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## WF BOE OKs Three-Year Contract, 3.9-Percent Hike Per Year for WEA

By SONIA OWCHARIW  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — The board of education (BOE) on Tuesday night ratified a three-year contract with the teachers' union — the Westfield Education Association (WEA) — with a vote of 8-0-1. First-year Board member David Finn abstained from voting.

"We don't want to lock ourselves out of additional funds," Mr. Finn said.

The new contract would give teachers pay increases of 3.9 percent for each of the next three years (12.2 percent total compounded).

School officials said the contract included a reduction in health insurance costs of \$977,498.

"We reduced \$1 million in healthcare cost, the contract complies with state mandates, and students' education won't suffer," Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan said.

Business Administrator Robert Berman said the district reduced healthcare costs by eliminating traditional indemnity insurance, increasing in-office visit co-pays and prescriptions, as well as increasing contributions from all employees in a direct access plan.

"Teachers needed to save the district as much money as possible. I don't think Trenton is going to give us money. How do we save money since we don't want to see programs cut

here in Westfield?" said guidance counselor and WEA president, Kim Schumacher.

In addition, the WEA agreed to no increase in first-year teacher salaries, which starts at \$57,286, for the life of the contract and no stipend increase in the first year. The district will have to pay stipend hikes in the last two years of the pact. Officials said these changes will save the district \$65,700 in the 2010-2011 school year. The new contract starts July 1, 2010, and terminates June 30, 2013.

"We are in better shape than we were last year and a better position to see what might happen with the flat aid," Superintendent Dolan added.

According to a press release issued by the BOE Tuesday night, the current average increase to teachers' contracts for Union County school districts is 4.15 percent based on contracts in 16 districts.

The Westfield school district also applied for 59 applications, called extraordinary aid, for special education students. Last year, Westfield filed 61 applications and received \$1,188,000 in aid.

In supporting the teachers' contract board member Jane Clancy said, "We are all in it for the kids."

Board member Ann Cary added, "There are many balls in the air... the contract, the budget, and the state aid."

Board member Alice Hunnicutt said the new contract "was a wonderful collaboration" between the board and the WEA. "We aren't going to lose programs," Mr. Finn said.

"We are in an excellent situation, where we are concerned. And talk about impact, we put our best foot forward each day," concluded Board Vice-President Julia Walker.

During a presentation on the 2010-2011 proposed budget by Mr. Berman, salaries will rise \$1.9 million to \$53,219,586 with health insurance

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WINE ENTHUSIAST...Richard Dreher, Jr. of Les Marmitons of Cranford samples the wine on display at the New York Wine Expo in the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City two weeks ago.

## Garwood and NJ Transit Explore Train Options

By LAUREN S. BARR  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

GARWOOD — Mayor Dennis McCarthy announced at Tuesday night's borough council meeting that he met with members of the consultant team for a possible train station and development project.

He said that representatives from NJ Transit and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) took a "walk and talk tour" along North and South Avenues to get an "overall feel of the borough."

The study is being done at "no cost to the borough," according to Mayor McCarthy, but is being funded by NJ Transit and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Meetings are currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, and Thursday, April 15; each day at the borough hall and the fire department for residents to give ideas for the tentative project. The mayor said that getting input from the residents is "vitally important" and that the borough is considering using their reverse 9-1-1 to alert residents to these meetings.

Councilman Jonathan Linken announced that Hatch Mott McDonald

(HMM) reported on the completed testing samples taken at the proposed site of the athletic complex. The environmental testing showed elevated levels of a banned pesticide in the southwest area, and contaminated "historic fill" in the parking lot area and south of the baseball field. Groundwater testing will now have to be conducted in order to meet DEP requirements. HMM has estimated the work at a cost of \$38,000, which would be covered by the borough's insurance.

Resident John Quattrocchi voiced complaints to the council about traffic backing up on Walnut Avenue. He said that he and his neighbors are unable to get out of their driveways, but voiced particular concern that traffic is blocking the driveway of the rescue squad. He also said that tractor-trailer trucks are coming up and down the street, which he believes to be over the weight limit restrictions.

Bruce Paterson voiced his desire that the council be "looking out for our interests" on issues outside of Garwood, but effect the residents. He cited the resignation of James Casella from the Rahway Valley Sewerage

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CONGRESSIONAL RACE...Ed Potosnak of North Plainfield in his bid for Congress as a Democrat in the Seventh District sat down with The Westfield Leader Assignment Editor Paul Peyton last Thursday to discuss his political views. See story on Page 2.

## Springfield Ave. Bridge Work Could Be Done By August

By FRED T. ROSSI  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — Township officials hope the county's refurbishment of the bridge on Springfield Avenue, near the Canoe Club, will be completed by August, a year after work got underway. At the township committee's regular meeting on Tuesday evening, commissioner David Aschenbach said county officials told him the project is two months ahead of schedule. He also told his colleagues that some consideration would need to be given to repairs at the Canoe Club itself as well as to

some of the streets in the vicinity of the bridge.

In other business, the committee approved six parking-related ordinances, including two that prohibit parking on Romone Place except for residents, two that restrict parking to one hour except for residents on a segment of Springfield Avenue between Penn Road and Doering Way, one that prohibits parking on Centennial Avenue from its intersection with Lincoln Avenue southward about 200 feet, and a sixth ordinance that prohibits parking on the

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## Stop & Shop Seeks to Expand Elm Street Supermarket

By SARA MAGNOLA  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — During their meeting on March 8, the Westfield Zoning Board of Adjustment considered an application from Stop & Shop Supermarket Company for a special meeting to discuss the company's proposed expansion of its Elm Street location.

According to a legal notice placed in the February 25 edition of The Westfield Leader, "Stop and Shop proposes to demolish the existing structures on 195, 203, 219, and 233 Elm Street, to expand and improve the existing retail supermarket building, to expand the parking lot areas, and to make other site improvements." The company has ac-

quired two adjacent buildings, which previously housed a brokerage company and legislative offices.

Stop & Shop's attorney, Howard Geneslaw of the Newark-based Gibbons law firm, explained to the board last Thursday night that in anticipation of the development application, Stop & Shop had requested a determination from Zoning Officer Kathleen Neville on the type of variances required for parking on the street side yard, erecting

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## Five Candidates File For Mountainside BOE

MOUNTAINSIDE — Five candidates have filed for three seats on the Mountainside Board of Education, according to Business Administrator Roderick McLaughlin.

They are: Lauren Elmsblat, Marilyn Atlas-Berney, James Rubin, Christopher Minks and incumbent Carmine Venes. Incumbents Gene Nagel and Raymond Haggard are not seeking reelection to the seven-member board.



Greg Ryan for The Westfield Leader

THE BREAKFAST CLUB...The Rotary Club of Westfield's 43rd Annual Pancake Breakfast drew a crowd this past Saturday. The annual fundraiser supports the Rotary Scholarship Fund. Pictured are: Pat Gray, far left; Lauren Falk, second from right, and Gaile Boothe, far right.

## Corsi Retires; Westfield Transfers Welfare Office to Union County

By MICHAEL J. POLLACK  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Town Council on Tuesday night consented unanimously to an ordinance that transfers the administration of Westfield's Department of Welfare to Union County's Department of Human Services.

The move comes as Westfield's director of Welfare, Lillian Corsi, announced her retirement. The Mountainside resident had worked in the office for 34 years.

Before voting on the transfer and addressing all other new town business, the council retired to executive session to discuss the personnel matter in private.

As reported by The Westfield Leader in its February 11 issue, Ms. Corsi, 62, was arrested on February 4 in the parking lot of the Westfield Municipal Building and charged with driving under the influence, subsequent to the investigation of a motor-vehicle accident.

Speaking to the press after the public meeting, Tuesday, acting Mayor Mark Ciarrocca declined to address the specifics surrounding Ms. Corsi's departure.

"It's a personnel matter...she retired," he said.

He did say that Ms. Corsi would stay employed with the town until the county formally assumes the office on April 1.

"She's still employed and still assisting to make sure that the clients who were provided services are notified of what they have to do and where the services are," he said. "She's still working to make sure we have a smooth

transaction with the county on April 1. It's very important to us to make sure there is as seamless a transition as possible so people are able to get assistance."

Mr. Ciarrocca praised the 34-year employee for the work she has done.

"She was employed by the town for a long period of time," he said. "She provided a lot of very good service to a lot of people. As I've said before, a lot of times, people forget that — just because it's Westfield — there are a lot of people who are in need."

Mr. Ciarrocca said the Finance Policy Committee had discussed merging the Human Services office with the county for at least two years.

"That was always a consideration," he said.

Speaking to the press last week after a conference session, Town Adminis-

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## UCC Closes Observatory Due to Lack of 'Space'

By MICHAEL J. POLLACK  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — The Union County College (UCC) Board of Governors and Board of Trustees have decided to close the Sperry Observatory, which is housed on the Cranford campus, effective July 21, and use the facility for additional classroom space.

"The college is experiencing incredible enrollment growth, possibly connected to the unfortunate economic climate," Patricia McGuire, executive

director of marketing and college communications, told The Westfield Leader. "People that have been laid off are coming back to school or enhancing their careers. We are having space issues and [seek to] reclaim the space the astronomers had used."

The observatory serves as the home of Amateur Astronomers, Incorporated (AAI), a nonprofit organization that is objecting to the college's decision. Two representatives from AAI have made a

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Courtesy of Nick and Lisa Karter

SEEING STARS...The Union County College Board of Governors and Board of Trustees have decided to close the Sperry Observatory, which is housed on the Cranford campus, effective July 21, and use the facility for additional classroom space. The observatory serves as the home of Amateur Astronomers, Incorporated, a nonprofit organization that is objecting to the college's decision.

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Linda Condrillo for The Westfield Leader

ALBINO DEER SIGHTING...An albino deer was recently spotted on W.R. Tracy Drive in Mountainside and is reportedly usually seen with a family of deer (also present in the photo).

## Sperry Observatory Closes

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presentation to the college in hopes of saving the observatory.

"They have asked us to reconsider and the reasons why," Ms. McGuire said. "The college is taking their comments under advisement as we look for ways to meet their needs and fulfill our space needs."

According to AAI's website, asterism.org, Sperry Observatory began as a \$150,000 endowment to the college by Mrs. Frederick W. Beinecke and son, William, and was dedicated on May 21, 1967, in honor of William Miller Sperry, Mrs. Beinecke's father. Mr. Sperry was a local philanthropist and an avid amateur astronomer.

In a letter sent to *The Leader* from Gordon Bond, president of AAI, he writes that the college, "along with closing the observatory, has terminated its 45-year contract with Amateur Astronomers, Inc. (AAI). Through this contract, a mutually beneficial relationship existed, which provided the people of New Jersey with a working observatory run by AAI volunteers."

Speaking to *The Leader* over e-mail, Mr. Bond said AAI had a good working relationship with UCC for 40 years. It was only in the last six years that things became "strained."

"The former UCC administration began asking for things not in our agreement and did not seem to value all that we contributed to the shared mission of education," Mr. Bond said in his e-mail. "At one point, they demanded \$5,000 a year as 'rent' for using the building. Our

agreement has been [that] they would maintain the building, and we would provide the instrumentation and expertise to operate it, along with conducting our programs for the community and the students/faculty."

Mr. Bond said AAI calculated that it would cost UCC to hire people to do what the organization has done for free, based on typical salaries. According to him, a "conservative estimate is around \$90,000 a year."

The observatory houses two of the largest telescopes on the east coast for amateur use. AAI maintains a computer room, a machine shop and an optical shop for amateur telescope-making and repair. The observatory also features a classroom and a library of more than 1,200 books and periodicals. The facility is open to the public every Friday evening throughout the year.

The present plan, according to Mr. Bond, is to "gut" Sperry Observatory and turn it into classroom space. It would no longer serve as an observatory for UCC students or the public.

"Again, the numbers just don't add up," Mr. Bond said. "We would estimate at best they would gain 60 to 80 seats out of an advertised student body population of over 11,000. We appreciate they may be pressed for space, but so meager a gain doesn't justify what they will lose in terms of valued, free resources for their students and good will within the community."

Mr. Bond stressed that regardless of what happens, AAI "remains an active, viable astronomy club." The organization has spoken with other potential host institutions and would move its equipment to a new venue.

However, the possibility that AAI could remain at UCC still exists.

"As word has been getting out of their decision, there has been a grassroots groundswell of support from the public that would appear to have gotten the attention of the UCC Board of Trustees," Mr. Bond said. "They have told us that they are interested in reopening an official [dialogue] with us to see if things can't be worked out. It's still too early to say more at the moment."

## Westfield Leader only

## Freeholders to Vote on Galloping Hill Bunkers

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

ELIZABETH—The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold a public hearing tonight, March 11, prior to voting on an ordinance funding the construction of additional bunkers at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Union. The previous hearing scheduled for February 25 was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

At the board's February 11 agenda-setting meeting, Armando Sanchez, director of golf operations, said between 10 and 12 bunkers would be built. The golf course has been undergoing significant improvements, including construction of a banquet hall, driving range and an education center.

The 34-stall driving range and education center opened in the fall. Twenty of the stalls are covered and heated for year-round use. Upon completion this spring, the range will feature 54 stalls, 40 of which will be covered and heated, and a 40,000 square-foot practice area.

The county also redesigned the remaining six holes on Galloping Hill's nine-hole course, returning the course to a nine-hole, par-33 layout. Galloping Hill also has a 27-hole course.

At last Thursday's regular freeholder meeting, Cranford resident Jim Buettner recommended that the county use "the same free labor that destroyed the bunkers at Oak Ridge" Golf Course when it was shut down last year.

Kenilworth resident John Bury called the additional bunkers "a dumb idea."

In other business, Vivian Baker of NJ Transit thanked the board for its support of a resolution supporting the redevelopment plan for a Transit Friendly Village around the area of the Garwood Train Station.

She said the agency has been working with the borough to provide additional train service for commuters. The borough has adopted its master plan "to support transit-oriented development," she said.

"We are very, very excited to work with the borough and work with the county," Ms. Baker told the board.

Tom Vick of Westfield, executive director of Jewish Family Services, thanked the board for approving a resolution authorizing a \$145,920 contract with the agency. He said the funds would be used to support home-health aid, homemaker and nursing services in private homes of elderly residents.

"The array of services that Jewish Family Services can provide as a result of funding from Union County Department of Human Services and also through the Division on Aging has really helped us to prevent institutionalization of frail elderly

people into nursing homes," he said, noting that the elderly prefer to live in their own homes as opposed to nursing homes.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Mr. Buettner questioned the board as to why the bylaws of the county's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board have been changed. He said the original set of bylaws were "to recommend acquisition of lands for park purposes" and to "maintain open communication with Union County residents" and the freeholders.

The new bylaws, he said, include improving "the quality of life of Union County residents," "to cultivate and maintain a variety of passive, active and social experiences related to the Union County Park System," and "to uphold the tradition of excellence and character of the Union County Park System."

Robert Barry, Union County counsel, said the previous bylaws were adopted in the early 1990s, "long before we established an Open Space Trust Committee and created the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund." He said with the creation of the Open Space Fund, "there were duplications...so there was a necessity to amend the bylaws for the parks (and recreation advisory board) to make it more in line with the current operations."

"It leaves me a little bit confused as to what the actual role now of this board is," Mr. Buettner said. "I feel we are on a slippery slope... This group has been completely stripped of any goals and objectives that meets with any dissemination of information to help taxpayers and citizens know what's going on."

On another matter, Mr. Bury read a list of questions concerning the 2010 county budget on behalf of the Union County Watchdog Association. He asked for the surplus balance as of December 31, 2009, prior to the anticipation of using \$24 million of this year's budget, what additional revenues are expected from parks and recreation in 2010, and what are the \$1.9 million in additional expenses in golf operations this year.

Mr. Bury said overtime has been budgeted at \$12 million in County Manager George Devanney's 2010 executive budget.

"Are you trying to limit the number of employees for benefits purposes or is this the ideal amount or are you making any efforts to hire or eliminate overtime?" Mr. Bury asked.

Freeholder Deborah Scanlon reminded county residents that the county's St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held this Saturday, March 13, beginning at 1 p.m. on Morris Avenue in Union.

## Cranford Council

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south side of Lincoln Avenue from Walnut Avenue to High Street.

The committee also passed a resolution waiving interest on property taxes that were paid a day late last month. Mayor Mark Smith said that, although the tax office was open on February 11, the heavy snowfall had made it difficult for residents to travel to the municipal building to make their quarterly payment due that day. Those who braved the elements on February 11 to make their payment may have been charged late-payment interest that will now be refunded.

Another resolution was passed requesting the state to establish municipal service fees that would be paid to a municipality — in this case Cranford — by students attending colleges and universities — such as Union County College — that would, said Mayor

Smith, be used to help offset local costs for various services used by the college and its students, [such as police and fire services].

Commissioner David Robinson said the police department has issued summons to a trash hauler that had been starting its residential collections earlier than the mandated 6 a.m. Calling it a "quality-of-life issue," he said ordinances pertaining to trash collection will be enforced so that haulers are not in residential areas too early.

Mayor Smith also read a proclamation designating March as DeMolay Month in Cranford. The DeMolay organization, comprised of young men aged 12-21, is a civic service group.

The committee's next regular meeting is Tuesday, March 23.



David Samsky for The Westfield Leader

STAMPS GALORE...Various stamp collectors inspect the vertical display and boxed lots at the Westfield Stamp Club's 48th annual stamp show held last Saturday in the community room of the Westfield Municipal Center.

## Westfield Town Council

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trator Jim Gildea said TV-36 would see new leadership in the coming weeks. Shortly, the town will announce that it has replaced former director of operations Jamie Lynn Drohan with Ruben Rodriguez, who served as a TV-36 television editor and graphics supervisor, as well as a part-time camera operator for the station.

Mr. Gildea said, "There's still no change in how the department operates; it's still a part-time director and the part-time office staff."

He also said the town is "actually

reducing the operating budget considerably" because capital improvements that occurred in 2009, such as equipment purchases, were done on a one-time basis and will not be recurring.

Jennifer Sanguiliano visited the Westfield Council, Tuesday, to announce that the Quest for the Cure, a 5K Run/Walk, will take place at Echo Lake Park on Sunday, April 18, at 10 a.m., with check in at 8:30 a.m.

The event is presented by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Westfield Running Company and Sanguiliano Garden Center. All proceeds from this run/walk will benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. To learn more, call Kelli Toner at (908) 956-6620 or e-mail her at kelli.toner@lls.org.

Mr. Ciarrocca gave a presentation at the beginning of the council meeting, proclaiming March as Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad Month.

The rescue squad has provided pre-hospital emergency care for 59 years. The organization renders aid and assistance to more than 30,000 people in Westfield and neighboring towns. On average, the squad responds to 2,500 emergency medical-service calls each year.

Referring to the squad, Mr. Ciarrocca said, "Nobody abides the spirit of volunteerism more than you do."

Susan Lagano, a squad member since 2008, said the organization is looking for volunteers, including dispatchers, who can contribute "for as little as four hours a week." To learn more, visit westfieldrescuesquad.org.

## Garwood

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Authority (RVSA) after working there for three years. Mr. Paterson stated that Mr. Casella had worked other jobs, which allowed him to contribute to the state pension system and would have allowed him to retire with a pension of about \$5,000 a year. But because of current state pension rules, after working only three years at the RVSA, Mr. Casella will retire with a pension of approximately \$37,000.

He said that "schemes like this" are the reason that the state pension system is running out of funds, and voiced concern for public employees who may not be able to collect after working for many years.

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# Climate Change Discourse Heats Up at Fanwood Council Meeting

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

FANWOOD — Climate change was back in the spotlight again at Tuesday night's monthly borough council meeting.

Last week, at the governing body's agenda meeting, Mayor Colleen Mahr and the council discussed a draft proclamation, proposed by the borough's Environmental Commission, to have Fanwood participate in Earth Hour later this month.

Sponsored by the World Wildlife Foundation, Earth Hour encourages towns, businesses and residents to

turn off or dim their lights as much as possible from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27.

Republican first-term councilman Robert Manduca, at last week's meeting, disagreed with the language of the proclamation pertaining to "fighting climate change," and suggested revising it to encourage resource conservation, instead.

Several days ago, Mr. Manduca also submitted an editorial that was posted on an Internet news site, alluding that the Earth Hour proclamation came from Democratic Mayor Mahr's office and is part of a statewide politi-

cal campaign eventually intended to set the stage for increasing gasoline and electricity taxes.

Tuesday night's meeting was attended by Democratic Assemblywoman Linda Stender (LD-22, Fanwood), who noted that she is the sponsor of an Earth Hour resolution passed with "bi-partisan support" last week by the full General Assembly.

Mrs. Stender characterized Earth Hour as "the largest call to action on climate change in history."

"I know there are conversations about whether [man-made climate change] is real or not," Mrs. Stender said. "This is something where we have a chance to bring some awareness" as to the effects of climate change.

All council members except Mr. Manduca appeared to generally support the Earth Hour proclamation Tuesday night.

"I appreciate the intent," said Mr. Manduca. "But [the proclamation] still talks about action on climate change," he said, echoing his comments last week suggesting there is no scientific proof of man-made climate change.

Mayor Mahr responded, "I'm very concerned with how this issue...has actually resulted in attacks on my character; I cannot allow that to go unchecked."

"If this is the type of divisive politics you want to play, I say 'do it,' but don't expect me to stand by and take it," Mayor Mahr said to Mr. Manduca, who was unable to get the floor for a reply.

"I don't get to respond to your theater crap?" asked Mr. Manduca.

"No," replied Mayor Mahr. She thanked the Environmental Commission for its efforts on the proclamation, and noted that the borough will participate in Earth Hour by turning off or dimming "non-essential" lights, and then moved forward with the rest of the meeting's agenda.

Councilman Anthony Parenti said the governing body's Administration and Finance Committee met with the Police and Public Works Departments recently as part of efforts to review the municipal budget "line by line."

As a result, Mr. Parenti said, "We have been able to eliminate some duplication...and save money, without reducing services."

Councilman Parenti said other borough department heads will be asked to "reduce their budgets to the best of their ability and as best as they can." Mr. Parenti said "we cannot say much more" about the municipal budget, which has not yet been introduced, until Governor Chris Christie delivers his state budget address this Tuesday, March 16.

"We're going to need every dime we can get from the state to keep taxes down," said Mr. Parenti. "We will continue to work to keep that 20 percent [of the budget] that we do control as low as possible."

In other business, the governing body approved resolutions changing



IRISH EYES...About 100 Girl Scouts in Fanwood-Scotch Plains gather February 19 to celebrate their "sisterhood" with Girl Scouts around the world. Each of the 12 troops prepared an exhibit of countries including traditional food, clothing, language and landmarks. Among them were India, France, Greece, Poland, Tahiti, Japan and Kenya. Pictured with two scouts is Troop 40500 Leader Janet Lambert.

## Zoning Bd. Honors Former Chairman Jim Fawcett

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

SCOTCH PLAINS — The township's zoning board of adjustment last Thursday paid tribute to its former chairman, Jim Fawcett, whose 15-year tenure ended when he was not reappointed at the beginning of this year.

After presenting Mr. Fawcett with a plaque acknowledging his "long-time service," Board Chairman Ken Anderson told Mr. Fawcett that it had been "an incredible pleasure to work with you." Mr. Anderson, whose tenure on the board predates Mr. Fawcett's, also read a letter from former Mayor Martin Marks extolling Mr. Fawcett's service.

Other board members weighed in with accolades of their own, including Vice-Chairman Tim Livolsi, whose tenure on the board also predates Mr. Fawcett's. Mr. Livolsi said the former chairman "operated with the highest level of integrity." Board member Rich Duthie told Mr. Fawcett that he "did this job with class," a sentiment echoed by board member Jim Pate. Board member Brian Doyle said Mr. Fawcett "guided the board" and that he would be missed.

Karen Steele, who joined the board last year, told Mr. Fawcett she had "learned a lot from you."

Board member Susan Dinan told the former chairman that she "admired the way you handled each and every case."

Mr. Fawcett spoke for 10 minutes, saying he "enjoyed every minute" of his time as a board member. He said the zoning board was "relatively apolitical. We did our job...out of the limelight." He expressed hope that he "always chaired with an even hand," and recalled the "wonderful relationship" he had with previous township mayors such as Mr. Marks and several of his predecessors, dating back to the 1990s, including Geri Samuel, Robert Johnston and William McClintock.

Later, Mr. Fawcett briefly alluded to Mayor Nancy Malool's decision

not to reappoint him to the board this year, saying only that it was "her prerogative" and that he was not shocked by the move.

Mr. Fawcett characterized the board in ways that choked him up briefly as he recalled the numerous personal milestones he and his colleagues had marked together over the years, including the births of children and grandchildren, marriages and children's achievements. He singled out Board Secretary Barbara Horev for praise and called Board Attorney Vince Loughlin "diligent" and "responsive." Mr. Fawcett spoke to each of the eight board members in attendance last week, praising all and offering words of encouragement to the newer members. "The board is in excellent hands," he concluded.

Before finishing his remarks, Mr. Fawcett warned the board of future challenges, saying that Scotch Plains still has "many parcels of land" ripe for development. He singled out the Parker Greenhouse property on Terrill Road, Bowcraft Amusement Park on Route 22 and Shackamaxon Country

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CONGRESSIONAL RACE...Ed Potosnak of North Plainfield, in his bid for Congress as a Democrat in the Seventh District, sat down with The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times Assignment Editor Paul Peyton last Thursday to discuss his political views. See story on Page 2.

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MARKETING TROPHIES...Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students won first place in Creative Marketing at the state DECA career development conference in Cherry Hill on February 28. The students are producing a business directory for the Special Improvement District in Scotch Plains. Pictured, from left to right, are: seniors Mike Burke, Nick Jastrzebski and Lauren Harnett with Steve Goldberg from Family Investors, senior Alex Davis and Tom Cusmano of Park Avenue Printing. See release on page 16.

## SP Zoning Bd. Opens Hearing On Cell Tower In Hillside Cemetery

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

SCOTCH PLAINS — The township's zoning board of adjustment last week held the first of what is likely to be several months of hearings on an application by T. Mobile and Verizon Wireless to install a cellular antenna tower in Hillside Cemetery.

Close to 100 residents — from both Scotch Plains and Edison — attended last Thursday's hearing, which lasted about 75 minutes before being adjourned due to the late hour. Attorney Frank Ferraro, speaking on behalf of the applicants, said the proposed 125-foot-high monopole would house nine T. Mobile antennas at the 118-foot level and 12 Verizon antennas 10 feet lower. The pole would be situated at the end of Frank Street off Raritan Road, at the southern end of the 129-acre cemetery, which is the final resting spot for a varied array of luminaries ranging from U.S. Senators and Congressmen to 1950s Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher Joe Black to comedian Dudley Moore.

Several variances are being requested, including a use variance, since cell towers are prohibited by local ordinance, a height variance and a fence height variance.

Mr. Ferraro cited a "significant gap" in service coverage as a reason for needing the new structure, which he described as a "stealth tree monopole," similar, according to renditions shown, to the green branch-covered monopole alongside the Garden State Parkway just south of Exit 135. He said space would also be made available for Scotch Plains emergency services antennas, if needed.

Glenn Pierson, a radio frequency engineer, testified for an hour and reviewed maps detailing what he said were "dead zones" in service for both

T. Mobile and Verizon. He said the height of the proposed pole was due to a need for the antennas to be above what he called "clutter," meaning tall trees that could interfere with signals.

Mr. Ferraro told the board he would call three other expert witnesses — a professional engineer, a professional planner and a radio frequency emissions expert — as the hearing moves forward.

As with past cell tower applications, residents living nearby the proposed site are expected to voice their opposition, and in some cases will

have legal representation in presenting a formal case in objection. A planning representative from the City of Plainfield, which borders the cemetery, is expected to speak to the board about the application.

Edison Councilman Robert Karabinchak told The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times he would speak on behalf of a number of Edison residents who live in his district near the cemetery and are opposed to the application.

The hearing will resume at a special meeting of the board on April 15.

## UCC Closes Observatory Due to a Lack of Space

By MICHAEL J. POLLACK  
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

CRANFORD — The Union County College (UCC) Board of Governors and Board of Trustees have decided to close the Sperry Observatory, which is housed on the Cranford campus, effective July 21 and use the facility for additional classroom space.

"The college is experiencing incredible enrollment growth, possibly connected to the unfortunate economic climate," Patricia McGuire, executive director of marketing and

college communications, told The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times. "People that have been laid off are coming back to school or enhancing their careers. We are having space issues and [seek to] reclaim the space the astronomers had used."

The observatory serves as the home of Amateur Astronomers, Incorporated (AAI), a nonprofit organization that is objecting to the college's decision. Two representatives from AAI have made a presentation to the col-

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Courtesy of Nick and Lisa Karter

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## Springfield Ave. Bridge Work Could Be Done By August

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

CRANFORD — Township officials hope the county's refurbishment of the bridge on Springfield Avenue near the Canoe Club, will be completed by August, a year after work got underway. At the township committee's regular meeting on Tuesday evening, commissioner David Aschenbach said county officials told him the project is two months ahead of schedule. He also told his colleagues that some consideration would need to be given to repairs at the Canoe Club itself as well as to some of the streets in its vicinity of the bridge.

In other business, the committee approved six parking-related ordinances, including two that prohibit parking on Romone Place except for residents, two that restrict parking to one hour except for residents on a segment of Springfield Avenue between Penn Road and Doering Way, one that prohibits parking on Centennial Avenue from its intersection with Lincoln Avenue southward about 200 feet, and a sixth ordinance that prohibits parking on the south side of Lincoln Avenue from Walnut Avenue to High Street.

The committee also passed a resolution waiving interest on property taxes that were paid a day late last month. Mayor Mark Smith said that, although the tax office was open on February 11, the heavy snowfall had made it difficult

for residents to travel to the municipal building to make their quarterly payment due that day. Those who braved the elements on February 11 to make their payment may have been charged late-payment interest that will now be refunded.

Another resolution was passed requesting the state to establish municipal service fees that would be paid to a municipality — in this case Cranford — by students attending colleges and universities — such as Union County College — that would, said Mayor Smith, be used to help offset local costs for various services used by the college and its students, [such as police and fire services].

Commissioner David Robinson said the police department has issued summons to a trash hauler that had been starting its residential collections earlier than the mandated 6 a.m. Calling it a "quality of life issue," he said ordinances pertaining to trash collection will be enforced so that haulers are not in residential areas too early.

Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 686 led the committee in reciting the pledge of allegiance at the start of the meeting. Mayor Smith also read a proclamation designating March as DeMolay Month in Cranford. The DeMolay organization, comprised of young men aged 12-21, is a civic service group.

The committee's next regular meeting is Tuesday, March 23.

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## Sperry Observatory

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lege in hopes of saving the observatory.

"They have asked us to reconsider and the reasons why," Ms. McGuire said. "The college is taking their comments under advisement as we look for ways to meet their needs and fulfill our space needs."

According to AAI's website, asterism.org, Sperry Observatory began as a \$150,000 endowment to the college by Mrs. Frederick W. Beinecke and son William, and was dedicated on May 21, 1967, in honor of William Miller Sperry. Mrs. Beinecke's father, Mr. Sperry was a local philanthropist and an avid amateur astronomer.

In a letter sent to *The Times* from Gordon Bond, president of AAI, he writes that the college, "along with closing the observatory, has terminated its 45-year contract with Amateur Astronomers, Inc. (AAI). Through this contract, a mutually beneficial relationship existed, which provided the people of New Jersey with a working observatory run by AAI volunteers."

Speaking to *The Times* over e-mail, Mr. Bond said AAI had a good working relationship with UCC for 40 years. It was only in the last six years that things became "strained."

"The former UCC administration began asking for things not in our agreement and did not seem to value all that we contributed to the shared mission of education," Mr. Bond said in his e-mail. "At one point, they demanded \$5,000 a year as 'rent' for using the building. Our agreement has been [that] they would maintain the building, and we would provide the instrumentation and expertise to operate it, along with conducting our programs for the community and the students/faculty."

Mr. Bond said AAI calculated what it would cost UCC to hire people to

do what the organization has done for free, based on typical salaries. According to him, a "conservative estimate is around \$90,000 a year."

The observatory houses two of the largest telescopes on the east coast for amateur use. AAI maintains a computer room, a machine shop and an optical shop for amateur telescope-making and repair. The observatory also features a classroom and a library of more than 1,200 books and periodicals. The facility is open to the public every Friday evening throughout the year.

The present plan, according to Mr. Bond, is to "gut" Sperry Observatory and turn it into classroom space. It would no longer serve as an observatory for UCC students or the public.

"Again, the numbers just don't add up," Mr. Bond said. "We would estimate at best they would gain 60 to 80 seats out of an advertised student body population of over 11,000. We appreciate they may be pressed for space, but so meager a gain doesn't justify what they will lose in terms of valued, free resources for their students and good will within the community."

Mr. Bond stressed that regardless of what happens, AAI "remains an active, viable astronomy club." The organization has spoken with other potential host institutions and would move its equipment to a new venue.

However, the possibility that AAI could remain at UCC still exists.

"As word has been getting out of their decision, there has been a grassroots groundswell of support from the public that would appear to have gotten the attention of the UCC Board of Trustees," Mr. Bond said. "They have told us that they are interested in reopening an official [dialogue] with us to see if things can't be worked out. It's still too early to say more at the moment."

## Freeholders to Vote on Galloping Hill Bunkers

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

ELIZABETH — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold a public hearing tonight, March 11, prior to voting on an ordinance funding the construction of additional bunkers at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Union. The previous hearing scheduled for February 25 was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

At the board's February 11 agenda-setting meeting, Armando Sanchez, director of golf operations, said between 10 and 12 bunkers would be built. The golf course has been undergoing significant improvements, including construction of a banquet hall, driving range and an education center.

The 34-stall driving range and education center opened in the fall. Twenty of the stalls are covered and heated for year-round use. Upon completion this spring, the range will feature 54 stalls, 40 of which will be covered and heated, and a 40,000 square-foot practice area.

The county also redesigned the remaining six holes on Galloping Hill's nine-hole course, returning the course to a nine-hole, par-33 layout. Galloping Hill also has a 27-hole course.

At last Thursday's regular freeholder meeting, Cranford resident Jim Buettner, recommended that the county use "the same free labor that destroyed the bunkers at Oak Ridge" Golf Course when it was shut down last year.

Kenilworth resident John Bury called the additional bunkers "a dumb idea."

In other business, Vivian Baker of NJ Transit thanked the board for its support of a resolution supporting the redevelopment plan for a Transit Friendly Village around the area of the Garwood Train Station.

She said the agency has been working with the borough to provide additional train service for commuters. The borough has adopted its master plan "to support transit-oriented development," she said.

"We are very, very excited to work with the borough and work with the county," Ms. Baker told the board.

Tom Vick of Westfield, executor director of Jewish Family Services, thanked the board for approving a resolution authorizing a \$145,920 contract with the agency. He said the funds would be used to support home-health aid, homemaker and nursing services in private homes of elderly residents.

"The array of services that Jewish Family Services can provide as a result of funding from Union County Department of Human Services and also through the Division on Aging has really helped us to prevent institutionalization of frail elderly people into nursing homes," he said.

During public comment, Mr. Buettner asked the board why the bylaws of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board have been changed. He said the original bylaws were "to recommend acquisition of lands for park purposes" and to "maintain open communication with Union County residents" and the freeholders.

The new bylaws, he said, include improving "the quality of life of Union County residents, to cultivate and maintain a variety of passive, active and social experiences related to the Union County Park System," and "to uphold the tradition of excellence and character of the Union County Park System."

Robert Barry, Union County council, said the previous bylaws were adopted in the early 1990s, "long before we established an Open Space Trust Committee and created the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund." He said with the creation of the Open Space Fund, "there were

duplications...so there was a necessity to amend the bylaws for the parks (and recreation advisory board) to make it more in line with the current operations."

"It leaves me a little bit confused as to what the actual role now of this board is," Mr. Buettner said. "I feel we are on a slippery slope... This group has been completely stripped of any goals and objectives that meets with any dissemination of information to help taxpayers and citizens know what's going on."

On another matter, Mr. Bury read a list of questions concerning the 2010 county budget on behalf of the Union County Watchdog Association. He asked for the surplus balance as of December 31, 2009, prior to the anticipation of using \$24 million of this year's budget, what additional revenues are expected from parks and recreation in 2010, and what are the \$1.9 million in additional expenses in golf operations this year.

Mr. Bury said overtime has been budgeted at \$12 million in County Manager George Devanney's 2010 executive budget.

"Are you trying to limit the number of employees for benefits purposes or is this the ideal amount or are you making any efforts to hire or eliminate overtime?" Mr. Bury asked.

Freeholder Deborah Scanlon reminded county residents that the county's St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held this Saturday, March 13, beginning at 1 p.m. on Morris Avenue in Union.

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the health and dental plans for borough employees.

Councilman Parenti said the new dental and health plans offer the same or similar coverage, with employees actually paying less for dental coverage.

Mr. Parenti said by joining the state health plan, the borough will save money by delaying two months worth of payments until later in the year, resulting in a "\$140,000 savings in this budget which we sorely need."

"As a council, we feel this is the best way for us to hold the line on escalating health care costs," Mayor Mahr said.

Also Tuesday night, the borough council approved a resolution setting a new commercial sewer rate for local businesses.

Borough Attorney Dennis Etris explained that the measure charges a flat \$100 sewer rate for up to 80,000 gallons of water used; the old threshold had been 90,000 gallons. Businesses using more than 80,000 gallons will pay additional fees for sewer service.

## Fawcett

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Club as possible future targets of developers, who he said will "be back" once the economy improves. He said it is "all but guaranteed" that the zoning board will be considering major development applications in coming years.

Mr. Fawcett continues to serve as president of the Scotch Plains Fanwood Soccer Association, which now has about 2,000 participants, he told *The Times*.

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# NJ Transit Announces Fare Hikes, Staff Cuts

NEWARK — Citing a looming \$300-million budget deficit for the coming fiscal year, NJ Transit has announced plans to increase fares by 25 percent system-wide and trim service proportionate to recent ridership declines. Fare hikes will take effect May 1.

In addition to the service cuts, NJ Transit has announced a spending freeze and plans to layoff 200 employees, rollback spending on retirement accounts, and cut executive salaries.

A total of more than \$30 million in reductions have been identified to help solve a combined \$300 million budget gap officials have projected for the Fiscal Year 2010 and 2011 budgets. NJ Transit officials said the force reduction represents about 2 percent of the total workforce, and includes both union and non-union employees.

The corporation's contributions to employee 401K accounts will be reduced by a third and executive salaries will be cut 5 percent. These reductions follow in the wake of hiring and salary freezes that began last year, as well as unpaid furloughs for administrative (non-union) employees.

"These are extremely painful steps, but unavoidable ones. We must close our serious budget shortfall, and we at NJ Transit must do our part by making this the leanest, most efficient agency possible, without compromising safety," Executive Director James Weinstein said. Mr. Weinstein said the workforce reduction would be the deepest one-year reduction in the agency's 30-year history.

NJ Transit officials expect fare hikes to generate more than \$140 million in additional revenue.

On the service side, the agency proposes to eliminate 32 of 725 commuter trains, with at least two trains scheduled for elimination on each of the system's 11 lines. Bus customers would experience reduced service frequency on about 50 routes system-wide.

Frequency of Newark Light Rail service between Broad Street and Newark Penn stations would decrease during weekday midday hours from every 15 minutes to every 30 minutes; Sunday service would operate every 25 minutes, rather than every 20 minutes.

"We recognize that any (fare) increase is a burden for our customers, particularly during a recession," Mr. Weinstein said. "However, we have worked to keep local bus fares below the regional average and preserved some important discounts for seniors and people with disabilities, as well as for students and others who are

among the most transit dependent."

The Tri-State Transportation Campaign, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing car dependency in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, said the service cuts and fare hikes "will have a devastating effect on transit riders, forcing people to pay more for less service, longer commutes and more crowded buses and trains."

"Governor Christie's recent slashing of NJ Transit by \$33 million and refusal to raise fees for drivers, is inequitable," according to a Tri-State Transportation Campaign statement. "The system-wide service cuts, including longer wait times on 50 bus routes and every train line, will worsen commutes for all transit users but will have a disproportionate impact on bus riders."

The campaign said that with the 25-percent hike NJ Transit fares will have increased by 68 percent in the past decade while ridership is up 16 percent.

"The Tri-State Transportation Campaign calls on Governor (Chris) Christie to restore funding to NJ Transit, and urges state legislators to stand up for all their constituents. Balancing the state's budget woes on the backs of those who can least afford it is unfair," according to the Campaign's statement. The organization has advocated for a 10-cent per gallon increase in the state's gasoline tax, saying it would cost the average household \$93 more per year but much less than the agency's fair hikes.

NJ Transit has scheduled public hearings in 11 locations from March 25 to 27. The hearings and information sessions will be held evenings and on Saturdays. More information is available at [njtransit.com/budget](http://njtransit.com/budget). Among the hearings is one scheduled for Thursday, March 25, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the boardroom of NJ Transit headquarters, One Penn Plaza East, Newark.

## Troon Golf to Manage Shackamaxon Club

SCOTCH PLAINS — Troon Golf has been selected to manage the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains.

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## Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times

### New Brunswick to Pay \$1.4 Mil. In Vacation, Sick Time to Retirees

The City of New Brunswick will pay \$1.4 million in payouts for accumulated vacation and sick time to six retiring employees, *The Star-Ledger* reported. Police Director Anthony Caputo, who completed his 26-year career, will receive \$376,234, including \$265,732 for unused vacation time and \$110,502 for accrued sick time. His pension will be over \$115,000.

The other four officers are: Capt. Leslie Levine, 27 years on the force, \$310,079 for unused vacation and sick time and a pension of \$103,933; Lt. Paul Schuster, 36 years on the force, \$277,489 for unused vacation and sick time; Police Sgt. William Oels, 30 years on the force, \$219,050, and 26-year veteran Sgt. Stanley Fenkel will receive \$115,534. Deputy Fire Chief Nicholas Grischuck will get \$159,161 for sick and vacation time after 30 years with the city.

### Lawmaker Unveils Plan to Freeze Salaries of Public Workers

Assemblyman Joseph Malone (R-Burlington) has introduced legislation that would freeze the salaries of New Jersey public workers for up to three years and would keep property taxes at current levels.

In response, state Communications Worker of America union spokeswoman Hetty Rosenstein told the *Star-Ledger* that Mr. Malone's legislation would result in the "dismantling of collective bargaining." She said unions would fight any effort to override their contracts in the courts.

### FDU Poll: Christie Approval Rating at 52 Percent

Fifty-two percent of New Jersey voters approve of the way Governor Chris Christie is handling his job so far, according to the most recent poll by Fairleigh Dickinson University's PublicMind Poll.

Republicans approve of the governor 74 percent to 7 percent, a ratio of 10-to-one, while Democrats are split with 38 percent approving and 33 percent disapproving. Independents approve of Mr. Christie's job performance, 43 percent to 17 percent.

Voters in the public pension system, however, give the governor a thumbs down, with 35 percent approving of the new governor and 46 percent disapproving.

"No surprise there," said Peter Woolley, a political scientist and director of the poll. "Public employees are on the defensive. But there is a wider range of opinion among public

servants than their interest group leaders let on."

### AC Expressway Authority Cited For 'Gross Waste, Mismanagement'

A report by the New Jersey's Inspector General's Office has reported South Jersey Transportation Authority, which operates the Atlantic City Expressway and Atlantic City International Airport, "lacked sufficient controls and oversight in many important areas, leading to gross waste and mismanagement of state funds."

The authority had \$91 million in revenues and \$23 million in unrestricted reserves as of 2008.

### N.Y. State Police Chief Resigns Over Paterson Admin. Scandal

The Associated Press has reported that New York State Police Superintendent Harry Corbett has resigned amid a domestic violence scandal threatening Gov. David Paterson.

He is the second law enforcement official to quit over a scandal. Deputy Secretary for Public Safety Denise O'Donnell resigned two weeks ago. According to news reports, a police official had contact with a woman who accused Paterson aide David Johnson of assault last fall. The woman dropped her case against the aide soon after.

Mr. Corbett's boss, Deputy Secretary for Public Safety Denise O'Donnell, resigned a week ago. Gov. Paterson announced last week that he would not seek a full term. He has been pressured to resign over the scandal.

### Berkeley Heights Mayor Resigns for Trenton Post

Berkeley Heights Mayor David Cohen, a labor attorney, is resigning as mayor effective March 14 to take a job as director of the Governor's Office of Employee Relations in the Christie Administration, according to the *Star-Ledger*. Council President Joseph Bruno will assume the duties of mayor. The council will select a new mayor from a list of three names to be provided by the township's Republican Committee.

### NJAC Exec. Director Retires Following Uproar Over Salary

Celeste Carpiano, executive director of the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC), will retire at the end of the year, the *Star-Ledger* has reported. The retirement comes after freeholder boards in Morris, Sussex and Warren counties threatened to withhold their NJAC dues over the \$205,000 salary paid to Ms. Carpiano. Each of the 20-member counties pay \$10,000 in membership dues to NJAC.

Somerset County Freeholder Peter Palmer, NJAC president, said a search for a new director has begun.

# Potosnak Wants to End Gridlock in Washington

By PAUL J. PEYTON

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Running in an election year that favors Republicans does not phase former chemistry teacher-turned Congressional aid Ed Potosnak of North Plainfield in his bid for Congress as a Democrat in the Seventh District. Nor does the fact that this district leans Republican. He is the only Democrat in the race at this time. Republicans include incumbent freshman Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) of Clinton (Hunterdon County), Bruce Baker of Westfield, Lon Hosford of Alexandria (Hunterdon County) and David Larsen of Oldwick (Somerset County).

The candidate, currently unchallenged in the June 8 Democratic Primary, said he wants to bring his "real work experience" in working for his family-owned small business, which makes communications equipment for first-responders, and running his own home improvement business, as well as his "proven ability to get things done in Washington, D.C." as an aid to Rep. Mike Honda (D-Calif.).

"I just can't sit on the sidelines and not get involved... I am just very frustrated by the gridlock [in Washington]," Mr. Potosnak said.

The candidate, who taught chemistry for eight years at Bridgewater-Raritan High School, went to the nation's capital as an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow for math and science teachers where he was assigned to work with Mr. Honda, who spent 30 years as an educator himself. Mr. Potosnak joined the paid staff for the Congressman upon completion of his fellowship, where his responsibilities included work on education, appropriations, environment, water and the interior.

"I wanted to learn how government works and how I could help improve education policy," he said during a Thursday interview at *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* offices.

The candidate said federal government's role in education should be that of an "active partner to support schools and help give them the resources they need to meet the needs of the children they are serving."

He said unfunded mandates in federal education policies "can really be a barrier as you put new regulations on schools." One such unfunded mandate is paying education costs for disabled students. Congress approved the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which is supposed to fund 40 percent of the costs of special education, but only funds 17 percent of the costs, according to Mr. Potosnak.

The candidate said, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, "The Democratic Congress has really made a large investment in our schools of \$100 billion," a portion of which is dedicated to IDEA to help districts afford to provide those services. Funding from the bill, however, is short term.

"There is that cliff. After two years, what happens next? I think that is an important consideration to provide sustained commitment towards that 40 percent (funding of IDEA)...to make good on its (the federal government) commitment," he said.

Mr. Potosnak said he supports ear-

marks, defined as funding for projects that are added onto appropriation bills. He said this funding "is coming back to the district [and] is coming from the taxpayers."

"Article 1 of the [U.S.] Constitution allows Congress to direct spending," he explained.

When asked if he would ever vote against legislation supported by President Barack Obama and the Democratic Party, the candidate said he would be able to show independence, criticizing Rep. Lance for voting with the GOP "87 percent of the time."

"When you're looking at the interests of the families and a piece of legislation is in contradiction to their (constituents) interests, you have a responsibility to fight for them and you do that through voting...and being engaged in the legislative process and offering common-sense solutions to improve legislation," Mr. Potosnak said.

On the issue of healthcare, the candidate said increasing competition in the health insurance market is a "key element to keeping costs under control." He also supports pooling small businesses together to allow them to compete for affordable insurance, which he said, has been included in the Democratic health bill's Health Care Exchange. Mr. Potosnak also supports allowing high school and college graduates to stay on their parents' healthcare policies until their late 20s.

Mr. Potosnak also said Congress needs to focus on creating jobs "and getting people back to work" while ensuring that the unemployed "can pay their bills."

The candidate said he would rather see the billions of dollars being spent on military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan "being spent here helping to rebuild our nation" in such areas as job creation. Mr. Potosnak said he would be "very critical before casting any vote on [continuing] Iraq or Afghanistan [funding] until I see [the] details on military strategies."

"We can't fund open-ended wars," Mr. Potosnak said.

The candidate also said the United States needs to make investments on renewable energy to help the nation achieve energy independence.

"Energy independence means that America can produce enough energy to meet our demand and that means renewables, that means energy efficiency, making investments, and creating jobs for the green-collar economy," Mr. Potosnak said.

The candidate is a 1991 graduate of Montville High School and holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's degree in education from Rutgers University.

## Earth Hour Resolution Cleared Assembly Panel

TRENTON — An Earth Hour joint resolution, legislation inspired by the World Wildlife Fund, passed in the State Assembly Environment and Solid Waste committee. Sponsored by Assemblywoman Linda Stender (LD-22, Fanwood), this legislation will urge New Jerseyans to dim their lights from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, to encourage a more sustainable economic and environmental future for the world.

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Lance Rejects President's Latest Healthcare Proposal

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) has rejected President Obama's newly released \$1-trillion healthcare proposal and called on the President to put forth a more fiscally conservative measure that curbs healthcare costs without raising taxes or cutting Medicare.

"I am disappointed that the President has put forth yet another \$1 trillion proposal that would hurt, not help, New Jersey families and businesses," Mr. Lance said. "This is no different than past proposals that increase the cost of health insurance, cut Medicare benefits and explode our ever-growing deficit. As we get closer to [today's] health care summit, I continue to call on the President and leaders in Congress to start over with the goal of producing a more modest bipartisan bill that curbs cost without raising taxes or cutting Medicare."

Mr. Lance said the plan contains higher taxes for most Medicare-eligible New Jerseyans via, the first Medicare tax on unearned income including capital gains, a 2.9-percent tax assessment on income from interest, dividend, annuities, royalties, and rents applying to individuals who make more than \$200,000 annually and families that make more than \$250,000.

"And New Jersey's businesses would face higher costs under the proposal," Mr. Lance said. The proposal also calls for fines on businesses that don't insure their employees for at least \$2,000 per person. Mr. Lance said New Jersey's pharmaceuticals and medical-device industries would pay higher fees and taxes under the measure.

Mr. Lance reiterated his support for the GOP's "Medical Rights and Reform Act" alternative that includes ideas such as medical liability reform, small business insurance pooling and letting families and businesses buy insurance across state lines. The Lance-sponsored reform measure would not raise taxes, the Congressman said.

Larsen Opens Green Brook Campaign Headquarters

GREEN BROOK – David Larsen, a Republican Congressional candidate for the 7th District, has opened his campaign headquarters at 319 Route 22, East, Green Brook in the Sansone Mall.

"I picked this location because, in many ways, it represents the heart of the 7th District, a busy corridor where people live, work and shop, trying to build a better life for themselves and their families," Mr. Larsen said. "It's also very accessible, so if people have questions or want to talk, they know where to find me."

Mr. Larsen anticipates that the office will be fully staffed within the next several weeks. The office currently has a fresh coat of paint, equipment from nearby stores and comfortable furniture, all designed to welcome voters and engage conversation on topics meaningful to them.

"People have a lot on their minds. I want to listen first, learn about what's important to them, and lead the way in Washington for those issues to be addressed," Mr. Larsen said. "Right now, our voices – the voices of the people – have been shut out of Washington. It's time for that to change."

Mr. Larsen sites out-of-control government spending and his current

Representative's disconnect with the people as the chief reasons why he is running for Congress. He pointed to Rep. Leonard Lance's (R-7th) voting record on key issues such as cap-and-trade – an energy tax on business – as an example of why fresh faces and ideas are needed in Washington.

"Lance was only in office for three months when he was given the Porker's Award by Citizens Against Government Waste (cagw.org)," Mr. Larsen stated. "It's time to bring common-sense budgeting to Washington and get rid of pork-barrel spending. Our country just can't afford it anymore."

The owner of Larsen Windows and Doors, the candidate has lived in Oldwick for 15 years, where he owns a farm and raises American Quarter horses.

"I know what it's like when you're responsible for the livelihood of real people and their families and that's the kind of accountability I want to bring to Washington," Mr. Larsen said.

He married his wife, Donna, in 1980 and they have three daughters, Kristen, Colette and Courtney. For more information, go to davidlarsenforcongress.com or visit Mr. Larsen on Facebook and Twitter.



WELCOME ABOARD...Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, pictured center, congratulates Bruce McDonald, left, of Elizabeth and Michael Regan of Cranford after swearing them in as Union County Sheriff's Officers on March 8 in Elizabeth.

County Holds Wildlife Photo Contest at Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Trailside Nature and Science Center have announced the 2010 Wildlife Photography Contest. Amateur photographers, ages 6 through adult, are invited to enter their original photographs of wild animals in their natural habitat.

Contest entries should be un-matted, unframed 5 inch by 7 inch black and white or color prints. Participants may enter a maximum of two photographs. Prizes will be given in each of three age groups: 6-11, 12-17, and 18 and older. The deadline for entries is April 9. All photographs will be displayed at the Trailside Visitor Center through May 14. Winners will be announced at 4:45 p.m. on April 18 at the 20th annual Wildlife Sunday event held from noon to 5 p.m. at Trailside. Local area professional photographers will judge the photographs. The judging will be based on originality, composition, technical excellence and artistic merit. A prize will be awarded to the best photograph in each age group.

To obtain a brochure with rules and an entry form, call Trailside at (908) 789-3670 or visit online at ucnj.org/trailside.

Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Honor Irishman of Year

SUMMIT — The Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of Union County will honor Michael Walsh as Irishman of the Year at its annual dinner tonight, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. at The Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Avenue in Summit.

Mr. Walsh has been a long-time supporter of charitable organizations. He has served as a board member and president of the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation in Scotch Plains, a charity that helps kids and their families through the perils of pediatric cancer. He is also a supporter of the Disabled American Veterans and Freedom House. Mr. Walsh has also served as a trustee and president of the Friendly Sons.

Mr. Walsh was born and raised in Elizabeth. He credits his parents with stressing the importance of education, effective communication and making a contribution to those less fortunate around them.

By vocation, Mr. Walsh is a senior vice-president and financial advisor with UBS Financial Services. He has a strong interest in his Irish heritage

and golf. He is an active member and has served on the Board of Governors at Suburban Golf Club. He now lives in Tewksbury Township with his wife, Bridget.

The Irish-American organization will also honor Edward Chrystal, Jr., Brother Owen Ormsby FMS and Patrick Wildridge as its Distinguished Service award winners. All proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Friendly Sons Scholarship Fund and the Center for Hope Hospice.

The event begins with a cocktail hour from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. followed by dinner. Tickets are \$120 per person or \$1,100 for a table of 10.

For more information, contact Derek Guinane at (908) 868-6764 or visit friendlysonsofstpatrick.org.

AFP Asks Appointees Health Care Positions

TRENTON – Americans for Prosperity (AFP) has asked key Christie Administration cabinet appointments for their positions on healthcare policies. The 13 questions address policies being debated in Washington, D.C.

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## Union County News

### Lesniak Bill, S-1, Would Break COAH Logjam

Daniel Sullivan □  
Union County Freeholder □

As a lifelong resident of Union County, I look forward to the day when our 21 municipalities can plan for the future instead of being thwarted at every turn by the bureaucracy known as COAH.

COAH – the Council on Affordable Housing – was created by state law in 1985. It's been a disaster ever since. COAH has blocked development of all kinds and run roughshod over vital community issues such as environmental quality and open space preservation.

County government has an up-close close view of the problem because we administer state and federal grants that create new housing and restore blighted properties. That, in turn, creates new business opportunities and jobs throughout Union County.

For the past 25 years COAH has slowed the process down to a crawl, costing Union County residents untold millions in lost economic potential.

One main problem is that COAH is a top-down system that invites error at every turn. Developers often find their projects blocked through no fault of their own. Then they seek relief by suing local governments. Taxpayers have to foot the bill, as happened recently in Cranford.

The means to end this debacle is finally within reach. Democratic Senator Raymond Lesniak and Republican Senator Christopher Batemen have introduced S-1, a bill that would abolish COAH and replace it with a far more logical process that respects local needs. Tandem legislation was introduced in the Assembly (A-205) by Republican David Rible.

Jobs are created when shovels hit the ground, and S-1 will break the logjam that has blocked new projects for a generation. S-1 will finally make affordable housing, economic development and quality of life work together as a team the way they should, instead of pitting them against each other as COAH does.

We can't afford to let this opportunity to slip through our fingers when thousands of Union County families and businesses are facing financial ruin in the midst of a global economic crisis.

Yet, in the face of all this, Cranford Mayor Mark Smith and Westfield Mayor Andy Skibitsky have come out against S-1. What are they thinking?

Together, Cranford and Westfield have a COAH obligation of more than 500 new units of affordable housing. The numbers may change somewhat, but the obligation itself is not going to blow away and disappear.

The fact is that affordable housing is part of the civic infrastructure. You can't wish it away, no more than you can wish away roads, bridges, or schools. What you can do is plan wisely to ensure that affordable housing benefits and improves the whole community.

Fortunately, S-1 has the support of a number of municipal officials and New Jersey Governor Christopher Christie. I am adding my vigorous support to these bipartisan voices.

S-1 will help jumpstart our economy and improve our communities by getting more Union County residents back to work, and that's the bottom line.

## Tom Atkins Reminisces About Local High School Basketball in the '60's

Before I was township manager in Scotch Plains for over 28 years, basketball was quite important to me. I was co-captain of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SP-F) team in 1966-67, so I enjoy reading Bruce Johnson's articles on Westfield athletics, particularly when he really goes back in time as only Bruce can do. His article last week on Westfield basketball really got my attention.

He indicated that the 1966-67 Westfield team had a record of six wins and 12 losses. Since I played against that team often through my high school years, I thought that Bruce must have been wrong.

How could that team have been 6-12, I thought? They wallowed up by 20 in the first game we played, and they beat a terrific Plainfield team that was ranked second in the county. Plainfield eventually lost the County Championship game to St. Patrick's of Elizabeth (not much has changed over the 40-plus years).

For the Westfield folks who might be thinking, "So, we beat Scotch Plains by 20 – what's the big deal?" Scotch Plains won the Watching Conference that season, winning 13 conference games in the process. I decided to do some research on my own; Bruce had to be incorrect, I felt.

In checking over my scrapbook (maintained most capably by my mom back then), it seems that Westfield had eight wins through February 3, 1967 – in addition to Scotch Plains and Plainfield, included Berkeley Heights twice, Hillside, Summit, Clark and Cranford.

They were definitely not a .500 team, much to my surprise. Some of their losses included Scotch Plains (the second time), Rahway and Springfield twice, South Plainfield, Thomas Jefferson (Elizabeth),

Cranford, Linden, Hillside and Clark. I was stunned. That Westfield team had some talent and fine players. What could have gone wrong?

Some years, teams win all or most of their close games, always pulling out last-minute victories. That Westfield team was the opposite. They lost eight games by seven points or less. They lost at least three games by only a single point.

They were also quite inconsistent. Their best player and high scorer, Glenn Whitmore, could score 20 or 25 one game and then get four points the next. Their second-highest scorer, Paul Jones, could also get 20 one night and only five the next. But for Westfield to beat that Plainfield team was quite an accomplishment. So when they played well, they were quite effective.

SP-F was not the most talented team that year, but we won most of our close games. Springfield and Rahway had more talent. Westfield and Cranford were decent. However, SP-F by far had the most talent in 1968 the year after I graduated, but we lost the Conference Championship to Westfield in a playoff game.

Scotch Plains had outstanding players like Dan Jayson and Jim McDede but could not defeat the Westfield club in the conference playoff game that season.

Westfield was led by senior point guard Mark Reddy and junior center Tom Scott. Both Reddy and Scott were starters on that 66-67 Westfield team but won the league title the very next season.

Keep the articles coming on athletics. I look forward to reading them.

Tom Atkins,  
Fanwood

## Liberty Hall Museum To Host Easter Egg Hunt

UNION – Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University will host several activities for children and visitors of all ages in April, beginning with the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, at noon.

Inspired by the famous White House Easter Egg Roll, children will explore the museum's 11 acres and search for small treasures hidden throughout the historic landscape. Children can take photos with the Easter Bunny following the Easter Egg Hunt. Admission is \$5 per child and reservations are required. An adult must accompany children.

The Celebration of Spring Afternoon Tea is served on Wednesday, April 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. Set in the glass-enclosed porch, guests enjoy a selection of sandwiches, pastries, scones and clotted cream, jams and choice of two teas. The cost is \$33 per person and includes a house tour. Reservations are required.

On Sunday, April 25, from 1 to 3 p.m., Liberty Hall will host a child's afternoon tea and fashion show, "The Girls of Liberty Hall," recommended for parents and

girls ages 4 to 14. Guests will be treated to a luncheon of scones, breads, finger sandwiches, sweet treats, lemonade, iced tea and sherbet punch on authentic china while watching a fashion show of reproduction historic children's clothing from colonial times through the early 20th century. Children will dress up, play games and earn prizes. Children are encouraged to bring their American Girl doll or any other favorite doll as their special guest. The cost is \$24 per person. Reservations are required.

Liberty Hall is located at 1003 Morris Avenue in Union. It is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations, call (908) 527-0400, e-mail [libertyhall@kean.edu](mailto:libertyhall@kean.edu) or visit [kean.edu/libertyhall](http://kean.edu/libertyhall).

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## Letters to the Editor

### UCC to Close Sperry Observatory, Convert to Additional Classrooms

Effective July 21, 2010, Union County's communities will lose what has been a valuable educational resource for the past 43 years.

The board of trustees and board of governors of Union County College (UCC) have decided to close Sperry Observatory and convert the space to additional classrooms. There will no longer be a facility for the public to view the heavens and hear lectures on space and astronomy.

Along with the closing of the observatory, the college has terminated its 45-year contract with Amateur Astronomers, Inc. (AAI). Through this contract, a mutually beneficial relationship existed, which provided the people of New Jersey with a working observatory run by AAI volunteers.

Since the observatory was built, AAI members have operated the two telescopes, among the largest in New Jersey, for UCC faculty and students in support of their astronomy courses. This is done without cost to UCC.

In addition, the club helped conduct adult continuing education courses, conducted regular Friday evening public lec-

tures, conducted monthly general meetings with world-renowned speakers, held special public programs during important celestial events and organized special seminars for educators for the benefit of the community.

During that time, thousands of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, school children of all ages and inquisitive adults passed through Sperry Observatory and were enlightened by AAI members. These volunteer contributions have been acknowledged by state legislators, local educators, civic groups and the Cranford Chamber of Commerce.

UCC claims that it needs the extra space for classrooms. A modest estimate is that gutting and converting the building would result in seats for only 80 students out of the approximate 11,000 students who attend UCC.

While AAI understands the value of UCC to the community and appreciates their need for additional seating, we do not believe the community, as a whole, is best served by the loss of Sperry Observatory and the free services that have been provided by AAI.

Gordon Bond, President  
Amateur Astronomers, Inc.

## Reader Disappointed Over Sperry Astronomy Observatory Closing

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment with the Union County College plan to close the Sperry Astronomy Observatory, which is located on its Cranford campus.

### SP Police Seeks Law Enforcement Explorers

The Scotch Plains Police Department is looking for motivated Scotch Plains and Fanwood individual's ages 14 to 18 to become Law Enforcement Explorers. This is an exciting opportunity for you to learn about law enforcement from Scotch Plains Police Officers, to serve your community, and to learn leadership and life skills. We are presently in our recruiting phase of this program.

For further information, please contact Officer Matt Mahoney at (908) 322-7100, extension no. 109 or you can pick up an application at the police headquarters lobby (430 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains).

Officer Matt Mahoney  
Scotch Plains Police Department

### Rep. Lance Votes 'No' On \$15 Billion Jobs Bill

WASHINGTON – Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) said, "Like many of my colleagues, I believe it is imperative that Congress focus on job creation and economic growth. But [the] so-called jobs bill spends yet another \$15 billion on proposals that will do little to jump-start our economy."

"The American people are tired of spending billions of dollars on government programs that will do little to improve the employment prospects for most Americans," Visit [lance.house.gov/jobs](http://lance.house.gov/jobs) to learn more about this issue.

### Penalties for Illegal Use Of 'Bump Keys' Passes

TRENTON – A measure sponsored by Senator Nick Scutari (LD-20, Linden), which would create penalties for using a "bump key" – a manufactured or modified key used to pick cylinder locks – to commit a burglary was unanimously approved February 22 by the full Senate.

Mr. Scutari's bill, S-189, would re-classify the manufacturing or possession of a "bump key" with intent to commit a crime as a fourth-degree offense, which carries penalties of up to 18 months in prison and fines of up to \$10,000. Under current law, the manufacturing of and or theft using a "bump key" is classified as a disorderly persons offense, which carries a fine of \$1,000 and up to six months in prison.

Sen. Scutari said the manufacture or use of "bump keys" is illegal only when paired with intent to commit a crime. Locksmiths working on a job would not be in danger of penalty under this legislation.

This measure now heads to the Assembly for consideration.

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## Trenton News

### Final Health Care Bill Is Wrong for New Jersey

By Senator Thomas Kean, Jr., Westfield  
Senate Minority Leader, GOP, LD-21



After months of debate, numerous proposals and public meetings, it is clear the final national healthcare package is wrong for New Jersey. Our United States Senators should finally listen to the majority of New Jerseyans and support a fresh approach to reforming our health insurance industry. That starts with voting 'no' on the proposal working through the reconciliation process now.

Right now Washington is broken, divided by partisan politics and special interests. Government does not have to operate this way. Since his inauguration, I have worked with Governor (Chris) Christie and other leaders to develop a

bipartisan plan to reduce the size and scope of our government. We are making real progress to make New Jersey more affordable for the middle class and hold Trenton accountable for every dollar it spends. Recently, the State Senate unanimously passed a series of public employee benefit reforms that will bring healthcare benefits more in line with the private sector and save taxpayers at least \$300 million immediately.

In Trenton, working together we have shown that change is something people can believe in. It's time our United States Senators bring the same common-sense approach to Washington.

## Atlas-Berney Announces Bid for Mountainside BOE

MOUNTAINSIDE — Marilyn Atlas-Berney of Mountainside has announced her candidacy for the Mountainside Board of Education. The election will be held on Tuesday, April 20.

An attorney by profession, Ms. Atlas-Berney has resided in the borough for over seven years and said she is "looking forward to the opportunity to become an integral part of the community."

"I want the best for our children and look forward to volunteering my time and my voice to help make decisions that will result in a more successful school system and harmonious administration. While we are facing a tough budget year, I believe we can continue to demand and achieve great things within our school system."

Ms. Atlas-Berney said.

Currently, Ms. Atlas-Berney and her husband, Michael Berney, have two children in the Mountainside school system. The candidate said she plans to donate a portion of contributions to her campaign to the Mountainside Education Foundation.

For more information, e-mail Ms. Atlas-Berney at [mabesq@verizon.net](mailto:mabesq@verizon.net).

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## Saturn’s Rings Celebration To Take Place at Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE – Amateur Astronomers, Inc. and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invite area residents to “Celebrate the Return of Saturn’s Rings” on Saturday, March 20, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Trailside Nature and Science Center.

“Trailside is the place to be on March 20 for everyone interested in astronomy,” said Freeholder Vice Chairwoman Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. “Admission is free and telescopes will be available for viewing close-up images of Saturn’s rings.”

The tilt of Saturn’s rings makes them “appear” and “disappear” every 14 years. The rings are back and – with the aid of Amateur Astronomers members’ telescopes – visitors

can celebrate their return and explore the night sky.

The event will begin at 8 p.m., “snow or shine,” at the Trailside Visitors Center, where attendees will be able to hear free lectures about Saturn and learn all the latest information about the sixth planet from the sun. Ample free parking will be available and there will be door prizes for the audience. For more information about Amateur Astronomers, Inc., visit [asterism.org](http://asterism.org).

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside and is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. For more information about programs and special events at Trailside, call (908) 789-3670 or visit [ucnj.org/trailside](http://ucnj.org/trailside).

## Fanwood Library to Offer Celtic Concert This Month

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Memorial Library, located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road, will present a “Very Special Celtic Concert with Mary Courtney and Morning Star” on Wednesday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m.

This New York-based band plays a combination of Irish traditional music and songs geared for dancing. Morning Star is comprised of Mary Courtney on lead vocals, guitar and bodhran (Irish hand-held drum), Bernadette Fee on fiddle and Donie Ryan on the tenor banjo. The musicians’ influences include The Bothy Band, Solas, Lunasa and Christy Moore, among others.

Ms. Courtney hails from a large musical family from Castlegregory, County Kerry, Ireland. She formed the

band in 1982 in the Bronx, N.Y. Over the years, the group has recorded several albums and played on the local and United States festival circuits.

“Playing music is our life and we are so grateful for the gift of music that we have been given,” said Ms. Courtney.

This Celtic concert, along with various other events, is paid for from funds raised by the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library, a non-profit organization of people

who love books and want to help the library maximize its services. To reserve a seat at this free program, call (908) 322-6400. For information on joining the Friends, contact Carol Campell at [campell@verizon.net](mailto:campell@verizon.net) or call (908) 322-9179.



Mary Courtney

### The Allstate Foundation Awards Ron Banský 2010 Agency Hands in the Community Award

WESTFIELD – Ron Banský of Westfield, an Exclusive Agent with Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company, was recently awarded a 2010 Agency Hands in the Community Award for his dedication to community service. Mr. Banský has been a prominent supporter of and advocate for Liam’s Room, a non-profit organization in Westfield that aims to provide comfortable family rooms in hospitals for those with chronically ill children.

Last year, the organization opened its first ever “Liam’s Room” at Overlook Hospital in Summit. In addition to providing this warm and inviting space for families, Liam’s Room also funded the attendance of Overlook medical staff for a conference focused on advancing pediatric palliative care. The organization hopes to open more comfortable family rooms in

additional locations. Through Mr. Banský’s Agency Hands in the Community Award, Liam’s Room will receive a \$1,000 grant from The Allstate Foundation.

“Liam’s Room is a wonderful organization and it has been an honor to volunteer for a group that is comprised of such dedicated and caring people,” said Mr. Banský. “As a local business owner, I think it’s important to give back to the community and support those organizations that tug at the heartstrings. It is my hope that this grant will help Liam’s Room open additional locations so that even more families with ill children can have their stressful hospital visits feel more like a home away from home and less like a hospital room.”

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A PLACE FOR WOMEN...Sister Judy Mertz of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, second from left, recently spoke to the Home Life Social Services Department of the Woman’s Club of Westfield (WCW) about Sister Josephine’s Place in Elizabeth, named in memory of Mother Superior Josephine Marie O’Brien. Women there learn English as a second language, computer skills and tools to help them assimilate into the community. For further information, write to: Sister Josephine’s Place, 622 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J. 07207. Also pictured, left to right, are: WCW members Phyllis Snyder, Sally Brown and Clemmie Tabor.

## CancerCare of N.J. to Host Benefit ‘Taste For Hope’

SUMMIT – CancerCare of New Jersey will host “A Taste for Hope” on Friday, April 9. Sponsored by Berkeley Wine Co., it will take place at The Grand Summit Hotel in Summit.

This year’s Ben Yedlin Award honoree will be Ed Jarbath, a partner with ScienceFirst, for his dedication and loyalty to CancerCare’s mission.

The evening also will feature a chance auction and music. Approximately 200 guests are expected to attend the event.

“The proceeds of this event will ensure the continuity of CancerCare services in New Jersey,” stated Stephanie Karlo, regional director. “We provide help to more than 11,000 New Jersey residents every year. Events such as A Taste for Hope® are essential to providing the necessary funding to fulfill our organization’s mission.”

Tickets are \$75 per person in advance or \$85 at the door. For more

information on A Taste for Hope®, or to participate as a wine or food vendor, contact Katelyn Foran at (201) 301-6812 or via e-mail at [kforan@cancercare.org](mailto:kforan@cancercare.org).

CancerCare is a national non-profit organization that provides free professional support services to anyone affected by cancer. CancerCare programs – including counseling, education, financial assistance and practical help – are provided by trained oncology social workers and are completely free of charge. CancerCare of New Jersey was founded in 1982 to ensure that New Jersey residents had full access to all CancerCare programs.

With offices in Ridgewood, Morristown, Princeton and Trenton, CancerCare of New Jersey provides individual help to more than 10,000 New Jersey residents each year. To find out more about CancerCare of New Jersey, call (201) 444-6630 or visit [cancercarenj.org](http://cancercarenj.org).

## FUSP to Present Production Of First Lady’s Love Story

AREA – The First Unitarian Society of Plainfield (FUSP) will celebrate Women’s History Month with a presentation on Friday, March 19, of the one-act play *Lorena Hickok and Eleanor Roosevelt: a Love Story* at 8 p.m. in the FUSP Parish Hall. A reception will follow in the Stevens Room. The FUSP Church is located at 724 Park Avenue in Plainfield.

The Women’s Alliance and the Welcoming Congregation Committee of the Society will co-sponsor the play, starring actress, author and playwright Marjorie Conn.

This dramatic production by Pat Bond chronicles the 30-year relationship between the First Lady and the top female journalist in the country. It is based on 2,000 letters written by

Eleanor Roosevelt to Ms. Hickok.

Ms. Conn will provide music and memorabilia, answer questions following her performance and autograph copies of her books, to be on sale at the reception. Proceeds will help fund the Women’s Alliance Joan Sweet Memorial Scholarship Fund and other local charities, plus Welcoming Congregation Committee programs.

Admission will be \$15 and will include refreshments at the reception. Tickets can be purchased by calling Sue at (732) 548-3877, sending an e-mail to [sue3877@live.com](mailto:sue3877@live.com) or mailing a check made payable to Women’s Alliance to First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, in care of Women’s Alliance, 724 Park Avenue, Plainfield, N.J. 07060.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Westfield**  
Wednesday, March 3, Kunwar E. Singbaba, 26, of Westfield was arrested pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on North Avenue near Prospect Street on an outstanding Clark warrant. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released after posting \$40 bail.  
Thursday, March 4, Laura Smith-Alvarez, 20, of Plainfield was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue near Drake Place after police discovered there were outstanding warrants for her from Piscataway and Watchung, with bail amounts of \$368 and \$258, respectively. She was processed and released after posting bail.  
Chanae Cabbie, 18, of Plainfield, a passenger in the vehicle, was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. She was released with a summons.  
Friday, March 5, Akeem Noray, 19, of Westfield was arrested on the 600 block of Boulevard on charges of burglary, theft, receiving stolen property, eluding and resisting arrest. According to police, he was arrested after being identified as a suspicious person and seen exiting a motor vehicle he did not own. He was held in lieu of \$25,000 bail at the Union County jail.  
Sunday, March 7, Brendon J. Romanski, 36, of Cranford was arrested at Union police headquarters on two outstanding Westfield warrants, including one traffic warrant and one criminal warrant, each in the amount of \$500. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.  
Sunday, March 7, Peter Paoria, 35, of Maplewood was arrested at Westfield police headquarters on an outstanding Springfield traffic warrant. He was processed and released after posting \$55 bail.  
Monday, March 8, Christopher Gallagher, 32, of Carteret was arrested as the result of a motor vehicle stop on Central Avenue near East Broad Street on an outstanding Newark criminal warrant in the amount of \$500. He was released on his own recognizance with a court date.  
Monday, March 8, Edward O’Connor, 30, of Clark was arrested as the result of a motor vehicle stop on North Avenue near Lenox Avenue on an outstanding Union County Sheriff’s no-bail civil contempt warrant. He was turned over to the Union County Sheriff’s Office.

**Scotch Plains**  
Wednesday, March 3, Paul Knechtel, 44, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) after a motor vehicle stop, at which time the officer smelled the strong odor of alcohol. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.  
Friday, March 5, Marcus Atkinson, 20, of Elizabeth was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.  
Friday, March 5, Thomas Davis, 26, of Paterson was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.  
Friday, March 5, Timothy Whitmore, 23, of Millington and Brianna Carlisone, 20, of Neshanic were arrested and charged with possession of prescription drugs after a motor vehicle stop at which time the officer observed the drugs. According to police, neither individual had a proper prescription for the drugs. Both were transported to police headquarters, processed and released.  
Saturday, March 6, Clifford Gordon, 21, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.  
Saturday, March 6, a resident of Maddaket Drive reported that her former business associate has called and yelled at her multiple times before hanging up.  
Sunday, March 7, an employee of a Route 22 business reported that a customer attempted to make a purchase with a counterfeit \$20 bill. According to police, when the employee asked the customer about the authenticity of the bill, the customer fled the store.  
Sunday, March 7, a resident of Rahway Road reported that someone entered her residence and removed an undetermined amount of money.  
Sunday, March 7, a resident of Rahway Road reported that someone withdrew money from her bank account without her authorization.  
Sunday, March 7, Ricky Antone, 27, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.  
Sunday, March 7, Charles Moss, 23, and Kirtis Pettitway, 23, both of Newark, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after a motor vehicle stop at which time the officer smelled the strong odor of burnt marijuana. They were transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

**Mountainside**  
Tuesday, March 2, a resident of Longview Drive reported that her credit card company notified her regarding suspicious charges to her credit card. According to police, the charges, totaling \$820.87, took place at a Walmart in Fredericksburg, Va. The victim told police she has never been to Fredericksburg and the credit card has been cancelled, authorities reported. The incident is under investigation.  
Tuesday, March 2, an officer responded to the Bank of America branch on Mountain Avenue on the report of fraud. According to police, a technician servicing the bank’s ATM noticed a credit card skimming device had been placed on the machine. The manager told police he believes the device was placed on the machine on February 17.  
Wednesday, March 3, a resident came into police headquarters to report that someone had taken money out of her Bank of America account without her authorization. According to police, the victim last used her debit card on February 26. The victim noticed a fraudulent debit of \$1,005 while banking online and notified the bank, police reported. The bank confirmed that \$500 and \$503 were taken out of her account from ATM machines in Illinois.  
Wednesday, March 3, a resident came into police headquarters to report \$1,000 was missing from her 15-year-old son’s bank account. According to police, the

victim received a text from the bank stating that the account had been frozen due to an alert. On two separate occasions, \$500 was removed from an ATM machine in Illinois, police reported. The victim last used his debit card at the Bank of America branch on Mountain Avenue on February 25.  
Wednesday, March 3, a resident came into police headquarters to report \$1,409 was missing from his Bank of America account. According to police, the victim received a call from the bank advising him his account had been the target of fraudulent activity. The victim stated that he frequently uses the ATM at the Bank of America branch on Mountain Avenue. Two of the fraudulent charges were for \$503 and the third was for \$403 from an ATM in Illinois, police said.  
Wednesday, March 3, a resident of Belair Court reported that two Comcast trucks were parked near her residence and the workers appeared to be working on the telephone poles. According to police, after the homeowner went out to get her mail and returned inside, she received a phone call from one of the workers asking if they could come inside her home to test the signal. She felt uncomfortable letting the worker inside and refused, police said. The homeowner then saw one of the workers walk across her property and cut the wire to her cable and Internet, police reported. She subsequently called Comcast, which was unaware of any work being performed in the area and told her the company would send someone out to repair the cable, authorities said.  
Thursday, March 4, a resident came into police headquarters to report that someone removed \$403 from her account at an ATM in New York City. According to police, the victim stated that she uses the ATM at the Bank of America on Mountain Avenue, at which time she was informed of the fraudulent activity that has been taking place at that location. Bank of America was notified of the fraudulent withdrawal, police said.  
Friday, March 5, a resident came into police headquarters to report fraudulent activity involving her Bank of America account. According to police, five fraudulent withdrawals were made from the victim’s account, all at ATM machines in Illinois. Bank of America had notified the victim of the fraudulent withdrawals, police said.  
Friday, March 5, a resident came into police headquarters to report fraudulent activity on her Bank of America account. According to police, two withdrawals were made from her account, both at an ATM in Illinois. The victim stated that she last used her debit card at the Bank of America ATM on Mountain Avenue on February 25.  
Friday, March 5, a resident came into police headquarters to report that he received notification from his bank indicating that his account had been compromised and that his account was now locked to avoid any further fraudulent activity. According to police, \$2,000 was removed from the victim’s account, all at ATMs in Illinois between March 1 and 2. The compromised card has been destroyed, police said.  
Friday, March 5, Carl E. Fish, 68, of Elizabeth was picked up at the Essex County jail and charged with an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside.  
Saturday, March 6, a resident came into police headquarters to report that Bank of America had contacted him regarding fraudulent charges involving his bank account. According to police, multiple fraudulent ATM withdrawals were made in Illinois, totaling \$1,925.  
Saturday, March 6, a resident came into police headquarters to report that Bank of America had contacted her regarding suspicious activity involving her checking account. According to police, multiple fraudulent ATM withdrawals were made in Illinois, totaling \$1,483.50, between February 2 and 3.  
Saturday, March 6, a resident came into police headquarters to report a lost or stolen license plate. According to police, the victim was told to turn in the remaining plate to the Department of Motor Vehicles and obtain new plates.  
Saturday, March 6, a resident came into police headquarters to report he was the victim of credit card fraud, stating he was contacted by Bank of America on March 3 regarding two suspicious transactions, totaling \$700, that took place at a Chase Bank in Chicago, Ill. The compromised check card was destroyed and a new one was issued, police reported.  
Saturday, March 6, a resident came into police headquarters to report that an attempt to withdraw cash from her checking account on March 4 was unsuccessful due to the bank denying the transaction on two separate occasions. The compromised card was destroyed and a new card was issued, police said.  
Saturday, March 6, a resident came into police headquarters to report that she was contacted by Bank of America regarding a transaction in the amount of \$400 involving her account that occurred at a bank in New York. According to police, the compromised card was destroyed and a new card was issued.  
Monday, March 8, Jerry O. Bradley, 35, of Newark was transported from the Essex County jail and charged with an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$590.

**NAMI Event to Focus On Guardians, Trusts**  
WESTFIELD – The Union County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will host a program on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post located at 1003 North Avenue in Westfield.  
Dr. Joan Kackasik of the Guardianship Association of New Jersey, an organization that provides support and advice to guardians and other fiduciaries, and Ellen Ball Nalven, executive director of PLAN NJ, a trust administrator for special needs trusts, will discuss guardianship, protective arrangements and trust arrangements for persons with mental illness. The setting will be informal and audience participation will be welcome.  
For further information, call (908) 233-1628 or e-mail [nami.union.nj@nami.org](mailto:nami.union.nj@nami.org). Information also is available at [nami-nj-uc.org](http://nami-nj-uc.org).



# A Life Together Fortifies Us With Strength and Courage

By REVEREND PAUL KRITSCH

In March 1934, the National Bishop of the State Church in Germany ordered the shutting down of the Old Prussian preachers' seminaries so that the Nazis' anti-Jewish, pro-Aryan laws could be enforced even in the church. In response, the Confessing Church organized its own seminaries. Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer was part of this new undertaking.

At the Finkenwalde Seminary, Bonhoeffer and his students gathered around Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). It was Bonhoeffer's dream that he and the seminary students would form a Christian community based on commitment to the Gospel. That community was committed to peace, given to prayer in regular intervals and dedicated to service of those in need. Life Together was Bonhoeffer's detailed account of how their day was to be spent.

It was at the Finkenwalde Seminary that Pastor Bonhoeffer wrote down his thoughts, which eventually would be published as The Cost of Discipleship. Their daily routine together made evident to the seminarians that their faith was in God's Word as a word given to them – not just something they preached to others.

When the Nazis outlawed the Confessing Church and its seminaries, most of Bonhoeffer's students were forced to join the German army and sent to the war's front, where many of them were killed. It was their Life Together, focused on Jesus as their Savior, which gave them and their teacher the courage to endure the darkest of days. As disciples of Christ,

they believed that forgiveness is possible, a new life can begin every day and that eternal life is guaranteed. Because their lives centered on Christ, they lived with hope and confidence.

We are reminded almost daily that we live in a post-modern world. Post-moderns discount the possibility of a metanarrative – an overarching story that is true for everyone and which unites people. Instead, many try to assemble their own narrative by piecing together various stories from various sources. "What's true for me may not be true for you," some say. Often, what's true for them today becomes obsolete by the next as new stories are patched together like squares of a quilt. It's challenging to try to live life when nothing is solid, only fluid.

During the season of Lent, Christians remember that we do have a metanarrative. That overarching story centers on the Christ event, the story of a savior sacrificed on the cross and now raised from the dead. From the beginning of Christianity, this story has given confidence and courage despite outward circumstances. This story, passed down from generation to generation for thousands of years, gives transient lives connection to God, who is transcendent. This shared story provides the possibility for community with others who believe the same. We are not alone. We have life together with God and his people.

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*Reverend Kritsch is in his 22nd year as pastor of the Redeemer Lutheran Church and School, located at 229 Cowperthwaite Place in Westfield.*

# Director of Jews For Jesus To Speak at Local Church

SCOTCH PLAINS – Jhan Moskowitz, North American director of Jews for Jesus, will speak on Wednesday, March 31, at 6 p.m. at the Terrill Road Baptist Church. Pastor William Page invites all to attend.

Jews for Jesus uses creative methods and contemporary issues to present the message that Jesus is the Messiah to Jewish people around the world.

Mr. Moskowitz was born and raised in the Bronx, N.Y. His parents were refugees from Nazi Germany who had been interned at a concentration camp. "I learned at an early age what it means to be a Jew and to be loyal to my heritage and my people," he said.

Although he became disenchanted with religion in his teens, Mr. Moskowitz was committed to the survival of his people and became a short-term volunteer on a kibbutz (communal farm) in Israel. During his time there, he turned from atheism to a belief in God and in Jesus as the Messiah.

Mr. Moskowitz was one of the "original" Jews for Jesus volunteers, even before the organization's incorporation in 1973. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and

Philosophy from Long Island University and received theological training from Simpson College in San Francisco, Calif. He also holds a master's degree in Missiology with concentration in Jewish Evangelism/Judaic Studies from the Fuller School of World Mission in Pasadena, Calif. Ordained through the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination, he currently is studying for a Doctor of Ministry degree at Trinity Divinity School.

Mr. Moskowitz headed up the Jews for Jesus New York branch and also served as pastor of a Jewish Christian congregation in Manhattan, Kehilat Y'shua (Assembly of Jesus). Additionally, he was director of the Chicago branch of Jews for Jesus for more than 20 years. He and his wife, Melissa, reside in the New York City area.

Mr. Moskowitz will answer questions after the presentation. To make reservations to attend, call the Terrill Road Baptist Church at (908) 322-7151. The deadline is Thursday, March 25. There will be no admission charge. The Terrill Road Baptist Church is located at 1340 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains.

# Get In Tip-Top Shape with BootCampWF; Next Session Runs Until April 26th

WESTFIELD – BootCampWF is the premiere, healthy-living outdoor fitness training program right here in Westfield! Regardless of age, size, gender or fitness level, if you're in or around Westfield and looking to get in shape, drop those pounds, build that muscle and have fun while doing it, it's time to enlist in BootCampWF! The session runs from March 8 through April 26.

BootCampWF is a specially designed fitness program held for one hour, three days a week for six weeks. Certified Personal Trainers, Kathy Robb and Christine Taglieri, develop and lead all workouts, which are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6

and 9:15 a.m., in Tamaques Park. Ms. Taglieri is now introducing a beginner program, BootCampWF Lite, which will meet twice a week over the six weeks, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m.

BootCampWF starts off with an assessment of all recruits. On the first (and last!) day, we see how many sit-ups and push-ups you can do, and how long it takes for you to walk/run a half-mile. These measurements allow participants and instructors to measure progress over the course of the session.

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**STRONG FAITH...** Pack 73 Cub Scouts from Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield recently received religious awards at the Sacred Heart Basilica in Newark. Ronan Hagar, Santiago Cortes and Luciano Betman received the Parvuli Dei Medal, and Adam Rodriguez and Patrick Blowe received their Light of Christ Medal. The medals are awarded to scouts who complete a workbook to learn more about their faith. Pictured, from left to right, are: Father Donald Cialone, Holy Trinity Parish Scout Religious Coordinator; Adam, Santiago, Ronan and Patrick.

# All Saints' Reveals Services For Holy Week and Easter

SCOTCH PLAINS – The All Saints' Episcopal Church has a full schedule of worship services planned to observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter.

On Palm Sunday, March 28, worship will take place at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. At both services, palms will be blessed and distributed, the Passion Story will be read from the Gospel according to Luke, and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated. The 10 a.m. service will begin in the Parish Hall for the blessing of palms, followed by a procession into the church, with the singing of "All Glory, Laud and Honor."

Worship on Maundy Thursday, April 1, will be held at 8 p.m., commemorating Jesus' Last Supper. The altar will be stripped in preparation for the desolation of Good Friday, and an "Altar of Repose" will be set to represent a tomb for Jesus. Holy Communion will be celebrated, the rector will offer a homily and the All Saints' Choir will provide music.

On Good Friday, April 2, worship will take place at 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. The Passion Story from the Gospel according to John will be read, and the Solemn Collects will be prayed. There will be a Meditation from the rector and Communion of the pre-sanctified (bread and wine consecrated on Maundy Thursday). The All Saints' Choir will sing at the evening service.

On Easter Sunday, April 4, there will be two celebrations of Jesus' Resurrection. An Easter Eucharist will take place at 8 a.m., including a sermon by the rector. The Festival Eu-

charist at 10 a.m. will include music from the All Saints' Choir and a sermon by the rector. An Easter brunch will follow the 10 a.m. service, with an indoor/outdoor Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages.

The All Saints' Church is located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, across from Park Middle School. Parking is available behind the church, accessed via School Place. Sohyun Ahn is the organist and choirmaster. The Reverend Jane Rockman is the rector. For more information, call (908) 322-8047.

# Willow Grove to Offer 'Connection' March 20

SCOTCH PLAINS – Area residents are invited to come to The Connection, a monthly Saturday night coffeehouse-style informal worship service, held at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church.

The next service will take place on March 20 at 6 p.m. and will focus on the question "Who Are You?" Rob Bell's NOOMA video on "Names" will be shown. Coffee and desserts will be served. Childcare for young children will be provided. Activity packets for children will be available.

The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, across the street from the Southside Firehouse and near the corner of South Martine Avenue. All church facilities are handicap-accessible. For information on other ministries, visit [willowgrovechurch.org](http://willowgrovechurch.org).

# Temple Sholom Invites All To Congregational Seder

FANWOOD – Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains invites members of the community to celebrate the second night of Pesach at its annual Congregational Seder. All are welcome.

The dinner and service will be held on Tuesday, March 30, at 6 p.m. in the Temple Sholom chapel at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues. Rabbi Joel Abraham and Student Cantor Vicky Glikin will lead the family-friendly service with readings from the UAHC Baskin Haggadah.

For adults, the cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. The cost for children ages 3 to 13 is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Children under 3 may attend for free.

Interested persons are asked to respond by sending a check payable to Temple Sholom to: Temple Sholom, P.O. Box 539, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076. Checks must be received by Thursday, March 18.

Food served will be kosher style and kosher for Passover. Individuals who would prefer a vegetarian meal are asked to let the temple know in advance. For more information, call (908) 889-4900 or e-mail

[sholom@sholomnj.org](mailto:sholom@sholomnj.org).

Founded in 1913, Temple Sholom is a Reform Jewish Congregation led by Rabbi Abraham. The temple and its religious school are home to about 250 families from the greater Scotch Plains-Fanwood area. Temple Sholom is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism. Further information about the temple or joining the congregation is available by calling (908) 889-4900, e-mailing [sholom@sholomnj.org](mailto:sholom@sholomnj.org) or visiting [sholomnj.org](http://sholomnj.org).

# Chelsea Spring Events Open to Community

FANWOOD – The Chelsea at Fanwood invites members of the public to attend a series of spring community events at the facility, located at 295 South Avenue.

The Moonglowers, an award-winning jazz big band ensemble from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, will perform on Monday, March 22, at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and admission will be free.

Musical Workshop, a lecture on basic music theory and a look at the lives and techniques of popular composers and lyricists, will take place on Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. Music trivia and tunes from the 1920s and 1930s will be featured. Admission will be free.

On Saturday, April 3, there will be a Pancake Fundraiser for the Fanwood Fire Department from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free photographs with the Easter Bunny will be available. Requested donations for this all-you-can-eat event are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Those age 5 and under may attend for free. Proceeds will support the Fanwood Volunteer Fire Department.

For more information on any events, call (908) 654-5200.

# Harpist Set to Perform Celtic Music Tomorrow

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Mountainside Public Library will welcome harpist Odarka Stockert tomorrow, Friday, March 12, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Ms. Stockert will perform a special selection of Celtic music in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

The performance, geared for all ages, will be held in the main section of the library. Admission will be free.

The Mountainside Public Library is located on Constitution Plaza. For more information about the library and its programs and services, visit [mountainsidelibrary.org](http://mountainsidelibrary.org) or call (908) 233-0115.

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

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VENEZIA BREAKS 400 POINTS, MARKOWSKI 4 STEALS

No. 7 Columbia Girls Jump  
On Blue Devil Cagers, 57-35

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
*Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*  
 Mistake free ball had to be played if the Westfield High School girls basketball team would have a chance to upset the defending North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 champion Columbia Cougars, ranked seventh in New Jersey, in South Orange on March 4. Instead, it was the 24-3 Cougars, whose first team played nearly flaw-



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
 BREAKING 400 POINTS FOR THE SEASON...Blue Devil senior Diana Venezia scored a game-high 20 points against the no. 7 Columbia Cougars to finish her season with 411 points.

VENEZIA HITS 21, MARKOWSKI 20  
Blue Devils Burn Edison  
In Hoops Section, 54-48

Facing elimination with 1:37 remaining in the game, the Westfield High School girls basketball team went on a 14-4 run to defeat 15-5 Edison, 54-48, in the opening round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 tournament in Edison on March 2. The 15-8 Blue Devils trailed, 44-40, with 1:37 on the clock. Junior forward Katie Ponce committed an act of theft, drove to the basket for a lay-up and drew a foul. She sank the free throw. Charlotte Lorentzen followed with the go-ahead basket. Senior guard Danielle Miller added a pair of steals and a rebound then senior guard Amanda Markowski hit four clutch free throws to put the Blue Devils ahead by five points. Senior forward Diana Venezia finished the scoring with a two-pointer, three free throws and a pair of rebounds. Venezia led the Blue Devils with 21

points, which included five free throws, four blocked shots and 11 rebounds. She also had an assist. Markowski sank 20 points, which included three 3-pointers and five free throws, and led the team with five assists and four steals. She also had three rebounds and a blocked shot. Ponce put up nine points and had three rebounds, three steals and a pair of assists. Lorentzen added two rebounds. Miller finished with three steals, four rebounds and two assists. Anne Knisely had two rebounds, and Jess Mondon had an assist. Jamia Hope led the Edison Eagles with 15 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Stephanie Pascal hit three 3-pointers and finished with 11 points. Dominica Gnaba had nine points, and Jamie Dougherty had six points.

Westfield Edison	10	11	12	21	54
	14	9	17	8	48

several fast breaks after creating numerous steals and consistently got off inside passes to forward Jade Johnson-Walker and guard Brianna Thomas, who easily rolled in left-handed or right-handed lay-ups. Both girls finished with 10 points. "We knew what they were going to do when we went into the game. They were very quick, very fast. We fell behind. We were digging ourselves out of a hole. With a team like that, it's hard to come back," Blue Devil Head Coach Joe Marino said. Senior forward Diana Venezia (7 rebounds, steal, blocked shot) scored eight of the Blue Devils' 13 points in the first half and finished with a game-high 20 points. When she hit a two-pointer at the start of the third quarter, Venezia surpassed the 400-point mark

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
 HAVING A VERY STRONG FINISH...Blue Devil junior Christian Barber, right, hangs onto James Green of Willingboro with a "claw" maneuver in the 140-lb. preliminary round bout. Barber trailed, 7-1, but battled back to tighten the score to 8-6. Green went on to place second at 140 lbs.

PANTHER BENNER, BEAR TARAMOV GET 5TH, PIONEER TROUTMAN 6TH

Bundy, Barber, Brady, Giaccio Fall Early  
In NJSIAA Wrestling Tournament in AC

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
*Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*  
 Wrestling with the cream of the crop at a location that can cram up to 11,000 screaming fans into narrow seats proved to be quite an experience for many Union County competitors at the NJSIAA state championships at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, the gambling Mecca of the East Coast, on March 5 through March 7. In the 125-lb. preliminaries, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School senior Tristan Bundy was a bit stunned when Alex Preefer of Cresskill took him down with a barrel roll, but he quickly escaped and added a slip-around takedown to take a 3-2 lead. Preefer escaped to knot the score to end the first period, then he added a two-point tilt and another takedown to hold on for a 7-6 win to eliminate Bundy. Westfield junior Christian Barber, wrestling in the 140-lb. preliminaries, faced James Green of Willingboro, who entered the bout with a 31-1 record. Green recorded a pair of double-leg takedowns, while Barber added an escape in the first

period. In the second period, Green escaped and added a duck-under takedown to grab a 7-1 lead. Barber, however, came alive in the third period and closed the gap to 8-6 and even made a final attempt for a takedown only to come up short. "We knew the kid had a good double-leg. I think part of it could have been nerves because of the environment of his first trip here or he gave that kid too much respect. Christian was as good as he was," Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz said. "I don't know if he didn't believe in himself, but he let that kid get too big of a lead by the time he realized, 'hey! I'm as good as that kid,' it was a little bit too late. The good thing is Christian learned that as a junior rather than as a senior. I expect we are coming down here to win us some matches next year. We want to come home with a medal. We didn't come just to be contestants. We want to win!" Green eventually advanced to the championship bout where he dropped a 7-5 decision to Hank Stinson of Eastern. Cranford Cougar Joe Giaccio kept working a front head takedown set up on Newton's Kevin Churchill in the scoreless first period of his 112-lb.

pre-quarterfinal bout. In the second period, Giaccio made several tilt attempts but to no avail, but in the third period, Churchill got a takedown and worked a pair of scissor tilts to win 7-0. Churchill ended up finishing third. "Joe just missed turning him a

couple of times, and that could have changed the entire match," Cougar Head Coach Darren Torsone said. "But he got on top of Joe, and that's his strength. We tried to stay away from that, but he did a nice job of

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**Majors:** (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades)

Date	Time	Event	Location
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3/14	9-11	Hitting	The Ballpark
3/20	10-12	Fielding	Sid Fey field
3/21	9-11	Hitting	The Ballpark

Players (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders) who were on a Majors team last year do not need to tryout again. You will automatically be placed on a team.

**Ponys:** (7<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> grades)

Date	Time	Event	Location
3/13	10-12	Fielding	Houlihan field
3/14	11:30-1	Hitting	The Ballpark
3/20	10-12	Fielding	Houlihan field
3/21	11:30-1	Hitting	The Ballpark

Players who were on a Pony League team last year and all 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders do not need to tryout again. You will automatically be placed on a team.

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CONCENTRATING ON THE SHOT...Blue Devil junior Katie Ponce hit both of her free throws in the third quarter against Columbia.

## No. 7 Columbia Girls Jump On Blue Devil Cagers, 57-35

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for the season and eventually finished with 411 points.

Senior point guard Amanda Markowski, who scored nine points, led the Blue Devils with four steals and four assists. She sank six of her points in the second half and bagged a 3-pointer in the first quarter. With four points, two steals and two assists in the fourth quarter, Markowski was instrumental in the Blue Devils' 16-7 run, which helped them attain a goal of scoring 35 points in the game.

"We came out and gave everything we had on the floor," Markowski said. "We knew how good they were. Yes! We knew we couldn't make any mistakes. We got off to a rough start. At halftime, we set a goal to score 35 points. We did everything we could."

Junior forward Katie Ponce finished with two points, two rebounds and an assist. Senior guard Danielle Miller hit 4-for-4 from the free throw line and added an assist, a rebound and a steal. Krista Embrett had a pair of rebounds and Gabby Cerami pulled down one board. Charlotte Lorentzen had two rebounds. Kyrsten Van Naha finished with six points, and Gabby Jackson finished with five for the Cougars, while Charity Scipio and Marelyn Williams each contributed

four points.

"We went into the locker room, and we said we are just going to come out and work hard," coach Marino said. "We set a goal for us to score 35 points, and that's what we did."

Westfield	10	3	6	17	35
Columbia	21	13	14	7	57

### Bees Sting Blue Devils In Sectionals, 61-59

The Bayonne High School boys basketball team outscored the Westfield Blue Devils, 20-14, in the fourth quarter to pull out a 61-59 victory in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 tournament in Bayonne on March 2. Rodney Wilson sank a pair of free throws with less than five seconds remaining to provide the winning margin.

Junior Ryan Hess (two 3-pointers, 9 free throws) put up 21 points for the 11-12 Blue Devils, while Pat Sabatino (six free throws) scored 16 points and Jaraad Rogers (3-pointer) bucketed 11 points. Hugo Nolasco had five points. Damian Williams led the 19-8 Bees with 21 points, and Bryant King had 15 points.

Westfield	9	17	19	14	59
Bayonne	14	15	12	20	61



Appearances can be deceiving. Take Christian Barber's won-lost numbers this winter.

The outstanding junior was Westfield High School's lone qualifier for the state wrestling tournament in Atlantic City last week. He lost 8-6 in the preliminary round to the eventual 140-pound state runnerup, finishing his season with a 24-8 record.

Doesn't sound all that great ... to those who aren't paying close attention. But coach Glen Kurz moved Barber up and down this winter to always face an opponent's toughest wrestler in his weight vicinity. Not sometimes. Always. Barber's record could have been padded with some easy wins, but that's not how you get to where Kurz wants his wrestler to be one day – on the medal podium at states. As in any sport, you only get better going up against better competition.

Here are Barber's losses: Brearley's champion Danny Ries, the Region 3 champion, three times, by scores of 2-1 in four overtimes, 5-1 in the county final and 3-2 in the District 11 final;

Somerville's Micah Blair, fourth in the state at 145, in overtime.

Monroe's Sam Emburgia, third in the state at 135, by a 1-0 score;

Livingston's Brandon Bright, a region champion this year, runnerup last year, 3-2 in overtime, and up two weights at 152;

Parsippany's Anthony Mariano, a three-time state qualifier, in overtime.

Willingboro's James Green, a state runnerup this year and fourth last year, 8-6.

Most of those losses were heart-breaking close, and several were in the closing seconds.

Many of Barber's 24 victories were also against top-notch opponents, like:

Gov. Livingston's Pat Eichner, a returning county runnerup;

Madison's Ryan Colwell, a 2009 regional champion;

Piscataway's David Powell, a two-time region finalist, who he beat twice;

Roselle Park's Matt Krynicki, a state qualifier in 2008, who he beat twice;

Howell's Brian Wilson, a state qualifier;

## Christian Barber: One Close Shave After Another

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Hanover Park's Charles Savino, a state qualifier; South Plainfield's Corey Stasenko, a freshman stud;

Rahway's Diego Chavez, eighth in the state at 145, who he beat 18-4.

That's 14 really, tough opponents. It's difficult to imagine too many others who wrestled that many high-quality guys. Barber already has won two district titles and will bring a 69-23, career record into his senior year. Hopefully he will reap the rewards of wrestling so many quality matches.

"If Christian isn't on the podium (at states) next year, it will not be for a lack of work," Kurz said. "I'd rather have him battle-tested for the end of the season than have him 29-0 and going to states as a spectator."

WHS graduates four solid seniors in Ryan Jennings, Brian Henry, Chris Tomasso and Bill Kim. But with Barber, juniors-to-be Mike Kalimtzis and Troy Skibitsky, and a group of young guys who got a lot of "thrown-into-the-fire" experience this winter, Kurz's club should be improved next winter.

### SHOPRITE CUP

The race for the seventh ShopRite Cup is on, and once again WHS is in the thick of things for the Group 4 trophy.

After the fall season, the Blue Devils are atop Group 4, after winning state Group 4 championships in boys cross-country and girls tennis, along with a state runnerup by the girls soccer team and the strong performance of the football team in sectionals.

Points for the Cup are only awarded to teams, as follows: 10 for state champions, 8 for second place, 6 for third place, 4 for fourth place. And three points are deducted for any disqualifications.

This winter WHS will be getting another 10 (9?) for the girls' state swim co-championship.

WHS finished second in 2007 and third in 2008. The Blue Devils would have won the 2007 Group 4 Cup, but two disqualifications cost them six points and they finished four behind Southern Regional.

ShopRite Cup Group 4 winners: 2004: Shawnee

2005: Ridgewood  
2006: Bridgewater-Raritan  
2007: Southern  
2008: Hunterdon Central  
2009: Southern  
2010: ?

Currently trailing WHS (33 points) are Ridge (28), Bridgewater-Raritan, East Brunswick and Randolph (18 each).

Other leaders:

Group 3: Millburn  
Group 2: Haddonfield  
Group 1: Robbinsville  
Non-Public A: Don Bosco  
Non-Public B: Villa Walsh.

### BASKETBALL UPDATE

The girls' season – and Diana Venezia's fabulous career – came to an end in a 57-35 loss at Columbia (24-3). The Devils had a final 15-9 record, and Venezia, who missed her entire sophomore season after knee surgery, left her name all over the school record book. She finished the year with 411 points (no. 3 all-time), 241 rebounds (no. 4), and 42 blocked shots, which is believed to be a school record.

Classmate Amanda Markowski, who didn't play enough to letter last year, finished with 282 points (no. 17 all-time), 78 assists (no. 7) and a school record 94 steals.

The boys' season concluded with a 61-59 loss at Bayonne (19-9) in the opening round of states. Junior Ryan Hess had 21 points and senior Pat Sabatino added 16 points for WHS (11-12). Guards Hugo Nolasco and Jaraad Rogers also hit double figures in their final game.

### HOCKEY UPDATE

Junior Nick Attanasio finished the season in style. He had six points in a win over defending champion A.L. Johnson of Clark in the county tournament semis, three goals in WHS's state tourney-opening win over Bayonne, and a goal and assist in a 3-2 overtime loss to Morristown in states.

### POST-GRADUATELY

Pat Gray, who set several pass receiving records at WHS during his career, will be doing a prep school year at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Va. Gray's school marks were for receptions in a season (32), yards in a game (199) and yards in a season (610). He's also no. 2 all-time in career receptions (behind Chris

Sheehan) and career yards (trailing Brian Ciemniecki).

Gray turned down a partial scholarship offer from Southern Connecticut to attend Hargrave, which most recently was where former WHS star Cowles Stewart (2006) spent a year before going to the University of Akron as a defensive lineman.

Hargrave reportedly wants the 6-foot-3, 195-pound Gray to play as a defensive back more than as a receiver. The Cadets' post-grad team has 39 former players who have played in the NFL, including star receiver Tory Holt, and Dallas defensive star Jay Ratliff.

Two of WHS's standout swimmers have made their college plans. Matt Meserole, a four-time county champion in the 100-backstroke and one of WHS's best ever, will attend the University of Maryland. Suzanne Lemberg, holder of five school records, will be doing her sprinting at Emory University in Atlanta.

### IS IT JUST ME ...

... or does anybody else think it's time the NFL eliminated the Roman numerals for the Super Bowl. It was OK up to 10, maybe even 20. But XLIV? Would Julius Caesar even know what number that was? Personally, I'd prefer just saying it's the 44th NFL Championship Game. Or is it Super Bowl XXXXIII? XXXXIV? (For those of you wondering, the WHS wrestling team now has more than D wins – trust me, I took Latin under Sam Bunting.)

### DEVIL OF THE WEEK

This week's winner of a free sub from Westfield Subs (261 South Avenue East) is Matt Meserole. The senior swimmer broke three school records last weekend at the state Individual Championships. He went 21.42 to break Aaron Weber's 24-year-old mark by .01 of a second, 51.05 to take .17 of a second off Chris DeLaFuente's year-old record, and then clocked 50.41 to make his own school record even faster. And Mez's 46.73 in the 100 free was just .06 off DeLaFuente's record. The Devil of the Week will return April 8.

*The Devil's Den appears Thursday in The Westfield Leader during the school year. Contact me with comments, complaints and suggestions at bj1019@aol.com. Win or not, WHS4EVR!*

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A perennial top producer in the competitive metropolitan area marketplace, Isoldi was also recognized as the #1 Sales Associate in Listings Sold in his office for the year, an accomplishment he has achieved for the past consecutive six years. In addition to his outstanding sales performance in the Westfield office, Isoldi closed 2009 as the #3 agent among a field of 3,700 agents throughout Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New Jersey and Rockland County, NY.

"Even in these tough economic times, Frank has maintained a level of success that has distinguished himself in the industry, achieving the top associate position in the Westfield office for the 4th consecutive year," said Michael Scott, Branch Vice President.

Isoldi's sales and marketing expertise is further reflected in consistent receipt of premier industry awards. He was also recently awarded the 2009 New Jersey Association of REALTORS® Circle of Excellence Sales Award® at the Platinum Level, the highest level of achievement recognized by NJAR®. This is the seventh consecutive year that he has achieved this level of sales excellence. His superior service was also recognized with membership in the Coldwell Banker International President's Premier for the 10th

consecutive year, representing the Top 1% of 105,000 Coldwell Banker sales associates worldwide.

A lifelong Westfield resident who is active in his community, Isoldi serves on the Board of Trustees with The United Fund of Westfield and as a member of UNICO, a non-profit organization committed to providing a better quality of life for those in need on a community and national level.

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Raider Bundy, Blue Devil Barber, Cougars Brady, Giaccio Fall Early in NJSIAA Mat Tournament

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staying behind him and then to turn him. That kid knew how to stay out of trouble. Joe was close to getting him with the front head and working behind, but he knew how to stalemate that or squeak out of bounds.”

In the first round wrestlingback, Giaccio clamped Jeff Rottingen (Ramsey) in a cradle but lost his balance and became a victim of a cradle in 3:40.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
MAINTAINING TOP CONTROL...Raider Tristan Bundy, top, controls Alex Preefer of Cresskill in his 125-lb. preliminary round bout. Preefer managed to eke out a 7-6 victory.

Cougar heavyweight Joe Brady finally escaped late in the second period in his pre-quarterfinal bout with Jon Slack (Warren Hills), and it looked like he would seal the victory when he lunged in for a double-leg tackle takedown, but Slack pulled a last-second hip maneuver and rolled Brady to his back for the pin in 4:48. Slack finished third at heavyweight.

“Joe had him right where he wanted him. He did it with his go-to takedown, and the kid just had some funky counter, got on top of him and pinned him,” coach Torsone said. “That kid gave him the most trouble. He was the best on top that we’ve seen all season, but it was good that he did get out. Hopefully, we don’t continue to do that the rest of the tournament.”

“He rode me out for a while, but I eventually got out. I almost got a reversal. That’s what I was looking for, but I got my ‘one’ when I needed it,” said Brady. “I lifted him up. That was a mistake I had, but I should have cut the corner on him and come out to the side. Hopefully, I will wrestle him again in the tournament. I don’t want to go out only having 99 wins. I need to win one more.”

Brady’s bid for his 100th win fell short when he dropped a 5-3 decision to Ryan Moskwa (Perth Amboy).

New Providence Pioneer heavyweight Zach Troutman pulled off a pair of 1-0 decisions, the second one being against Brandon DiDonato, one of the top seeded wrestlers in the class.

“Zach is having a good tournament. They were nice wins,” expressed Pioneer Head Coach Gary Bremer.

Troutman advanced to place sixth at heavyweight.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
WORKING ON THE ESCAPE...Cranford Cougar heavyweight Joe Brady, front, attempts to escape the grasp of Perth Amboy’s Ryan Moskwa in the first round wrestlingbacks. Moskwa won, 5-3.

Roselle Park’s Russ Benner at 152 lbs. and Brearley’s Khusen Taramov at 189 lbs. placed fifth. Plainfield’s Dawud Hicks placed sixth at 171 lbs.

In the 145-lb. preliminaries, Rahway’s Diego Chavez recorded a 13-3, majority decision over Jordan Long of Matawan.

“He kept pressure on him the whole time [and] went out with confidence for his takedown. He used a swing single and got under the leg two or three times [and] finally finished one. When he got on top, he tilted him right away. He used a Bloomfield tilt. As the periods went on, he was coming on stronger. The other wrestler seemed to be wearing down. He [Chavez] got another takedown, another Bloomfield tilt,” Rahway Head Coach Fred Stueber described. “He had one of his better matches of the year.”

Chavez advanced to finish eighth, as did David Brearley’s Danny Ries at 140-lbs.

Roselle Park’s Dan Pisauro scored a first-period takedown and followed with two escapes and a takedown to defeat Grant Kircher of Pennsville, 6-4, in the 119-lb. preliminary round. He then lost his next two bouts. Delbarton’s Matt Albano of Westfield was pinned in 3:11 by Joe Esposito of St. Augustine in the 119-lb. preliminaries. Westfield resident Tony Pafumi (St. Peter’s Prep) made it to the 160-lb. quarterfinals before losing to Preston Keiffer of Eastern. He then lost, 5-3, in overtime in the second-round wrestlingbacks.

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TEAM OF CHAMPIONS...The Westfield High School girls swim team 2009-2010 seniors have won three State Championships. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, tri-captain Kyle Higgins, Meredith Smith, Leslie Holt and Elaine Anderson; back row, Melissa Crosta, Kate Heffernan, Lauren Hughes, Megan Boersig, Kelsey Wilson and tri-captains Emily Budnick and Suzanne Lemberg.

Blue Devils Matt Meserole, Suzanne Lemberg Get Third in MOC

Westfield High School athletes Matt Meserole and Suzanne Lemberg each placed third in their respective event at the swim Meet of Champions, held at Gloucester County Institute of Technology in Sewell, on March 7.

Meserole touched third in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 50.41 and also finished fourth in the 100-butterfly with a time of 51.06. The Blue Devil boys also took third in the 400-freestyle relay at 3:15.7. Lemberg touched third in the 100-freestyle with a time of 53.15 and also touched sixth in the 50-freestyle at 24.51. Meredith Smith touched sixth in the 100-free at 53.85. The Blue Devil girls took second in the 400-free relay at 3:38.39 and fifth in the 200-free relay at 1:41.84.



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## FSPY A and B Gymnasts Compete in Quad Meet

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains “Y” B Division with a total of 100.8 defeated Madison (100.6), Somerset Valley (100.45) and South Mountain (90.4) on February 27. Competing solely for qualifying scores, the A Division teams did not have a team competition.

**Age 13U** – Danielle Scheu earned third All-Around ribbon, third on floor exercise, fourth on uneven bars and balance beam, and fifth on vault. Paige VanBuskirk took first on vault, fourth on floor and fifth on beam. Cara Provenzano earned third on vault.

**B Division 14+** – Michelle Rogoff captured third All-Around, third on uneven bars and beam, and first on vault. Abigail Fontana took fourth All-Around, first on beam, second on vault and third place on floor. Heather Mullen took fourth on beam and floor. Rachel Butler and Joelle Pisauro also contributed to the team’s success.

**A Division, Level 8** – In 14U group, Lauren Lockfield captured first All-

Around, first on beam, second on floor and third on vault. Marissa DiBella took second in All-Around, vault and beam. Kacie Bumiller earned third All-Around and second place on the unevens. Zoe Nicole Stein placed first on unevens and third on vault and floor. Elizabeth Kwok took first on floor and third on the unevens.

**15+** –Lisa Matrale captured first All-Around, first on vault, unevens and beam, and second on floor. Olivia Dunham received second All-Around, first on floor and second on vault and unevens. Kaitlyn Frey took third All-Around, second on vault and uneven, and third on the beam. Kelsey Herbig took second on the beam. Victoria Shack also competed on all four events.

In Level 9, Sarah VanBuskirk, Hannah Kronick, Samantha Mazzucco and Gina Pelosi continued to develop their routines and skills in preparation for the National Championship meet, to be held in San Diego, Calif.



Westfield resident Tom Summers

### WF’s Summers Makes N.J. Ski Racing Team

WARWICK, N.Y. – The New Jersey Ski Racing Association (NJSRA) named Westfield resident Tom Summers, 11, as one of its top six racers to its state team. Summers will now advance to competition in the Piche Invitational at Gunstock Mountain in New Hampshire on March 20. This is Summers’ second consecutive year as a part of the state team.

Summers, skiing slalom and giant slalom over five races at Hidden Valley and Mountain Creek in Vernon, N.J., and his home mountain of Mount Peter in Warwick, qualified in his age group and will ski a giant slalom race at Gunstock against the top qualifiers in the northeast.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**WORKING ON A TILT...**Cranford Cougar Joe Giaccio, top, works to set up a pipe wrench, two-on-one tilt on Newton’s Kevin Churchill in the 112-lb. pre-quarterfinals. Churchill won, 7-0, and went on to place third.

## Bundy, Barber Fall Early in NJSIAA Mat Tournament

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**CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS:**  
140: Hank Stinson (Eastern) d. James Green (Willingboro), 7-5.  
145: Taylor Walsh (Camden Catholic) d. Frank Crocco (Passaic Valley), 8-2.  
152: Ethan Orr (High Point) d. Doug Cornell (Long Branch), 3-1.  
160: Nicholas Visicaro (Long Branch) d. Preston Keiffer (Eastern), 5-3.  
171: Ryan Callahan (Walkill Valley) d. Canaan Bethea (Trenton Central), 8-3.  
189: Andrew Campolattano (Bound Brook) d. Mike Wagner (South Plainfield), 9-4.  
215: Zach Greenwald (Paulsboro) d. Kevin Innis (St. Peter’s Prep), 3-1, OT.  
285: James Lawson (Manchester) p. Jack Della (North Hunterdon), 0:43.  
103: Anthony Ashnault (South Plainfield) d. Tyler Fraley (Colts Neck), 6-5.  
112: Nicholas Francavilla (High Point) d. Kyle Casaletto (Southern Regional), 3-2.  
119: Alex Shaffer (Hunterdon Central) md. Heriberto Quintana (Perth Amboy), 15-5.  
125: Joe Duca (Paulsboro) d. Bobby Stevely (Delaware Valley), 10-3.  
130: Frank Cagnina (Queen of Peace) d. Tyler Scotton (Willingboro), 7-0.  
135: Scott Festejo (Long Branch) d. Michael Morales (Brick Memorial), 7-6.  
Outstanding Wrestler: James Lawson, Manchester

**SEMIFINAL BOUTS:**  
103: Fraley (CN) d. Ricky Carter (Washington Twp.), 4-2; Ashnault (SoPl) d. Brian Hamann (Jackson Memorial), 4-0.

112: Francavilla (HP) d. Chris Lantz (Bloomfield), 7-3; Casaletto (SReg) d. Kevin Devoy (Burlington Twp.), 4-3.  
119: Shaffer (HuntC) d. Robert Deutsch (Eastern), 3-2; Quintana (PA) d. Joe Orecchio (Don Bosco), 9-6.  
125: Duca (Paul) d. TJ Miller (Camden Catholic), 7-5; Stevely (DV) d. Connor Melde (Bergen Catholic), 6-4 OT.  
130: Cagnina (QofP) d. Jeff Canfora (Delbarton), 7-5; Scotton (Will) d. Eric Fajardo (Boonton), 5-3.  
135: Morales (BM) d. Devon Gobbo (Delbarton), 8-6, OT; Festejo (LB) p. John Harvey (Absegami), 4:54.  
140: Stinson (East) p. Mike Bakuckas (Hammonton), 3:16; Green (Will) p. Jordan Beverly (Point Pleasant Boro), 5:44.  
145: Crocco (PV) CJ Cobb (Williamstown), 8-1; Walsh (CC) Chris Burdge (Kittatinny)  
152: Orr (HP) d. Eric Reger (Delsea), 6-0; Cornell (LB) d. Russell Benner (Roselle Park), 4-3, OT.  
160: Visicaro (LB) d. Otis Wright (Montclair), 7-1; Keiffer (East) d. John Guzzo (High Point), 6-5.  
171: Callahan (WV) tf. Brendan Vercammen (South Brunswick), 16-1, 5:01; Bethea (TC) d. Jamie Westwood (Queen of Peace), 3-2.  
189: Campolattano (BB) d. Jared Holliday (Burlington Twp.), 7-1; Wagner (SoPl) d. William George (Long Branch), 3-2.  
215: Innis (StLpp) d. AJ Mott (DePaul Catholic), 5-1; Greenwald (Paul) d. William Smith (High Point), 5-2.  
285: Lawson (Man) p. Brad Bormann (Hunterdon Central), 1:31; Della (NHunt) d. Zach Troutman (New Providence), 4-2.

**THIRD PLACE:**  
103: Kyle McNulty (Toms River North) d. Hamann (Jack), 3-1.  
112: Kevin Churchill (Newton) d. Devoy (Bur.), 4-2.  
119: Deutsch (East) d. Orecchio (DB), 3-1.  
125: Miller (CC) d. Melde (BC), 8-2.  
130: Canfora (Del) d. Fajardo (Boon), 3-2.  
135: Sam Emburgia (Monroe) p. Nick Heilmann (South Plainfield), 3:59.  
140: Beverly (PPB) p. Bakuckas (Ham), 1:31.  
145: Cobb (Wtwn) by medical forfeit over Micah Blair (Somerville).  
152: Reger (Delsea) d. Colin Hewitt (Franklin), 2-1.  
160: Guzzo (HP) d. Wright (Mnt), 1-0.  
171: Westwood (QofP) d. Mike Khoury (St. Joseph), 3-2, utb, rideout.  
189: George (LB) d. Holliday (Bur), 3-2.  
215: Smith (HP) d. Darren Dungee (Motwn), 5-0.  
285: Jonathan Slack (Warren Hills) p. Nicholas Orak (Old Bridge), 4-3.  
Hwt: Brad Bormann (Hunterdon Central) d Zach Troutman (New Providence), 1-0

**UNION COUNTY FIFTH PLACE:**  
152: — Russ Benner (Roselle Park) d Joe Renard (Kingsway), 5-3  
171: — Brendan Vercammen (South Brunswick) d Dawud Hicks (Plainfield), 2-1  
189: — Khusen Taramov (Brearley) d Nicholas Orak (Old Bridge), 4-3  
Hwt: Brad Bormann (Hunterdon Central) d Zach Troutman (New Providence), 1-0

**UNION COUNTY SEVENTH PLACE:**  
140: — Fabian Rosario (Bloomfield) d Dan Ries (Brearley), 5-4  
145: — Ryan Sacco (So. Plainfield) d Diego Chavez (Rahway), 7-2

## Jammers, Razorbacks Win In FSPY Men’s 30+ Hoops

The Razorbacks defeated the 0-2 Clippers, 56-44, and the Jammers edged the X-Men, 48-44, in Fanwood-Scotch Plains Y (FSPY) 30+ men’s basketball league play last weekend.

The 1-1 ‘Backs jumped out 16-6 after the first quarter behind six points and seven rebounds from Joe Negley. ‘Back’s Jason Holley chipped in seven points and three rebounds in the second quarter, but two late buckets by Kevin Adams and one by Dave Berger closed the halftime margin to 30-24. Berger and Gene Tavera cut the Razorback’s lead to 30-28 in the second half. Negley bucketed 10 points, and Holley added five to close the third quarter, 46-34.

Negley finished with 18 points and 16 rebounds. Holley had 22 points and nine boards, while Adams led the Clippers with 10 points. Pete Donahue

and Tavera grabbed seven rebounds each.

Steve Filler, Eric Halpin and Adam Mertz scored four points each in the first quarter for the 2-0 Jammers, who took a 14-10 lead. X-Men’s Jamal Berry tossed in seven second-quarter points to narrow the score, 24-23, at the half. The score was tied at 37 with four minutes remaining in the game. Jammer’s Ananias Battle and X-Men’s Berry traded basket after basket before the Jammers pulled away with a 7-2 run.

Battle scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds, while Halpin and Mertz chipped in 10 points each. Berry finished with 27 points and 10 rebounds for the 1-1 X-Men.

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**TOURNAMENT FINALISTS...**The Westfield travel basketball fifth grade girls’ team made it to the finals in the Clark Winter Basketball Tournament. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Hannah Siegel, Hannah Liddy, Skylar Geoghan, Kasey Ciarletta and Lea Moynihan; back row, Coach Ray Yarusi, Parker Yarusi, Lizzie Brucia, Bella Wright, Olivia Williams, Haley Farella, Caroline Martini, Emily Holtzman and Coach Judy Brucia.



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## McCoy, Webb Sink 17 Points Each; Miller Hits 8

# Cougars ‘Wreck’ Ramblers

## In Sectional Basketball, 59-46

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

Driving to the basket really paid off big time in the fourth quarter as the third-seeded Cranford Lady Cougar basketball team overcame a 37-34 deficit with 7:00 remaining to defeat Carteret, 59-46, in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 tournament in Cranford on March 1.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**LOOKING TO SET UP A PLAY...**Cougar Jenna Goeller, No. 4, looks to set up a play. Goeller, who banged a 3-pointer, added three rebounds and two assists against the Ramblers.

Jess McCoy and Jamie Webb, who both scored 17 points, played the co-starring roles in that crucial quarter, netting 11 points and seven points, respectively. Their ferocious driving

to the basket forced the 6-19 Ramblers to commit fouls, which led to the 18-8 Cougars to hitting 12 of 13 from the line and to eventually win the quarter, 25-15.

Webb, who finished with seven rebounds, five assists and a steal, sank a pair of 3-pointers and a left-handed hook shot to lead the Lady Cougars to a 13-6, first-quarter lead. Senior

and Jenna Goeller (3 rebounds, 2 assists) hit back-to-back 3-pointers to jump the Cougars' lead to 19-6 with 6:00 left in the half. Gross rolled in a lay-up and senior forward Taylor D'Antico (7 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists) sank a lay-up, was fouled and hit the free throw to give Cranford a 24-14 lead at the half.

The third quarter presented a problem to the Lady Cougars, and the problem came in the form of point guard Ivettelis Castro, whose quickness and ability to drive to the basket led her to net 10 of her game-leading 28 points in the third quarter, which was won by the Ramblers 17-10, cutting the Cougars' lead to 34-31.

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**WORKING ON A TILT...**Cranford Cougar Joe Giaccio, top, works to set up a pipe wrench, two-on-one tilt on Newton's Kevin Churchill in the 112-lb pre-quarterfinals. Churchill won, 7-0, and went on to place third.

**PANTHER BENNER, BEAR TARAMOV GET 5TH, PIONEER TROUTMAN 6TH**

## Brady, Giaccio, Barber, Bundy Fall Early

# In NJSIAA Wrestling Tournament in AC

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

Wrestling with the cream of the crop at a location that can cram up to 11,000 screaming fans into narrow seats proved to be quite an experience for many Union County competitors at the NJSIAA state championships at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, the gambling Mecca of the East Coast, on March 5 through March 7.

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Plains-Fanwood High School senior Tristan Bundy was a bit stunned when Alex Preefer of Cresskill took him down with a barrel roll, but he quickly escaped and added a slip-around takedown to take a 3-2 lead. Preefer escaped to knot the score to end the first period, then he added a two-point tilt and another takedown to hold on for a 7-6 win to eliminate Bundy.

Westfield junior Christian Barber, wrestling in the 140-lb preliminaries, faced James Green of Willingboro, who entered the bout with a 31-1 record. Green recorded a pair of double-leg takedowns, while Barber added an escape in the first period. In the second period, Green escaped and

added a duck-under takedown to grab a 7-1 lead. Barber, however, came alive in the third period and closed the gap to 8-6 and even made a final attempt for a takedown only to come up short.

"We knew the kid had a good double-leg. I think part of it could have been nerves because of the environment of his first trip here or he gave that kid too much respect. Christian was as good as he was," Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz said. "I don't know if he didn't believe in himself, but he let that kid get too big of a lead by the time he realized, 'hey! I'm as good as that kid,' it was a little bit too late. The good thing is Christian learned that as a junior rather

than as a senior. I expect we are coming down here to win us some matches next year. We want to come home with a medal. We didn't come just to be contestants. We want to win!"

Green eventually advanced to the championship bout where he dropped a 7-5 decision to Hank Stinson of Eastern.

Cranford Cougar Joe Giaccio kept working a front head takedown set up on Newton's Kevin Churchill in the scoreless first period of his 112-lb pre-quarterfinal bout. In the second period, Giaccio made several tilt attempts but to no avail, but in the third period, Churchill got a takedown and

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## – North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Champions –



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**DTATE SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS...**The Cougar girls basketball team defeated the fifth-seeded Somerville Pioneers, 46-34, in Cranford on March 9 to become the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 champions. It was the first sectional title for the girls since 1973. Pure teamwork emerged as six Lady Cougars had, at least five rebounds, including all five starters. The Cougars also hit 15-for-18 from the free throw line, which included 8-for-9 in the fourth quarter. SEE COMPLETE STORY AND PICTURES IN NEXT WEEK'S EDITION OF THE COUGAR ONLINE EXCLUSIVE.

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Cougars ‘Wreck’ Ramblers in Sectional, 59-46

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Castro, who sank 11 free throws in the game, remained a problem when she hit a pair of lay-ups to give the Ramblers a 35-34 lead with 7:23 on the clock and added a pair of free throws just seconds later.

“They were a good team. Number 4 (Castro) was really good, but we were overconfident. Our game was not consistent today,” Webb said.

“She is a very good player. Since her freshman year, she has been known to be a very good, strong offensive and defensive player. Coming into the game, we knew she was a little bit of a problem,” Cougar Head Coach Jackie Huber said of Castro.

“We came out to start our third quarter, and we had no idea what we were supposed to be doing. We called timeout, and we said, ‘we are going to win this with our defense.’ If we don’t pick it up on defense, things will not go our way.”

The combination of McCoy, Gross and Webb went to work attacking the basket, and the Ramblers began fouling. Gross sank a pair of free throws, Webb hit a driving lay-up, and Gross fed McCoy for a 2-pointer. Webb came back with her third 3-pointer. Miller grabbed an offensive rebound and fed McCoy for a jumper then Webb and McCoy each sank a pair of free throws.

With 1:38 remaining and the Cougars somewhat comfortably in front, 49-43, the Ramblers had no choice but to foul. McCoy added a lay-up and three free throws, Miller hit a lay-up and a free throw and D’Antico sank a pair of free throws to seal the deal.

“That’s one thing we have been working on, driving and kicking [the ball out to an open person], because we are known to drive to the basket,” coach Huber said. “All of the defense sucks in, so someone is going to be open. So we can get it out to them.”

McCoy finished with four rebounds and two assists, and Katie McGovern contributed three rebounds.

“We are a fourth-quarter team where we really gain most of our momentum, which is not a good thing, because you want to get your momentum in the beginning,” coach Huber added. “Luckily enough, our girls pulled it together at the end. They did the right things. They picked up the aggressiveness when the time got to the point where, ‘Oh God! We could possibly lose this.’ We didn’t want our season to end yet.”

Carteret	6	8	17	15	46
Cranford	13	11	10	25	59



WORKING TO GET INTO THE CLEAR...Cougar forward Taylor D’Antico, No. 23, dribbles away from two Rambler defenders after getting the rebound. D’Antico finished with seven points, five rebounds and two assists.



COUGAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK...Senior Jamie Webb recently led the girls basketball team to a 44-40, win over Voorhees in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 semifinals with 16 points, six rebounds and four assists. The Cougars advanced to the sectional finals to host the Somerville Pioneers on March 9.

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PASSING THE BALL TO THE OUTSIDE MAN...Cranford Cougar Will Green, front, passes the ball to the outside man against the Blue Streaks. Green finished with six points, seven rebounds (2 offensive) and an assist.

GRIER SCORES 15 POINTS, TROTTER SINKS 12 POINTS

Blue Streaks Shock Cougars; Win B’ball Sectional, 50-43

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

Shocking was indeed the word as the 12th-seeded Warren Hills Blue Streaks High School boys basketball team “amped” up big time with a 25-5, fourth-quarter run to jolt the fifth-seeded Cranford Cougars, 50-43, in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 tournament in Cranford on March 1.

The Blue Streaks entered the game with a deceptive 13-13 record, but they also entered as the Tri-County Champions, which included the counties of Warren, Sussex and Hunterdon.

The Blue Streaks’ most powerful person with a stun gun was Ordel Goldson (3-pointer), who sank 15 of his game-high 22 points in the second half. Stanley Ogedeybe used his unorthodox, off-balance shooting style to bucket 10 points. Pat Jacobson (3-pointer) scored seven points and Elmer Hernandez finished with five points.

Senior guard Kendall Grier led the 13-9 Cougars with 15 points, including hitting three 3-pointers. He also pulled six rebounds and added an assist and a steal. Junior point guard Sean Trotter banged three 3-pointers and a 2-pointer, and added a free throw to provide 12 points. He also had four rebounds (2 offensive), two assists, a block and three steals. Senior guard Nick Pace led the Cougars with six assists and also contributed seven points, two rebounds and two steals.

Cougar senior Will Green scored the first two points of the game, and after Blue Streaks Krone and Goldson each sank 2-pointers, Trotter and Grier nailed back-to-back 3-pointers. Ogedeybe spun in his first off-balance shot to finish the first quarter with the Cougars in front, 8-6.

Green also began the second quarter with a lay-up, but Ogedeybe answered with another wild lay-up. Trotter came to the charity line and hit a free throw then moments later, hit his second 3-pointer. Goldson retaliated with a 3-pointer and a jumper, while Cougar sophomore forward Chris Gross and Green each added lay-ups. Ogedeybe hit another wild lay-up to make the score at the half, 18-15, in favor of the Cougars. Gross, who finished with three points, led the team with 11 rebounds (3 offensive) and four blocks, and added a steal. Green finished with six points, seven rebounds (2 offensive) and an assist.

After winning the third quarter, 20-10, to take a 38-25 lead, it appeared to be a shoe-in that the 13-9 Cougars were going the ones, who were going to do the shocking. Unfortunately, there was no electricity in their shooting ability in the final quarter, as the Blue Streaks bolted to victory.

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WORKING ON THE ESCAPE...Cranford Cougar heavyweight Joe Brady, front, attempts to escape the grasp of Perth Amboy's Ryan Moskwa in the first round wrestlebacks. Moskwa won, 5-3.



HAVING A VERY STRONG FINISH...Blue Devil junior Christian Barber, right, hangs onto James Green of Willingboro with a "claw" maneuver in the 140-lb preliminary bout. Barber trailed, 7-1, but battled back to tighten the score to 8-6.

Raider Bundy, Blue Devil Barber, Cougars Brady, Giaccio Fall Early in NJSIAA Mat Tournament

worked a pair of scissor tilts to win 7-0. Churchill ended up finishing third.

"Joe just missed turning him a couple of times, and that could have changed the entire match," Cougar Head Coach Darren Torsone said. "But he got on top of Joe, and that's his strength. We tried to stay away from that, but he did a nice job of staying behind him and then to turn him. That kid knew how to stay out of trouble. Joe's was close to getting him with the front head and working behind, but he knew how to stalemate that or squeak out of bounds."

In the first round wrestleback, Giaccio clamped Jeff Rottingen (Ramsey) in a cradle but lost his balance and became a victim of a cradle in 3:40.

Cougar heavyweight Joe Brady finally escaped late in the second period in his pre-quarterfinal bout with Jon Slack (Warren Hills), and it looked like he would seal the victory when he lunged in for a double-leg tackle takedown, but Slack pulled a last-second hip maneuver and rolled Brady to his back for the pin in 4:48. Slack finished third at heavyweight.

"Joe had him right where he wanted him. He did it with his go-to takedown,

and the kid just had some funky counter, got on top of him and pinned him," coach Torsone said. "That kid gave him the most trouble. He was the best on top that we've seen all season, but it was good that he did get out. Hopefully, we don't continue to do that the rest of the tournament."

"He rode me out for a while, but I eventually got out. I almost got a reversal. That's what I was looking for, but I got my 'one' when I needed it," said Brady, who added, "I lifted him up. That was a mistake I had, but I should have cut the corner on him and come out to the side. Hopefully, I will wrestle him again in the tournament. I don't want to go out only having 99 wins. I need to win one more."

Brady's bid for his 100th win fell short when he dropped a 5-3 decision to Ryan Moskwa (Perth Amboy).

New Providence Pioneer heavyweight Zach Troutman pulled off a pair of 1-0 decisions, the second one being against Brandon DiDonato, one of the top seeded in the class.

"Zach is having a good tournament. They were nice wins," expressed Pioneer Head Coach Gary Bremer.

Troutman advanced to place sixth at heavyweight.

Roselle Park's Russ Benner at 152 lbs and Brearley's Khusen Taramov at 189 lbs placed fifth. Plainfield Dawud Hicks placed sixth at 171 lbs.

In the 145-lb preliminaries, Rahway's Diego Chavez recorded a 13-3, majority decision over Jordan Long of Matawan.

with two escapes and a takedown to defeat Grant Kircher of Pennsville, 6-4, in the 119-lb preliminary round. He then lost his next two bouts. Delbarton's Matt Albano of Westfield was pinned in 3:11 by Joe Esposito of St. Augustine in the 119-lb preliminaries. Westfield resident Tony Pafumi (St. Peter's Prep) made it to the 160-lb quarterfinals before losing to

- 112: Nicholas Francavilla (High Point) d. Kyle Casaleto (Southern Regional), 3-2.  
119: Alex Shaffer (Hunterdon Central) md. Heriberto Quintana (Perth Amboy), 15-5.  
125: Joe Duca (Paulsboro) d. Bobby Stevely (Delaware Valley), 10-3.  
130: Frank Cagnina (Queen of Peace) d. Tyler Scotton (Willingboro), 7-0.  
135: Scott Festejo (Long Branch) d. Michael Morales (Brick Memorial), 7-6.  
Outstanding Wrestler: James Lawson, Manchester
- SEMIFINAL BOUTS:  
103: Fraley (CN) d. Ricky Carter (Washington Twp.), 4-2; Ashnault (SoPi) d. Brian Hamann (Jackson Memorial), 4-0.  
112: Francavilla (HP) d. Chris Lantz (Bloomfield), 7-3; Casaleto (SReg) d. Kevin Devoy (Burlington Twp.), 4-3.  
119: Shaffer (HuntC) d. Robert Deutsch (Eastern), 3-2; Quintana (PA) d. Joe Orecchio (Don Bosco), 9-6.  
125: Duca (Paul) d. TJ Miller (Camden Catholic), 7-5; Stevely (DV) d. Connor Melde (Bergen Catholic), 6-4 OT.  
130: Cagnina (QoP) d. Jeff Canfora (Delbarton), 7-5; Scotton (Will) d. Eric Fajardo (Boonton), 5-3.  
135: Morales (BM) d. Devon Gobbo (Delbarton), 8-6, OT; Festejo (LB) p. John Harvey (Absegami), 4:54.  
140: Stinson (East) p. Mike Bakuckas (Hammonton), 3:16; Green (Will) p. Jordan Beverly (Point Pleasant Boro), 5:44.  
145: Crocco (PV) CJ C Cobb (Williamstown), 8-1; Walsh (CC) Chris Burdge (Kittatinny), 152: Orr (HP) d. Eric Reger (Delsea), 6-0; Cornell (LB) d. Russell Benner (Roselle Park), 4-3, OT.  
160: Visicaro (LB) d. Ottis Wright (Montclair), 7-1; Keiffer (East) d. John Guzzo (High Point), 6-5.  
171: Callahan (WV) tf. Brendan Vercammen (South Brunswick), 16-1, 5:01; Bethea (TC) d. Jamie Westwood (Queen of Peace), 3-2.  
189: Campolattano (BB) d. Jared

- Holliday (Burlington Twp.), 7-1; Wagner (SoPi) d. William George (Long Branch), 3-2.  
215: Innis (St.PP) d. AJ Mott (DePaul Catholic), 5-1; Greenwald (Paul) d. William Smith (High Point), 5-2.  
285: Lawson (Man) p. Brad Bormann (Hunterdon Central), 1:31; Delia (NHunt) d. Zach Troutman (New Providence), 4-2.
- THIRD PLACE:  
103: Kyle McNulty (Toms River North) d. Hamann (Jack), 3-1.  
112: Kevin Churchill (Newton) d. Devoy (Bur.), 4-2.  
119: Deutsch (East) d. Orecchio (DB), 3-1.  
125: Miller (CC) d. Melde (BC), 8-2.  
130: Canfora (Del) d. Fajardo (Boon), 3-2.  
135: Sam Emburgia (Monroe) p. Nick Heilmann (South Plainfield), 3:59.  
140: Beverly (PPB) p. Bakuckas (Ham), 1:31.  
145: Cobb (Wtwn) by medical forfeit over Micah Blair (Somerville).  
152: Reger (Delsea) d. Colin Hewitt (Franklin), 2-1.  
160: Guzzo (HP) d. Wright (Mnt), 1-0.  
171: Westwood (QoP) d. Mike Khoury (St. Joseph), 3-2, utb, rideout.  
189: George (LB) d. Holliday (Bur), 3-2.  
215: Smith (HP) d. Darren Dungee (Motwn), 5-0.  
285: Jonathan Slack (Warren Hills) p. Emiliano Betancor (West Orange), 4:56.
- UNION COUNTY FIFTH PLACE:  
152: — Russ Benner (Roselle Park) d. Joe Renard (Kingsway), 5-3  
171: — Brendan Vercammen (South Brunswick) d. Dawud Hicks (Plainfield), 2-1  
189: — Khusen Taramov (Brearley) d. Nicholas Orak (Old Bridge), 4-3  
Hwt: — Brad Bormann (Hunterdon Central) d. Zach Troutman (New Providence), 1-0
- UNION COUNTY SEVENTH PLACE:  
140: — Fabian Rosario (Bloomfield) d. Dan Ries (Brearley), 5-4  
145: — Ryan Sacco (So. Plainfield) d. Diego Chavez (Rahway), 7-2



PLACING SIXTH AT 171 LBS...Plainfield Cardinal Dawud Hicks, top, placed sixth in the NJSIAA tournament at 171 lbs.



COMPETING AT 119 LBS...Roselle Park's Dan Pisauro, top, won his first bout at 119 lbs before being defeated by Rob Deutsch of Eastern, bottom.

"He kept pressure on him the whole time [and] went out with confidence for his takedown. He used a swing single and got under the leg two or three times [and] finally finished one. When he got on top, he tilted him right away. He used a Bloomfield tilt. As the periods went on, he was coming on stronger. The other wrestler seemed to be wearing down. He [Chavez] got another takedown, another Bloomfield tilt," Rahway Head Coach Fred Stueber described. "He had one of his better matches of the year."

Chavez advanced to finish eighth, as did David Brearley's Danny Ries at 140-lbs.

Roselle Park's Dan Pisauro scored a first-period takedown and followed

Preston Keiffer of Eastern. He then lost, 5-3, in overtime in the second-round wrestlebacks.

CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS:  
140: Hank Stinson (Eastern) d. James Green (Willingboro), 7-5.  
145: Taylor Walsh (Camden Catholic) d. Frank Crocco (Passaic Valley), 8-2.  
152: Ethan Orr (High Point) d. Doug Cornell (Long Branch), 3-1.  
160: Nicholas Visicaro (Long Branch) d. Preston Keiffer (Eastern), 5-3.  
171: Ryan Callahan (Walkkill Valley) d. Canaan Bethea (Trenton Central), 8-3.  
189: Andrew Campolattano (Bound Brook) d. Mike Wagner (South Plainfield), 9-4.  
215: Zach Greenwald (Paulsboro) d. Kevin Innis (St. Peter's Prep), 3-1, OT.  
285: James Lawson (Manchester) p. Jack Delia (North Hunterdon), 0:43  
103: Anthony Ashnault (South Plainfield) d. Tyler Fraley (Colts Neck), 6-5.



MAINING TOP CONTROL...Raider Tristan Bundy, top, controls Alex Preefer of Cresskill in his 125-lb preliminary round bout. Preefer managed to eke out a 7-6 victory.

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Defendant: VICTOR DADILLA  
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## — Obituaries —

### William Lovallo, 74, Rutgers Graduate; Was Claims Adjudicator Representative

William A. Lovallo, 74, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Overlook Hospital in Summit, with his family by his side.

William was born in Newark, N.J. and had lived in Irvington prior to moving to Scotch Plains in 1988. He resided at the Westfield Center Genesis ElderCare nursing home in Westfield since 2006.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Masters in Marketing, both from Rutgers University, Newark Campus.

William had been a claims adjudicator representative for the State of New Jersey Division of Social Security Disability for 22 years before retiring in 2004.

He was predeceased by his wife, Myrna, in 2000.

Surviving are his daughter, Theresa "Terry" Mitchell, and her husband, Peter, of Scotch Plains; his grandchildren, Timothy and Daniel Mitchell; his brothers, Angelo and Basil; his sisters, Joan Storch and Carmella Manrodt, and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held yesterday, Wednesday, March 10, at the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains. A Mass followed at the Parish Community of St. Helen in Westfield. Interment took place at Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Overlook Hospital Development and Foundation, 36 Upper Overlook Road, Summit, N.J. 07901.

March 11, 2010



William A. Lovallo

## Oasis-Church-NJ.Com Sets Next Service For March 21

MOUNTAINSIDE – On its way to launching weekly services, Oasis-Church-NJ.com, a new contemporary Christian church located at 1180 Spruce Drive in Mountainside, will hold its fifth monthly Sunday morning service on March 21 at 11 a.m. More than 200 people attended the last Sunday morning experience on February 28.

Oasis offers relevant biblical messages for the 21st century, Christian rock worship music, safe children's programs, free food and a chance to meet and socialize with others.

According to David Butler, lead

### Library Welcomes All To Folk Music Café

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Mountainside Public Library will present its Folk Music Café on Thursday, March 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Live music, coffee and desserts will be featured.

Spook Handy will return to entertain the audience with songs and stories from his recent tour. Joining him will be songwriter Carl Alderson, his first band mate. Attendees will have an opportunity to request or lead songs during the song share, and an informal live jam session will top off the evening.

Participants are invited to bring their instruments, and a piano is available. Admission will be free. The Folk Music Café is sponsored by a grant from the Watts-Mountainside Community Foundation. The library is located on Constitution Plaza in Mountainside. For more information or for driving directions, visit the Mountainside Public Library website, mountainsidelibrary.org, or call (908) 233-0115.

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##### RESOLUTION NO: 2010-188

**AWARDED TO:** Jewish Family Services \$107,874.00  
**SAGE, Inc** \$70,000.00  
**Meals on Wheels** \$16,000.00  
**Union Hospital WISE Day Care** \$34,000.00  
**Catholic Charities/Engel Center** \$30,000.00  
**Community Hospital Group** \$15,000.00  
**Muhlenberg Adult Day-Medical** \$13,440.00  
**Runnells Hospital** \$13,440.00  
**American Red Cross** \$8,000.00  
**SERVICES:** Statewide Respite Care  
**PERIOD:** January 1, 2010-December 31, 2012

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders  
1 T - 3/11/10, The Leader Fee: \$28.05

### Library Reschedules SCORE Program

WESTFIELD – Due to the recent blizzard, the Westfield Memorial Library has rescheduled the SCORE program entitled "Twenty-five Businesses You Can Start with Little or No Money" to Monday, March 15, at 7 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

During the 90-minute program, Buck Buchanan, a veteran representative from the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) who has started two successful businesses, will discuss the characteristics of people who succeed in business compared to the characteristics of those who fail. He also will review the five steps absolutely necessary for success and how successful companies differ from unsuccessful companies.

SCORE is a non-profit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. It also is a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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

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##### RESOLUTION NO: 2010-211

**AWARDED TO:** Forensic Pathologist Services Ltd, (Edward S. Chmara, MD) Titusville, New Jersey  
**SERVICES:** to perform autopsies and/or external examinations when the medical examiners are on vacation, sick time or at a conference  
**PERIOD:** March 1, 2010-February 28, 2011

**COSTS:** in an amount not to exceed \$25,000

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders  
1 T - 3/11/10, The Leader Fee: \$25.50

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##### RESOLUTION NO: 2010-193

**AWARDED TO:** Kanen Psychological Associates, Ridgewood, New Jersey  
**SERVICES:** to provide psychological evaluations and psychological fitness for duty evaluations for the Juvenile Detention Center staff candidates  
**PERIOD:** January 1, 2010-December 31, 2010

**COSTS:** in the amount of \$10,000  
Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders  
1 T - 3/11/10, The Leader Fee: \$23.97

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##### RESOLUTION NO: 2010-189

**AWARDED TO:** Jewish Family Services, Elizabeth, New Jersey  
**SERVICES:** for the purpose of providing ongoing care management services to clients eligible for the Global Options Program  
**PERIOD:** January 1, 2010-December 31, 2010

**COSTS:** in the amount of \$145,920. (State funding: \$145,920)

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders  
1 T - 3/11/10, The Leader Fee: \$23.46

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted Resolutions at its March 8, 2010 meeting for the following applications heard at its February 8, 2010 meeting.

**Walter Gardiner, 724 Scotch Plains.** Approval to install an access ramp in the front yard was granted with the condition that a restriction requiring the future removal of the ramp be placed on the deed prior to the installation of the ramp. The applicant requested that the condition of the deed restriction be removed from the resolution. Application denied.

**F&J Foot Inc., 112-115 Cacciola Place.** Applicant is seeking extension of previous approval of preliminary major site plan with use and bulk variances. Approval granted February 2008 extended to February 2010. Applicant sought an extension of approvals, pursuant to the Permit Extension Act of 2008. Application approved with conditions.

**Jorge and Vera Ortiz, 208 Livingston Street.** Applicant sought permission to retain a portion of the first floor as habitable floor space contrary to Section 12.04E2 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance allows a maximum habitable floor area of 40%. Proposed is 43.45%. Application denied.

**Estate of Eloise Houston Clark, 237, 241, 245 Charles Street.** Applicant sought major subdivision approval with bulk variances to subdivide an existing lot that currently has 3 dwellings on it into 3 separate lots having one dwelling each and use variance relief to allow the continued use of one of the houses as a two - family dwelling. Application approved with conditions.

**Charles Pijanowski, 37 Cowperthwaite Place.** Applicant sought 'c' and 'd' variance relief to replace the existing vacant non-conforming single-family residential structure with a three story two - family structure. Application approved with conditions.

Kathleen Nemeth  
Secretary, Board of Adjustment  
1 T - 3/11/10, The Leader Fee: \$46.41

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### International Club To 'Visit' Slovakia

GARWOOD – The next monthly meeting of the International Club at the Garwood Public Library is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, at 10 a.m. Jana Hermanova will share information and anecdotes about her home country of Slovakia.

During the club's February 27 meeting, club member Mireya Kolfenbach gave a presentation on her native country of Ecuador. As part of the program, she brought a plate of empanadas de queso and shared facts about her birthplace.

The International Club welcomes new members and requests that interested persons sign up in advance at the circulation desk in the library, call (908) 789-1670 or register online at the library's website, youseemore.com/garwood. Located at 411 Third Avenue, the Garwood Public Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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##### RESOLUTION NO: 2010-191

**AWARDED TO:** SAGE Eldercare, Inc., Summit, New Jersey  
**SERVICES:** for the State Health Insurance Program  
**PERIOD:** January 1, 2010-December 31, 2012

**COSTS:** in an amount of \$25,704.  
Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders  
1 T - 3/11/10, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

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##### RESOLUTION NO: 2010-210

amending (Resolution No. 2008-782)  
**AWARDED TO:** Birdsall Service Group/ PMK, Cranford, New Jersey  
**SERVICES:** for the Union County Courthouse Project, Elizabeth, New Jersey  
**COSTS:** in the amount of \$90,300 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,123,344.

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##### RESOLUTION NO: 2010-209

amending (Resolution No. 2007-488)  
**AWARDED TO:** Stantec, Rochelle Park, New Jersey  
**SERVICES:** for the purpose of providing Construction Inspection ND Administration Services for the Union Township Intersection Improvement  
**COSTS:** in an amount of \$33,628 for a new contract amount of \$102,985.

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders  
1 T - 3/11/10, The Leader Fee: \$21.93

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD

**CONTRACTOR:** Stickel, Koenig & Sullivan, 571 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009

**NATURE OF SERVICES:** The Town of Westfield enters into a contract with Stickel, Koenig & Sullivan in conjunction with the services provided by Stuart R. Koenig, as special counsel to provide legal services to the Town of Westfield for litigation.  
**DURATION:** January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

**AMOUNT:** Not to exceed \$35,000.00.  
**THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.**

Claire J. Gray  
Town Clerk  
1 T - 3/11/10, The Leader Fee: \$18.87

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## BOE Candidate Comment

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### Ginny Leiz Seeks Re-election to Westfield Board of Education

Westfield Board of Education (BOE) President Ginny Leiz has announced her candidacy for re-election to the BOE. First elected to the board in 2001, Ms. Leiz has served on the BOE for nine years, including three years as vice-president and three years as president.

"I have a passion for excellence in public school education and considerable board member experience and institutional knowledge of the school district. These are the driving forces behind my interest in continuing to serve my community as a member of the BOE," Ms. Leiz explained. "As recent empty nesters, my husband and I are keenly focused on the cost of education and its impact on local property taxes.

"My understanding of current school programs, services and budgeting will be key to helping the district find the right balance between preserving the essential elements of a Westfield education and managing its cost," the candidate said.

During her tenure as BOE president, the board successfully re-invigorated its Liaison Committee with town leaders. Working together, the town and school district identified a common need for a broad-based alert system, and by making a joint purchase, each group saved money.

"I'm proud of the current partnership between Westfield's town and school leaders which has already benefited the

community," Ms. Leiz noted. "Especially during a fiscal crisis, the collaboration of our schools and municipal government is critical to achieving cost savings through shared services and good outcomes to issues of mutual concern."

In addition to her board leadership roles, Ms. Leiz has chaired every standing board committee, including Finance, Curriculum, Long Range Planning, Facilities, and Policy; served on its two recent ad hoc committees – Community Outreach and Technology – and has been a member of the board negotiating team at least once with each of the five Westfield school district's labor units. In the past year alone, she sat at the collective bargaining table with each of four school district labor groups, which have each already settled or are now poised to ratify their new contract terms.

"In the past 12 months, the board has negotiated breakthrough contract terms with the majority of our labor associations," Ms. Leiz said. "Supported by long-standing relationships of mutual respect and hard work at the bargaining table, the board was able to gain considerable future cost savings in health insurance. I was happy to participate in the hard work of these negotiations. The results will benefit Westfield for years to come," Ms. Leiz added.

Ms. Leiz hopes to leverage her knowledge and experience as a board member by being re-elected to one of the three open seats on the Westfield Board of Education on Tuesday, April 20.

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##### RESOLUTION NO: 2010-183

**AWARDED TO:** Partners Healthcare, LLC, Cranford, New Jersey  
**SERVICES:** to provide pharmaceutical services to the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital  
**PERIOD:** March 1, 2010-February 28, 2011

**COSTS:** in the amount of \$1,200,000.  
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##### RESOLUTION NO: 2010-213

**AWARDED TO:** Princeton Insurance, Princeton, New Jersey  
**SERVICES:** Hospital General/Professional Liability Policy  
**PERIOD:** March 1, 2010-February 28, 2011

**COSTS:** in an amount not to exceed \$318,166 (\$11,230 decrease from last year)

**SERVICES:** Hospital General Umbrella Liability  
**PERIOD:** March 1, 2010-February 28, 2011

**COSTS:** in an amount not to exceed \$173,400 (\$6,120 decrease from last year)

**SERVICES:** Hospital Excess Umbrella Liability  
**PERIOD:** March 1, 2010- February 28, 2011

**COSTS:** in an amount not to exceed \$69,296 (\$2,512 decrease from last



## Sen. Tom Kean, Jr. to Speak At SAR Dinner on March 24

WESTFIELD – The Annual Chapter Dinner Meeting of the West Fields Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will be held on Wednesday, March 24. It will take place at the Echo Lake Country Club, located at 515 Springfield Avenue in Westfield. A cash bar will open at 6 p.m.

The chapter will honor three local individuals, including State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (LD-21, Westfield), Robert E. “Bob” Miller and Eagle Scout designee Andrew Marino. Additionally, chapter officers will be installed for the coming year.

The public is invited to make reservations in advance at \$30 per person. Checks should be made payable to West Fields SAR and mailed to: West Fields Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, 133 Division Avenue, Summit, N.J. 07901.

Senator Kean, who had previously served as a state Assemblyman and spoke at the chapter’s 2003 annual dinner, will receive the SAR Outstanding Citizenship Pin and Certificate of Distinguished Service for his continuing public service. He has continued his family’s tradition of serving the people of New Jersey, which dates back to the First Continental Congress.

The Senator has been asked to speak on the legislative environment with the recent change in the Governor’s Mansion, his own legislative priorities and actions he believes the Sen-

ate will likely address during the current session.

“We are thrilled to have the senator honor us once again, given the challenges facing New Jersey today,” said Ira Jersey, second vice-president of the West Fields chapter. “We look forward to hearing his views as the Senator for the 21st Legislative District and the leader of the Republican caucus in the Senate.”

Mr. Miller will be awarded an Outstanding Citizenship Certificate and a lapel pin that portrays a Continental Soldier with a musket. He will be recognized for his long and continuing leadership in the Westfield Historical Society, the Genealogical Society of the West Fields and the Annual Spring Assembly programs of Westfield’s five history-related organizations.

Andrew Marino of Boy Scout Troop 72 recently completed his Eagle Scout service project. He will be formally recognized as an Eagle Scout during a Court of Honor in June. The SAR will present him with the Certificate of Distinguished Service along with the organization’s Eagle Scout Medal.

Andrew’s project was to plan, organize and procure funding for the repair, replacement and refinishing of American flags and poles displayed in downtown Westfield from Memorial Day to Thanksgiving each year.

For more information, contact Bill Millar at wmmillar@verizon.net or (908) 464-4844.

## Library to Hold Festivities For Garwood’s 107th Year

GARWOOD – The staff of the Garwood Public Library will hold a celebration honoring Garwood’s 107th birthday on Saturday, March 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., complete with coffee, tea and a birthday cake.

The public is invited to come by to have some cake, share their stories and memories of Garwood, browse through some Garwood memorabilia and pictures, and socialize.

The library is in the process of creating a permanent Garwood exhibit in a corner of the facility and is interested in any items individuals may have related to Garwood’s history. Items

may be pictures of one’s home or of family members who resided in the borough and memorabilia such as plates, mugs, booklets and other such collectibles. The library has the ability to scan the items, create a computer image and return the originals to their owners unharmed, or individuals may wish to allow the library to retain them for safekeeping.

The library also is requesting items of interest that relate to any entity in the borough, including pictures, anniversary booklets from churches and schools, and items from businesses.

Of particular interest are photographs of now-gone historic sites in Garwood, among them the Thatcher Furnace Company, Oakland House, Scandia, Beckley Perforating Company, Rose’s Food Mart, Teddy’s Sugar Bowl, Schlechter’s Hardware and the “water tower.”

For further information, call the Garwood Public Library at (908) 789-1670 or visit the library’s Circulation Desk. The library is located at the corner of Third Avenue and Walnut Street, at the back of the Lincoln School complex. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. The library will continue to accept whatever memorabilia residents have throughout the year.

### Single Jewish Friends To Gather For Lunch

AREA – The Circle of Single Jewish Friends 49+ will hold a Meet and Eat Lunch on Sunday, March 21, at noon. It will take place at Uno’s Chicago Grill, located at 61 U.S. Highway South (near the Menlo Park Mall) in Metuchen. The cost is \$3 plus the price of a meal off the menu and tip. To respond, call Roberta at (908) 668-8450.



CHEERY TOUCH...Members of The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield gather January 20 at the First Baptist Church of Westfield to prepare mini-flower arrangements for clients who receive Mobile Meals. It is one of multiple community projects sponsored by the club. More than 13 members prepared the flowers that decorated the trays that were delivered that day. Pictured, left to right, are: Carole Smillie, Karen Jolley-Gates and Maryann Pietruski, president of Rake and Hoe.

## Miller-Cory House Museum To Feature Tea This Sunday

WESTFIELD – The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will present a program entitled “A Spot of Tea – the History of Tea” this Sunday, March 14, between 2 and 4 p.m.

The story of tea is filled with ancient legend, world history, intrigue and international commerce. During the program, Sherry Lange will relate the tale of this plant, and a variety of teas will be displayed. Attendees also will learn the old story of “two leaves and a bud.”

Additionally, the program Sunday will include tours of the restored, 1740 farmhouse. Members of the cooking committee will dem-

### Donnelly’s Welcome Son, Aedan John

Robert and Tara (Behr) Donnelly of Westfield have announced the birth of their son, Aedan John Donnelly, on Saturday, January 23, at 8:41 p.m. at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Aedan weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces and measured 19.5 inches in length at birth. He is the first child for the couple.

The baby’s maternal grandparents are Jack and Eileen Behr of Clark, formerly of Westfield.

Frances Donnelly of Union is his paternal great-grandmother.

### Mothers’ Center Posts Consignment Sale

AREA – The Mothers’ Center of Central New Jersey’s (MCCNJ) Kids Stuff Consignment Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20, at the Casano Community Center, located at 314 Chestnut Avenue in Roselle Park. The sale will feature gently used children’s spring and summer clothing in sizes from newborn to children’s 12, along with toys, videos and books, sports equipment and bicycles, strollers and other baby equipment.

Anyone interested in consigning is asked to visit westfieldnj.com/mccnj or leave a detailed message at the Mothers’ Center by calling (908) 561-1751. Participants keep 50 percent of the total sold and the other 50 percent is a tax-deductible donation to the MCCNJ.

The MCCNJ, a non-profit organization, provides friendship, education, outreach and support for all parents across Central New Jersey.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, (the “Council”), desires to retain services of JEFFREY B. LEHRER, ESQ. of the law firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, P.C. (“Legal Consultant”) to perform legal services for the Township of Scotch Plains as its Township Attorney from March 2, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.), requires that a Resolution authorizing the award of a Contract for Professional Services without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised and that the services of the Legal Consultant constitutes “professional services” as defined in said statute; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, P.C., has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that no owner holds 10% or more shares in the law firm has made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township in the previous one (1) year, and that the Contract will prohibit the law firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, P.C., from making any reportable contributions through the term of said Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby retains the Legal Consultant to perform the services of Township Attorney for the period from March 2, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in accordance with the terms of the attached Contract for Professional Services; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Contract with the Legal Consultant; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Township; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification of the law firm DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, P.C. be placed on file with this Resolution.

##### TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

Dated: March 2, 2010

Barbara Riepe  
Township Clerk  
1 T - 3/11/10, The Times Fee: \$51.51

## Linnea Rhodes to Receive Gaston Award on Sunday

WESTFIELD – The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library have named Westfield resident and artist Linnea Rhodes as the 2010 recipient of the Kenneth S. Gaston Award, which the group gives annually to an individual or persons who have supported and furthered the activities of the library.

The award ceremony will take place this Sunday, March 14, at 2 p.m. at the library. Phillip Lester, an acoustic and classical guitarist, composer, arranger and recording artist, will perform at the event.

Mrs. Rhodes is being honored for serving as the Friends’ co-president for three years, for initiating and promoting the popular Museum Pass Program and for volunteering for the Friends’ annual book sale and other library-related activities. She also was instrumental in creating the Museum Project program, in which framed museum posters recently were placed on permanent exhibit at the library.

A Maplewood native, Mrs. Rhodes received a degree in fine art with a minor in art history from Douglass College at Rutgers University and worked for three years thereafter as assistant to the director of art for

Norcross Greeting Cards. While raising her family, she was active with local Parent-Teacher Organizations and served as cultural arts chairman for the town-wide Parent-Teachers Council. In 1988 she joined the

Westfield Day Care Center as bookkeeper and later served for a decade as its executive director before retiring in 2000.

In 1982, she started an art business with an emphasis on house renderings. She was involved in 2005 with formation of the Contemporary Art Group and later served as its president. In the past several years, she has moved into watercolor and oil painting, and her works have been exhibited in many shows.

She and her husband, Richard, have two sons and a granddaughter.

The Kenneth S. Gaston Award was established in 1978 by The Friends and named after a former president of the library board of trustees who died in 1975. His widow and children set up the award in his honor. Eleanor Senus is chairperson for the awards committee that made this year’s selection.

The Westfield Memorial Library is located at 550 East Broad Street. For more information, call the library at (908) 789-4090.



Linnea Rhodes

## Historic Preservation Comm. Announces Book Signings

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee (MHPC) has posted the dates and venues for book signings for its newly-released “A History of Mountainside–1945-2007: It Was Only Yesterday.”

Author and Mountainside resident Connie McNamara will autograph copies of the 192-page book, published by The History Press in cooperation with the MHPC.

The book costs \$19.99 and proceeds from its purchase will benefit historic restoration in Mountainside. Book signings will take place as follows:

Saturday, March 13, 2 to 3 p.m. at the Mountainside Public Library, lo-



Connie McNamara

### Welcome Club to Hold Wine and Cheese Event

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Welcome Club invites all area newcomers to its semi-annual New Member Wine and Cheese event on Tuesday, March 23, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at a club member’s home. The club is a social organization that offers various activities for women and their families. For more information on the club and the Wine and Cheese event, see westfieldwelcomeclub.com or call Kate at (908) 577-2445. To respond to the event, e-mail mnhpc@westfieldwelcomeclub.com

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains held on March 4, 2010, the following decisions of the Board were memorialized:

**Approved, Matt Wofsy**, for a Variance to construct a six-foot fence in what is considered the front yard at property located at 2349 Mountain Avenue, Block 3906, Lot 13.02.

**Denied, Candido Rodriguez**, for a Variance to convert one of the two existing bedrooms into two bedrooms at property located at Southwyck Condominiums, 29 Yarmouth Court, Block 13701.36, Lot 03CYO29.

The files pertaining to these applications are in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains and available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Barbara Horev, Secretary  
Zoning Board of Adjustment  
1 T - 3/11/10, The Times Fee: \$23.97

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING**, on **MARCH 22, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.** in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, to hear the Minor Subdivision application of Stephen Costalos, d/b/a, Beam Reach Properties for 2508 Plainfield Avenue, Block 6503, Lot 8, M-1 Zone who proposes to establish a contractor’s storage yard consisting of eight storage bins, installation of a six-foot fence, five parking spaces and a free-standing sign. The following Variances are requested:

**Section 23-3.14d(2)-Parking**, Allowed: Parking 20 feet from a street line; Proposed: Parking 20 feet from a street line

**Section 23-3.4d(4)-Landscaping**, Required: 10% for seeding & landscaping. Proposed: The applicant has submitted a plan

**Section 23-2.3-Regulations Applicable To All Zones-Parking**, Required: Parking only on property to be developed. Proposed: Parking on Township Right-of-Way

**Section 23-3.4(3)-Off Street Parking**, Required: Parking in other than front yard. Proposed: Parking in front yard

**Section 23-2.3(o)-Fencing**, Required: Four feet allowed in front yard. Proposed: Six feet in front yard

The Applicant is also requesting any and all variances deemed to be necessary at the time of the hearing including any waivers, exceptions or other relief necessary.

The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Township Board, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building and available for public inspection during office hours.

Barbara Horev  
Secretary to the Planning Board  
1 T - 3/11/10, The Times Fee: \$38.76

located on Constitution Plaza in Mountainside.

Saturday, March 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at The Town Book Store, 270 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Sunday, March 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, 300 Central Avenue in Mountainside, and 1 to 3 p.m. at The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House on Constitution Plaza in Mountainside.

Saturday, April 10, 1 to 3 p.m. at Barnes and Noble booksellers, book reading and signing, Route 22, West, in

Springfield.

Sunday, April 25, noon to 1 p.m. at the Mountainside Gospel Chapel, located on Spruce Drive in Mountainside.

Books will be available for purchase at these events. For further information or to purchase a copy from the MHPC, visit mountainsidehistory.org or call (908) 789-9420.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

##### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of the Westfield School District, Union County, New Jersey, at the Board of Education, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey, for the following supplies, equipment or services:

##### BID FOR: B 11-04 PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

##### BIDS DUE: APRIL 7, 2010 AT 1:00 PM

The bids will be received at the Administration Building, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, on the date and at the time indicated, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be in strict compliance with specifications. Specifications may be secured from, Purchasing Office 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 (908) 789-4407. Bids must be made on the proposal forms in the manner designated. Proposals must be endorsed on the outside of the sealed envelope, with the name of the bidder, the bidder’s address and the name of the supplies, equipment, or services for which the bid is submitted. It is understood and agreed that proposals may be delivered before the time or at the place specified for opening. The Board of Education assumes no responsibility for bids mailed or misdirected in delivery. No bids shall be received after the time designated.

Bidding shall be in conformance with the applicable requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., pertaining to the “Public School Contracts Law”.

The Board of Education of the Town of Westfield, in Union County, New Jersey, reserves the right to reject any or all bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(s), (t), (v), (y), 18A:18A-4(a), 18A:18A-22, and to waive any informalities. The Board further reserves the right to take such alternates as they deem appropriate, and in any order that the Board feels may be in the best interest of the Westfield Public School District.

All bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et. seq., Affirmative Action Against Discrimination and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et. seq.

Corporate bidders are required by law (Chapter 13, Laws of 1977) to submit a list of names and addresses of all stockholders owning 10% or more of their stock.

A Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor Questionnaire/Certification also must be filed with the bid. The bid package will also include other documents that must be completed and returned with the bid. Failure to comply with Instructions to Bidders and to complete and submit all required forms, may be cause for disqualification and rejection of the bid.

All bidders shall submit with their bid package a copy of the New Jersey Business Registration Certificate as issued by the Department of Treasury of the State of New Jersey. (N.J.S.A. 52:32-44)

**BIDDERS NOTE:** Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier’s check or certified check made payable to the Westfield Board of Education, for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total bid, however, not to exceed \$20,000. By order of the Town of Westfield Board of Education, Union County, New Jersey,

Robert A. Berman  
Board Secretary  
1 T - 3/11/10, The Leader Fee: \$71.40

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

##### NOTICE OF MEETINGS (In Compliance with OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT - Chapter 231) \*ADDENDUM TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS\* \*\*Change of Meeting Date\*\*

TYPE OF MEETING:	Regular Public Board Meeting/Public Hearing on 2010-11 Budget
DATE OF MEETING:	Wednesday, March 31, 2010 (Originally scheduled March 25)
LOCATION:	Administration Building Evergreen Avenue & Cedar Street Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076
TIME:	7:30 p.m.
PURPOSE OF MEETINGS:	Board Public Meeting and Hearing on 2010-11 School Budget
ACTION TO BE TAKEN:	Action will be taken.

1 T - 3/11/10, The Times

Fee: \$34.68

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT, BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES 1035 PARKWAY AVENUE, PO BOX 605 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on 3/23/10, downloaded, and publicly opened and read, from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.1 et seq.; in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; for:

**Maintenance Drainage Repair Contract, North - 2010, Various locations including and North of Route 57, Counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union, and Warren; 100% State; DP No: 10422**

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 N.J.A.C. 17:27. The awarded bidder must provide a completed Contractor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contribution Form(s) according to both P.L. 2205, C.51 and Executive Order No. 117 within fourteen (14) days from the award date. Executive Order No. 117 is effective on November 15, 2008. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, all bidders must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue, Business Registration, as of the date of bids. The awarded bidder must provide proof of valid business registration within fourteen (14) days from the award date. Pursuant to the “Public Works Contractor Registration Act”, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq. (P.L. 2003, c. 91), all bidders must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance, at the time of bid. The awarded bidder must provide proof of PWCR within fourteen (14) days from the award date.

The Department, in accordance with Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252 U.S.C., 49 C.F.R., Parts 21 and 23 issued pursuant to such Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any bidder on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or handicap in the project award.

Plans, specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com). You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe follow the instructions on the website. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express. Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our Design Field Offices at the following locations:

200 Sterli Court Mt. Arlington, NJ 973-770-5141	Route 79 and Daniels Way Freehold, NJ 732-308-4025	1 Executive Campus Rt 70W Cherry Hill, NJ 856-486-6624
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3 T - 3/4/10, 3/11/10 and 3/18/10, The Leader

Fee: \$198.90



# Westfield Schools Help Haiti With \$30K in Donations

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Public School district marked the 100th day of school with a donation of \$30,874 to the American Red Cross on Friday, February 19. The “Hearts for Haiti” campaign, participated in by students, staff and parents in all 10 schools and the administration building, ended this month with contributions earmarked specifically to assist relief efforts in earthquake-stricken Haiti.

The presentation to the Red Cross took place at Lincoln School, the district’s Early Childhood Learning Center. Representatives from all of the district’s buildings were in attendance.

Joseph Malanga, principal of Wilson Elementary School, brought a six-foot banner decorated by the school’s art classes, with a “Hearts for Haiti” motto surrounded by crayon-colored hearts. He explained that donations to the schools came in many different denominations, from

small coins to generous checks.

In accepting the district-wide donation, Maureen Kaufman, executive director of the Westfield-Mountainside Chapter of the Red Cross, said, “Every contribution is appreciated. It is never too small to make a big impact.”

Ms. Kaufman praised the involvement of the students, saying, “This shows a great public spirit and potential for these future Red Cross volunteers.”

In gratitude for the donation, Ms. Kaufman presented each school’s student representative with a framed certificate of appreciation from the American Red Cross.

Hannah Angus, who held a bake sale with her friend Mackenzie Pinkin at Roosevelt Intermediate School, said, “When we saw the videos of the devastation in Haiti and talked about it in school with our teachers, we knew we wanted to help.”



CHIM CHIM CHER-EE...Fifty-five Edison Intermediate School students will take to the stage on March 18 at 4 p.m. and March 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. to present *Mary Poppins* under the direction of David Shapiro.

# Edison Players Prepare For ‘Supercalifragilistic’ March

WESTFIELD – Tickets are on sale for the Edison Intermediate School presentation of *Mary Poppins*, presented Thursday, March 18, at 4 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20, at 7:30 p.m. The Thursday matinee is a special presentation for elementary school students accompanied by their parents and senior citizens.

Edison’s own David Shapiro directs a cast of young performers, featuring Catherine Bruno as Mary Poppins and Fraser Weist as Bert, in this classic family musical that features everyone’s favorite songs and more than a few

surprises.

Purchase reserved seating tickets in advance at the Edison School Auditorium lobby from 3 to 3:30 p.m. through March 17 and save \$2 or purchase tickets at the door for \$10 on the night of the show.

Tickets for the Thursday afternoon performance can only be purchased at the door for \$5.

Edison School is located at 800 Rahway Avenue in Westfield. For more information, contact Mr. Shapiro at (908) 789-6134 or e-mail westfieldnj12.org/dshapiro.

# Fifth Graders Graduate D.A.R.E. Program

EDISON – On the morning of February 19, fifth graders from The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison were awarded diplomas and T-shirts from Edison police officer Mike Gurovich and fifth grade teachers Debbie Kendall and Nicole Nolan, marking their graduation from D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Program).

Local graduates of the program include Samantha Anastasiou and Jake Payami, both of Scotch Plains. Samantha is the daughter of Chuck and Nina Anastasiou. Jake is the son of Maurice and Renee Payami.

Officer Gurovich said the fifth grad-

ers extensively studied drugs, alcohol, bullying and peer pressure before becoming D.A.R.E. graduates.

Before receiving their certificates and T-shirts, the essay winners, which were determined by the teachers and Officer Gurovich, were revealed. Essay winner Noah Fischer explained the impact alcohol, tobacco and marijuana have on the human body.

He stressed the importance of not caving in to peer pressure and to remaining a loyal and true friend. Yumna Naqvi, the next essay winner, echoed Noah’s sentiments, adding that tobacco leads to lung cancer and heart disease.

Essay winner Athena Gerasoulis said she learned valuable skills about being a good friend and using positive decision-making skills. The final winner, Katherine Yochim, said, “Drugs cannot only hurt you, but they can hurt your family and the ones you love.”

She said if someone were a true friend, he or she would not force you to take drugs. At the conclusion of the ceremony, fifth graders and their parents enjoyed an ice cream social.

# Union Catholic Grad Completes Basic Training

SCOTCH PLAINS — Marine Corps Pvt. Paul A. Christy, a 2009 graduate of Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Pvt. Christy and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Pvt. Christy spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Pvt. Christy and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps’ core values — honor, courage and commitment — and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Pvt. Christy and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony, in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as “Marines” for the first time in their careers.

# WF Resident Earns Colgate Dean’s Award

WESTFIELD – Westfield’s Kate Sheridan, daughter of Peg and Joe Sheridan, is a recipient of the Dean’s Award for academic excellence during the fall 2009 semester at Colgate University, where she is a member of the Class of 2013.

To be eligible for the Dean’s Award, a Colgate student must achieve a 3.30 or higher average while carrying a full course load of four courses per semester.

A 2009 graduate of Kent Place School, Kate is also a member of Colgate’s NCAA Division I Women’s Lacrosse Team.

# Area Residents Named To Rider Dean’s List

AREA — Rider University’s colleges of Business Administration; Continuing Studies, and Liberal Arts, Education, and Sciences have announced the names of undergraduate students who have been placed on the dean’s list for the fall 2009 semester.

Lauren Koepfler of Westfield, a senior Communication major; Narihiko Watanabe of Westfield, a sophomore Accounting major; Brittany Shaykevich of Westfield, a junior Psychology major; Kathryn Ramey of Cranford, a senior Marketing major; Casey Albrecht of Cranford, a sophomore Accounting major; Anne Marie Swayze of Cranford, a freshman Political Science major; Jessica Zimmer of Cranford, a freshman Communication major; Kimberly Hiller of Mountainside, a sophomore Communication major; Tatiana Kingston of Mountainside, a sophomore Business Administration major.

# Thomas O’Brien Makes Minnesota Dean’s List

WESTFIELD – Thomas O’Brien of Westfield made the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities dean’s list for the fall 2009 semester.

Students on the list all achieved a grade point average of 3.66 or higher while taking 12 or more credits.

Thomas attends the College of Biological Sciences.



PERFECT 10...All 10 Westfield schools and the administration building assisted Red Cross relief efforts in earthquake-stricken Haiti. Representing each school were: (pictured seated, from left to right) Grace Cash, fourth grade, Franklin; Emma Levitt, fourth grade, Wilson; Emily Cheng and Blake Baretz, kindergarten, Lincoln; Rebecca White, second grade, Jefferson; Fiona Gillespie, fourth grade, Tamaques; Uma Lakshman, fifth grade, McKinley; and (top row, left to right) Jennifer DeCandia, eighth grade, Edison; Hannah Angus, sixth grade, Roosevelt; Chloe Rothenberg, 12th grade, Westfield High School, and Trey McAuliffe, fourth grade, Washington, standing next to Maureen Kaufman from the Red Cross.

# SP-F Preschool Program Accepting Applications

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District is currently accepting applications for its Preschool Program. Applications are being accepted for children that will be 4 years old on or before October 1, 2010.

# WF Resident Earns Colgate Dean’s Award

WESTFIELD – Katherine Sheridan is a recipient of the Dean’s Award for academic excellence during the fall 2009 semester at Colgate University, where she is a member of the Class of 2013.

To be eligible for the Dean’s Award, a Colgate student must achieve a 3.30 or higher average while carrying a full course load of four courses per semester.

Katherine is a 2009 graduate of Kent Place School and the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Sheridan.

# SP’s Bowles Makes Essex Dean’s List

SCOTCH PLAINS – Scotch Plains resident Stephen Bowles has been named to the fall 2009 semester dean’s list at Essex County College.

Students must achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average to be included on the list.



D.A.R.E. GRADUATES...Jake Payami of Scotch Plains receives his certificate and T-shirt from Edison police officer Mike Gurovich after successfully completing the D.A.R.E. program. He is the son of Maurice and Renee Payami.

# Garwood Music Teacher Receives Master Award

GARWOOD – Garwood music teacher Marguerite Modero, in mid-February, received one of the New Jersey Master Music Teacher Awards at the New Jersey Music Educators State In-Service Conference at the Hilton in East Brunswick.

Ms. Modero has taught vocal, instrumental and general music in the Garwood Public Schools for more than 30 years, working with the entire school population of students from grades 1 through 8.

She directs the beginner band, concert band and string ensembles, along with the choir, chorus and show choir. As the sole music teacher for the district, she starts her students on their musical journey and continues



MAKING THE GRADE...Samantha Anderson, daughter of Jill Anderson of Westfield, has been named to the dean’s list for the School of Communications and Theatre at Temple University in Pennsylvania in the fall 2009 semester. Students on the dean’s list must maintain a grade point average of 3.67 or higher. Samantha is currently a sophomore at Temple and is a 2008 graduate of Westfield High School.

to support their efforts until they leave the district to attend high school in a neighboring town.

Ms. Modero said she feels a responsibility in her position to avail her students of as many types of musical and performing opportunities as possible, ranging from the mini musical in fourth grade to their studies of composers in the upper middle grades.

Ms. Modero believes that music is the “great equalizer” for her students with learning and developmental disabilities. Being part of a performing group such as the band, choir or a musical theatre cast, offers them a vehicle to not only use talents that may have been overlooked in their other academic classes but also gives them a sense of belonging and acceptance.

Along with her daily schedule, she directs the yearly musical, featuring the eighth grade. She began the program in 1980, serving as the music, stage and choreographic directors. She said she is “proud” that this has become a “time-honored Garwood tradition that that town residents and especially senior citizens look forward to attending each year.”

# Penk Earns Champlain College Honors

MOUNTAINSIDE – Ryan Penk, a resident of Mountainside, has been named to the fall 2009 Champlain College’s Dean’s List for academic achievements. Ryan is majoring in Electronic Game and Interactive Development.

Students named to the dean’s list are full-time students with a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or more.

Ryan is the son of Patricia and Timothy Penk of Mountainside.

# ROOSEVELT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL Second Marking Period

WESTFIELD – Roosevelt Intermediate School Principal Stewart Carey announced the school’s second 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.

# Seventh Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Carl Arena, Sameena Asija, Meredith Bagger, Elise Ballan, Jessica Bebel, Victoria Breza, Stephanie Brown, John Bunting, Madeline Capodanno, Belle Carroll, Bryan Chou, Amanda Christian, William Crenshaw, Michael Dazzo, Kayleigh Denner, Nicole Di Giorgio, Kevin Echausse, Lauren Echausse, Kristianna Elbert, Max Flysch, Jane Franks, Jennifer Frega, Chloe Genakos, Jared Geoghan, Cindy Gong, Erin Hart, Benjamin Howell, Brian Johnson, Carly Kalis, Jacqueline Knapp, Timothy Korth, Sara McCutcheon, Judy McDonald, Aimee Mayo, Mary Mayo, Samantha Moore, Kelly Morrison, Beth Dee, Mae Devlin, Amelia O’Brian, Alyson Palia, David Parker, Christopher Pettit, Meghan Pettit, Emma Phillips, Anthony Pirone, Anna Reid, Jordan Robertson, Claudia Romeo, Alexandra Rood, Courtney Ryan, Lillian Scott, Evan Steinfield, Jillian Stock, Caroline Stocking, Emily Sullivan, Meghan Summers, Andrew Ukrainskyj, Layla Varkey, Kathryn Vera, Christopher Why, Olivia Windorf

# Seventh Grade Honor Roll

Marissa Alvarez, Lauren Andrononis, Patrick Aslanian, Jennifer Bagger, Andrew Baker, Margaret Blatz, Megan Bluffield, Kerry Bollo, Stephen Bonsall, Sean Brennan, Eliza Bryen, Nathan Budashevit, Jill Burke, Nicholas Cannone, Olivia Cara, Fiona Castorina, Kirsten Caughey, William Chandler, Elena Chermak, Carson Clarke-Magrab, Alexandra Colucci, Katherine Crowley, Jacob Cruz, Patrick Culhane, Jacqueline Daulaman, Courtney Day, Thomas Dazzo, Eliza-Goth, Devin Kiernan, Ian Knapp, Jessica Koenigsberg, Kelly Ann Kristiansen, Austin Kronick, Corinne Kuntz, Sabrina Ladi, Margaret Lafemina, Matthew Lamar, Amanda Lambert, Michael Lapolla, Kaitlyn Larkin, David Lavelle, Olivia Lavelle, Christopher Lee, Katherine Lee, Alessandra Leong, William Liddy, Alexandra Little, Kiera Loftus, Andrew Malacera, Andrew Marino, Carlie Mayer, Collin McDonald, John McKinley, Kevin Miller, Mia Miller, Helen Mizrach, Alexander Monteiro, Elise Morano, Jacqueline Napolitano, Samantha Nigro, Briana O’Brien, Charlie O’Brien, Rajan Olson, Samantha Paoletti, Corinne Petersen, Emily Posyton, Luke Prybylski, Chelsea Rader, Jack Reinhard, Annie Resnikoff, David Reverendo, Thomas Rohwetter, Amy Rosenzweig, Julianne Salency, Nicholas Sanders, Richard Santiamo, AmerSawan, Nelson Schildge, Emily Schuman, Victoria Scognamiglio, Dana Seigelstein, Natasha Sharma, Ellie Shirik, Maren Siegel, Jackson Simcox, Georgia Slater, Kara Smith, Amanda Stein, Elinor Walker, Noah Walsh, Julia Wanfried, Jason Wang, Aidan Ward, Elli Walsh, Connor Webb, Patrick Woods, Alexander Zornitsky

# Eighth Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Grace Aronds, Christopher Aslanian, Caroline Baldwin, Robert Ball, Alexandra Berry, Connor Brennan, Natalie Brennan, Anna Centrella, Sandy Choi, Julia Criscuolo, Olivia Dembiec, Nicole Deroux, Leia Descalzi, Vikranth Eleswarapu, Catherine Eliades, Gabrielle Eniclerico, Shea Fitzpatrick, Mara Friedman, Ethan Frisch, Edwin Gee, Alexander Gold, Melanie Grycan, Sara Hoerner, Belle Hutchins, Jake Katz, Helen Forrest Keating, Jack Kessler, Kyle Kristiansen, Daniel Kuhn, David Kushner, Julia Kuznetsov, Claire Lynch, Kelly Mazzucco, Thomas McDonald, Sarah McIntyre, Nicholas Mennona, William Murtishaw, Elisabeth Neylan, Joseph Ohaus, Sophia Palia, Rebecca Plotkin, Thomas Pyle, Kristin Ragoza, Michael Reddy, Erica Ripberger, Calvin Robertson, Jill Rosenfeld, Claire Rothfelder, Sophia Shiffman, Gregory Stepanioui, Andrew Stockwell, Sanjay Sujanthakumar, Anna Tanji, Alyssa Teese, Sean Tracey, Kristen Villane, Morgann Wilcox, Charlotte Zee

# Eighth Grade Honor Roll

Julia Abbattista, Kaitlin Abrams, Christopher Algarin, PJ Allen, William Allen, Thomas Anderson, Michael Andrononis, Christopher Arena, Elena Arida, Jane Aronds, Nora Aronds, Sun Alex Bae, Audrey Bangs, Aram Barmakian, Ethan Beneroff, Sean Bohrod, Kathleen Bond, Tyler Bowman, Jacob Boyle, Harry Braffman, Brittany Bryant, Gabrielle Buckman, Dylan Burt, Russell Cain, Christopher Callahan, Nicole Carpetto, Virginia Caspard, Douglas Clarkson, Kaitlyn Collett, Ellie Cook, Brittany Cuellar, Christopher Dattilo, Sarah Davidson, Stephen Della Fera, Bradley Demartino, Alexa Derman, Sarah Drummond, Andersen Eckert, Brandon Eger, Benjamin Eisenberg, Noor El-Sherbeini, Jared Ellner, Michael Fascalie, Juliana Federman, Catherine Felix, Jack Filipkowski, Conor Finn, Matthew Fitzgerald, Jack Foley, Peter Foltz, Carly Friedman, Evan Garfinkel, Conor Gelson, Christopher Gingrich, Sophia Goldschmidt, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Peter Greeley, Connor Hagan, Emma Haley, Oona Harrigan, Patrick Harris, Austin Hatzel, Justin Hertzberg, Casey Hewett, Ian Hutchinson, Jake Kaplan, Alexis Kardias, Madeline Katz, Rebecca Kaufman, Alexander Kay, Rebecca King, Suzanna Kozlowski, Samuel Krause, Kenneth Lamar, Danielle Lamchek, Mate Landeka, Matthew Latowsky, Brendan Law, Christopher Lazzarotti, Mark Lazzarotti, Matthew Lazzarotti, Olivia Le Warn, Allison Lee, Bryon Lessner, Alexander Lopez, Kaitlyn Lutz, Hannah Mackenzie, Kirsten Mahler, Shannon Malley, Conor Martinson, Jake Mastrorand, Elizabeth McCabe, Kathleen McCutcheon, Mary Grace McDonald, Luke McGrory, Emily McLane, Caroline McNamara, John Monihan, Lena Morello, Nora Moriarty, Thomas Mueller, Sean Mullman, Hunter Mulzoff, Michael Murray, Daniel Myers, William Napolitano, Megan Newhard, Julia Nisley, Matthew Nuzzo, Shannon O’Brien, Jaclyn O’Connor, Kelly O’Connor, Leo Ohaus, Brianna Parkinson, Ryan Paul, Natasha Peregrin, David Player, Mary Rippe, Deirdre Romer, Kimberly Roth, Sarah Russo, Kristen Ryan, Joseph Santry, Sarah Sarkos, Jonathan Savorgiannakis, Jack Schiavo, Olivia Schiffer, Alex Schneider, Benjamin Schuman, Lydia Anne Seamen, Katherine Seery, Nicholas Serrattelli, Connor Sheridan, Emily Suckles, Andria Silva, Tara Smith, Colin Sudwell, Caitlin Sweeney, Matthew Tazbin, Caitlyn Tierney, Sabrina Vanness, Joseph Waddell, Jacob Wasserman, Aaron Wentz, Scott Wiesinger, Amanda Womelsdorf

# UCC to Host Open House For Summer Programs

CRANFORD – On Saturday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Union County College (UCC) Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education will host an open house for kids, teenagers and parents interested in learning more about the Summer 2010 College for Kids and College for Teens programs.

The open house presents an opportunity to meet instructors and learn about the courses offered. Kids and teens will also enjoy fun, challenging activities as well.

The College for Kids and Teens Programs will be offered on the Cranford campus during summer 2010. A variety of courses and workshops have been designed to enhance the learning experience for youth from 5 to 18 years old in areas such as reading, math, astronomy and visual arts.

The program also offers sports activities, which include intensive instruction in baseball, soccer, basketball, golf and tennis. This interactive program aims to connect real-life with learning and developing interests.

Courses that are new this summer include: “Passion for Fashion,” “Critic

Creations,” “Yoga for You,” “Mystery Book Club,” “Weird Science,” “Cool Math Games,” “Advanced Juggling,” “Camp Rock Star!,” “College Bound 101,” “ServSafe for Teens,” “Lego Loco,” and “Building Big Bridges.”

Registrations for the sports programs received on or before April 30 are \$195, and those received after April 30 are \$205. Other pricing varies, depending on the course offered and its duration. As well, UCC offers before- and after-care for each child for an additional fee.

For more information, call (908) 709-7600 or (908) 497-4208, or e-mail college4kids@ucc.edu.

# SPFHS DECA Wins First Place in February

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD – Students from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) won first place in Creative Marketing at the State DECA career development conference at Cherry Hill on February 28.

The students presented a 30-page presentation on their project working with the Scotch Plains Management Corporation (SPMC). DECA students have been working with the SPMC helping to produce a business directory for the Special Improvement District in Scotch Plains.

This month, the students will visit local businesses in order to explain the benefits of advertising in the directory. They will produce and layout the advertisements, as well as direct the distribution of the directory in the spring.

“This collaborative effort between school and business has been an excellent opportunity for the students to experience marketing in action in our town,” said Marjorie FitzGibbon, DECA advisor and Marketing Education teacher at SPFHS.

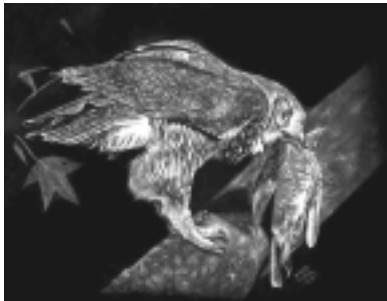
“It is very rare that students get opportunities to participate in real-world projects and apply what they learn in the classroom to a real-life business situation,” she continued. “We are grateful to the SPMC for this opportunity.”

# Union Catholic Presents *Les Mis*

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Union Catholic High School Performing Arts Company will perform its spring musical, *Les Miserables*, under the direction of Maryann Carolan.

Five shows will be performed for the general public: March 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. and March 21 at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Meg Nuwer at (908) 889-1600, extension no. 318.





The work of Colby Krolak

### SP-FAA Presents Scratchboard Artist

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center, located on Watson Road in Fanwood. A brief business meeting will be followed by a presentation on Scratchboard Wildlife and Animal Art by Colby Krolak.

Ms. Krolak has always had a passion for animals and art. Her childhood was spent exploring and observing the nature and wildlife of New Jersey. From an early age, she discovered a love of drawing. Growing up, she took advantage of every artistic learning experience, always looking to animals and nature for inspiration.

Ms. Krolak studied art and illustration at the duCret School of Art. During her three years at duCret, she practiced with a variety of media such as oil, acrylic and charcoal. However, it was not long before she discovered her favored medium – scratchboard.

She found that this traditional drawing technique was ideal for capturing the fine striking details and texture of her subjects. It was also during her time in art school that she found a love for painting digitally. This new media was perfect for creating whimsical and vibrant illustrations.

Whether it is the story of a frolicsome chipmunk or the legacy of a vanishing species, Ms. Krolak intends to illustrate each creature's personality, beauty and worth. She believes there is always something to learn from the wild and always room to grow as an artist.

With her art, she hopes to convey her love and respect for wildlife and encourages humans of all ages to appreciate and learn from the natural world around them. To learn more about Ms. Krolak and see some of her work, take a look at colbykrolak.com.

All meetings and demonstrations are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Paula Pearl at (908) 322-2590.

### Summit Symphony Presents Next Concert

SUMMIT – The Summit Symphony Orchestra will present its next concert of the 2009-2010 season on Sunday, March 14, at 3 p.m., at the Summit High School, located on Kent Place Boulevard. The concert will include music by Nicolai, Barber and Schumann.

The featured soloist for this concert will be violinist Dan Zhu. There will be a pre-concert lecture beginning at 2:15 p.m. for this performance.

Under the direction of conductor James Sadewhite, the Summit Symphony Orchestra will perform *The Merry Wives of Windsor* Overture by Otto Nicolai, *Concerto for Violin and Orchestra* by Samuel Barber and *Symphony 3* by Robert Schumann.

Mr. Zhu, a native of Beijing, made his first public appearance at the age of 9, performing the Mendelssohn violin concerto with the China Youth Chamber Orchestra. At 18, he made his Carnegie Hall debut, performing the Tchaikovsky violin concerto under David Gilbert.

For more information, visit [summitsymphonynj.org](http://summitsymphonynj.org). Admission for this concert is free.

### Workshop Releases 2010 Summer Prog. Guide

WESTFIELD – The 2010 Westfield Summer Workshop (WSW) program's 16-page brochure contains the listings of more than 60 courses in arts, crafts, communications, dance, drama, music, musical theater and special interests for students from pre-school to grade 8. It also contains information on the Summer Stage Theater program for aspiring actors in grades 6 through 12.

Open to residents of all communities, the 2010 program will be held from Tuesday, June 29, until Friday, July 30, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Roosevelt Intermediate School, located at 301 Clark Street in Westfield.

This summer's program contains more than 23 courses in its arts and crafts department, including air brush, cartooning, graphic design, international crafts, pottery and scrapbooking. Among the offerings in the communications department are imagination express, puppetry playhouse, debate team, mock trial, TV production and video animation.

The dance and movement department classes include dance sampler, Broadway jazz, fencing, gymnastics, hip hop, Irish dance, spirit squad, yoga and more.

The Summer Stage Theater, for grades 6 through 12, will present the musical *Barnum*, with book by Mark Bramble, music by Cy Coleman and lyrics by Michael Stewart. No audition is necessary to be part of this production, which tells the story of P. T. Barnum, co-founder of "The Greatest Show on Earth."

To request the 2010 WSW brochure, call (908) 518-1551, or visit the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts studios at 150-152 East Broad Street in Westfield. Additional information is available on [njworkshopforthearts.com](http://njworkshopforthearts.com).

## ‘Playing Politics’ to Open March 12 at Tomasulo

CRANFORD – From March 12 to April 17, the exhibition "Playing Politics" will be on display in the Tomasulo Gallery in the MacKay Library of the Cranford campus of Union County College.

The exhibition consists of painted paper collages and mixed-media works by artist Susan Hamburger. These pieces were done during the past three years, primarily under the President George W. Bush administration but also under that of President Barack Obama.

In her artist statement, Ms. Hamburger said her works "...address contemporary social and political issues by way of updated 17th and 18th century European design motifs..."

Ms. Hamburger has also received many awards during her career. In

2008, she was the recipient of the Abbey Mural Workshop Fellowship, presented by the National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts in New York City. In 2005, she held the Ucross Foundation Residency in Clearmont, N.Y.

The opening reception for "Playing Politics" will be held on Friday, March 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Tomasulo Gallery, found on the first floor of MacKay Library on the college's Cranford campus, which is located at 1033 Springfield Avenue.

Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Evening hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday. For more information, call (908) 709-7155.

## McNamara Tells History Of Mountainside Post WWII

MOUNTAINSIDE – Mountainside resident Connie McNamara recently released her book "A History of Mountainside: 1945–2007, It Was Only Yesterday" and will meet readers in Union County next month.

She will appear at The Town Book Store of Westfield on Saturday, March 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Mountainside Public Library on March 13 at 2 p.m., the Hetfield House in Mountainside on Sunday, March 21, at 1 p.m. and at Barnes & Noble of Springfield on April 10 at 1 p.m.

Bordered by the Watchung ridges, Mountainside's picturesque four square miles afford a park-like setting in the midst of exurban activity. Author Ms. McNamara provides a comprehensive look at this tight-knit community that prides itself on its bucolic surroundings and its caring and cohesiveness.

She recounts anecdotes, passed on

by town elders, of Mountainside's prestigious historic architecture, the establishment of the nationally renowned Children's Specialized Hospital and the Badgley House, where Revolutionary residents concealed their valuables from the British.

Longtime Mountainsiders candidly recall the 1987 tornado, the 1995 centennial celebration and the galvanizing day in 1985 when the historic Hetfield House was moved down Route 22.

Produced in collaboration with the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee, "A History of Mountainside" unveils the character of this New Jersey town.

Ms. McNamara is a lifelong resident of Union County. She has lived in Mountainside since 1974 and has worked as a reporter for *Newsweek* and editor at *New Jersey Savvy Living*. She currently works as a freelance writer.

## Rupert Holmes to Attend Curtains, Drood Performances

AREA – Both local high schools will perform works by Rupert Holmes, Broadway playwright and 1970's/80's pop star.

Mr. Holmes will attend the Saturday, March 13, evening performance of Westfield High School (WHS) Theatre's *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday, March 14, performance of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) Repertory Theatre's *Curtains* (The Musical Comedy Whodunit) at 3 p.m.

Writer of the musical's book as well as additional lyrics to the Kander and Ebb score, Mr. Holmes will conduct a Q and A with the audience and cast immediately following the SPFHS show.

Mr. Holmes was the first person in Broadway history to singly win Tony awards for both Best Book and Best Score of a Musical for his creation *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, which also won the Tony award for Best Musical.

Prior to his career in theatre, Mr. Holmes was a pop singer-songwriter whose work was recorded by many of the preeminent vocalists of his time, most notably Barbra Streisand. Mr. Holmes wrote, arranged and conducted several platinum recordings

### Cowboys and Horses Ride at Les Malamut

AREA – The Les Malamut Art Gallery will present a photography exhibit titled "Cowboys and Horses of the Wild West" by Union resident Walt Jarko from March 16 until April 30. There will be an opportunity to both view the show and meet with the artist at a reception on Saturday, March 20, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Mr. Jarko has published a book of his Wild West photographs. He maintains a website at [backlightnaturephoto.com](http://backlightnaturephoto.com). Ten years ago, he bought his first camera and never put it down.

Self-taught, he makes time every year to explore the world off the beaten path with his camera. He has captured images in Iceland, Alaska and Mexico.

The photos in this collection were shot at the Flitner Ranch in Shell, Wyo., using both film and digital techniques.

All photographs are for sale and may be purchased directly from Mr. Jarko.

The Les Malamut Art Gallery is located in the lower level of the Union Public Library, located at 1980 Morris Avenue in Union. For further information, visit [lesmalamutartgallery.web.officelive.com](http://lesmalamutartgallery.web.officelive.com) or call (908) 851-5450.



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Susan Hamburger's "The Low Road – Spitzer"

## Carriage House Poetry Returns to Fanwood

FANWOOD – The Carriage House Poetry Series invites the public to attend a free poetry reading on Tuesday, March 16, at 8 p.m. in the Patricia Kuran Arts Center on Watson Road, off North Martine Avenue, adjacent to Fanwood Borough Hall. The featured readers will be distinguished poets Linda Radice and Skye Van Saun.

Ms. Radice is a poet and essayist. Her work has been published in numerous literary journals. She was the second place recipient of the 2007 Allen Ginsberg Award and received an honorable mention in 2008.

She is a member of the Fanwood Arts Council and is co-director of the Poets Wednesday reading series at the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge.

Ms. Van Saun was a Geraldine R. Dodge Festival Poet in 2008. She is the author of a chapbook, "Versus Verses" and a forthcoming memoir, "Moving Violations." A poet, writer and editor, Ms. Van Saun teaches poetry master



**DROOD CREW IN ACTION...** Neville Landless, center, played by Westfield High School (WHS) thespian Dan Berman, is arrested as a murder suspect for the killing of young Edwin Drood. But did he do it? The audience will vote to determine the answer during WHS's staging of the Tony Award-winning spring musical *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, at WHS, from Thursday through Saturday, March 11 to 13, at 7:30 p.m. All tickets are \$10 and are available in advance at the high school box office on (908) 928-0992, via e-mail at [WHStickets@westfieldnj12.org](mailto:WHStickets@westfieldnj12.org) or at the door. Pictured, left to right, are: Michael Kirkland, Geoffrey Ko, Joel Seltzer, Robert Romano, Dan Berman, Michael Eilbacher, Kevin Morris and Nicholas Shorrock.

## POPCORN™ Shutter Island: Opens a Window to Bedlam



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By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER  
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More crawl-under-your-skin icky than scary, Martin Scorsese's *Shutter Island* perpetrates a major, if not really novel, twist. Still, a stellar performance by Leonardo DiCaprio and great production values almost save the day. Too bad neither O. Henry nor his filmic heir, M. Knight Shyamalan, were aboard to engineer the movie's big surprise.

It is 1954. DiCaprio's Federal Marshal Ted Daniels and his partner, Chuck Aule (Mark Ruffalo), are taking the ferry to Shutter Island, namesake of the institution for the criminally insane where a murderous inmate has recently escaped. These are macho G-men. But Ted is seaisick, a presentiment hinting that even tough guys might have frailties.

Upon landing, the usual eeriness abounds. That building holds this sort of patient; over there is home to the highly dangerous; and that one, well, that's a big hush-hush and don't ask. Making matters more disconcerting, the rules demand that Ted and Chuck surrender their firearms. But the expository capper comes when they meet the big cheese.

Waltzed into the magnificently baroque chamber where Ben Kingsley's Dr. Cawley and his associate, Dr. Naehring (Max von Sydow), sip wine and whimsically discuss the latest theories on madness, Ted is put on guard. What are these head-shrinking fops playing at? Naehring's accent sends him hurtling back to when he and his fellow GI's freed Dachau.

This will become a recurring theme, Ted equating his discoveries on Shutter Island with perceived analogies from his war experiences. Yet for now, the first order of the day is to find Rachel Solando, the escapee who was incarcerated for drowning her three children. Oddly though, it appears to these high-class gumshoes that she has vanished into thin air.

In short, things are rotten in Denmark, and they're getting fishier by the minute. Interviews with guards, orderlies and patients seem to have been rehearsed. One inmate, perhaps not as loony as some, slips a note to Agent Daniels. It reads: Run. Rumors abound. It is posited that secret experiments are taking place somewhere on the isle.

But the kicker comes when Ted decides to explore the verboten areas of Shutter Island on his own. After risking life and limb by climbing craggy cliff, all the while pursued by his suspicious hosts, he makes a strange acquaintance. Com-

pounding the fears his bizarre encounter raises, on returning he is told that the lost Mrs. Solando has now been found.

All that's missing for good measure in this psycho-creepy atmosphere of evil vs. paranoia is a cameo by Vincent Price. It is the spooky stuff of a thousand B-movie thrillers. And doubtless the master filmmaker had fun etching his paean to this genre. Yet, it is so exquisitely realized that, in surmounting its clichéd roots, it becomes an anomaly.

This film phylum is accustomed to a rag-tag, clanky-edged cachet unto itself...the kind of thing that simply reeks of low-budget ghoulishness and near laughable dialogue. And so, as a result of *Shutter Island*'s expensive standards, we expect a better story, more intriguing divulgence and a world-class coup de grace that truly sends us reeling. Nonetheless, Scorsese's cinematic sleight of hand has its fascinations. And baby-faced Leonardo DiCaprio – who at first looks like a little kid playing dress up – ultimately creates such a passionately wrought, noirish persona that it puts us on tenterhooks. But the lack of said knockout punch precludes adequate payment for our trusting anxieties.

Of course there's no way you can know this until it is far too late...long after you've forsaken a trip to the concession stand as well as the facilities in hopes of that dramatic clincher. Which is why you need this review. Oh yeah, I guessed the finale, but with about 10 minutes left on the clock. And even then I was wishing for yet another twist.

Thinking back, you try to recall if there were clues. There are strict rules to this sort of horsingwoggling. Though the mind-boggling classic, *The Usual Suspects* (1995), lets fall the requisite breadcrumbs, you'd be a genius to pick up on them the first time. Whereas Scorsese's approach is akin to the ploy that resolves it all with, "And then I woke up."

Pity is all the ancillary goodies, such as Ben Kingsley and Mark Ruffalo's splendid supporting performances and the stunning art direction, can't be put in a doggy bag to be saved for a better film. It's a nice thought if you can afford illusions in your movie-going decisions. But the sane and frugal option would be to slam the door on *Shutter Island*.

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*Shutter Island*, rated R, is a Paramount Picture's release directed by Martin Scorsese and stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo and Michelle Williams. Running time: 138 minutes.



One of Tamborlane's "Seven Days."

## Tamborlane's 'Seven Days' Featured In NYC Gallery

CRANFORD – Cranford artist Theodosia A. G. Tamborlane has been invited to exhibit her installation painting "Seven Days" at the New Century Artists Gallery, 530 West 25th Street in New York City, from now through March 27.

Ms. Tamborlane will discuss her painting on Saturday, March 13, at a public reception from 3 to 6 p.m. at the gallery.

"Seven Days" presents a colorful, thought-provoking abstract representation of seven days of a week as a specialized, installation septych, 170 inches wide. This septych design allows viewers to deliberate on individual days as they turn into weeks.

Ms. Tamborlane said, "Each day of a week is distinct due to changes in weather, different appointments kept or missed, communications or lack of communications from family and friends, music or shows enjoyed, terrorist warnings, etc. Each week then becomes a unique collaboration, which I visualized in 'Seven Days.'"

Ms. Tamborlane has her paintings at Simply Gallery in Cranford on a permanent basis. Her paintings are in personal collections in United States and Holland.

She can be contacted by e-mail at [tamborlane@aol.com](mailto:tamborlane@aol.com); her website is [tamborlane.com](http://tamborlane.com), and she can be reached at (908) 276-4967.

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BEST OF THE BEST...The above image was taken in 1925, along a north Jersey highway. Pictured from left to right are Troopers Julius H. Westphalen #277, Dennis J. Walsh #200, and John D. Divers #127. Incidentally, five years after this photograph was taken, then-Sergeant Divers died on May 2, 1930, as a result of septicemia poisoning incurred in the line of duty.

# Former NJ State Trooper Pens History of ‘The Best of the Best’

By **MARYLOU MORANO**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

AREA – Sea Isle City author George Wren, a retired New Jersey State Trooper, has written a continuation of the history of the New Jersey State Police, which was originally published in 1971.

Mr. Wren's book, "Jersey Troopers II: The Next Thirty-Five Years (1971-

2006)," picks up where "Jersey Troopers – a Fifty Year History of the New Jersey State Police" by Sergeant Leo J. Coakley left off.

According to the author, "Jersey Troopers II" "depicts an evolution of the organization derived through the trials and tribulations of those who served in the state's pre-eminent law

enforcement agency, during what many agree was a time filled with hostilities and technological advancements on many fronts."

A true historical record, "Jersey Troopers II" offers cases and events surrounding "the Outfit" in a well-researched, well-documented and well-presented manner.

Mr. Wren's account is so thorough that it should be required reading for anyone looking to a career in New Jersey law enforcement.

Mr. Wren first read Sergeant Coakley's book before he enlisted in the State Police and then again in 1983, shortly before Sergeant Coakley died.

Almost from the beginning of his career, Mr. Wren knew he would pick up the ballast and charge forward with the history.

"Of course, as a young trooper, I certainly wasn't in any position to research and write a book, so I decided back then that if no one continued the record by the time I retired, I would take on the task," Mr. Wren explained, adding that in his mind, "Jersey Troopers II" was always going to be a sequel to continue the record of the next 35 years.

Mr. Wren began researching the book in June 2006 while he was still on active duty.

At first, he encountered a logistical problem; his primary source of research materials was housed at the State Police Museum and Learning Center in West Trenton, some two hours from his home in Sea Isle City.

"I quickly realized that my attempt to conduct the research on a part-time basis was futile," he said.

It was only after he retired in November 2006, after a 25-year career as a New Jersey State Trooper, that he was able to devote himself to research and writing on a full-time basis.

The manuscript was finished in March 2009.

Initially writing "Jersey Troopers II" for former, present and future state troopers, Mr. Wren was pleasantly surprised to see that his writing and research began to fit into a larger context.

"I found the stories I was recording were very similar to many of the crime novels on today's book shelves. The only difference [is that] these stories are real," he explained.

Although officially retired from the New Jersey Police Force, Mr. Wren maintains an active part of "the Outfit."

He now serves as the editor of *True Blue & Gold*, the newsletter of the Former New Jersey Troopers Association, an organization that is 3,000 members strong.

Proceeds from "Jersey Troopers II" will establish an educational fund to aid the children of New Jersey Troopers whose careers were cut short due to untimely off-duty death or disability.

To purchase a copy of "Jersey Troopers II," log onto [jerseytroopersii.com](http://jerseytroopersii.com).

## Arts & Entertainment

### Murderous Plans Afoot at WCP

By **SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

WESTFIELD – With Alfred Hitchcock's theme music playing in the background, the Westfield Community Players (WCP) continue their 75th season with the third offering of the year, *Dial "M" for Murder* by Frederick Knott. Final performances are March 13, 20, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 14.

The popular 1954 Hitchcock thriller movie version, starring Ray Milland, Grace Kelly and Robert Cummings, was similar to the 1948 classic movie, *Sorry, Wrong Number*. Blackmail, murder, hidden identities, with a few twists thrown in for good measure, make Westfield's *Murder*, directed by Steve Lemenille, an evening of intrigue.

The play's plot is based on the age-old convention of a cheating spouse who lusts for money and concocts "the perfect crime."

British tennis pro Tony Wendice (A.J. Liana) has given up the glamorous life of a sports star traveling on the circuit to become the model stay-at-home husband. This is all, supposedly, to please his wife Margot (Alexandra Drori). In reality, it is part of Tony's plot to kill his wife, whom he married for her money.

The metamorphosis of Tony occurs after he realizes that Margot doesn't love him and has had an affair with Max Halliday (Brian Remo), an American TV crime-show scriptwriter. The affair ended when Halliday left London to return to the United States.

Margot burned all Max's love letters except one that she kept in her purse. That one letter is the pivotal piece of the plot since Margot is blackmailed over it, and Tony enacts his scheme because of it.

For a full year, calculatingly, Tony draws out small amounts of money from his bank in preparation to pay a hit man to kill his wife.

He follows Charles Alexander Swann (Ken Ludmer), who now calls himself Captain Lesgate, and figures him to be the perfect man for the perfect crime. A former acquaintance of Tony's from their days together at Cambridge, Lesgate has long embarked on a life of petty crime.

By tailing Lesgate and researching his past indiscretions, Tony soon has enough damaging information to blackmail him into murdering Margot.

Ironically, at one time in the play,

#### Musicales Return On Wed., March 17

WESTFIELD – The First Congregational Church of Westfield, located at 125 Elmer Street, announced the continuation of its Mid-Day Musicales concerts for the 2010 season with a program by the Jersey Jazz Trio on Wednesday, March 17, at noon. These free, half-hour concerts are presented in the church sanctuary, and are followed by a soup-and sandwich-luncheon, available in the church social hall for \$7.

The Jersey Jazz Trio's members – Bill Shadel, clarinet, Ron Naspo, bass, and Bob DeBenedette, piano – are all seasoned veterans of the metropolitan New York music scene. Their program will include jazz classics from the 1920's through the 1950's.

For further information, or to make luncheon reservations, contact the church office at (908) 233-2494.

Tony asks his rival Max, who has returned to London for a visit, "Could you write me the perfect murder?"

"I could plan one," is Max's response. All too soon Tony realizes it might be easy to plan a perfect crime; however, it's quite another thing to have it come to fruition.

Act I is overly ripe with exposition. No fault of the actors or director of this production; it's just the way the play is written. In the world of cinema, a director can shoot from various angles, add music to set the mood and play with lighting to lessen voluminous exposition.

Not really so in a stage version. This stage – its own little tennis court – has the tennis pro Tony firing powerful, direct hits to Lesgate, who returns with soft lobs. In those verbal volleys between Tony and his hit man, dynamic tension is never quite realized because the audience misses many of Lesgate's soft responses.

A suspenseful Act II is faster-paced with twists in the plot that peel away like layers of a Bermuda onion. Fine acting throughout holds the production together. Mr. Liana is quite convincing as bon vivant Tony.

Mr. Liana, with his spot-on British accent, has the character's cockiness down pat. He deceives his wife, the inspector and the audience into thinking he'll get away with the perfect crime all the while looking like a calico cat with a yellow feather hanging out of

his mouth.

Brian Remo's character Max, fresh, naive and oozing with the requisite good looks of an American hero, offers a credible rival to the swaggering, self-absorbed Tony. As the unscrupulous hit man, Ken Ludmer's talent is evident.

Inspector Hubbard and Tony are equally matched in ability as exhibited in their verbal sparring. Dickson Lane, as the inspector, is delightfully droll as he casts a net towards his suspect and, like the American detective Colombo with brilliant timing, has "just one more thing" to ask. Unlike Colombo, this actor has finesse, precise articulation and commanding stage presence.

Mr. Lemenille has cast the perfect fragile beauty for Margot in Ms. Drori and the perfect police officers in Gary Tamburro and burly Mark Douches, whose mere presence lets Tony know there is no room for escape.

The set, designed by director Steve Lemenille and Bill McMeekan, is a gorgeous hunter green and cream-colored apartment complete with marble-like fireplace and packed with lovely antique furniture. Margot's 1950s costumes – including the Grace Kelly vintage purple ballerina-length cocktail dress in Act I – are designed by Doris Dias and Kristen Paparella.

By the play's end, one of Tony's lines comes back to haunt him, "I've learned I have to pay a price for everything I've wanted," he says.

Don't we all?

### Symphony to Hold Gala, Chooses Chairwoman

WESTFIELD – The Board of Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) and its Friends' group will celebrate the role the arts plays in the daily life of the community through its annual gala under the theme "Music...it's magic!" on the evening of May 1.

In making the announcement earlier this week, Mark Fleder, president of the orchestra's board of trustees, said, "The arts are really taking a fiscal hit this year, and our theme was chosen expressly to draw attention to musicians and the importance of the magic they bring to our world."

In conjunction with his announcement, Mr. Fleder displayed a sample of the gala invitation that features a bust of composer Ludwig van Beethoven originally illustrated by the late renowned artist Harry Devlin for WSO's first concert, the opera *Fidelio*, in June 1983.

Mr. Fleder observed, "Some whimsical touches have been added to highlight the magical evening the committee is planning."

Mr. Fleder also said he was pleased to announce that Mary-Beth Phillips, who was recently elected to the WSO board, has been named chairwoman of the event, which will be held at Echo Lake Country Club.

Mrs. Phillips was the successful proprietor of flower shops and two businesses involving special-events planning in the Washington, D.C., area prior to marrying Bruce Phillips of Westfield

almost four years ago.

She became involved in fundraising and advocacy for the symphony almost immediately upon arrival here, and the couple recently opened its classic Victorian home to the public during A Tour of Notable Homes, produced by the

Friends of Westfield Symphony to benefit the organization.

Mrs. Phillips earned her bachelor's degree from George Washington University and is also a singer who studied jazz with a former Peabody professor. The Phillips enjoy hosting a continuing series of "house concerts" featuring a variety of performers drawn from their circle of talented friends.

In her comments about her appointment as gala chairwoman, Mrs. Phillips echoed the sentiments of Mr. Fleder.

"There is an important relationship between artist and audience. Both elements are vital to the outcome of the performance...and their interplay is truly magic," she said.

"The success of the gala," she continued, "this year will depend on a similar magic occurring, as area music lovers are invited to fill the gap in public funding. It is essential to continue the WSO tradition of live music within our community, and I am honored to participate in this essential fundraising effort."

For information about WSO or to purchase tickets, call (908) 232-9400 on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit [westfieldsymphony.org](http://westfieldsymphony.org).



Mary-Beth Phillips, Gala chairwoman



ALL STATE...Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students Amanda Ho, pictured left, Lauren Ruesch and Albert Wu have been selected to perform with the prestigious New Jersey Music Educators Association All-State Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Orchestra. Amada, who is ranked number one in this year's All-State auditions, is the piccolo player for the Orchestra and Wind Ensemble. Lauren will play clarinet for the Symphonic Band. Albert played violin for the All-State Orchestra in November 2009. Amanda and Lauren performed with the All-State Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble on February 20, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. The All-State Orchestra is scheduled to perform in November 2010.

### Rupert Holmes to attend both high school theatre productions of his works.

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