga., where he and a small circle of friends would gather to share stories.

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

Keenans Welcome Charlotte Jane

Marisa and Bill Keenan of Mountainside have announced the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Jane Keenan, on Tuesday, December 22, 2009, at 8:01 p.m. at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Charlotte weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces and measured 20¾ inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Teresa and Edward Hrinewski of

Jane and Bill Keenan of Millburn are her paternal grandparents.

Charlotte's maternal great-grandparents are Alice and Edward Hrinewski of Toms River.



'BELIEVE' IN MUSIC...The Rotary Club of Westfield was serenaded January 12 by, pictured left to right, Chin Wen Deng on piano, Phil Rinaldi on trumpet, song leader Rotarian Ted Schlosberg, owner of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, who arranged the ensemble; Rotary Club Secretary Nancy Jackson and professional voice instructor Betsy Stubbs. Darielle Walsh is in the lower right foreground. They performed the song "I Believe." The club meets every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. on the second floor of the Westfield Area "Y." Guests are always welcome

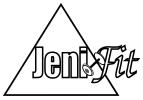
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Brian John Joffe and Ms. Lindsey Beth Kepnes

Brian John Joffe to Wed Ms. Lindsey Beth Kepnes

Patricia Joffe of Westfield and Edward Joffe of Deerfield Beach, Fla. have announced the engagement of their son, Brian John Joffe of New York City, to Ms. Lindsey Beth Kepnes, also of New York City. She is the daughter of Christine Fortin of Nantucket, Mass. and Paul Kepnes of Marblehead, Mass.

À 1997 graduate of Marblehead High School, the bride-to-be earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from Denison University in Granville, Ohio in 2001. Ms. Kepnes is a communication coordinator for Baume & Mercier in New York City.

Holy Name Society Sets Pancake Breakfast

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Holy Name Society of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church will hold its Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 31, in St. Bartholomew's cafeteria after the 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and noon

Pancakes and sausages prepared by "Marco" of the Highlander Restaurant in Scotch Plains will be available. The cost is \$6 for adults and children age 13 and older and \$5 for children ages 4 to 12. This event will be free for children ages 3 and under. The maximum cost per family will be \$14.

All teachers and staff of St. Bartholomew Academy and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) program are invited to attend as guests of the Holy Name Society. St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church and Interparochial School are located at 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch

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The future groom graduated from Westfield High School in 1997 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa. in 2001. Mr. Joffe is employed as a trader for Highbridge Capital Management in New York City.

A May 2010 wedding is planned on Nantucket Island, Mass.

Library Friends Accept Book Sale Donations

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library (FSPPL), the non-profit group that financially supports the library's programming and material needs, currently is accepting donations for its upcoming annual book sale.

The organization is seeking clean, salable books with no torn or marked pages. Both hardcover books and paperbacks are welcome, as well as books on tape, music CDs and DVDs.

The Friends request that donations not include older or time-sensitive materials such as videotapes, magazines and textbooks. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, February 28. The book sale will begin on Saturday, March 13.

Volunteers will be available to help carry in donations at the library this Saturday, January 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Sunday, January 31, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.

For more information, contact FSPPL President Joe Quarto at joequarto@gmail.com. To join the Friends or find out more about how to support the library, visit scotlib.org for the Friends page.

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Ms. Kate E. Wyatt Weds Ryan D. Hammond

Ms. Kate Elizabeth Wyatt and Ryan Douglas Hammond were married on Saturday, August 1, 2009, at the Woodend Nature Sanctuary in Chevy Chase, Md. Neil Nagraj of Brooklyn, N.Y., a friend of the couple, officiated the ceremony. A reception followed at the Woodend Mansion.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Nancy Lech of Westfield and John Wyatt of Scotch Plains. She is the granddaughter of Bertha Lech of Elizabeth. The groom is the son of James and Colleen Pittman of Suffolk, Va. He is the grandson of Dale

and Grace Rodman of Smithfield, Va. Mike Wyatt of San Diego, Calif., brother of the bride, stood with his sister. Avery Pittman of Suffolk, Va., sister of the groom, stood with her

The bridesmaids were Katherine Lech of Morristown and Emily Lech of Dunellen, cousins of the bride; Lara Rothschild of New York, N.Y., Jamie Darcy of Scotch Plains and Amanda Markmann of Fairfax Station, Va., friends of the bride.

The groomsmen included Jordan Branem of Fort Belvoir, Va., Justin Pretlow of Charlottesville, Va., Chris Duesterberg of Sydney, Australia, Joshua Thornhill of Washington, D.C. and Bill Markmann of Fairfax Station, Va., friends of the groom.

Christopher Lech of Singapore, cousin of the bride, gave a reading. Joshua Thornhill presented an original poem.

The bride is a graduate of Westfield High School and James Madison University, and holds a Masters in Fine Arts Education from Kean University. She is an art teacher at St. Nicholas Preparatory School in London, United Kingdom.

The groom is a graduate of Nansemond River High School in Suffolk, Va. and the University of Virginia. He is the regional manager of Appian Europe Ltd. in London.

The couple honeymooned in Mauritius and continues to reside in

Miller-Cory Invites Families For 'Tin Piercing Craft'

WESTFIELD - On Sunday, January 24, the Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will present "Tin Piercing Craft for Children" between 2 and 4 p.m.

From candlesticks to coffeepots, foot warmers to fish kettles, tin goods in the 18th and 19th centuries were

greatly varied and highly demanded. Eileen O'Shea will explain the work of Colonial-era tinsmiths and oversee a simple tin piercing craft for children ages 8 and older. An adult must accompany all children while doing the craft.

Volunteers dressed in authentic period costume will be available to guide visitors through the pre-Revolutionary farmhouse. The museum's gift shop, which carries a selection of Colonial toys, crafts, cookbooks and educational materials, also will be open. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for students and free for children Upcoming Sunday programs include "Children's Valentine Display" on February 7, "The Art of Quilting" on February 21 and "Maple Sugar Sunday" on March 7. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations will resume

The Miller-Cory House Museum is a nationally recognized living museum, listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places and as a site on the New Jersey

Women's Heritage Trail. The museum is available for tours for school groups during the week, as well as for scout troops after school on weekdays. Special programs also may be arranged on site for schools and other community groups. For more information, call the museum office weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776. The museum's e-mail address is millercorymuseum@gmail.com and its website is millercoryhouse.org.

Golden Agers to Celebrate St. Pat's on Doolan's Trip

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Golden Agers Club invites area residents to join them for a trip on Thursday, March 11, to Doolan's in Spring Lake to celebrate St.

Patrick's Day. Tickets, which cost \$62, include Irish tenor Jimmy Byrne's performance; a comedian and bagpipers chant, an elegant lunch and the bus ride. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. that day from the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

The luncheon menu will feature a five-course meal starting with salad, pasta, soup or fruit cup, a choice of corned beef and cabbage, baked salmon, roasted chicken and vegetable medley, and all favorite accompaniments. An Italian dessert table will follow. An hour of wine-and-beer open bar will precede the luncheon. All are welcome.

The Golden Agers Club offers senior citizens the chance to meet with their peers, share ideas, interact and gather useful information to enhance daily living. The club meets weekly on Thursdays at 10 a.m. from September through June at the Scotch Hills Country Club.

Birthday celebrations, bingo and socializing are a regular part of weekly meetings. Members are invited to provide suggestions for activities, and free luncheons are provided at least one week during each month. Special speakers present information on health issues and other topics. Membership, theater, musical revues and other fun

activity trips are available to everyone.
For trip details, call Jean DeTore at (908) 889-4121 or Mary De Jesso at (908) 654-4512. Club information is available by calling Marge Van Duyne at (908) 889-4631.

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Dental Update

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

SEEING RED! A dentist may be likely to provide a

disposition to be nervous about visiting the dentist. In fact, research in recent years shows that redheads tend to be less responsive to local pain-blockers and may require larger doses of Novocain to get the same amount of relief that a blonde or brunette would get with regular doses. More recent research shows that the red hair that results from variations in the melanocortin-1 receptor (MC1R) gene, which helps determine pigmentation,

There are many methods available in natural redhead with a bit more attention dentistry today to help reduce a patient's than blondes and brunettes might anxiety and enhance comfort during receive. The reason behind this special treatment. Having confidence and trust treatment rests with the fact that in your dentist is also an important redheads seem to have a genetic aspect of feeling at ease at dental visits. If it has been awhile since your last checkup, for whatever reason, we are welcoming new patients and invite you to call us at 908-654-6262 for an appointment. Or stop by at 131 South Euclid Avenue, Westfield, say hello, and make your appointment in person. We always enjoy meeting new patients. Early morning, evening, lunchtime, and Saturday appointments are available. P.S. Patients with any fear- or arviety-related issues are strongly urged to speak with the which helps determine pigmentation, dentist about their concerns and work out a may also play a role in processing pain, treatment plan that addresses and allays those www.drarida.com

Local Rotary Clubs Donate To Haiti Rescue Efforts

SCOTCH PLAINS - Rotary International and local Rotary clubs, long devoted to disaster rescue support and to "clean water for the world," swung into high gear following the earthquake catastrophe of January 12 in Haiti.

The Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains on January 18 displayed a "Shelter Box," long a resource supported and distributed in disasters by Rotary clubs around the world. In conjunction with Martin Luther King Day activities, hundreds of people in Scotch Plains and Fanwood had a chance to view a Shelter Box and to

Chelsea Invites Public To Safe Driver Course

FANWOOD - Chelsea Assisted Living will present "Am I Still A Safe Driver?" on Wednesday, February 3, at 7 p.m. It will take place at The Chelsea at Fanwood, located at 295 South Avenue.

Karen Roth of Fox Rehabilitation, an occupational therapist certified in driver rehabilitation, will lead the discussion. Topics will include changes in driving skills, as well as strategies and techniques to help maintain independent driving as individuals get older.

This event, sponsored by SAGE Eldercare and The Chelsea at Fanwood, will be free and open to the public. Interested persons are asked to respond by Monday, February 1, by calling (908) 654-5200.

Historical Society Plans 'Show and Tell' Event

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood will present "Show and Tell" historical style at its meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26. It will take place at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

Attendees are encouraged to bring something historical to the meeting, during which they will have an opportunity to share stories and memories, retell their own New Year traditions and reveal old New Year's resolutions that succeeded and failed.

This meeting is free and open to everyone. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the program. For further information, call Richard Bousquet, president, at (908) 232contribute to shipping one to Haiti. Shelter Boxes consist of tents, sleeping pads, drinking water, blankets, cooking equipment and sanitary resources in a 125-pound package capable of sheltering 10 people for a period of weeks. By January 15, Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary had collected enough money to be working on its third Shelter Box for delivery to Haiti.

"By accepting donations where a Shelter Box is displayed on Martin Luther King Day, we think that our club can send as many as five Shelter Boxes to Haiti," said Janet Strunk, president of Fanwood-Scotch Plains

Former club president Pat Plante spearheaded the effort to bring a Shelter Box to the area for display on Martin Luther King Day. Rotary International has already sent 700 Shelter Boxes to Haiti, providing interim housing for up to 7,000 victims.

The Berkeley Heights Rotary Club committed \$500 of its club funds for a Shelter Box in an effort to coordinate resources with the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.

Local individuals who may wish to donate to the Haiti rescue effort through the channels of Rotary International can contribute by dropping in at PNC Bank locations on Martine Avenue in Fanwood and Scotch Plains

Free Party Showcase To Be Held at Temple

WESTFIELD - Temple Emanu-El will offer a Party Showcase on Sunday, January 31, from 1 to 4 p.m., geared for people planning a wedding, bar/bat mitzvah, birthday, graduation party or any other special event. Admission will be free and open to all.

Participants will have an opportunity to see the latest in invitations and decorations, chat with a professional party planner, be entertained by disc jockeys and sample cuisine for various occasions.

For more information, call Carolyn Shane at (908) 232-6770, extension no. 114. Temple Emanu-El is located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield. In case of inclement weather, call the temple at (908) 232-6770 on Sunday morning and follow the instructions to learn whether the Party Showcase will take place or be cancelled, or check the website, tewnj.org, for information.



The Mestfield Leader and The Scotch Plains - Fanwood TIMES

DEDICATION DAY...Scotch Plains American Legion (S.A.L.) Post 209 recently held a Flag Raising and Dedication Ceremony at the Center For Hope Hospice and Palliative Care in Scotch Plains. The S.A.L. and local contractors donated a flagpole, flags and a plaque to the center, for which the center extended its gratitude. Pictured, from left to right, are: Vice Commander of Union County Anna Yersevich, Past County Commander Jeff Bartkus, Rich Kenyon, Commander Al DiPace, Chaplain Joe McCort, Kevin Burns, P.J. Breece, Tom Keane,

Literacy Volunteers Reveal New Tutor Training Series

AREA – Literacy Volunteers has begun registration for its Winter New Tutor Training Workshop Series. This three-part series will begin on Saturday, January 30, and continue on the following Saturdays, February 6 and 13, at the Rahway Public Library. The library is located at 2 City Hall Plaza in

Sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. Attendance is required at all three sessions. Once training is completed, tutors will be matched with a student based on a day, time and location that is convenient for both. Literacy Volunteers provides ongoing support for all tutors. Someone is always available to answer questions.

Once a month, there is a tutor drop-in at the Plainfield Library, where tutors may come to meet other tutors, exchange ideas and get helpful hints on tutoring. Literacy Volunteers also provides in-service training throughout the year.

Interested persons are invited to visit the organization's new website, lvaunion.org, and learn about the many facets of Literacy Volunteers. They can click on "Tutors" and go to "Tutor Talk Newsletter," the monthly newsletter for tutors, or "Tutor Resources," for tools available for tutors to use with their students. "News and Events" will update individuals on events happening with Literacy Volunteers of

Anyone interested in becoming a Union County volunteer tutor may register on the website. Individuals should go to "Upcoming Events" in the calendar section and click on the "Tutor Training" link. They can register either online or download a form to mail to Literacy Volunteers.

Best Friend Holding Sale Until Saturday

SCOTCH PLAINS - Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption is holding a 50-percent-off sale at its thrift shop now through Saturday, January 23. Located at 1750 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, the store is open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day except Sunday and Monday.

A not-for-profit organization, the Best Friend Rescue group is run solely by volunteers. The thrift shop features many one-of-a-kind items, small furniture, jewelry, collectibles, books, knickknacks and new gift items, among other merchandise.

The rescue group currently is accepting donations of new/slightly used items. Especially requested are spring items, including clothing, floral arrangements, artificial flowers and Easter merchandise. The group also can use record albums, VHS items, DVDs and CDs. The group additionally is accepting donations of dog food and very much needed cat/kitten food and clumping litter for its foster animals.

Volunteers are always needed in the thrift shop, and the group desperately needs foster homes for its cats. For more information, call (732) 388-8930 or visit pets waiting for a permanent home at bestfriend.petfinder.org. Tax deductible donations may be sent to: Best Friend, P.O. Box 335, Cranford, N.J. 07016.

Historical Society to Present Boy Scouting History Talk WESTFIELD – During the Friday, matic growth of the movement. On

January 29 meeting of the Westfield Historical Society, Dr. Stanley Lipson of the Departments of Mathematics and Computer Science at Kean University, curator of the Society, will present what the Society has described as "an unofficial, unauthorized and somewhat unconventional history" of the first 100 years of Boy Scouting in the United States, with special emphasis on its New Jersey connections.

Dr. Lipson will illustrate his talk with rare images from one of the most extensive collections of U.S. Boy Scout postcards in the world.

Having applied modern "data mining" techniques to his own collection, Dr. Lipson will offer fresh insights into the early history and dradisplay will be artifacts from Dr. Lipson's collection, items from the Westfield Historical Society's Museum and Archives and memorabilia from local Boy Scout troops.

The Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Monday, February 8, 2010, with local celebrations held throughout the country.

The meeting of the Westfield Historical Society, which is open to the public, will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 East Broad Street. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (908) 654-1794 or e-mail info@westfieldhistoricalsociety.org.



LONG HISTORY...Westfield Boy Scout troops gather in 1919 in front of Westminster Hall at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. The Westfield Historical Society program on Friday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m. will highlight the history of Boy Scouting. It will take place in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building.

IHM Plans Inquiry Session On Catholicism January 31

SCOTCH PLAINS - On Sunday, January 31, the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Roman Catholic Church will host an informal inquiry session beginning at 9 a.m. for non-Catholics interested in exploring what Catholicism is all about, as well as for nonpracticing Catholics who might want to "come home" to the faith in which

they were born. Felicia Levine of IHM's Adult Education outreach will facilitate a discussion of such questions as "Why has the Catholic faith withstood the test of over 2,000 years?" "What makes Catholicism different from other faiths?" and "What makes it relevant today and why might it make

a relevant difference in your day-today life?"

The session will take place in the Nazareth Center behind the church. There will be coffee and doughnuts, a brief film and plenty of time for questions and answers. This program is free and there is no obligation.

IHM is located at 1571 South Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. Ample onsite parking is available behind the church. For additional information, call Ms. Levine at the parish office at (908) 889-2100, or send an e-mail to her attention at IHM123@aol.com. Directions can be found on the parish website: ihmparish.net.

Local Animal Healer/Intuitive Heads to Puerto Rico to Help Rescue Abused and Abandoned Dogs

When you hear about the beaches a Reiki Master and newly Accredof Puerto Rico, most think about sunny, warm weather, glamorous sunsets and relaxation. For the sato a program that allows her to share dogs ("street dogs") of Puerto Rico, however, beaches are a "home" where they're dumped and left to fend for themselves – it's a place where they need to instinctively fend for themselves against daily threats of physical disease, hunger, homelessness, abuse and sometimes even death.

Local Intuitive, Animal Reiki

Master/Teacher and Accredited Journey PractitionerT, Caly Lehrer, is heading to Puerto Rico later this month to help the nonprofit organizations Save-A-Sato and Amigos De Los Animales in their efforts to rescue and reha-

Caly Lehrer & Randy bilitate the country's sato dogs. Caly first learned about sato dogs while volunteering her time/services at St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison, N.J. During a volunteer session, she was asked to work with Randy, a whippet mix, who made his way to St. Hubert's from Puerto Rico. Randy was so fearful of life and so distrusting of people, that he shook incessantly, constantly searching for a new place to hide and cower behind. Because of the extent of healing, patience and TLC that Randy required, he was not immediately available for adoption. As Caly continued to work with Randy at the shelter, she grew more and more attached to him, so much so, that today Randy is now

Caly credits Randy as being one of her greatest Animal Teachers saying, "The lessons I've learned from Randy in just one year's time, have been amazing. He motivates me to keep learning more about the many other sato dogs still waiting to be rescued." Having witnessed all that Randy's endured as a result of his past, Caly has yearned to go to Puerto Rico to see firsthand what it's like to be a sato dog, so she can bring more awareness to the States about what these dogs experience daily.

Prior to adopting Randy, Caly had no awareness of sato dogs or how poorly they are treated. During her visit, Caly intends to comb the beaches that the satos call home, to see life through their eyes and to help in capturing them. Once rescued, Caly will then share Reiki and The JourneyT with the dogs rescued, as well as the humans who work so closely with them. As

ited Journey Practitioner T, it is Caly's deepest prayer to spearhead these modalities with both animals and those who work so tirelessly with them - both in Puerto Rico and here in New Jersey. Many shelter workers are prone to what's called Compassion Fatigue and are often in need of physical and emotional healing themselves in order to keep being the best they can be for the animals. Caly's hope is that

by helping the animals and those who so lovingly work with them, more healing and well-being will exist within the lives of our animals overall.

Reiki is a Japanese form of energy work that can be channeled either hands-on or from a distance. When Reiki is

shared with a client, it helps to balance their "chi' (life force), thus promoting improved well-being physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. The Journey, as discovered by Brandon Bays, is emotional work that takes place at the cellular levels. During a guided process, Caly gets her clients out of their thinking minds and more in touch with their Body's Wisdom (that part of us responsible for making our heart beat and our hair grow without us having to think about it). Our Body's Wisdom guides us to uncovering emotions and memories at the cellular level, which are often blocking us from being our fullest potential (whether it be in physical health, emotional health,

As an Intuitive, Caly is able to tap into the Essence of animals and share the powerful work of The Journey with those facing physical challenges, behavioral issues or emotional matters. Just like humans, animals hold onto so much emotionally; they are subject to abuse, physical ailments, stressors of life...some are even working dogs with jobs in K9 units or assisting the disabled. Working or not, animals selflessly take so much on to better help us; it is Caly's Life Purpose to hold a space of love and healing for our Animal Friends, as well as those who love and care for them.

not being able to manifest goals,

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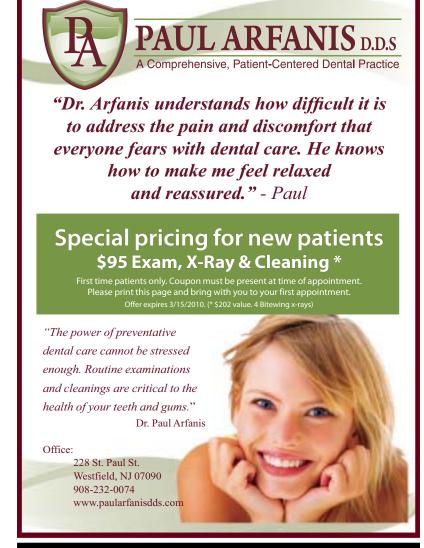
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VENEZIA BURIES 15: MARKOWSKI 11 PTS., 6 STEALS

Cougar Cagers' Surge in 3rd Sinks Lady Blue Devils, 46-40

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Three-pointers fell like a torrential downpour in the third quarter to lift the Cranford High School girls basketball team to a 46-40 victory over the 2-6 Westfield Lady Blue Devils in Westfield on January 12. Trailing 21-19, the 6-2 Cougars nailed five of their six three-pointers in a 21-9 run to put the game nearly but not quite out of reach.

Cougar sophomore Morgan Miller hit three of those three-pointers and finished with 13 points, three rebounds and a steal. Senior forward Jamie Webb (9 points) and freshman Jess McCoy (five rebounds, four as-

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Thievery on the part of the unde-

feated Summit High School girls bas-

ketball team ran amok, especially in

the first quarter, as the Hilltoppers

swarmed all over the hosting Scotch

Plains-Fanwood girls to seize a 51-21

Not only were they up against a

very pesky team that entered the game

with a 6-0 record, but also the Raiders

victory on January 14.

sists), who also sank 13 points, bucketed the other two three-pointers in the fateful quarter.

"They shot five threes in the third quarter. I knew Number 3 (Morgan Miller) was going to be able to hit a couple of threes, but we missed a lot of foul shots. We missed like six or seven foul shots that could have put us above," Blue Devil Head Coach Joe Marino said.

"Our coming together and working hard in that third quarter won the game," Cougar Head Coach Jackie Huber said. "Morgan has been playing well. As a shooter, you have your ups and downs, but today she did phenomenally."

A DEVIL AMIDST COUGARS...Blue Devil Amanda Markowski, No. 22, goes after a loose ball amidst three Cranford

KLOTZ SINKS 11 PTS.; SWEENEY, OLIVER HIT 4 EACH

Unbeaten Hilltoppers Swarm

On Lady Raider Cagers, 51-21

their starters, junior Aysia Peterson

and freshman Taylor Sebolao, who

have produced the majority of their

and Taylor went down with her head

in our last game, so we are being

cautious. That's an unfortunate loss

for us even at a time where we are

already down," Raider Head Coach

The Hilltoppers took advantage

"Aysia is still out with her knee,

scoring and rebounds.

Jen Ryan explained.

Blue Devil senior forward Diana Venezia led all scorers with 15 points, including a three-pointer, while pulling eight rebounds, and adding two steals, two blocked shots and an assist. Senior guard Amanda Markowski finished with 11 points, three rebounds and three assists, and junior forward Katie Ponce had eight points, 10 rebounds and three assists. Point guard Danielle Miller had four points, four assists, five rebounds and a steal.

From the opening tip-off, the Blue Devils used a stepped-up pace strategy with Ponce and Markowski pressuring the Cougars' offense to make several poor passes. Although their CONTINUED ON PAGE 12



ABOUT AS CLOSE AS IT GETS...Blue Devil Christian Barber, top, and Brearley Bear Danny Ries battled to a 1-1, threeovertime tie until Ries hung on in the fourth overtime to win a tiebreaker on January 15. In the photo, Barber works a tight

TOMASSO, KALIMTZIS, SKIBITSKY GRAB VICTORIES

Brearley Bear Wrestlers Top Blue Devil Matmen, 56-13

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Two days after a close win over rival Roselle Park, the No. 8 ranked David Brearley High School wrestling team improved to 13-1 with a 56-13 victory over the Westfield Blue Devils in Kenilworth on January 15. The match was concluded with an intense showdown between two very talented wrestlers.

The Blue Devils, who forfeited five weight classes, received victories from Chris Tomasso, Mike Kalimtzis and Troy Skibitsky, but a strong effort was put out by senior Brian Henry in

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the first bout of the evening against defending Union County 140-lb. champion Devin Geoghegan at 145lbs. Geoghegan got an early lead with a pair of takedowns, a reversal and a two-point tilt, but Henry kept coming back at him. Towards the end of the second period, Geoghegan was showing signs of fatigue, and in the third period motioned for an injury timeout to catch his wind. Geoghegan then managed to add a defensive takedown to claim a 10-2 majority decision.

"You are never going to question Brian Henry's efforts out there," commented Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz. "That kid was a little bit heavier, a little bit more experienced and he had a little too much power for Brian,

but I can tell you that kid doesn't want to wrestle Brian again. He was gassed at the end of that match, and if they wrestle again, I think Brian gave that CONTINUED ON PAGE 12





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seize an 18-2 lead.

Raiders like ants after picnic left-

overs, and they did not stop until

every crumb was gathered. By the

end of the first quarter, the Hilltoppers

had committed nine acts of thievery

and converted them into lay-ups to

The stealing continued, and the

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David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* DRIVING TOWARD THE BASKET...Raider Renee Oliver, No. 25, drives



toward the basket in the game against unbeaten Summit on January 14



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DAN NAPOLITANO WINS 200-FREE

Raider Boys, Girls Get 2-3 At Pirate Invitational Swim

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys swim team placed second and the Raider girls placed third at the 31st Pirate Invitational at The Bubble in Princeton Junction on January 16 and 17. The Raider boys totaled 214 points, while Christian Brothers Academy took top honors with 275 points. The Raider girls totaled159.5, while West Windsor-Plainsboro South took first with 333 points and Pennsbury took second with a total of 228.

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Raider Dan Napolitano touched first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:47.8, while teammate Joe Dunn finished sixth with a time of 1:57.13. Napolitano (backstroke at 27.28) also teamed with Greg Baliko (breaststroke at 28.97), Mike Napolitano (butterfly at 24.16) and Dunn (freestyle in 22.8) to win the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:43.27.

Mike Napolitano at 5:05.87 and Ryan Gajdzisz at 5:10.99 touched 3-5 in the 500-freestyle. Mike Napolitano also took the in the 100fly with a time of 54.59 and Dan Napolitano took fifth at 55.0. Baliko touched second in the 200-individual medley with a time of 2:01.41 and Dan Pesin finished sixth at 2:18.29. Baliko took third in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:03.15 and Pesin took sixth in the 100-backstroke at 59.38. The Raiders finished third in the 400-free relay with a time of 3:24.76 and fifth in the 200-free relay

Kelsey Rossi touched second in the girls 100-freestyle with a time of 55.05, and she touched second in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:07.93, while teammate Steph Baliko finished fourth at 1:11.53. Hannah Markey took fourth in the 50-freestyle with a time of 25.82, and Jodie Thompson tied for fifth with a time of 26.9. Becca Dunn finished fifth in the 100-butterfly at 1:03.95. The Raiders placed fourth in the 400-free relay with a time of 3:54.63 and fifth in the 200-free relay at 1:45.8.

Devil Boys Get 10th At Group 4 Track

The Westfield High School boys winter track team tied Dickinson for 10th place with a total of 10 points at the NJSIAA Group 4 Relays held at the Bennett Center in Toms River on January 17. Old Bridge won the event with a 39 total, followed by Toms River North at 25 points.

Dave Fishman with a height of 12'6" and Ben Fine with a height of 10'0" placed third in the pole vault with a combined height of 22'6". Mike Kelley, Jonathan Henry, Tyler Cusick and Ryan Scrudato finished fourth in the distance medley relay with a time of 10:38.3.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys placed 15th in the Group 3 meet with points, placing fourth in the team high jump with a height of 11'4" and sixth in the distance medley relay with a time of 10:54.43. The Raider girls finished 21st by placing fifth in the team shot put (Kim Wendon and Osa Ebose) with a distance of 65'0.75".

U.C. Baseball Assn. Slates 74th Hall of Fame Dinner

The Union County Baseball Association (UCBA) will induct four new members into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame during award ceremonies on Sunday, February 14. The four inductees will be honored for their outstanding contributions to the national pastime on the baseball diamonds of Union County.

Frank Araneo of Union, Richie Burke of Elizabeth, Bob Hoffer of Linden, and Don Zsak of Scotch Plains will be honored at the 74th Annual Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner, which begins at 1 p.m. at the L'Affaire Banquet Center in Mountainside. The dinner is sponsored by the UCBA, in cooperation with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal.

In addition to the new Hall of Fame inductees, the dinner also will honor young athletes from local baseball leagues for their achievements in 2009.

The special guest speaker will be Dale Berra, the former infielder for the New York Yankees, Pittsburgh Pirates and Houston Astros, and son of Yankee great Yogi Berra.

Since 1937, the dinner has been the primary fundraising effort for the association's County Summer Youth Baseball League for youngsters 8 to 15 years, and the Fall Teen League. Over the years, the awards dinner has honored many local and national baseball luminaries - including Phil Rizzuto of Hillside, Don Newcombe of Elizabeth, Joe Collins of Union, Jeff Torborg of Mountainside, Willie Wilson of Summit, Jake Wood of Elizabeth, and Elliott Maddox of Union.

Tickets for the dinner are available for \$40 and may be obtained by calling (908) 789-3686.



While wrestling has been around

on the high school level in Union

County since the 1930s, when teams

like Thomas Jefferson (Elizabeth),

Roselle Park and Union were among

the state's best, the sport didn't really

kick into high gear until the 1960s.

That's when Cranford, Scotch Plains-

Fanwood and WHS started produc-

By the '70s most every school had

a team and in 1976 the Union County

Tournament was held for the first

time. The dominant team for the first

six years was Westfield, which won

all six titles. Since 1981, however,

WHS has won just two more titles, in

Ironically, a school that was barely

an afterthought when the event started,

Kenilworth (or David Brearley), has

become the county's premier pro-

gram. The Bears won nine of the 14

weight classes to easily win last win-

And Brearley will be the favorite to

repeat at this year's meet, the 35th,

this Saturday at Union High School.

last week, WHS's best shot at a gold

medal is Christian Barber. The junior

moved up two weights to 152 against

Livingston and dropped a 3-2 deci-

sion. Back at his normal 140 he lost 2-

1 to Brearley's top wrestler. Barber

has been "wrestling up" recently to

get better competition and better pre-

pared for the tournament season. He

recently beat an '09 county finalist

from Gov. Livingston 10-2, and a

returning regional champion from

Mike Kalimtzis, Troy Skibitsky,

Ryan Jennings, Brian Henry, Eric

Gozdieski, Chris Tomasso, Bill Kim

and Tom Snyder have been wrestling

well and are all potential point-scor-

Here is a year-by-year breakdown

of WHS's performances at counties,

with team place, followed by indi-

Tinnesz, Ron Sozio, Jerry Gottlick,

Joe Birmingham, Chuck Cosenza, Bill

Tinnesz, Joe Birmingham, John Iglar

1978: first; Greg Schmidt, Chuck Whedon, John Iglar

1977: first; Steve Brown, Dave

1980: first; John Pinto, Vinny

1981: first; Phil Gottlick, Bill Kahn,

1982: fourth; Matt Shields, Mike

1976: first; Steve Brown, Dave

Madison 5-2

vidual champions:

1979: first; none

Mike Giacone

Giacone

Hurley, Dan Iannascolio

1983: eighth; none

1984: fourth; none

1985: sixth; Mike Stagaard

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Despite a couple of one-point losses

ing very strong teams.

1990 and '92.

Devil's Den **Barber WHS's Best Bet**

By BRUCE JOHNSON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

At County Mat Tournament

1986: seventh; none 1987: sixth; Tony Coleman 1988: sixth: Chris Jordan

1989: sixth; Chris Jordan, John Povalac

1990: first; Glen Kurz, John Povalac 1991: sixth; Paul Jordan 1992: first; Paco Gonzalez, Paul Jordan

1993: second; Chris Posey, Seth Coren

1994: third; Cory Posey, Paul Baly 1995: third; Cory Posey, Frank

1996: seventh; Kevin Sullivan,

Cory Posey 1997: seventh; none

1998: 10th; none

1999: 13th; none 2000: 11th; none 2001: 12th; none

2002: ninth; none

2003: fourth; Ethan Powell, Lee

Tomasso 2004: ninth; Rob Mench

2005: 12th; none 2006: ninth; none

2007: 10th; none

2008: 13th; none

2009: fourth; none 2010: '

Junior Jey Yengling (135) and freshman Brian Bulger (145) won their weight classes at the Rahway Jayvee Tournament last Saturday. WHS also had quite a few runnerup finishes.

DEN TRIVIA

The Watchung Conference was formed in 1955 as a league for basketball, baseball and track. Who were the original four member schools?

THIS AND THAT Quite a pulse-pounding double dual meet at Lawrenceville's Lavino Pool

on Saturday, as the WHS boys (92-78) and girls (89-81) swim teams swept the Big Red. Highlights of the boys win over the

10-time defending state Prep School champions were Larry Zhang's 2:01.63 to win the 200 IM, No. 12 on the Top 15 List, and the 1:30.90 win in the 200 free relay, No. 15 on the List, with Matt Meserole's 21.42 anchor leg pulling out a win by .06 of a second. The girls, missing two of their top performers, got a huge performance from Meredith Smith. The senior won the 200 free and 100 fly, then anchored the meet-clinching 400 relay, with Emily Budnick, Suzanne Lemberg and Maeve Maloney, that went 3:42.89, No. 9 on the Top 15

Proving that depth is what wins swimming dual meets, the WHS girls

team, using a less-than-stacked lineup against New Providence, won just three of the 11 events, but posted a 101-69 victory. The Pioneers are coached by former Blue Devil Chris Driscoll ('00).

After losing to national power St. Patrick and falling one point short of a good New Brunswick team following a terrific comeback, the WHS boys basketball team rallied for a much-needed Wagainst archrival SP-F last Thursday. Junior Ryan Hess had a breakout game with 22 points, including 10 during a 21-12 fourth quarter that saw the Devils rally from a three-point deficit after three peri-

Similarly, the WHS girls hoopsters lost tough games to SP-F and Cranford, but also notched a couple of wins, against Rahway and Elizabeth. Amanda Markowski scored 17 and had 10 steals against Lizzy-Beth.

BENEDICT STEPS DOWN Jim Benedict "retired" as the head football coach at Watchung Hills. Benedict, whose final 'Chung team went just 2-8 but did post a win over 8-3 WHS, was the head coach at Westfield in 1994 and '95, going 4-5 and 3-6. Rumor has it that the much traveled, 62-year-old will join Bill Tracy, his former WHS assistant, up at Ridge High School.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO

Clif Zackey?

Clif ("Yes, one 'f' ... it's short for Clifton") was a baseball player at WHS ('65) and for the Westfield Merchants.

After a short stint at Rutgers ("I was not exactly astute academically at the time, and was on academic probation after one semester"), he oined the Marines. After fulfilling his service commitment, a "more mature" Zackey finished his college degree at RU, where he met Maureen of South Plainfield, his wife for 41 years. They have one son, Clif, who wrestled at Ridge High School.

Following a 34-year career as a "head hunter" in New Jersey and seven years with Volvo, Zackey headed to Stuart, Fla., 40 miles north of Palm Beach, where he is "happy and retired, and looking out at the beautiful Atlantic Ocean every day."

"I have great memories of Westfield," Zackey said. "We used to play behind Edison, stickball with a shaved tennis ball. I grew up playing with guys like Marty Howarth and Greg Chlan. They could really throw

Ryan Hess

hard. I figured if I could hit Greg,

Devils of the Week Jhakyse Williams,

man, I could hit anybody. "The last time I played baseball was with the Merchants (1968). I did play some church league softball, but nothing serious. And I still have my

original glove, a Wilson A2000." (Thanks to Faithful Reader Rich Danks, '68, for that request. Let us know if you've got somebody you're wondering, "what ever happened to

IN PASSING

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Fred Kessler, the father of former WHS footballers Fred ('80) and John ('82). Fred Sr. was a longtime member and former president of the Westfield Boosters.

Another recent loss was Bob McDonough ('77), a former crosscountry and track standout, and the older brother of WHS quarterback Matt ('78) and wrestler Paul ('80).

Also, Jimmy Dechellis ('68), a pretty good ball player in his day, lost a 10-year battle with prostate cancer; and Don Comby, the father of gymnast Donna ('77) and Hall of Famer Denise ('80), and uncle of Jeff Gilbert ('61).

DEŃ TRIVIA ANSWER

Cranford, Roselle, Roselle Park and Scotch Plains (not -Fanwood yet). Hillside and A.L. Johnson joined in 1956, Rahway and Westfield in 1960, and Jonathan Dayton Regional in 1961. By then, football, cross-country, soccer, and golf had been added to the conference's list of sports.

In 1973 the conference went "big time" and added Thomas Jefferson (Elizabeth), Linden, Plainfield and Union, former members of the Central Jersey League.

In 2009 the conference was eliminated after 54 years and the Union County Conference took its place.

DEVIL OF THE WEEK

This week's winners of a free sub from Westfield Subs (261 South Avenue East) are Jhakyse Williams and Ryan Hess. Williams, a senior sprinter, ran on three first-place relays as WHS won the Union County Indoor Relays title. Hess, a junior, scored 22 points as WHS rallied to knock off SP-F for the second time

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Blue Devil Girls Stop Elizabeth in Hoops

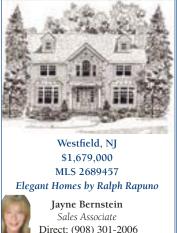
The Westfield High School girls basketball team broke loose with a 17-4, third quarter run to cruise to a 49-33 victory over Elizabeth in Elizabeth on January 14. Senior guard Amanda Markowski pumped in 19 points, including a 3-pointer, added three assists and was by far the chief thief with 10 steals.

Senior Diana Venezia sank 12 points, had four steals, a blocked shot and two assists, and pulled down 13 rebounds, including three offensive boards. Junior Katie Ponce had 7 points, three steals, six assists and eight rebounds. Danielle Miller had 5 points, three rebounds, two steals and two assists. Gabby Cerami, Nicole Bilica and Sara Nelson each netted two points.

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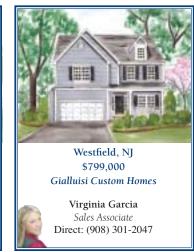




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BLUE DEVIL SWIM LEADERS...From left to right, tri-captains Kyle Higgins,

Emily Budnick and Suzanne Lemberg are leading the undefeated Westfield High

School girls swim team this season. After beating the Lawrenceville School, 88-82, on January 16, the team is 10-0. Also, Meredith Smith captured first in the 100-

fly and 200-free then surged in the tie-breaking 400-free relay

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COLDER SEALS WIN; BRADY REMAINS UNDEFEATED

Highlanders Win Final Bout; Stop Cougar Wrestlers, 36-31

By FRED LECOMTE

JP Christiano claimed a 6-1 decision over Steve Shaunberg at 160-lbs. to give the Cranford High School wrestling team a 31-27 lead with two bouts remaining, but Zach Heissler topped Chris Keim at 171-lbs. and Frank Colder pinned Errol Petgrave at 189-

Heights on January 14. The 6-4 Cougars grabbed a 12-0 lead when Julian Campo tripped Matt O'Sullivan's light switch to the "off" position at 5:14 at 215-lbs., and heavyweight Joe Brady improved to 12-0 by clamping Anthony Manganiello to the mat at 3:18.

lbs. to give Governor Livingston High

School a 36-31 victory in Berkeley

everything, looking for the fall but the kid fought real hard staying off his back," said Giaccio.

At 130-lbs., Highlander Mike Stepien pinned Carmine Pellino with a single arm bar in 3:43 to lift his record to 15-2. Cougar Matt DiGiovanni nipped Joey Hoy, 3-2, in the 135-lb bout, in what was perhaps the most exciting match of the night.

"I tried to break the match up into three periods, so my goal is to go out there and win all three. I looked for the arm bar or tilt, but he had a really good defense. On bottom, I have confidence, and feel I can escape on anyone. I did that with the first two but lost the third period, which brought it real close, and I was not happy with

"I went to the high crotch second and third period and got the takedown both times," said Londregan.

"We started out just the way we wanted. The two big guys got pins. We looked to get two extra points at 119 and hoped Carmine (Pellino) would not get pinned at 130," Cougar Head Coach Darren Torsone said. "Matt DiGiovanni came out here with a great match, beating the runner-up in the county last year, and 140 could have gone either way. We bumped up, trying to get some wins, because we knew they were strong at 145. At 152 and 160, we looked for a pin in one of those matches, but their freshman (Haddad) was tougher than I thought he would be. The 171-lb.match could have gone either way as well. We were hoping to get that one win and finish up at 189. The kids wrestled tough on both sides and I think and it was a good night."

"When we got to 152, he made the move there by putting Christiano up at 160. I thought we had a good shot at winning with the freshman, but he just did not get it done and got beat by a point at the buzzer. Hoy's match, I knew was going to be very close. I had 135, 140 as key matches. If I had those, I was pretty sure I was going to win," said Highlander Head Coach Rick Iacono.

215: - Campo (C) p O'Sullivan, 5:14 Hwt: - Brady (C) p Manganiello, 3:18 103: - Mele (GL), p Castro, 1:29 112: - DeFranco (GL), P Henry, 1:48 119: - Giaccio (C), d Morrison, 12-0

119: - Glaccio (C), d Morrison, 12-0 125: - Brian Buontempo, (C) won forfeit 130: - Stepien (GL), p Pellino, 3:43 135: - DiGiovanni (C), d Hoy, 3-2 140: - Orozco (GL), d Knight, 6-4 145: - Eichner (GL), p Dwyer, 2:56 152: - Londegran (C), d Haddad, 6-5 160: - Christiano (C), d Shuanburg, 6-1 171: - Heissler (GL), d Keim, 5-0

171: - Heissler (GL), d Keim, 5-0 189: - Colder (GL), p Petgrave, 1:59

that," said DiGiovanni. "Julian and I knew we could take them. Just double leg takedowns, right to his back. I then tilted him, got points until they called it a pin. Twelve

Fred Lecomte for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* ROCKING HIM TO SLEEP...Cougar Julian Campo, right, has Highlander

Matt O'Sullivan firmly clamped in a cradle in the 215-lb. bout. Campo pinned

Freshman Jonathan Mele got the 8-1 Highlanders in the win column with a fall over Diego Castro at 1:29 at 103-lbs.

points; both pins," said Brady.

O'Sullivan in 5:14

"I kept working the bar, I then switched off a little bit, got a diversion of it and finally stuck him," said Mele, who improved to 13-4.

At 112, Anthony DeFranco stacked Cougar Ian Henry via a fall at 1:48. Joe Giaccio tallied three takedowns and an arm bar, half nelson combination to shut out 119-lb. Ryne Morrison, 12-0.

"I worked my bars, tilts, just about

At 140-lbs., Cougar Eric Knight overcame a 4-0 deficit and got a thirdperiod takedown to send the bout to overtime with Victor Orozco, who regrouped to squeeze out a 6-4 victory to narrow the Cougars' lead to 25-21.

"I knew this was going to be more mental toughness than physical and come right down to the wire. Overtime, I took bottom, knew the roll was there, felt the pressure and just went for it," said Orozco.

At 145-lb. Patrick Eichner swamped Cougar Jim Dwyer at 2:56 to put the Highlanders on top for the first time, 27-25. Connor Londregan regained the Cougar' lead with a 6-5 win over Shane Haddad.

Online Cougar Exclusive Union County Wrestling:

For Cranford High School sports, check out the Online Exclusive Cougar pages at - www.goleader.com -Go to bottom of main page – Click Cougar Pages. Union County Wrestling results will be on the following page.

Online Exclusive Cougar pages can also be accessed by clicking on "Archives."



Fred Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO SHOOT...Blue Devil Pat Sabatino, top, makes it extremely difficult for Raider Chuck Oliver to get off a shot in Westfield on January 14.

OLIVER SCORES 26, HESS HITS 22, SABATINO NETS 13

Hess Rises in Fourth as Devils Top Raider Hoopmen, 56-50

Friendly rivalries can be great! And, this time, the Westfield High School basketball team got a timely and special effort from junior Ryan Hess. who netted 15 of his 22 points in the final quarter, as the Blue Devils pushed past the Raiders, 56-50, in Westfield on January 14.

Senior center Pat Sabatino got the job done defensively and offensively as he tossed in 13 points and ruled the boards with 13 rebounds. Senior Max Fusaro scored 10 points, including two three-pointers, Jaraad Rogers scored six points, Joe Kasmarsky three and Hugo Nolasco finished with two points.

Raider junior Chuck Oliver inflicted devastating offensive damage, hitting five three-pointers to lead all scorers for a career-high 26 points. Junior Patrick Dougher drained two threepointers and converted two layups for 10 points, Alfredo Pawid netted six points and Tim Bonacum dropped in four points with six assists and had four steals. Matt Manns and Matt Jegede each contributed two points.

The last time we played them it was a very good game too. They just got hot making three's all over the

place and went on an 11-0 run in the third quarter. We were a little uncharacteristic, knowing that they were a perimeter base team. We had to stop that and eventually we did some things with a few traps, trying to get some turnovers. It just came down to the end. We were patient, Ryan made some big shots down the end and iced the game a little bit," said Westfield Head Coach Kevin Everly.

Both teams struggled with their shots in the first quarter. Oliver, however, hit two three-pointers as the quarter ended 7-7. In the second quarter, the offensive employment by the 5-4 Blue Devils found the mark underneath the basket, but the Raiders' shots were off the mark. Westfield dazed the Raiders with a 13-0 run to take a 25-16 lead to the locker room at halftime.

The third quarter featured numerous lead changes, but a sudden offensive surge by the Raiders, highlighted by Oliver's three long-range shots and Dougher's two 3-pointers had the Blue Devils reeling. The Raiders cruised to an 11-0 run to gain a 38-35 lead to close out the quarter.

The Blue Devils regrouped in the final quarter, controlling both sides of the boards, while penetrating inside for the easy lay-up, yet the lead continued to be a back-and-fourth battle until the game knotted at 50-50. Hess took matters into his hands by banging in a leaping one-handed shot. Later, Oliver stole the ball and converted the layup to tie the score, 52-52, but he was called for charging. Hess stepped to the stripe and converted both of his shots and Sabatino answered in turn with the game's final points.

"Both teams played very well. It was a game of runs. They made the run the first half. We responded in the second half," Raider Head Coach Dan Doherty said. "It just came down to who could make plays at the end. Unfortunately for us, they made a couple extra plays, a couple of more shots than we did at the end, but I'm happy with my team and they way we played. We responded being down nine at the half and took the lead back. Charles (Oliver) was unbelievable; did a great job as did everyone else with the little stuff. Dougher came out shooting better and Alfredo Pawid did a good job subbing with Doran Nelson out. He did a fabulous job on their big kid because he's tough and he really shut him down."

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times STICKING CLOSE TO A DEVIL ON DEFENSE...Cougar Taylor D'Antico, No. 23, sticks close to Blue Devil Katie Ponce, No. 2. Cranford pulled out a 46-40 win in Westfield on January 12.

Cougar Cagers' Surge in 3rd Sinks Lady Blue Devils, 46-40

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Markowski and Ponce became big-

time thieves and finished with six and

"In the fourth quarter, we were

winning. We did get a little nervous,

because we wanted to win so badly.

We made mistakes. They were reach-

a good job today of taking care of the

ball. Our passes weren't as strong as

they usually are. We weren't really

coming to the ball. On top of them

being really aggressive and quick, we

could have done a little bit better

protecting the ball," coach Huber said.

and Danielle Gross's give-and-go

plays, which worked so well in a

previous victory over Union Catho-

lic, the Blue Devils inched to within

two points of the Cougars with 1:54

pinching in the middle, so it didn't

give us the opportunity to do the give-

and-go with Danielle and Jamie,"

tried to make them get turnovers,"

coach Marino said. "We played hard,

played aggressively. If we keep play-

ing like that, we are going to start

Blue Devil Charlotte Lorentzen fin-

ished with two points, three rebounds,

an assist and a steal. Cougar Taylor

D'Antico had four points, three re-

bounds, two assists, a steal and a

blocked shot. Kate McGovern had

two points, two assists and a rebound.

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Union, in cooperation with the Union

County Department of Human Services,

will receive proposals on Friday, February

19. 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Union County

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Year 2010 Youth Program

(July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011)

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All questions regarding the RFP must

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"We tried to pressure them. We

commented coach Huber.

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"They did a really good job of

With success in preventing Webb's

They are very quick. We didn't do

three steals, respectively.

ing a lot," Webb said.

remaining.

shooting from the field was off, the Cougars took a 12-10 edge at the end of the first quarter. The Blue Devils, with the help of Venezia's six points won the second quarter, 11-7, but freshman guard Jenna Goeller managed to hit the first of the Cougars' 3pointers.

Throughout the game, Webb, who had eight rebounds and three assists, successfully read the Blue Devils' offensive intentions and made five steals.

"Their team depended on one player, Number 15 (Venezia), so it was easier for me to steal the ball when the ball was going to her," Webb said.

"Jamie plays with 100 percent heart, and she knows what needs to be done to get our team back into the flow," coach Huber said. "She goes for those steals. She gets those opportunities and our team starts clicking."

The tide began flowing immediately in the third quarter when Morgan Miller, on an assist from Webb, banged her first 3-pointer. Miller followed with a put-back 2-pointer and McCoy swished her 3-pointer. Markowski ended that 8-0 run with a 3-pointer of her own, but the continuous onslaught of 3-pointers gave the Cougars a seemingly comfortable,

40-30 lead. "We are more of an outside shooting team than an inside shooting team, so when we are on, we are on," Webb said. "In the first half, we were zero for like seven, then we started making them."

The Blue Devils' defense got especially aggressive in the final quarter.

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or e-mail WILL NOT be accepted. The Board of Chosen Freeholders reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFP process, and to accept any proposals which, in their judgment, are most advantageous, price and other factors considered, and will best serve the interest of Union County.

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Unbeaten Hilltoppers Swarm On Lady Raider Cagers, 51-21

Hilltoppers won the second quarter 12-4 to take a 30-6 lead at the half. Kate Martino, the chief thief, bucketed 12 of her 19 points in the half, while Emily Cristaldi sank eight of her 12 points. Kelly Osmulski scored six of her eight points.

"They didn't miss driving to the basket. They were tough at the net. They had some big shots. There was no denying that they were in control the whole game," coach Ryan said.

The Hilltoppers added four more acts of theft in the third quarter, but the Raiders managed to calm down and score 11 points, to Summit's 13.

"They were very aggressive and they keep coming at you. We had six points on the board and they were pressing us and kept coming at us," coach Ryan said. "I saw them play before, so I knew that they were going to be aggressive. I told them that would happen."

Part of the Raiders' success in the

UC Sr. Softball Seeks Players for Teams

The Union County Senior Softball League (UCSSL)is seeking players for its competitive slow-pitch softball season in both the 50+ Division (birth year of 1960 or earlier) and the 60+ Division (birth year of 1950 or earlier). Each of the 18 teams plays two games per week, beginning in mid-April and ending with playoffs in August. If interested, call the UCSSL at (908) 232-0477 or e-mail UCSSL938@comcast.net.

WF Lax Club Sets **Spring Registration**

The Westfield Lacrosse Club (WLC) is in the process of accepting online registration for the spring season. All registrations will be done online at westfieldlacrosse.com and must be completed by February 15.

The WLC provides opportunities for boys in grades 2 through 8 and girls in grades 3 through 8 to learn and experience playing the game of Lacrosse. The WLC has teams that will emphasize lacrosse skill development, team development and having fun. The programs run from March to mid-June. Applications submitted after that deadline may not be accepted. All returning and new players are asked to register

For further information, contact Anne Gretsky, president of the girls program at agretsky@gmail.com<u>or</u> Jason McLane, president of the boys program at Jason@mclaneny.com.

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD **COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, of the Town of Westfield. County of Union. State of New Jersey, in the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street on Tuesday February 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. for:

TURF AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT WESTFIELD MEMORIAL PARK

in accordance with Drawings and Specifications prepared by Hatch Mott MacDonald, Millburn, New Jersey, No bids shall be received after the time designated

Plans and specifications will be available for pick up on Tuesday January 26,

One set of complete documents may be obtained upon the payment of Forty dollars (\$40.00) for each set. Drawings and Specifications are on file at the Recreation office, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield New Jersey, and may be examined and obtained there between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. daily except Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Checks must be made payable to the order of the "Hatch Mott MacDonald". Bidders must use, and fully complete, the proposal pages included with the specifications furnished by the Owner and comply with all requirements

attached thereto, including the following: 1. An experience record of the bidder: 2. Certified Check or a Bid Bond in an amount not less than 10% of the amount for which the bid is submitted, but not in excess of \$20,000.00, furnished by a Surety Company licensed to do business

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6. Ownership disclosure statement;

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closed in a sealed envelope with the name and address of the bidder and the project title and contract number clearly shown on the face of the envelope. The bid shall be directed to the attention

Town Clerk Town of Westfield Municipal Building 425 East Broad Street

Westfield, New Jersey 07090-2196 The Owner expressly reserves the right to reject any or all bids, accept and enter into contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the project, or combined projects, or to waive any informalities in the bids and accompanying documents received, should it be deemed to be in the best

The Owner also reserves the right to correct any erroneous mathematical computations in any proposals submitted, and to consider the bid on the basis of the corrected total or totals. The written figures shall prevail over the numerical fig-

interest of the Owner.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.). entitled "Law Against Discrimination"

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Jersey Business Registration Act. M. Bruce Kaufmann Director of Recreation 1 T - 1/21/10, The Leader Fee: \$75.99 third quarter was due to junior point guard Evie Klotz, who began to adjust to her new starting lineup.

"She's constantly questioning herself, whether or not she is working hard enough, doing the right thing or passing when I told her. With different people in, we have to play a little differently. We just have to be flexible," coach Ryan said.

Klotz finished with 11 points, including a three-pointer, and four rebounds. Freshman center Tara Sweeney pulled seven rebounds, netted 4 points and blocked a shot. Junior Becca Kreyer had a pair of steals and three rebounds, and junior Erin Brown had five rebounds and two points. Freshman Kelsey Meisch added an assist. Freshman forward Renee Oliver battled under the boards to grab five rebounds, block a shot and put up 4 points.

"We got to take our lumps right now and try to find some positive things that come out of each game, individual efforts, Renee Oliver diving on the floor and going to get things. Just turning up where she needs to turn up! You have to point those things out and not be worried about the end result," coach Ryan said. "Right now, we are in a different place that we were two weeks ago."

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See photos of Sports: on www.goleader.com Westfield/Cranford Basketball Westfield/Brearley Wrestling SPF/Summit Girls Basketball Cranford/GL Wrestling

Terrill/Park Matmen Beat Rahway, 42-12

The Terrill/Park wrestling team defeated Rahway, 42-12, to raise its record to 5-0 in front of the fully packed gym at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains on January 14.

The Raiders fell behind, 9-0, at the start, but Tommy Cunningham put the team on the scoreboard with a 4-2 victory, and the Raiders took the next three bouts with pins from JT Bierne in 1:55, Brian Lapham in 2:17 and Mike Lettieri in 1:26. Tyler Kovacs' hard-fought battle came up short, followed by Dominic Natale's 2:54 pin to keep his five-match pinning streak alive. Matt Ridge recorded a 3:09 fall. Alex Mirabella slipped out of a near pin, almost pinned his man in the second period and came up with a 15-8 decision. Sam McQuoid pinned his opponent in 2:23.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on FEBRUARY 4, 2010, at 7:30 pm, in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, the Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing in the first floor Council Chambers to consider the following appeal:

Mark Roshanski, for a Variance to construct a two-story, single family dwelling at 1551 Wright Street, Block 16303, Lots 1 & 2 which is an unimproved street. Access to the dwelling will be by a 20 ft. wide utility easement which will include a 10 ft. wide driveway located at 861 Raritan Road, Block 16303, Lot 4. The proposed application is contrary to the following section of the Township Zoning Ordinance:

Section 23-2.3b, Allowed: All principal homes will be built on a lot that fronts on an improved street, Proposed: Home will be located on Wright Street, an unimproved street

Relief is also requested under N.J.S.A. 40:55D- 35 & 36

All interested persons may be present and be heard.

The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains and is available for public inspection during regular office hours. Barbara Horev. Secretary

Zoning Board of Adjustment 1 T - 1/21/10, The Times Fee: \$31.62

PUBLIC NOTICE SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD **SCHOOL BOARD** ANNOUNCES

CANDIDACY INFORMATION January 21, 2010—The Scotch Plains-

Fanwood School District has announced it has information available for citizens interested in running for a vacant seat on the board of education.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will have two full 3-year terms open for Scotch Plains and one full 3vear term and one 1-vear unexpired term open for Fanwood in the April 20 Annual School Election, Mr. Del Sordi, spokesperson for the school board, announced today.

Candidates must file a nominating petition with the local school board in order to get their name on the ballot for the Annual School Election. The current deadline to submit the nominating petition is 4 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2010. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010. Prospective school board candidates

can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" online at www.njsba.org. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes a nominating petition, information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy and the role of the school board member. Information about the New Jersev School Ethics Act and important dates in the school election process are also included in the kit. "One of the most meaningful contribu-

tions that a citizen can make to their community is serving on their local board of education," said Harry J. Delgado, NJSBA president. "I encourage all interested citizens to consider school board membership. It doesn't require a degree in education, or a background in politics. However, it does require a sincere interest in the community, its children, and their educa-

CONTACT: Anthony Del Sordi **Business Administrator Board Secretary**

Fee: \$42.84 1 T - 1/21/10, The Times



A QUICK, SWIFT PIN...Blue Devil Mike Kalimtzis, top, turns Bear Dylan Oliver to his back for a fall in 32 seconds in his 103-lb bout on January 15.

Brearley Bear Wrestlers Top Blue Devil Matmen, 56-13

kid a message that he is all business." After the Bears added a fall in the 152-lb. bout, although Tomasso took two nice takedown shots against Joe Cassamerto, the first period ended, 0-0. Cassamerto escaped, but Tomasso pulled off a smooth duckunder takedown in the second period and added an escape in the third to win, 3-1.

"Tomasso had a smart match. He had three very nice leg attacks. Those are the kind of matches we need to have from Chris Tomasso on a consistent basis," coach Kurz said, "There are times he does well, and then he has some mental lapses. We need to do away with the mental lapses. The way he wrestled tonight, if we could get that from him every time, we are going to be in good shape.'

After yielding a takedown in the first period and missing several takedown opportunities himself, Blue Devil Bill Kim battled back to take a 5-4 lead in the third, but fell victim to another takedown late in the period to lose, 6-5, to Anthony Tancs at 171-lbs.

"The focus of our practices the last couple of weeks have been finishing them on the edge. He gave up three takedowns. We can't have that," coach

Kurz said. The Bears took a 31-3 team lead after a forfeit at 189-lbs., Rob Schielke recorded a fall over Tom Snyder at 215-lbs., and Rasheed Banks received a forfeit at heavyweight. Kalimtzis, however, took only 32 seconds to pin Dylan Oliva with a half nelson at 103-lbs.. At 125-lbs., Skibitsky tallied a pair of single-leg takedowns, a head-in-arm spin-around takedown and a slick throw-by takedown to seize a 10-2, majority decision over Nick McElroy.

Raider Matmen Rout Parsippany Hills, 47-24

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team improved to 3-5 with a 47-24 rout of host Parsippany Hills on January 12.

BOUT SEQUENCE: Steve Stringas (P) p Lucas Cimafonte, 3:18 112: — Brian Zelasny (P) p Dan Cardoza, 119: — Mike Yim (P) p Devon Ausbon, 125: — Tristan Bundy (S) p Kevin Byrne, 1:30

- Sean Cannon (S) p Christian Signorelli, 4:35 - Jawan Gaines (S) p Sam Mual. 140: — Mike Steinfeld (S) d Dillon Danis,

145: - Josh Foote (S) md William Smith, 152: - Jacob Skovronek (P) d Luke Vuono, 7-0 160: — Chris Mulawka (P) d John Devia,

171: - Sebastian Rosen (S) md Mike Alessandra, 13-2 189: — Brian Laspe (S) p Kyle Stillwell.

215: — Andrew Jacobs (S) won forfeit Hwt: — Anthony Tufaro (S) p Bret Topitz,

PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the PLAN-NING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, after public hearing on November 16, 2009, granted variance approval from the requirements of 184-155E (5), and 184-115E (9) for property owned by Faith & Marc Grobman at 94 Paterson Road, Fanwood, New Jersey, being Block 53 and Lot 2. Documents pertaining to this applica-

tion are available for public inspection at Borough Hall during normal business

Mr. & Mrs. Marc Grobman 94 Paterson Road Fanwood, New Jersey 07023 1 T - 1/21/10, The Times Fee: \$17.34

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Matt Wofsy, for a variance to construct a six (6) foot fence in the front yard at property known as 2349 Mountain Avenue, Block 3906, Lot 13.02, R-3A Zone contrary to the following section of the Township Zoning Ordinance: Section 23-2.3(o), Allowed: 4 feet, Pro-

All interested persons may be present

and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Barbara Horev, Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment 1 T - 1/21/10, The Times Fee: \$24.48

The final bout of the evening pitted Blue Devil Christian Barber against state-ranked Dan Ries at 140-lbs. After a scoreless first period, Barber escaped and initiated several takedown attempts. Ries escaped in the third period to knot the bout, 1-1, and to force overtime (OT). The first OT period was scoreless. Each wrestler successfully controlled from the top position in his respective 30-second period to force a tiebreaker (TB). Barber opted to take the bottom position, but Ries hung on to claim the 2-1 victory.

We are not looking to moral victories from Christian Barber. That's a match that Christian has got to win. He didn't push the pace enough in the beginning. He was holding back,' coach Kurz said. "God knows he had more left in his tank than the other kid in the third period. If we push that kid more in the beginning, that kid is going to have less in the third period."

BOUT SEQUENCE:
145: — Geoghegan (B) md Henry, 10-2
152: — John Balboni (B) p Erik
Gozsieski, 5:59
160: — Tomas

160: — Tomasso (W) d Cassamerto, 3-

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171: — Tancs (B) d Kim, 6-5
189: — Anthony Scorese (B) won forfeit
215: — Schielke (B) p Snyder, 1:36
Hwt: — Banks (B) won forfeit
103: — Kalimtzis (W) p Oliva, :32
112: — Mike Disko (B) won forfeit
119: — Matt Disko (B) won forfeit
125: — Skibitsky (W) md McElroy, 10-2
130: — Matt Samansky (B) won forfeit
135: — Nick Lospinoso (B) md Ryan
Jennings, 11-3

Jennings, 11-3 140: — Ries (B) d Barber, 2-1, 4 OT TB

Lancer Matmen Beat

Blue Devils, 45-24 The Livingston High School wrestling team defeated the visiting Westfield Blue Devils, 45-24, on Janu-

Blue Devil Billy Kim recorded a 1:12 fall over Brent Blanck-Singer at 171-lbs, Tom Snyder won a 10-7 decision over Joe Fede at 215-lbs and Brian Henry pinned Ian Lastorino in 5:41 at 145-lbs. Christian Barber jumped up two weight classes (152lbs) to face Brandon Bright, who pulled out a 3-2 decision.

WEIGHT SEQUENCE: 103: — Mike Kalimtzis (W) won forfeit 112: — Jason Estevez (L) won forfeit 119: — Keith Arlotta (L) won forfeit

125: — PJ Farinella (L) d Troy Skibitsky, - Mitch McDonald (L) d Kevin 130: Castillo, 2-0 135: - Justin Estevez (L) md Jey Yengling, 14-0

140: — Brad Krosser (L) md Ellis Opoku, 145: - Brian Henry (W) p Lastorino,

152: — Bright (L) d Barber, 3-2 160: — Matt Melhourn (L) md Erik Gozdieski, 18-6 171: — Kim (W) p Blanck-Singer, 1:12

189: — Anthony Paris (L) won forfeit 215: — Tom Snyder (W) d Joe Fede, Hwt: - Mike Silverberg (L) won forfeit

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF WESTFIELD

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Municipal Clerk of the Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, for an Amendment of Plenary Retail Consumption License 2020-33-025-008 heretofore issued to Ferraro's Restaurant Froup, LLC dba: Ferraro's Restaurant, LLC, license located at 6-22 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, for the purpose of a Corporate Restructure.

Charles Murray, who resides at 947 Sedgewick Court, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, will be included in the Membership of the Ferraro Restaurant Group, LLC.

The original members will remain: Giuseppe DiPietro, 272 Meetinhouse Lane, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, Vincent Ferraro, 1171 Foorhill Way, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, Lina Ferraro, 272 Meetinghouse Lane, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, and Maria Murray, 947 Sedgewick Court,

Westfield, New Jersey 07090. The application for the Amendment of the License may be examined at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Objections, if any, should be made in writing to Claire J. Gray, Municipal Clerk of the Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Ferraro's Restaurant Group, LLC 6-22 Elm Street Westfield, New Jersey 07090 1 T - 1/21/10, The Leader Fee: \$31.62



CRANFORD COUGAR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



COLDER SEALS WIN; BRADY REMAINS UNDEFEATED

Highlanders Win Final Bout; Stop Cougar Wrestlers, 36-31

By FRED LECOMTE

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times
JP Christiano claimed a 6-1 decision over Steve Shaunberg at 160-lbs to give the Cranford High School wrestling team a 31-27 lead with two bouts remaining, but Zach Heissler topped Chris Keim at 171-lbs and Frank Colder pinned Errol Petgrave at 189-lbs to give Governor Livingston

on January 14.

The 6-4 Cougars grabbed a 12-0 lead when Julian Campo tripped Matt O'Sullivan's light switch to the "off" position at 5:14 at 215-lbs, and heavyweight Joe Brady improved to 12-0 by clamping Anthony Manganiello to the mat at 3:18.

a 36-31 victory in Berkeley Heights

"Julian and I knew we could take

them. Just double leg takedowns, right to his back. I then tilted him, got points until they called it a pin. Twelve points; both pins," said Brady.

Freshman Jonathan Mele got the 8-1 Highlanders in the win column with a fall over Diego Castro at 1:29 at 103-lbs

"I kept working the bar, I then switched off a little bit, got a diversion of it and finally stuck him," said Mele, who improved to 13-4.

At 112, Anthony DeFranco stacked

Cougar Ian Henry via a fall at 1:48. Joe Giaccio tallied three takedowns and an arm bar, half nelson combination to shut out 119-lb Ryne Morrison, 12-0.

"I worked my bars, tilts, just about everything, looking for the fall but the kid fought real hard staying off his back," said Giaccio.

At 130-lbs, Highlander Mike Stepien pinned Carmine Pellino with a single arm bar in 3:43 to lift his record to 15-2. Cougar Matt DiGiovanni nipped Joey Hoy, 3-2, in the 135-lb. bout, in what was perhaps the most exciting match of the night.

"I tried to break the match up into three periods, so my goal is to go out there and win all three. I looked for the arm bar or tilt, but he had a really good defense. On bottom, I have confidence, and feel I can escape on anyone. I did that with the first two but lost the third period, which brought it real close, and I was not happy with that," said DiGiovanni."

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David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* STICKING CLOSE TO A DEVIL ON DEFENSE...Cougar Taylor D'Antico, No. 23, sticks close to Blue Devil Katie Ponce, No. 2. Cranford pulled out a 46-40 win in Westfield on January 12.

MORGAN MILLER, McCOY SCORE 13 POINTS APIECE

Cougar Cager's Surge in 3rd Sinks Lady Blue Devils, 46-40

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Three-pointers fell like a torrential downpour in the third quarter to lift the Cranford High School girls basketball team to a 46-40 victory over the 2-6 Westfield Lady Blue Devils in Westfield on January 12. Trailing 21-19, the 6-2 Cougars nailed five of their six 3-pointers in a 21-9 run to put the game nearly but not quite out of reach

Cougar sophomore Morgan Miller hit three of those 3-pointers and finished with 13 points, three rebounds and a steal. Senior forward Jamie Webb (9 points) and freshman Jess McCoy (5 rebounds, 4 assists), who also sank 13 points, bucketed the other two 3-pointers in the fateful quarter.

"They shot five threes in the third quarter. I knew Number 3 (Morgan Miller) was going to be able to hit a couple of threes, but we missed a lot of foul shots. We missed like six or seven foul shots that could have put us above," Blue Devil Head Coach Joe Marino said.

"Our coming together and working hard in that third quarter won the game," Cougar Head Coach Jackie Huber said. "Morgan has been playing well. As a shooter, you have your ups and downs, but today she did

phenomenally."

Blue Devil senior forward Diana Venezia led all scorers with 15 points, including a 3-pointer, while pulling eight rebounds, and adding two steals, two blocked shots and an assist. Senior guard Amanda Markowski finished with 11 points, three rebounds and three assists, and junior forward Katie Ponce had eight points, 10 rebounds and three assists. Point guard

Danielle Miller had four points, four assists, five rebounds and a steal.

From the opening tip-off, the Blue Devils used a stepped-up pace strategy with Ponce and Markowski pressuring the Cougars' offense to make several poor passes. Although their shooting from the field was off, the Cougars took a 12-10 edge at the end of the first quarter. The Blue Devils, with the help of Venezia's six points won the second quarter, 11-7, but

freshman guard Jenna Goeller man-**Probitas Verus Honos**

aged to hit the first of the Cougars' 3-pointers.

Throughout the game, Webb, who had eight rebounds and three assists, successfully read the Blue Devils' offensive intentions and made five steals.

"Their team depended on one player, Number 15 (Venezia), so it was easier for me to steal the ball when the ball was going to her," Webb said

"Jamie plays with 100 percent heart, and she knows what needs to be done to get our team back into the flow,"

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WORKING OVER HIS OPPONENT...Cougar JP Christiano, top, works a stretch hammer lock on Highlander Steve Shuanberg in his 160-lb bout. Christiano claimed a 6-1 decision.





Casino Night Benefiting Cranford Project Graduation Set for Jan. 22

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.

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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VERY DANGEROUS OUTSIDE HITTER...Cougar sophomore Morgan Miller, No. 3, has been very deadly recently, hitting 3-pointers. She hit three 3-pointers and totaled 13 points against the Blue Devils as Cranford pulled out a 46-40 win

Cougar Cagers' Surge Sinks Lady Devils, 46-40

coach Huber said. "She goes for those steals. She gets those opportunities and our team starts clicking."

The tide began flowing immediately in the third quarter when Morgan Miller, on an assist from Webb, banged her first 3-pointer. Miller followed with a put-back 2-pointer and McCoy swished her 3-pointer. Markowski ended that 8-0 run with a 3-pointer of her own, but the continuous onslaught of 3-pointers gave the Cougars a seemingly comfortable, 40-30 lead.

"We are more of an outside shooting team than an inside shooting team, so when we are on, we are on," Webb said. "In the first half, we were zero for like seven, then we started making

The Blue Devils' defense got especially aggressive in the final quarter.

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"In the fourth quarter, we were winning. We did get a little nervous, because we wanted to win so badly. We made mistakes. They were reaching a lot," Webb said.

They are very quick. We didn't do a good job today of taking care of the ball. Our passes weren't as strong as

Online Cougar Exclusive; **Union County Wrestling:**

For Cranford High School sports, check out the Online Exclusive Cougar pages at - www.goleader.com -Go to bottom of main page – Click Cougar Pages. Union County Wrestling results will be on the following page.

Online Exclusive Cougar pages can also be accessed by clicking on "Archives"

Additional photos of events covered by Dave Corbin and Fred Lecomte can be seen by clicking "photo library" on upper right -then click "photos" on top. Scroll to appropriate list.

they usually are. We weren't really coming to the ball. On top of them being really aggressive and quick, we could have done a little bit better protecting the ball," coach Huber said.

With success in preventing Webb's and Danielle Gross's give-and-go plays, which worked so well in a previous victory over Union Catholic, the Blue Devils inched to within two points of the Cougars with 1:54 remaining.

"They did a really good job of pinching in the middle, so it didn't give us the opportunity to do the give-and-go with Danielle and Jamie," commented coach Huber.

"We tried to pressure them. We tried to make them get turnovers," coach Marino said. "We played hard, played aggressively. If we keep playing like that, we are going to start getting some 'W's'."

Blue Devil Charlotte Lorentzen finished with two points, three rebounds, an assist and a steal. Cougar Taylor D'Antico had four points, three rebounds, two assists, a steal and a blocked shot. Kate McGovern had two points, two assists and a rebound.

Cranford Westfield



Dental Update

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

SEEING RED!

A dentist may be likely to provide a natural redhead with a bit more attention than blondes and brunettes might receive. The reason behind this special treatment rests with the fact that redheads seem to have a genetic disposition to be nervous about visiting the dentist. In fact, research in recent years shows that redheads tend to be less responsive to local pain-blockers and may require larger doses of Novocain to get the same amount of relief that a blonde or brunette would get with regular doses. More recent research shows that the red hair that results from variations in the melanocortin-1 receptor (MC1R) gene, which helps determine pigmentation, may also play a role in processing pain,

There are many methods available in dentistry today to help reduce a patient's anxiety and enhance comfort during treatment. Having confidence and trust in your dentist is also an important aspect of feeling at ease at dental visits. If it has been awhile since your last checkup, for whatever reason, we are welcoming new patients and invite you to call us at 908-654-6262 for an appointment. Or stop by at 131 South Euclid Avenue, Westfield, say hello, and make your appointment in person. We always enjoy meeting new patients. Early morning, evening, lunchtime, and Saturday appointments are available. P.S. Patients with any fear- or anxiety-related issues are strongly urged to speak with the dentist about their concerns and work out a treatment plan that addresses and allays those www.drarida.com

GREEN HITS 31, GROSS NETS 22 FOR CAREER HIGHS

Cougar Basketballers Crush Rams, 64-50, Canucks, 74-56

Prepared By DAVID B. CORBIN

Sophomore forward Chris Gross, last week's Cougar Athlete of the Week, for hitting a career high 21 points in the 59-65 victory over Union Catholic on January 8, did one better with 22 points in a 64-50, Cranford High School boys basketball team victory over the Roselle Rams in Cranford on January 12.

Two days later, senior center Will Green, who could not buy a point in a game against Westfield on January 7, made up for it in a big way by amassing a career-high 31 points in the 5-3 Cougars' 74-56 rout of the hosting North Plainfield Canucks on January 14.

Gross hit 10 of 15 from the field and two of six from the foul line against the 0-8 Rams. He also demonstrated some effectiveness under the boards with 14 rebounds, including a career-high, seven offensive boards to go with a pair of blocked shots and three assists. Junior guard Kendall Grier sank five of eight shots from the field, including a 3-pointer, and three of five from the line to total 14 points. He also had three steals.

Green put in four of nine from the field and one of two from the charity line to finished with nine point, while adding eight rebounds (3 offensive), an assist and a block. Point guard Sean Trotter banged a 3-pointer, hit both free throws and added a pair of two's to total nine points, while adding two rebounds, two assists and a steal. Nick Pace scored four points, dished out five assists and had a steal, while Greg Goode had a pair of steals, a pair of assists and a rebound.

The Cougars strutted to a 26-16 lead at the half against the Rams but blew the game wide open with a 23-15 run in the third quarter. In the game against the 2-6 Canucks, the Cougars blew the game wide open in the fourth quarter with a 25-13 run. Green hit 13-for-20 from the field and all five of his free throws. He grabbed 15 rebounds, including a career-high, nine offensive rebounds, and added two assists, a steal and a block. Gross bucketed 17 points, sinking eight of 17 from the field and one from the line. He had 10 rebounds (3 offensive), a career-high, three blocks, with two assists and a steal. Trotter pumped in 16 points, hitting five of six from 3-point range and 1-for-1 from the line. He also had four assists and three rebounds. Pace, who had a pair of steals, scored four points and dished out a career-high, eight assists. Grier had eight rebounds (3 offensive), five points, four assists and two steals. Goode had two assists and a block.

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SCHOLAR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK...Pictured, left to right, senior Kelly Burke, sophomores Gillian Burke and Rebecca Shimonov and freshman Bryanna Grant crossed first in the shuttle hurdles with a time of 35.22 to help the Cranford High School girls winter track team finish seventh with a total of 16 at the Group 2 Relays at the Bennett Center in Toms River on January 16.

Cougar Snacks:

Cougar Cagers Defeat Summit Boys, 48-34

Sophomore forward Chris Gross found the net for a team-leading 20 points to lead the 6-3 Cranford High School boys basketball team to a 48-34 victory over Summit in Cranford on January 15. Gross hit 10 of 14 from the field, pulled down eight rebounds, made a career-high five steals

and had three blocks. Senior Will Green bucketed 14 points, including 4-for-7 from the charity line, and added six rebounds (3 offensive), two blocks and two assists. Kendall Grier had six points, including a 3-pointer, six rebounds, six assists and four steals. Sean Trotter sank two points, had five rebounds and three assists, and took a charge. Dave Newton had nine points for the 3-4 Hilltoppers.

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Lady Cougar Shock Lion Cagers, 49-47

Senior Jamie Webb nailed a twopoint jump shot at the buzzer to give the Cranford High School girls basketball team an electrifying, 49-47 victory over Roselle Catholic in a key Union County Mountain Division match-up in Roselle on January 16.

With the game seemingly in the 8-1 Lions' lair entering the fourth quarter, the 7-2 Cougars, with the help of seven points from Morgan Miller and six from Webb, pounced forward with an 18-5 run. Webb finished with 15 points, including five from the charity line, and Miller finished with nine points, which included a 3-pointer. Jess McCoy put up 11 points, including five from the line, and Taylor D'Antico, who banged in two 3-pointers, finished with eight points. Sara Gugliucci had three points, Danielle Gross had two points and Kate McGovern added one. Allison Skrec sank a career-high 31 points for the Lady Lions.

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Lady Cougars Win Shuttle Hurdles At Group 3 Relays

Gillian Burke, Rebecca Shimonov, crossed first in the shuttle hurdles with a time of 35.22 to help the Cranford High School girls winter track team finish seventh with a total of 16 at the Group 2 Relays at the Bennett Center in Toms River on Janu-

Cougars Gillian Burke, Shimonov, Kate Evans and Natalie Englese placed fourth in the 4x200 relay with a time of 1:53.08, and Gillian Burke, Kelly Burke, Devon Cacchione and Englese placed fifth in the 4x400 with a time of 4:17.4. The Cougar boys got one team point by finishing sixth in the 4x800 (George El-Khoury, Dan Cleary, Billy Haussner and Jeff Sun) with a time of 8:36.17.

"We're very excited. We are the only girls' team to win a state relay championship in Union County and the highest placing girls team from Union County of all the group relay meets this weekend," Cougar Head Coach Peter Kane said. "I think that's a great step in the right direction for our team. We are looking forward to the championship season ahead."

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GL Highlanders Stop Cougar Wrestlers, 36-31

At 140-lbs, Cougar Eric Knight overcame a 4-0 deficit and got a thirdperiod takedown to send the bout to overtime with Victor Orozco, who regrouped to squeeze out a 6-4 victory to narrow the Cougars' lead to 25-21.

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"I knew this was going to be more mental toughness than physical and come right down to the wire. Overtime, I took bottom, knew the roll was there, felt the pressure and just went for it," said Orozco.

145-lb Patrick Eichner swamped Cougar Jim Dwyer at 2:56 to put the Highlanders on top for the first time, 27-25. Connor Londregan regained

CONTINUED FROM PAGE the Cougar lead with a 6-5 win over

Shane Haddad.

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"I went to the high crotch second and third period and got the takedown both times," said Londregan.

"We started out just the way we wanted. The two big guys got pins. We looked to get two extra points at 119 and hoped Carmine (Pellino) would not get pinned at 130," Cougar Head Coach Darren Torsone said. "Matt DiGiovanni came out here with a great match, beating the runner-up in the county last year, and 140 could have gone either way. We bumped up, trying to get some wins, because we knew they were strong at 145. At 152

those matches, but their freshman (Haddad) was tougher than I thought he would be. The 171-lb.match could have gone either way as well. We were hoping to get that one win and finish up at 189. The kids wrestled tough on both sides and I think and it was a good night." "When we got to 152, he made the

and 160, we looked for a pin in one of

move there by putting Christiano up at 160. I thought we had a good shot at winning with the freshman, but he just did not get it done and got beat by a point at the buzzer. Hoy's match, I knew was going to be very close. I had 135, 140 as key matches. If I had those, I was pretty sure I was going to win," said Highlander Head Coach Rick Iacono.

215: - Campo (C) p O'Sullivan, 5:14
Hwt: - Brady (C) p Manganiello, 3:18
103: - Mele (GL), p Castro, 1:29
112: - DeFranco (GL), P Henry, 1:48
119: - Giaccio (C), d Morrison, 12-0
125: - Brian Buontempo, (C) won forfeit
130: - Stepien (GL), p Pellino, 3:43
135: - DiGiovanni (C), d Hoy, 3-2
140: - Orozco (GL), d Knight, 6-4

135: - Didiovalili (c), d Hoy, 3-2 140: - Orozco (GL), d Knight, 6-4 145: - Eichner (GL), p Dwyer, 2:56 152: - Londegran (C), d Haddad, 6-5 160: - Christiano (C), d Shuanburg, 6-1 171: - Heissler (GL), d Keim, 5-0 189: - Colder (GL), p Petgrave, 1:59

in 32 seconds in his 103-lb bout in Kenilworth on January 15. The eighth-ranked Bears won 56-13.

Brearley Bear Wrestlers Top

Blue Devil Matmen, 56-13 By DAVID B. CORBIN

Two days after a close win over rival Roselle Park, the No. 8 ranked David Brearley High School wrestling team improved to 13-1 with a 56-13 victory over the Westfield Blue Devils in Kenilworth on January 15.

The match was concluded with an

intense showdown between two very talented wrestlers.

The Blue Devils, who forfeited five weight classes, received victories from Chris Tomasso, Mike Kalimtzis and Troy Skibitsky, but a strong effort was put out by senior Brian Henry in the first bout of the evening against defending Union County 140-lb champion Devin Geoghegan at 145lbs. Geoghegan got an early lead with a pair of takedowns, a reversal and a two-point tilt, but Henry kept coming back at him. Towards the end of the second period, Geoghegan was showing signs of fatigue, and in the third period motioned for an injury timeout to catch his wind. Geoghegan then

Kurz. "That kid was a little bit heavier, a little bit more experienced and he had a little too much power for Brian, but I can tell you that kid doesn't want to wrestle Brian again. He was gassed at the end of that match, and if they wrestle again, I think Brian gave that kid a message that he is all business."

After the Bears added a fall in the 152-lb bout, although Tomasso took two nice takedown shots against Joe Cassamerto the first period ended, 0-0. Cassamerto escaped, but Tomasso pulled off a smooth duckunder takedown in the second period and added an escape in the third to win, 3-1.

"Tomasso had a smart match. He had three very nice leg attacks. Those are the kind of matches we need to have from Chris Tomasso on a consistent basis," coach Kurz said. "There are times he does well, and then he has some mental lapses. We need to do away with the mental lapses. The way he wrestled tonight, if we could get that from him every time, we are

5-4 lead in the third but fell victim to another takedown late in the period to lose, 6-5, to Anthony Tancs at 171-

"The focus of our practices the last couple of weeks have been finishing them on the edge. He gave up three takedowns. We can't have that," coach Kurz said.

The Bears took a 31-3 team lead after a forfeit at 189-lbs, Rob Schielke recorded a fall over Tom Snyder at 215-lbs, and Rasheed Banks received a forfeit at heavyweight. Kalimtzis, however, took only 32 seconds to pin Dylan Oliva with a half nelson at 103lbs. At 125-lbs, Skibitsky tallied a pair of single-leg takedowns, a headin-arm spin-around takedown and a slick throw-by takedown to seize a 10-2, majority decision over Nick McElroy.

The final bout of the evening pitted Blue Devil Christian Barber against state-ranked Dan Ries at 140-lbs. After a scoreless first period, Barber escaped and initiated several



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Time A QUICK, SWIFT PIN...Westfield Blue Devil Mike Kalimtzis, top, turns Brearley Bear Dylan Oliver to his back for a fall

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mented Blue Devil Head Coach Glen

to claim a 10-2, majority decision. 'You are never going to question Brian Henry's efforts out there," comgoing to be in good shape."

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After yielding a takedown in the first period and missing several takedown opportunities himself, Blue Devil Bill Kim battled back to take a

OT period was scoreless. Each wrestler successfully controlled from the top position in his respective 30-second period to force a tiebreaker (TB). Barber opted to take the bottom position, but Ries hung on to claim the 2-"We are not looking to moral victo-

ries from Christian Barber. That's a match that Christian has got to win. He didn't push the pace enough in the beginning. He was holding back," coach Kurz said. "God knows he had more left in his tank than the other kid in the third period. If we push that kid more in the beginning, that kid is going to have less in the third period."

takedown attempts. Ries escaped in

the third period to knot the bout, 1-1,

and to force overtime (OT). The first

BOUT SEQUENCE: 145: — Geoghegan (B) md Henry, 10-2 152: — John Balboni (B) p Erik Gozsieski, 5:59

160: — Tomasso (W) d Cassamerto,

171: — Tancs (B) d Kim, 6-5
189: — Anthony Scorese (B) won forfeit
215: — Schielke (B) p Snyder, 1:36
Hwt: — Banks (B) won forfeit
103: — Kalimtzis (W) p Oliva, :32

112: — Mike Disko (B) won forfeit 119: — Matt Disko (B) won forfeit 125: — Skibitsky (W) md McElroy, 10-2

130: — Matt Samansky (B) won forfeit 135: — Nick Lospinoso (B) md Ryan Jennings, 11-3 140: — Ries (B) d Barber, 2-1, 4 OT TB

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ABOUT AS CLOSE AS IT GETS...Blue Devil Christian Barber, top, and Brearley Bear Danny Ries battled to a 1-1, threeovertime tie until Ries hung on in the fourth overtime to win a tiebreaker on January 15. In the photo, Barber works a tight waist and with wrist control on Ries.

Roselle Park Upends Rutherford, 55-15

The Roselle Park High School wrestling team upended Rutherford, 55-15, on January 16. **BOUT SEQUENCE:**

103: — John Devito (RP) won forfeit 112: — Dan Geraldi (R) d Jovanni Rameriz, 10-5 119: — Brendan Leary (RP) won forfeit 125: — Dan Pisauro (RP) p Dave

Peterson, :20 130: — Jon Acosta (RP) p Mike Carey, 135: — Nick Longo (RP) won forfeit 140: — Mike Paskas (R) d Matt Krynicki,

145: - John Boyle (R) d Rich Weslock, 152: — Russ Benner (RP) p Anthony

Appolito, 1:52 160: — Dennis Carroll (RP) md Jake Regina, 11-3 171: — Vic Pozsonyi (RP) won forfeit 189: — Connor Gabriel (RP) p Dave

215: — Frank Yuro (RP) d Mike Gerbasio, Adam Ortiz (R) p Lou Medina 5:53

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-09006931 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION DIANCERY 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

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The judgment amount is: ***Three Hundred

The Judgment amount is: "Infee Hundred Torty 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

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Total Upset: ***Three Hundred Eighty Four
Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Three and 92/100***

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DOCKET NO. F-44521-08
Plaintiff: INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, FSB

Defendant: CLAUDIA DUPLAA AND GABRIEL

Defendant: CLAUDIA DUPLAA AND GABRIEL TAJES
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Roselle Park Defeats West Orange, 44-22

The Roselle Park High School wrestling team defeated West Orange, 44-22, on January 16.

BOUT SEQUENCE: 103: — Carlo Zazzara (W) d John Devito, 6-1 112: — Mike Marotti (W) md Brendan Leary, 16-6 119: — Anthony Perrotti (W) d Dan Pisauro, 1:43 125: — Lucas Lavista (RP) d Jim Ciampi, 8-4 130: — Jon Acosta (RP) p Anthony

Pompei, 3:14 135: — Nick Longo (RP) p Joe Fiore, - Frank Marotti (W) d Matt Krynicki, 5-3 145: — Rich Weslock (RP) md Mark 152: — Russ Benner (RP) tf Chris

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171: — Connor Gabriel (RP) p Paul Cafone, 4:34 189: — Vic Pozsonyi (RP)p Vin Racamato, 2:28
215: — Frank Yuro (RP) p Grant
McGuire, 4:48
Hwt: — Dom Valeriani (W) p Lou

Michura, 18-1

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SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-1000028 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-9564-08

Plaintiff: AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS.
Defendant: DANIEL U. OVIEDO, MRS.
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Writ of Execution: 11/18/2009
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Defendant: 218 PARK AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC, ET ALS
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New Providence Licks Linden Tigers, 46-15

Dave Dinerman (N) d Josh Sheehy, 6-5 112: — Dan Smith (N) d Dan Tibere,

119: — Tim Terrezza (N) won forfeit Jankow. :59

140: - Carl Holley (L) d Harry Laplanche, 145: — Dan Umana (N) d Diab Mosa,

Ben Carroll (N) d Keron Smith,

Parsippany Matmen Tap Union, 60-12

tling team defeated Union, 60-12, on

BOUT SEQUENCE: 103: — Sam Kovacs (P) md Bryam Villacres, 10-1 112: — Joe Greenweig (P) p Paul Sangolqur, :52 119: — Mike Persaud (P) p Jorge Bergman, :32 125: — Phil Tomaro (P) p Chris Dorvius,

Rangel, 1:01

Florendo, 1:33 McCloud, 5:36 Richardson, 3-2 Yunus, 2:36 Watchara, 1:41

Plaintiff: CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC VS.
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The New Providence High School wrestling team improved to 4-1 with a 46-15 victory over Linden on January 15. The key bout of the evening came at heavyweight when Pioneer Zach Troutman stunned Tiger Austin

BOUT SEQUENCE:

125: — Adrian Betancourt (L) p Jacob 130: — Steve Sharpe (N) d Lamar Coo-

per, 7-5 135: — Felipe Ramirez (L) p Vince Sifdoli,

152: — Hans Dassen (N) p Danny Castro, - Max Sidoli (N) md Travis Foster, 171: - Jon D'Amico (N) p Robert Clark,

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130: — Bryan Tauro (P) p Mike Zuena, 135: — Dave Standridge (P) p Pat 140: - Nick Pizzuta (P) d Malik Bradley,

 Anthony Mariano (P) p Wymid Whitted 4:18 152: — Nick Kromka (P) d John Sedillo, 160: — Mike Kromka (P) p Kristofer

171: — Pat Fales (P) p Bilal Smith-189: — James Morgan (P) d Rashaan 215: — Joe Brignoni (U) p Fardeen Hwt: — Kyle Crowley (U) p Phocan

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

Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or

Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC 400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD, SUITE 100 MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY 08054 (856) 813-5500 4 T - 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

GL Highlanders Rock Rahway Wrestlers

The Governor Livingston High School wrestling team rocked Rahway, 48-25, on January 15. BOUT SEQUENCE:

Berkeley Heights on January 14.

160: — Steve Schaumberg (GL) d Brian Pyrus, 11-7 171: — Zach Heissler (GL) p TJ Disney, 189: - Frank Colder (GL) p Hanif Denny,

215: — Urayoan Garcia (R) tf Matt O'Sullivan, 17-2, 5:44 Hwt: — Laziek Jones (R) d Tony Mangianello, 7-2 103: — Jon Mele (GL) p Keith McCarthy,

112: — Anthony Defranco (GL) p Isaac Valentin, :43 119: — Jabari Shults (R) p Ryne Morrison, 2:46 125: — Quinton Anderson (R) won for-

130: — Mike Stepien (GL) p Kleber Palacios, 2:38 135: — Joe Hoy (GL) p Dan Walsh, 5:47 140: — Victor Orozco (GL) d Rosendo 145: — Pat Eichner (GL) p Nick Terdak,

Haddad, 1:59 **Lancer Matmen Beat**

152: — Diego Chavez (R) p Shane

Blue Devils, 45-24 The Livingston High School wrestling team defeated the visiting Westfield Blue Devils, 45-24, on Janu-

Blue Devil Billy Kim recorded a 1:12 fall over Brent Blanck-Singer at 171-lbs, Tom Snyder won a 10-7 decision over Joe Fede at 215-lbs and Brian Henry pinned Ian Lastorino in 5:41 at 145-lbs. Christian Barber jumped up two weight classes (152lbs) to face Brandon Bright, who

pulled out a 3-2 decision. WEIGHT SEQUENCE: Mike Kalimtzis (W) won forfeit 112: — Jason Estevez (L) won forfeit 119: — Keith Arlotta (L) won forfeit

125: — PJ Farinella (L) d Troy Skibitsky, 130: — Mitch McDonald (L) d Kevin Castillo, 2-0 135: — Justin Estevez (L) md Jey Yengling, 14-0 140: — Brad Krosser (L) md Ellis Opoku,

145: - Brian Henry (W) p Lastorino, 152: — Bright (L) d Barber, 3-2 160: — Matt Melhourn (L) md Erik Gozdieski, 18-6

171: — Kim (W) p Blanck-Singer, 1:12 189: — Anthony Paris (L) won forfeit 215: - Tom Snyder (W) d Joe Fede, Hwt: — Mike Silverberg (L) won forfeit

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-09006671 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-37207-08

SHERIFF'S SALE

laintiff: CROWN BANK

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 vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN 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

as follows:
Lot: 21; Block: 111 on the Tax Map of the

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 \$362.13 open + penalty 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

nify or insure purchaser Total Upset: ***Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven and 09/100*** \$311,637.09 together with lawful interest and

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfac-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

Attorney: HILL WALLACK LLP 202 CARNEDIE CENTER CN 5226 PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08543-5226 (201) 024-0808 (609) 924-0808 4 T - 12/31/09, 1/7, 1/14 & 1/21/10 Fee: \$189.72

Raider Matmen Rout Parsippany Hills, 47-24

ROCKING HIM TO SLEEP...Cougar Julian Campo, right, has Highlander Matt O'Sullivan firmly clamped in a cradle

in the 215-lb. bout. Campo pinned O'Sullivan in 5:14. The Governor Livingston Highlanders edged the Cougars, 36-31, in

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team improved to 3-5 with a 47-24 rout of host Parsippany Hills on January 12.

BOUT SEQUENCE: Steve Stringas (P) p Lucas Cimafonte, 3:18 112: — Brian Zelasny (P) p Dan Cardoza,

119: — Mike Yim (P) p Devon Ausbon, 125: — Tristan Bundy (S) p Kevin Byrne, - Sean Cannon (S) p Christian Signorelli, 4:35 135: — Jawan Gaines (S) p Sam Mual,

140: — Mike Steinfeld (S) d Dillon Danis, 145: — Josh Foote (S) md William Smith, 152: - Jacob Skovronek (P) d Luke Vuono, 7-0 160: — Chris Mulawka (P) d John Devia,

171: - Sebastian Rosen (S) md Mike Alessandra, 13-2 189: — Brian Laspe (S) p Kyle Stillwell, 215: — Andrew Jacobs (S) won forfeit Hwt: — Anthony Tufaro (S) p Bret Topitz,

Brearley Bears Whip

Whippany Park, 64-9 The No. 8 ranked David Brearley Bears whipped Whippany Park, 64-9, on January 16.

BOUT SEQUENCE: 103: - Matt Krause (W) p Dylan Oliva, 3:43 112: — Anthony Madonia (B) p Davis Krause, 3:04 119: — Anthony Rice (B) p Joe DeCandia, :49 125: — Nick McElroy (B) md Tim Cook, 12-4 130: — Mark Prosicki (W) d Andrew Scarillo, 9-6 135: — Allen Phillips (B) d Gerard

140: — Nick Lospinoso (B) p Dom Andolino, 3:08 145: — Dan Ries (B) p Andrew Rigas, 152: - John Balboni (B) p Jon Huang, 4:23 160: — Anthony Tancs (B) p Jonathan Kelly, :45

171: — Dillon Geoghegan (B) md Gary Falkman, 12-1 189: - Khusen Taramov (B) p Tim 215: — Rob Schielke (B) p Andrew Guadagnin, 3:36 Hwt: — Rasheed Banks (B) won

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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 USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA
HOME EQUITY LOAN, INC. ASSET-BACKED
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-HE1
VS.

VS.
Defendant: CAROL 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 vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN 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.

\$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, mu-

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 Watermaybe 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 taxesis \$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 satisfacson the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, their erremains 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 pursuant column and extent of that pursuants. 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 adversariance. Ralph Froehlich

Attorney:
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
200 SHEFFIELD STREET
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(009) 232 8500 (908) 233-8500 File Number: FCZ-93689 4 T - 12/31/09, 1/7, 1/14 & 1/21/10 Fee: \$189.72

Cougar Matmen Jar Asbury Park, 79-0

The Cranford High School wrestling team shutout Asbury Park, 79-0, and New Brunswick, 75-6, on Janu-

ary 16. CRANFORD 79, ASBURY PARK 0 112: Ian Henry (C) won forfeit 119: Joe Giaccio (C) p Deshawn

130: Carmine Pellino (C) won forfeit 135: Matt DiGiovanni (C) won forfeit 140: Eric Knight (C) md Tyson Charles, 145: Connor Londregan (C) won forfeit 152: JP Christiano (C) p Garrett Shawn,

125: Brian Buontempo (C) won forfeit

160: Chris Keim (C) d Harold Royster, 171: Rob Kessler (C) p Joe Smith, 1:14 189: Errol Petgrave (C) p Fabian Perez,

215: Julian Campo (C) won forfeit 285: Joe Brady (C) p Kevin Ewere, 1:20 CRANFORD 75, NEW BRUNSWICK 6 103: Rumarvin Torre (NB) won forfeit 112: Henry (C) p Oualid Menjdoubi, 1:43 119: Giaccio (C) p T. Wolmack, 1:30

125: Buontempo (C) p Henry Trujillo, 130: Pellino (C) won forfeit

135: DiGiovanni (C) p Darwen Reyes, 140: Knight (C) won forfeit 145: Londregan (C) p David Rojas, 1:21 152: Christiano (C) won forfeit

160: Keim (C) won forfeit 171: Kessler (C) p Cornelius Sandy, 189: Petgrave (C) d Turiak Hyman, 11-5 215: Campo (C) p JoseTorres, 5:46 285: Brady (C) p Giorgid Marte, 2:34

Caldwell Chiefs Bury Union Farmers, 64-9

The Caldwell High School wrestling team defeated Union, 64-9, on January 16. **BOUT SEQUENCE:** - Mike DelaRiva (C) md Bryam

Villacres, 9-1 112: — Joey Schlomann (C) p Paul Sangolqur, :52 119: - Nick Rogers (C) p Jorge Bergman, 3:08

125: — Vince Deleva (C) p Chris Dorvius, 130: — Dan Gargiuolo (C) p Mike Zuena,

135: - Dave Pepe (C) p Julien Beve,

1:55 140: Andrew Kratsch (C) p Malik Bradley, 1:00 145: — Jason Kratsch (C) md Wymid Whitted, 14-4 152: — Bryan Lockward (C) d John

Sedillo, 10-3 160: - Frank Rogers (C) p Kris Florendo, 171: — Nick Mazzo (C) p Ramadan Smith-McCloud, 3:56 189: — Windsor Guzman (C) p Rashaan Richardson, 4:58

215: — Joe Brignoni (U) p Shane Cunningham, 3:25 Hwt: — Kyle Crowley (U) d Dan Pierce,

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.

ndant: THOMAS A. BECKER A/K/A THO-

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
vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN 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 conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: ***Twenty Three
Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One and 94/100***

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 410 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey

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 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.

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

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Ralph Froehlich

Attorney: KOURY, TIGHE, LAPRES, BISCULA & SOMMERS, P.C. 1423 TILTON ROAD SUITE 9 NORTHFIELD, NEW JERSEY 08225

(609) 383-1233 4 T - 1/7, 1/14, 1/21 & 1/28/10 Fee: \$173.40



CAUSOLOGY...Faculty and members of the PTA at H.B. Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains recently presented Diane Coloney, director of Camp Starbright of the Center For Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, also in Scotch Plains, with a check for \$415. The money was raised through the sale of "Causology" bracelets at the school's holiday boutique. The funds will be used to support the center's Children's Bereavement Camp and its programs, which are offered free of charge to children who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Pictured, from left to right, are: front row, Dean Rash, Douglas Tibbals and Ryan Ciarrocca; back row, Jamie Tibbals, seller of Camp Starbright Causology bracelets; Ms. Coloney; Susan Rash, holiday boutique chairperson; Jodi Frank, principal of Brunner School, and Lisa Ciarrocca, PTA president.

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Participants will obtain practical,

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writing skills for enhanced commu-

from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays,

February 4 through April 1, at the

college's Cranford Campus. No class

will be held on March 18 due to the

college's closing for its spring break.

For more information or to regis-

ter, call the College's Division of

Economic Development and Continu-

Freeman Helps Parents

Prepare Child's IEPs

ent Teacher Council-Special Educa-

tion Committee welcomes Hillary

Freeman, a member of Hinkle, Fingles

and Prior, on Wednesday, January 27.

titled "Preparing for Your Child's IEP

(Individualized Education Program):

Know Your Legal Rights and Learn to

Advocate for Your Child." This pro-

gram will assist parents with the tools

needed to prepare for their child's IEP.

special-education issues, higher-edu-

cation issues, including accommoda-

tions on testing and graduate school

admission tests, Section 504, guard-

The program will take place be-

tween 7:30 and 9 p.m. at the library of

Edison Intermediate School, located

at 800 Rahway Avenue in Westfield.

A parent support group will meet

The program is free, open to the

public, and no registration is required.

The committee meets once a month

during the school year and acts as a

resource and support group for par-

ents and teachers of regular and spe-

cial-education students. For addi-

information,

westfieldnjk12.org/specialedparents.

Getting Over Trauma

2009 Leader editorial inquired about

still being infuriated about 9/11. How

do we balance needing to remember

and wanting to forget, particularly given

recent terrorist threats? Why can't we

Normal effects of trauma can be

profound, even if we are unaware of

them. PTSD symptoms (anxiety, feeling "on guard," sleep disruption,

depression, upsetting thoughts,

trouble concentrating, irritability,

panic attacks, loss of interest, flash-

backs, substance abuse, relationship

disruptions, etc.) can be present even

years after trauma. These symptoms

do not have to go on forever. It does

not have to be frightening to explore

We can learn from our memories

and our experiences to improve un-

derstanding of ourselves and others.

We can plan better for what we can

control and improve coping with

how trauma affects us.

"just get over it" and "move on?"

WESTFIELD - A September 10,

prior to the presentation at 7 p.m.

ianship and adult services.

Ms. Freeman has experience with

Ms. Freeman will present a lecture,

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Par-

ing Education at (908) 709-7600.

"Effective Writing" will be offered

While students typically have a

ing, non-judgmental environment.

CRANFORD - Entering the New Year, people can make the most of their employment marketability by honing their writing skills through a non-credit, professional development course to be offered starting in Febru-

ary at Union County College. Even with excellent skills in a particular area of expertise, to really succeed in a chosen career field, effective writing is essential. "Effective Writing," an eight-week course, is designed for people who are currently in the workforce, unemployed, enrolled in higher education programs or are seeking to enter a new career field.

Although the focus is primarily geared toward business writing, those who plan to write a book or other published material may benefit

The course addresses ways to target a reading audience based on the purpose, message and style of writing content. Students will gain an understanding of proper word selection, the use of the apostrophe, eliminating unnecessary words, sentence structure and punctuation, avoiding run-on sentences, subject-verb agreement, placing words in sentences for enhanced readability and building paragraphs that are unified, coherent and complete.

St. Bartholomew Acad. **Hosts Open House**

SCTOCH PLAINS - St. Bartholomew Academy will initiate its celebration of Catholic Schools Week with an opening Mass at noon on January 31 at St. Bartholomew Church of Scotch Plains.

Following the Mass, the academy will host an open house until 3 p.m. Prospective parents and students are invited to tour the facility, visit classrooms to view student presentations and meet the faculty and representatives of the Home School Association.

The academy serves students in grades pre-kindergarten 4-year olds through grade 8 and offers an earlychildhood program featuring a fullday pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. Flexible before-care and aftercare programs are available on-site.

The academy is an interparochial school that is co-sponsored by St. Bartholomew, Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Bernard of Clairvaux parishes. It is under the direction of the Religious Teachers Filippini.

Applications for the 2010-2011 school year will be accepted beginning January 19. Visit stbacademy.org for more information about admission requirements and to download application forms. For questions regarding Catholic Schools Week and the application process, call the school office at (908) 322-4265.

Bucknell Dean's List Features Area Students

AREA — Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2009-2010 academic year.

A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition. Those students from the circulation area who met this standard are:

Andrew DeRose, Mountainside, son of James and Elizabeth DeRose of Mountainside and a 2008 graduate of Governor Livingston High School; Jaclyn Kirna, Westfield, daughter of Carl and Robin Kirna of Westfield and a 2008 graduate of Westfield High School (WHS); Matthew Linsenberg, Scotch Plains, son of Douglas and Beth Linsenberg of Scotch Plains and a 2006 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, and Julia Valentin, Westfield, daughter of Jesus and Norah Valentin of Westfield and a 2008 graduate of WHS.

ROOSEVELT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

First Marking Period

WESTFIELD - Roosevelt Intermediate School Principal Stewart Carey announced the school's first marking period honor roll. To make the distinguished honor roll, one must earn straight A's. Attaining no grade less than a B places one on the honor roll.

8th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Kaitlin Abrams, Elena Arida, Caroline Baldwin, Robert Ball, Audrey Bangs, Aram Barmakian, Alexandra Berry, Kathleen Bond, Connor Brennan, Natalie Brennan, Sandy Choi, Julia Criscuolo, Bradley Demartino, Olivia Dembiec, Nicole Deroux, Leia Descalzi, Benjamin Eisenberg, Jared Ellner, Gabrielle Eniclerico, Shea Fitzpatrick, Ethan Frisch, Edwin Gee, Sophia Goldschmidt, Oona Harrigan, Patrick Harris, Sara Hoerrner, Belle Hutchins, Jake Katz, Madeline Katz, Helen Forrest Keating, Jack Kessler, Caroline King, Samuel Krause, Kyle Kristiansen, Daniel Kuhn, David Kushner, Julia Kuzman, Brendan Law, Olivia Le Warn, Kaitlyn Lutz, Claire Lynch, Hannah Mackenzie, Shannon Malley, Kelly Mazzucco, Thomas McDonald, Luke McGrory, Sarah McIntyre, Caroline McNamara, Nora Moriarty, William Murtishaw, Elisabeth Neylan, Matthew Nuzzo, Shannon O'Brien, Joseph Ohaus, Sophia Palia, Rebecca Plotkin, Kristin Ragoza, Michael Reddy, Erica Ripperger, Calvin Robertshaw, Deirdre Romer, Jill Rosenfeld, Claire Rothfelder, Sarah Russo, Joseph Santry, Sarah Sarkos, Lydia Anne Seaman, Nicholas Serratelli, Sophia Shiffman, Gregory Stepaniouk, Andrew Stockwell, Sanjay Sujanthakumar, Anna Tanji, Alyssa Teese, Kristen Villane, Morgann Wilcox,

8th Grade Honor Roll

Julia Abbattista, Christopher Algarin, Prestine Allen, William Allen, Thomas Anderson, Michael Androconis, Matthew Archambault, Christopher Arena, Grace Aronds, Jane Aronds, Nora Aronds, Christopher Aslanian, Sun Alex Bae, Kathleen Barry, Sean Beattie, Zachary Birkenthal, Kara Birnbaum, Tyler Bowman, Jacob Boyle, Harry Brafman, Brittany Bryant, Gabrielle Buckman, Russell Cain, Christopher Callahan, Nicolas Carayannopoulos, Nicole Carpetto, Virginie Caspard, Andew Castellone, Anna Centrella, Matthew Charlton, Douglas Clarkson, Kaitlyn Collett, Ellie Cook, Brittany Cuellar, Brendan Currie, Christopher Dattilo, Sarah Davidson, Stephen Della Fera, Alexa Derman, Sarah Drummond, Brandon Egert, Noor El-Sherbeini, Vikranth Eleswarapu, Catherine Eliades, Michael Fasciale, Juliana Federico, Catherine Felix, Jack Filipkowski, Conor Finn, Matthew Fitzgerald, Jack Foley, Peter Foltz, Carly Friedman, Mara Friedman, Evan Garfinkel, Conor Gelson, Geneva Gleason, Alexander Gold, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Peter Greeley, Melanie Grycan, Connor Hagan, Emma Haley, Austin Hatch, Lucas Helander, Justin Hertzberg, Casey Hewett, Ian Hutchinson, David Kane, Jake Kaplan, Alexis Kardias, Christopher Kattak, Rachel Kaufman, Rebecca Kaufman, Alexander Kay, Suzanne Kozlowski, Andrew La Manna, Kathleen La Femina, Kenneth Lamar, Danielle Lamchek, Mate Landeka, Matthew Latowsky, Christopher Lazzarotti, Mark Lazzarotti, Matthew Lazzarotti, Allison Lee, Bryon Lessner, Alexander Lopez, Marc Luino, Kirsten Mahler, Daniel Maran, Conor Martinson, Jake Mastronardi, Morgan Mc Alister, Elizabeth McCabe, Madeline McCready, Kathleen McCutcheon, Mary Grace McDonald, Emily McLane, Nicholas Mennona, John Monihan, Lena Morello, Madison Mueller, Thomas Mueller, Hunter Mulzoff, Michael Murray, Daniel Myers, Julia Napolitano, Megan Newhard, William Nisley, Bradley Norris, Jaclyn O'Connor, Kelly O'Connor, Ryan O'Connor, Lauren Oates, Leo

Ohaus, Samuel Ohaus, Brianna Parkinson, Alexander Penn. Natasha Peregrim, Katherine Piscitelli, David Player, Thomas Pyle, Nicholas Retcho, Mary Rippe, Michael Roggenburg, Kimberly Roth, Adam Rush, Kristen Ryan, Daniel Sanchez, Jonathan Savorgiannakis, Olivia Schiffer, Alex Schneider, Benjamin Schuman, Katherine Seery, Eleanor Shepherd, Conor Sheridan, Andreia Silva, Tara Smith, Matthew Smoot, Cameron Stock, Matthew Storcks, Colin Studwell, Jocelyn Summers, Caitlin Sweeney, Caroline Tanis, Caitlyn Tierney, Sean Tracey, Sabrina Vanness, Alec Vaughan, Joseph Waddell, Jacob Wasserman, Juliana Watty, Aaron Wenta, Scott Wiesinger, Amanda Womelsdorf

7th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Lauren Androconis, Sameena Asija, Jennifer Bagger, Meredith Bagger, Elise Ballan, Megan Blutfield, John Bunting, Jill Burke, Madeline Capodanno, William Crenshaw, Nicole Di Giorgio, Kristianna Elbert, Zoe Federbusch, Max Flysch, Jane Franks, Andrew Frantz, Jennifer Frega, Jared Geoghan, Cindy Gong, Aidan Hamilton, Erin Hart, Kayla Jackson, Kyle Jason, Brian Johnson, Carly Kalis, Kelly Ann Kristiansen, Andrew Malacrea, Sara McCutcheon, Judy McDonald, Mary Meyo, Alexander Monteiro, Elise Morano, Kelly Morrison, Nicholas Moynihan, Anna O'Brian, Charlie O'Brien, Alyson Palia, Samantha Paoletti, Meghan Pettit, Emma Phillips, Anthony Pirrone, Anna Reid, Courtney Ryan, Lillian Scott, Georgia Slater, Evan Steinfield, Caroline Stocking, Emily Sullivan, Layla Varkey, Kathryn Vera, Elli Warsh

7th Grade Honor Roll

Marissa Alvarez, Carli Arena, Phoebe Aronds, Patrick Aslanian, Andrew Baker, Jessica Bebel, Stephen Bonsall, Victoria Breza, Stephanie Brown, Nathan Budashewitz, Nicholas Cannone, Olivia Cara, Belle Carroll, Kirsten Caughey, William Chandler, Elena Chermak, Bryan Chou, Amanda Christian, Carson Clarke-Magrab, Katherine Crowley, Patrick Culhane, Jacqueline Daaleman, Courtney Day, Michael Dazzo, Thomas Dazzo, Elizabeth Dee, Lauren Deluca, Kayleigh Denner, Mae Devin, Francesca Dos Santos, Katherine Duffy, Colin Dursee, Kevin Echausse, Lauren Echausse, Adam Federbusch, Justin Fernandez, Elizabeth Fox, Erin Fox, Seth Fraenkel, Erin Frankel, Rebecca Freer, Jackson Frontero, Chloe Genakos, Andrew Githens, Jacob Givelber, Andrew Gorczyca, Nicole Graf, Matthew Greco, Christina Griesmer, Matthew Handzy, Ryan Harrington, Molly Hart, Rachel Hayden, Eric Herber, Patrick Higgins, Benjamin Howell, Alexandru Ionescu, Amber Johnson, Nicholas Kalimtzis, Devin Kiernan, Ian Knapp, Jacqueline Knapp, Jessica Koenigsberg, Timo-thy Korth, Austin Kronick, Corinne Kuntz, Sabrina Ladj, Michael Lapolla, Kaitlyn Larkin, Olivia Lavelle, Christopher Lee, Katherine Lee, Alessandra Leong, Alexandra Little, Kiera Loftus, Andrew Marino, Collin McDonald, John McKinley, Kevin Miller, Mia Miller, Helen Mizrach, Samantha Moore, Jacquelin Napolitano, Samantha Nigro, Briana O'Brien, Rajan Olson, Matthew Paone, David Parker, Corinne Petersen, Christopher Pettit, Emily Posyton, Luke Prybylski, Jacob Rabinowitz, Chelsea Rader, Jack Reinhard, Annie Resnikoff, David Reverendo, Jordan Robertson, Thomas Rohwetter, Claudia Romeo, Alexandra Rood, Amy Rosenzweig, Salemy, Nicholas Sanders, Amer Sawan, Nelson Schildge, Emily Schuman, Victoria Scognamiglio, Dana Seigelstein, Natasha Sharma, Ellie Shirk, Maren Siegel, Jackson Simcox, Kara Smith, Amanda Stein Jillian Stock, Meghan Summers, Andrew Ukrainskyj, Elinor Walker, Aidan Ward, Christopher Why, Olivia Windorf, Emily



Academy in Scotch Plains will host an open house until 3 p.m. Prospective parents and students are invited to tour the facility, visit classrooms and meet the faculty.

Educational Event Helps Local First-Time Homebuyers

Heather and Keith

Scotch Plains, NJ - Heather Deebold and Keith Bedell celebrated the holidays this year in their first home - an event they thought was only a dream.until they recently attended a local Homeownership Now

Tired of paying the high rents demanded in New Jersey, Heather, an optometrist, and her husband Keith, a consultant, knew that buying a home would make good investment sense, especially in a down economy. However, they also knew they could not come up with the high down payments traditionally re-

their dream a reality. 'We've been married for eighteen months and were paying a really high rent every month - just throwing money away," says Heather. "We didn't know anything about the types of loans that are available, but we were just tired of renting and owing so much in taxes

ment," she says.

exciting.'

every year. "When we went to the

Homeownership Now seminar, Earl

Myers showed us solutions to what

we thought were huge obstacles,

like affording a huge down pay-

and realized after the seminar that

we really could do it. It was very

The result? Heather and Keith

moved into their first home at the

beginning of December, opting for

a small home in Westfield that they

"We had looked at a few houses

quired in order to make

what we can't control. Psychotherapy that combines increased understanding with learning new coping strategies can help reduce the symptoms of PTSD.

The new Federal Mental Health Parity Act removes many previous restrictions and limitations for reimbursement for psychotherapy, making it more affordable. By understanding the past we can build a better present and future.

Peggy A. Rothbaum Ph.D. Psychologist, 232 St. Paul Street, Westfield, NJ, (908) 232-6233.

Paid Bulletin Board goleader.com/express felt would hold its resale value in an

upscale community.
Sponsored by MyWayHome, a non-profit organization featured on CNN that has helped more than 14,000 New Jersey residents buy their first homes over the last 10 years, the next Homeownership Now

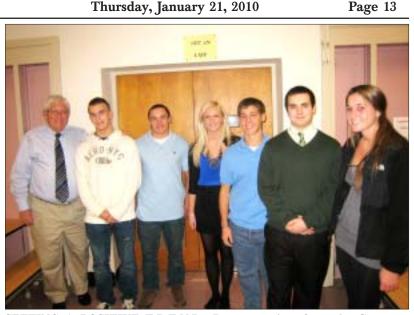
event will be held on Jan. 23rd in Springfield, from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Keynote speakers, Joseph Farella and Earl Myers, co-authors of the award-winning book, "Insider Secrets to Home Buying Success," will cover such topics as Breaking Through the down payment Barrier, The Four Keys to

Homeownership, and The Home Financing Process, among others. The pair will teach attendees how to build their own real estate team, maintain a good credit profile, and how to be com-

petitive in today's marketplace. attending "Anyone Homeownership Now seminar will learn in three and one-half hours what it would normally take months to figure out by trial and error," says Myers. Heather Deebold couldn't agree more. "Our experience was so good, I recommended the event to someone at work and now they are looking for their first home, too!"

Reservations are required for the event and can be accomplished by logging on to the website www.homeownershipnow.com or by calling MyWayHome toll-free at 888-422-6992.

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SETTING A POSITIVE T.R.E.N.D...Representatives from the Governor Livingston High School club T.R.E.N.D. (Turning Recreational Events In New Directions) spoke about the transition from middle school to high school to parents at Deerfield School in Mountainside at a Parent Education Night in mid-November sponsored by the Mountainside PTA. Students spoke about the importance of getting involved and being active in clubs and sports. They focused on activities that promote social activities that do not involve drugs or alcohol. Pictured, left to right, are: Cliff Lauterhahn, student advisor, Tom Black, Steven Schaumburg, Mallory Corrigan, Alex DeRose, Eric Whyte and Jennifer Quaglia.

Rosin Selected for Hardy Human-Rights Award

Justin Rosin

WESTFIELD – Justin Rosin, a senior at Westfield High School (WHS), was named the recipient of the Marc Hardy Human Rights Award, sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Westfield. Justin will be presented with a certificate and a \$500 check on Sunday,

January 24, at the First Congregational Church.

This award is offered to a person who has demonstrated qualities that were personified by Marc Hardy: openness and friendliness to persons of all races, creeds and nationalities; involvement and leadership in organizations and activities committed to improving human relations; personal dignity; a willingness to take risks for what he

or she believes is right; unqualified acceptance of others; respect for diversity; personal integrity; caring and willingness to listen, and the ability to lead by example.

For two years, Justin has been a peer leader of WHS's Transition Program, a program designed to help freshmen adjust to high-school life; it deals with such issues as class work and difficulty with peer relationships.

He has expanded his work further by initiating the presentation of an anti-bullying program at WHS. Justin is raising money to have John Halligan conduct an anti-bullying presentation at WHS. Mr. Halligan, who gives presentations throughout the country and appeared on Oprah and with Diane Sawyer, lost his son to suicide due to excessive bullying in

Justin has been actively involved in all aspects of the homeless program at the Westfield Presbyterian Church for four years. Since he is now 18, he is able to stay overnight with the homeless families and help out afterhours. He also contributes annually to UNICEF and donates candy to Children's Specialized Hospital.

Justin acts and sings, and plays piano, guitar and violin, abilities that he has applied to his charitable activities by playing instruments and singing in nursing homes, playing music at church services and performing at other charitable events.

This is a characteristic he shares with the late Marc Hardy, who was a gifted singer and actor with an abiding interest in human rights. Mr.

> Hardy, a member of the First Congregational Church, was killed in a car accident in 1990, shortly before his graduation from WHS.

Justin also supports the troops through various charities. He sends them goods and supplies, has written letters and donated cell phones. He helped with set up for the "Back to Iraq" Veteran's Day Parade in Westfield.

Justin loves classical music, teaches piano and

sings in Chorale and Choraleers at WHS. In November, he participated with the High School Concert Choir in a performance at Carnegie Hall.

"I'm very grateful to the First Congregational Church for giving me this award," Justin said. "Marc Hardy was an amazing person, and it's a tragedy that he lost his life at such a young age. I'm deeply honored to receive this award, and I hope to continue to uphold Marc's outstanding legacy.

ALJ Hosts Flea Market, **Collectible Show**

CLARK - On Sunday, January 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., a flea market and collectible show will take place at Arthur L. Johnson High School, located at 365 Westfield Avenue in Clark. There is no charge to attend. Clark UNICO sponsors the event.

Exhibitors will have a variety of jewelry, handbags, sports collectibles, scarves and hats, gloves and collectible items. There will be five spaces donated to any school organization that would like to participate as an exhibitor to sell their items, promote their club or an event they may be sponsoring.

For information, call (201) 998-1144 or jepromotions.info.



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Alfred J. 'Chip' Pakenham, 59, Was **Successful Owner of Two Businesses**

Alfred J. "Chip" Pakenham, 59, of Lyme, N.H. died on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at his home, surrounded by family. He never lost his passion for life and family, even throughout his difficult three-year battle with cancer.

Chip was born on May 30, 1951 in Newark, N.J. He grew up in Westfield, N.J., attended Westfield schools, graduated from Croyden Hall Academy in 1969 and attended Campbell College in South Carolina. He began his 20year career in the restaurant industry with the Charlie Brown's chain in New Jersey, and worked his way to accomplishing his dream of becoming a restaurant owner. In 1985, he opened Annie Griffin's Restaurant in Wayne, N.J., named after his Great-Aunt Griff.

Later, with a change in careers, Chip developed Pakenham Home Improvements of Westfield, a successful home improvement and contracting business, where he learned many skills beyond his main role as carpenter. Home renovations became a strong part of his company, and eventually led him and his family to Hanover, N.H., in 1998. When diagnosed with cancer, Chip was back in Westfield, managing the Jolly Trolley, part of the Charlie Brown's chain.

Surviving are his wife, Joan (Skelly) Pakenham; his three daughters, Sharon (Pakenham) Schlosser, Kathryn Pakenham and Megan (Pakenham) Cooney; his six (soon to be seven) grandchildren, and his siblings, George Pakenham, Bobbi Gowan, Diana Nevin, Jan Pakenham Nelson and Meg Stahley.

During his illness, he continually amazed his family with his strength, his selflessness, his wit and his humor. All those who witnessed the way Chip chose to live with cancer would agree that their lives were enriched. A memorial service is planned for this summer in Lyme, N.H.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the VNA and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, P.O. Box 976, White River Junction, Vt. 05001.

Anna T. Graye, 101

Anna T. Graye (Kujalowicz), 101, of Westfield passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 14, at Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains, surrounded by her loving family.

Born and raised in Jersey City, she had lived for many years in Hasbrouck Heights, 20 years in Holiday City in Toms River and the last 25 years in Westfield.

Mrs. Graye was a member of the Rosary Society of Corpus Christi Church in Hasbrouck Heights and St. Justin's Church in Toms River.

She was the beloved wife of the late Philip P. Graye, Sr. (1997) and the devoted mother of Dr. Philip P. Graye, Jr. and his wife, JoAnn. She also will be deeply missed by her four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A grandson, Christopher, predeceased her in 1992.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, January 19, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Burial took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Helping Hands and Hearts of St. Helen's Church, 1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

SP-F School District Posts Return of Kaleidoscope

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district will once again present Kaleidoscope Workshop which, at parental request, will be offered for the first time to grades 2, 3 and 4 and

their parents. A two-session program, Kaleidoscope will be held on Thursdays, February 4 and February 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at McGinn Elementary School, located at 1100 Roosevelt Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Kaleidoscope is an experience in diverse ways of learning and is aimed at helping parents experience how their child learns best in a classroom and at home, using the theory of Multiple Intelligences. The workshop is for both the parents and

While parents participate in an interactive learning experience, children will enjoy fun "Multiple Intelligences"-based activities in an adjacent room. The program costs \$10 per child for both sessions. Participants are required to attend both classes. Space is limited, and registration is mandatory.

To register, send the \$10 registration fee (payable to TIP TOP) to Karen Stone, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, 641 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, N.J.

If interested, people are instructed to



Also: 300 Rt. 37 East Toms River, NJ (732) 349-2350

include their name, address, telephone, email address, child's name and age, along with payment.

To learn more, contact Ms. Stone at (908) 889-8600, extension no. 302, or by e-mail to kstone@spfk12.org. Kaleidoscope is sponsored by a Union County HEART Grant and is offered in conjunction with Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public

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

Plaintiff: CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC VS.

Defendant: THOMAS ANDREW BECKER, SUMMIT BANK, 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 vendue, 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 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.

of Westfield, County of Utilion and Great Street, Jersey.

Premises commonly known as: 410 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Being 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 50.000 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.

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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 Mortgagor, the Mortgagor'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.

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The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
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Obituaries

Charles W. Gulotta, Had Long Career **In Computer Science Technology**

Charles W. Gulotta died on Sunday, January 10, at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Born in Ozone Park, N.Y., he had

lived in Queens and New York City before moving to Westfield in 1970. Charles is survived by his wife, Marilyn S. Gulotta; a daughter, Miriam S. Gulotta and her husband, Todd R. Goldman, as well as a brother, Eugene A. Gulotta of Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. Gulotta was the son of Viola Wagenseil and Anthony J. Gulotta, who both passed away in 1981. His grandmother, Sarah Lefferts Wagenseil Jacquemin, who died in 1976, traced her lineage back to her forebears who arrived in this country on the second voyage of Henry Hudson in 1623.

Mr. Gulotta was a graduate of Far Rockaway High School, N.Y. and Hunter College of City University of New York, where he received his degrees in mathematics and statistics. He then went on to the Courant Institute of Mathematics of New York University in New York, where he did his graduate work for his master's degree. From 1957 until his retirement in 2007, he followed his career of mathematics-related computer science technology.

Over the years he was associated with the following: Home Insurance and Honeywell Corp. with their Application and Technical Support, BBDO Application Development and Statistics for the Advertising Industry, Computer Applications Inc. (CAI) Consultants, Sea Land Inc. of New Jersey Application Development for Containerized Shipping, and in 1987 he received Sea Land's Award of Excellence, for a million dollars plus savings per year in operational expenses. He then worked for Interlink Technologies of New Jersey Application Development.

Private interment was held at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, January 24, at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street in

Arrangements are by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad or to the First Baptist Church of Westfield.

Matthew F. FitzGibbon of Manasquan, N.J. passed away on Friday, January 15, at the age of 76.

Matt was an attorney with Chevron in Perth Amboy for almost 25 years before retiring in 1986 and joining the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer as of counsel for a few years.

Mountainside, N.J., where he was active in the Honorary PBA, including serving as president, and at the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman

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

VS.
Defendant: MICHAEL F. MARINO, PAMELA
MARINO, MARIE BALIATICO, MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC.
AS NOMINEE FOR WEICHERT FINANCIAL
EDWICE PACE NEIDER

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 vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRA-TION 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

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 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 92/100***
\$384,663.92 together with lawful interest and

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfac-Surplus Money. If after the seal and surface tion 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 adver-

Ralph Froehlich 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 <u>& 1/28/10</u> Fee: \$171.36

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

Defendant: CLAUDIA DUPLAA AND GABRIEL TAJES
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 vendue, 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.

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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 Now Lersey.

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 2009 (Base Amount)
\$2.529.32*

\$2,529.32* Sewer: (Base Amount) \$250.00* *Plus interest on these figures through date of payoff and any and all subsequest 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 Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfac-

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Westfield.

A devoted husband, father and

grandfather, Matt was widowed in

2007 when his wife of 50 years,

Helen, passed away. He is survived

by three children, Tom and his wife,

Marjorie, Chris and Kathy Amodio

and her husband, Neal; his grand-

children, TJ, Matt, Melissa, Jessica,

Jared, Francesca, Sean, Ian and

He was predeceased by his

brother, Jim, and sisters, Marie

Donahue, Eileen, Geraldine and

There will be a memorial mass at

10 a.m. today, Thursday, January

21, at the Our Lady of Lourdes

Church in Mountainside, followed

by interment of the ashes at Fairview

In lieu of flowers, donations may

be made to Fordham Prep in the

Cemetery in Westfield.

Owen, and his brother, Richard.

Matthew FitzGibbon, 76, Family Man; **Was Attorney and Active Parishioner**

Catholic Church.

Sister Beatrice.

Matt was born on April 25, 1933 in the Bronx, N.Y., where he attended Fordham Prep ('51). He went on to attend Fordham University, including getting his undergraduate degree from Fordham College ('55) and his law degree from Fordham Law School ('58).

He was a longtime resident of

January 21, 2010 SHERIFF'S SALE

Bronx.

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10000028 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-9564-08 Plaintiff: AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS

VS.
Defendant: DANIEL U. OVIEDO, MRS.
OVIEDO, WIFE OF DANIEL U. OVIEDO, MERS
FOR FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Sale Date: 02/17/2010
Writ of Execution: 11/18/2009

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRA-TION 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 Eighty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventeen and 97/100*** \$688,717.97.

MUNICIPALITY: Mountainside Borough, COUNTY: Union, STATE OF New Jersey STREET AND STREET NO: 1413 Wipporwill Way, TAX BLOCK AND LOT: Block 3.F, Lot 4 DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 122.71 feet x 6 feet NEAREST CROSS STREET: New Providence

NEAREST CROSS STREET: New Providence Hoad SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE Total Upset: ***Seven Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five and 29/ 100***\$764,275.29 together with lawful interest

and costs.
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Fee: \$157.08 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 vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN 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.

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The judgment amount is: ***Twenty Three
Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One and 94/100*** 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 410 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey

07090.

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

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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.

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 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

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Attorney: KOURY, TIGHE, LAPRES, BISCULA & SOMMERS, P.C. 1423 TILTON ROAD SUITE 9 NORTHFIELD, NEW JERSEY 08225 (609) 383-1233 4 T - 1/7, 1/14, 1/21 Fee: \$173.40

Tracy Audrine Cascio, 66, Was Nurse; **Dedicated to Community and Animals**

Tracy Audrine Cascio, a resident of Plainfield, N.J., passed away on Wednesday, January 13, at the age of 66 after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Tracy was born on September 12, 1943 in Arizona to Captain Richard David and Carma Audrine Gruman. The family later relocated to Westfield, N.J., where Tracy graduated from Westfield High School in 1961.

She earned an A.S. degree from Rutgers College of Nursing in 1964, going on to work in the CCU of Overlook Hospital and as the school nurse at Oak Knoll in Summit, N.J.

Tracy was an active member of her community and former president of FOSH (Friends of Sleepy Hollow). Her love for animals led her to work tirelessly with several pet rescue organizations and she was a well-loved

pet sitter in the neighborhood. Surviving are her son, Stacy J. Cascio; her sister, Sunny G. Rosso; her brother, Jeffrey C. Gruman, and her grandchil-

dren, Tristen and Aiden Cascio. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 27, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue. Interment will be at the Revolutionary Cemetery in Westfield immediately following the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Center for Hope Hospice, 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076, or to one's local ASPCA.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Margaret Forgus, 94, Had Been Active In Hospital, Churches and Local Squad

Margaret F. Forgus, 94, of Westfield died on Thursday, January 14, in the Emergency Room of Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Scobeyville, N.J. on August 23, 1915, she was the daughter of Michael and Mary Hawrysz Bordiuk. She had lived in Asbury Park, Long Branch and Mountainside before moving to Westfield in June 1952.

Mrs. Forgus had worked as a commercial artist and also for the U.S. Postal Service, the Westfield Police Department, Children's Specialized Hospital and Overlook Hospital.

She held a Bachelor of Arts degree from Pratt Institute, plus a LPN degree. She was a founding member of the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church of Mountainside and the

Nomahegan Swim Club of Westfield. Mrs. Forgus was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, the Temple Emanu-El Friendship Group and the Westfield AARP, all of Westfield, as well as the Our Lady of

Lourdes Roman Catholic Church Rosary Society, the Mountainside Active Retirees and the Mountainside Seniors, and was a past member of the Mountainside Rescue Squad. She also gave over 25 years of service to Overlook Hospital as a volunteer and minister.

She was married for more than 60 years to Lawrence C. Forgus, who died in 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Robert L. Forgus of Mountainside and James A. Forgus of Westfield, and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 24, at the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

The funeral will be private. Interment will take place at Somerset Hills Memorial Park in Basking Ridge.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield.

January 21, 2010

Ann L. Harris, 94, Devoted to Family; Waterfront Director at Y's and Camps

Ann Louise Harris, 94, of Williamsburg, Va. passed away on Tuesday, January 12. Born in Elizabeth, N.J., she was the daughter of Katharine and Willard Palmer Whitlock, Jr. Ann attended the Vail-Deane School and

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10000163 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-31107-07 Plaintiff: ROMA BANK VS

VS.
Defendant: 218 PARK AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC, ET ALS
Sale Date: 02/17/2010
Writ of Execution: 09/09/2009
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the conclusion of the sales. The judgment amount is: ***Six Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty One and 81/100*** \$625,381.81. 219park.roma

Property Schedule A County of Union State of New Jersey Township of Scotch Plains BLOCK 1802 LOT 13 219 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains. New Jersey

Lot Size: 63 x 164

Nearest Cross Street: Sunset Place Total Upset: ***Six Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight and 25/ 100***\$693,268.25 together with lawful interest Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfacsurplus woney: If after the sale and satisfac-tion 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 4:54-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature

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Ralph Froehlich RUDOLPH A. PALOMBI, JR., ESQUIRE

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1/21, 1/28, 2/4 Fee: \$157.08 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 USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA
HOME EQUITY LOAN, INC. ASSET-BACKED
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-HE1
VS.

CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-HE1
VS.
Defendant: CAROL L. SHEPPARD; WILLIAM
W. SHEPPARD; H/W
Sale Date: 01/27/2010
Writ of Execution: 11/24/2008
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Eighty Two Thousand Sixty One and 66/100***
§182,061.66.
The property to be sold is located in the Bor-

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 taxesis \$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.

costs.

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(009) 232 8E00 (908) 233-8500 File Number: FCZ-93689 4 T - 12/31/09, 1/7, 1/14 & 1/21/10

Fee: \$183.60

graduated from Westover Academy in Connecticut. She was the wife of James Home Harris, Jr., who predeceased her in 1992. Ann had lived in Elizabeth, Hillside, Westfield and Mantoloking, N.J. and Lexington, Va. before moving to Williamsburg in 1991.

An avid swimmer, she had been waterfront director at several camps and YMCAs. Playing cards with her beloved "ByeBucks" group, needlepoint, constructing miniatures and gardening were other favorite pastimes. She was a member of the Elizabeth Town and Country Club, Bay Head and Mantoloking Yacht Clubs and Echo Lake Country Club.

Most of all, she was "Mom" to four surviving children and their spouses, a daughter, Katherine (Cappi) H. Post of Barrington, Ill. and Kiawah Island, S.C.: three sons, John Robin Harris of Okatie, S.C., Richard Archer Harris of Westfield, N.J. and Dr. James Archer Harris of Harrisonburg, Va. She also was Nonnie to 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. A memorial service pending final

arrangements will be held at Woodhaven Manor, Williamsburg Landing. There also will be a service at All Saints Episcopal Church, 500 Lake Avenue, Bay Head, N.J. on Saturday, January 23, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association,

www.alz.org; the Alzheimer Research Foundation, www.alzinfo.org, or to the charity of one's choice. Funeral arrangements are by Bucktrout Funeral Home of Williamsburg. Online condolences may be registered at

www.bucktroutfuneralhome.net. January 21, 2010

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

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
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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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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 \$362.13 open + penalty 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:

Lien: Total Upset: ***Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven and 09/100*** \$311,637.09 together with lawful interest and 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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Theatre volunteers are needed for evenings of events throughout the season to work as concessionaires, ticket takers, ushers, parking assistants, theatre greeters and coat-check assistants.

UCPAC can also use support in the following areas: ushers are needed to assist with taking tickets, seating guests and working at concessions; administrative work such as photocopying, assembling programs, stuffing mailings and other tasks need to be done during the week in the administration office; street teams hang posters, and distribute flyers and coupons to local businesses and restaurants.

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SPFHS Repertory Theatre

Presents Curtains in March

SCOTCH PLAINS - Tickets are now on sale for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) Repertory Theatre's spring 2010 production, Curtains (The Musical Comedy

Whodunit). Curtains ran on Broadway from March 2007 through June 2008, garnering eight Tony nominations, including Best Musical, and one Tony Award for Best Performance by a Leading Actor for David Hyde Pierce.

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Tickets can be purchased by e-mailing reptix@comcast.net. Prices are \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors (age 60 and up) and \$8 for students. Please include performance dates, number and type of tickets and total amount due. Payments by cash or checks should be made out to Scotch Plains-Fanwood Repertory Theatre.

Payments may be mailed with ticket orders or made at the time of tickets pick-up, in the front lobby of SPFHS, on Monday or Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m., beginning Wednesday, February 3. There will be no pickups on Monday, February 15. For questions, call Randi Traiman at (908) 322-6533.

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The event is being held in conjunction with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Enrichment Foundation and the New Jersey Association of Student Councils.

The event will take place at the high school, located at 667 Westfield Road, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Along the left side of building, attendess should enter through door 12.

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Choral Art Society To Perform Rare Mass

By GREG WAXBERG

WESTFIELD — For music lovers who enjoy hearing great choral works, especially rare ones, this weekend's con-

cert by The Choral Art Society of New

Jersey fits the bill perfectly. Under the direction of Music Director James S. Little, the ensemble will perform the Mass in D by John Knowles Paine on Saturday, January 23, at 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Westfield. The soloists for the evening include soprano Ellen Goff Entriken, lyric tenor Kurt Alakulppi

and bass Andrew Martens. Paine, known as "the father of American classical-music composition," founded the first college of music at Harvard University, and the university's concert hall is named for him. He was Harvard's first university organist and choirmaster, and he was Harvard's, as well as the country's, first professor of

Mr. Little first conducted the Mass in D several years ago. "I was looking for something that few, if any, members of the Choral Art Society had ever sung, in the interest of expanding the group's horizons. I'm hoping that the performance will get some people interested in Paine," he said.

After studying organ, piano, harmony,

and composition in his native Portland, Maine, Paine left for Berlin in 1858, when he was 19. There he studied organ 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

According to Mr. Little, the Mass is grand, consisting of a large orchestra and organ, massive choruses and extended solos. "The work is very approachable to the singers, since American choruses are well-versed in 19thcentury composition, as a rule," he said.

In addition to composing and performing, Paine taught harmony, counterpoint, composition, and music history, and is considered a pioneer in establishing music as an academic discipline. He was appointed instructor of music at Harvard in 1862 and became the nation's first full professor of music in 1875.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$20, and \$15 for seniors and students.



Opposites Attract; Saints, Sinners Join Forces in Town

By MEREDITH MANNINO

WESTFIELD – Performing at the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series this weekend, artists Pat Wictor and Toby Walker tore it up with their fabulous finger-picking guitar playing and breezy rapport.

Ahrre Mahros, owner of Ahrre's Coffee Roastery on Elm Street in Westfield, started The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series 10 years ago. All proceeds from the shows go to charity.

Mr. Wictor, a calm, folksy singer/ songwriter, and Mr. Walker, a charismatic, mischievous blues singer, met several years ago. They immediately became friends and went on the road together, naming the tour "The Saints and Sinners," reflecting their quite opposite personalities and

With beautiful, long red hair and a lovely classic folksinger-type voice, Mr. Wictor is captivating. Equally as engaging is his gentle demeanor and his ability to connect with the audience, both of which made for a great

He mentioned he and his wife are making a move – from one Brooklyn apartment to another – and he talked about the feelings that packing and pairing down often incite.

"I don't write a lot of breakup songs, but I may write one about moving," he said.

After playing a blues track - with chorus that goes, "Oh blues, you're the trickster in my house" – Mr. Wictor sang a song about a difficult and turbulent lover.

"Have you ever fallen in love with

"She's a flash flood on an August day / Steady as a leaf in a storm / I'll die of a thickened skin / If her love don't do me in."

That love must have been in Mr. Wictor's past, however, because he shed only positive light on his wife. In sweet and lighthearted fashion, he sang "How Come We Don't Fight?", a number about his super-peaceful relationship with his wife.

"Are you selling me the lie that I'm always right? / I don't mean no harm, and you know you're my sweetie / I don't need a big fight / A

an old gospel number, and then he introduced Mr. Walker. "Toby and I

About five years ago, Mr. Wictor explained, on a way to play a show, he heard Mr. Walker on the radio. Lo and behold, they met at the show and have been friends and colleagues ever since.

Out came Mr. Walker, dressed in black, with a fun, cowboy-like energy. His opening comments to the crowd were, "Remember folks, the blues is not about feeling bad...it's

added to his whole renegade style. Rowdy, in fact, would be an appropriate way to describe Mr. Walker's rugged magnetism.

enjoyable end to a radiant night.

a real piece of work?" he asked the audience, and then described this kind of tumultuous love in vivid de-

little tiff will scratch my itch.'

The folksinger closed his set with were fated to meet," he said.

about me making you feel bad."

Mr. Walker's charming, sexy, troublemaking personality, coupled with his brilliant fingerpicking and blues-style guitar playing, were most appealing. His opening number was a classic blues song about a womanizer: "He's got a way with women / And he's just got a way with mine."

His voice, scratchy and bluesy,

When I was about 14, I got bitten by the blues bug real bad," he told the crowd. With that, he took out a unique silver guitar and performed the classic "Jitterbug Swing." Mr. Walker's rendition was awesome, upbeat and lively. In the crowd, evervone was grooving.

The show culminated with Mr. Wictor and Mr. Walker on stage together. Their styles, voices and personalities truly complemented one another. One of the last numbers was a sing-along; the audience sang the chorus to Mr. Walker's "Give Me That Online Religion," an

Washington School Offers Something to Believe In

WESTFIELD – The 62nd Annual Washington School Show is coming to the stage of Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield this month.

Believe is the story of Abigail, a Westfield High School student, who goes on the popular game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" to save Mindowaskin Park from being turned into a 55-and-older condo community. It is the Westfield version of Slumdog Millionaire.

A Westfield tradition, the Washington School Show promises to be fun for the whole family. More than 100 dedicated Washington School parents have been working for close to a year on the preparation of a script, music, dance choreography, choral arrangements, casting, set building and painting, merchandising, ticket sales, costumes and advertising.

The cast of Believe is: Stan, Jonathan Fishman; Jesse, Eric Lipkind; Abigail, Lani Lipkind; Flashback Abigail, Julie Shanebrook; Dad, Sean Reilly; Producer, Mark Parmelee; Dylan, Bill Fallon; Mom, Silvia Stark; Lexi, Lucy

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 female actress in their 20s, two male actors between 40 and 50, one female actress between 40 and 50, as well as one male and one female dancer (no

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.

Biegler; Bethany, Thea McDevitt; Mayor, Rich Elbert; Clint Sauvage, Joshua Wein; Reporter, Kip Brindle; Friend's Mom, Jackie Samuels-Jaffee; Marty, Tony Cook; Bad to the Bone soloist, Ralph Venturino; Mambo Italiano Soloist, Giulietta Albano; Saturday in the Park Group, Tony Cook, Thea McDevitt, Rich Elbert, Bill Fallon and Giulietta Albano.

Shows are as follows: Friday, January 29, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, January 30, at 1:30 and 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$7 for the Saturday matinee and \$11 for the evening shows. There are a limited number of tickets left for the matinee show. Prices are \$11 for the evening performance and \$7 per ticket for the matinee. Tickets are available for purchase online at westfieldnjk12.org/ washington. Click on "Show" on the left hand menu.

Author Offers History Of Beer, Garden State

CLARK - Author Michael Pellegrino will sign his book, "Jersey Brew, The Story of Beer in New Jersey," at The Garden State Breweriana (Beer collectibles) Show.

The show will take place at the Polish Cultural Foundation, located on 177 Broadway in Clark, on Sunday, January 31, from 10 a.m. to 2

Mr. Pellegrino asked, "What could be better than a beer collectibles show and a book about beer, gangsters, and New Jersey?

He added, "The history of beer in New Jersey is rich with colorful stories of mobsters, early breweries, corrupt politicians, and our state's fierce resistance to Prohibition. Most of these stories have remained untold because they don't teach this stuff in school.'

SPFHS Hosts Annual Dav of Percussion

SCOTCHPLAINS-Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School will host its Annual Day of Percussion on February 6. This all-day event will feature clinics and performances from professional percussionists as well as from many high school and college ensembles in New Jersey. It is an entire day devoted to percussion.

The professional clinicians who will be in attendance are Tommy Igoe, who Modern Drummer Magazine said is "a new drumming power, breathtaking, inventive and disarmingly strong"; Drum Corps International Hall of Famer Thom Hannum; acclaimed world percussionist for Broadway's *The Lion King* Rolando Morales-Matos, and award-winning concert percussionist Greg Giannascoli

There will also be a raffle, prizes, give-a-aways and vendor merchandise displayed for purchase. The event starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m.

High school and college ensembles will perform from 10 a.m. to noon. The first professional performances will start with Mr. Morales-Mato at

There will also be refreshments available throughout the day. Admission is \$3 for children under 12 and \$5 for everyone 12 and over. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School is located at 667 Westfield Road in Scotch

Rutgers, NJIT Continue Partnership

NEWARK - The successful theatrical partnership continues between Rutgers University in Newark and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT).

The Rutgers/NJIT Theatre Arts Program, which taps the combined talents of Rutgers and NJIT students and faculty, will produce two shows in spring 2010, Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street in March and Autobahn by Neil Labute in April.

For information, call (973) 596-3457 or go to theatre@njit.edu.



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