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### Year In Review: June Through December

#### JUNE

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respective political parties.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education terminated its \$70,000-per-year contract with Resolve Community Counseling Center of Scotch Plains, thus eliminating its programs at the district's elementary schools.

##### Mountainside

Board of Education Business Administrator Roderic McLaughlin announced his resignation to accept a similar position with the North Highlands Regional High School Board of Education in Allendale, Bergen County. The BOE also announced the resignation of Deerfield School Principal Robert Phillips, who was moving to a suburb of Washington, D.C.

##### Garwood

Council members announced that bulk pickup was cancelled for the rest of the year, due to cuts in the borough's budget, and that the topic of bulk pickup would be revisited next year. Councilman Keith Sluka suggested that residents of the same block rent a private dumpster to use collectively. No permit is required for a dumpster, but police notification is recommended, said Borough Clerk Christina Ariemma.

##### County

The freeholder board approved a \$136,600 one-year contract with Web Creation of Clark for the "design, development and maintenance of the county's website."

The Union County freeholder board amended its non-smoking ban to include all county-owned recreational areas and facilities. The ban includes boating facilities, ice-skating facilities, playgrounds, running tracks, all snack bars, swimming pools, ballfields, tennis courts, Watchung Stable and restrooms.

Democratic voters selected freeholder incumbents Dan Sullivan and Bette Jane Kowalski and their new running mate, Plainfield Councilwoman Linda Carter, over a line of candidates under the Democrats for Change banner, in the June Democratic Primary, by defeating Janet Reynolds, Carmen Southward and Eley Castillo Ospina, by a margin of between 2,100 and 3,500 votes.

Republicans Ellen Dickson, Brian Flanagan and Elyse Bochicchio Medved were unchallenged in their Primary for freeholder seats.

Sheriff Ralph Froehlich edged out Essex County sheriff's officer Charles Mitchell by a tally of 12,386 to 11,373, while County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi

defeated Rahway publisher Lisa McCormick, 12,784 to 10,266. Ms. Rajoppi and Mr. Froehlich moved on to face Republicans Arthur Zapolski and Peter Lijoi, respectively, in the General Election.

Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow announced his opposition to a plan to move the 21 county prosecutor offices to the state Attorney General's budget. Mr. Romankow said his department's budget of \$20 million accounts for only 4 percent of the county's \$470-million budget and feared funding for the prosecutor's office would be redirected to other areas of the state.

The county freeholders approved increases in various horse-riding program fees offered at the Watchung Stable to reduce an operating deficit.

##### Region

The National Football League announced that Super Bowl XLVIII (48) would be played at New Meadowlands Stadium in February of 2014.

Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) defeated three challenges from David Larsen, Lon Hosford and Westfield resident Bruce Baker in the Republican Primary Election to win the GOP nomination and face Democrat Ed Potosnak in the General Election.

The county escaped relatively unscathed from what could have been a near-major disaster when a gasoline tanker overturned on Bonnie Burn Road on June 16, opposite the Colorado Café on the Union-Somerset County border, leaking 4,000 gallons onto the roadway. Hazmat crews from Union and Somerset Counties were called to the scene, along with firefighters from six towns.

##### JULY

##### Westfield

The board of education approved a new \$125 fee for students to participate in extracurricular activities including sports programs and dramatic productions.

The board of education appointed Matthew Bolton as principal of McKinley Elementary School. He previously was assistant principal at Roosevelt Intermediate School and interim principal of Lincoln School's Early Childhood Learning Center.

Westfield High School Athletic Trainer Sandra Mamary was appointed the supervisor of athletics following the retirement of 25-year school veteran Edward Tranchina.

Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan announced the district would search for a director of guidance, a position that had been eliminated following the resignation of Colleen White in March. Ms. Dolan



July 29, 2010

**THE STARTING LINE...**A total of 2,600 runners are poised at the starting line for the annual 5K Pizza Run in downtown Westfield last Wednesday evening, July 21. Several thousand spectators joined in the fun of the event, sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation.

said a high school and district of this size requires a guidance director.

The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) announced that Turning Point, a new café serving breakfast, brunch and lunch; 25 Burgers, a gourmet burger provider; Casa di Pizza, and Alan's Orchard, an organic market, would open in town.

Eagle Scout candidate Luke Gibbons received a green light from the town council to proceed with a Vietnam Memorial near the World War I and Korean War memorials at the circle on North Avenue and East Broad Street.

##### Scotch Plains

Several Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students, graduates, employees and district parents attended a board of education meeting to express their support for the high school's choral director, John Brzozowski, who resigned after his position was reduced from full-time to part-time. Superintendent of Schools Margaret Hayes said budget cuts had to be made following a \$3.8-million reduction in state aid, and another \$860,000 that was cut by the Scotch Plains and Fanwood governing bodies following voters' defeat of the budget in April.

The BOE approved the promotion of Joan Mast from supervisor to assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and technology, and the appointment of former SP-F BOE Vice-President Sasha Slocum as principal at McGinn School, replacing Susan Kukucka, who resigned.

Ryan Miller was hired as assistant principal-athletics at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS), replacing Rob Harmer, whose contract was not renewed by the BOE. Mr. Miller held the same position with Parsippany High School. Scott Bortnick, science supervisor at SPFHS, was promoted to principal at Brunner Elementary School, replacing Jodi Frank, who retired.

Union Catholic High School came before the planning board seeking approval to install lights and a new

scoreboard at the school's ballfields. Two attorneys attended the meeting representing residents of Black Birch Road and Dutch Lane, who opposed the school's plans.

The township council approved a \$22.9-million spending plan for 2010, with \$15.09 million to be raised in taxes, up \$740,185 from last year.

The planning board's planner was asked to study a proposal to rezone multiple tracts of land along North Avenue that would allow a developer to possibly build a housing complex.

##### Fanwood

The borough council approved a non-binding agreement with Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) allowing qualified laborers to work on small capital projects for the borough to supplement the public works department.

##### Mountainside

The board of education appointed Walter Daniel Saragnese as interim business administrator.

Deerfield School parents and students were introduced to new principal Kimberly Richards, who previously was assistant principal at Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains.

Board member Jorge Batista announced his resignation, as he was moving out of the district. Maureen Hess was appointed over three other candidates to fill the vacancy.

##### County

The freeholders approved a resolution for the county to join the Bergen County Wellness Program, a program that would provide county residents with discounts of between 10 and 50 percent on prescriptions.

##### Region

State Superior Court Judge Douglas Fasciale of Westfield was promoted to the Appellate Division.

The state Legislature passed Governor Chris Christie's proposed \$29.4-billion budget by votes of 21-19 in the Senate and 41-37 in the

Assembly.

Governor Christie and Senate President Stephen Sweeney (LD-3, West Deptford) came to an agreement on a 2-percent cap on local government spending, with exceptions for capital spending and debt, health insurance premiums and pensions, rising school enrollments and states of emergency.

The governor signed legislation into law to reform the state's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and protect small businesses from what the Governor said would have been a "devastating tax hike of up to \$683 per employee."

Governor Chris Christie signed executive order no. 33, establishing a county prosecutor study commission to examine the feasibility of placing county prosecutors within the Attorney General's Office.

The Union County Prosecutor's Office and the Summit Police Department continued their investigation into the July 17 beating death of a 47-year-old Summit man as he sat on a bench, allegedly by three teenagers. Charges were upgraded from manslaughter to murder.

The Cranford Township Committee adopted the 2010 municipal budget of \$32.3 million, representing an increase of \$1.1 million over 2009. Taxes jumped \$154,528 to \$21.3 million.

##### AUGUST

##### Westfield

The town's board of education appointed Derrick Nelson as assistant principal of Roosevelt Intermediate School.

The board of education rehired Matthew Kravetsky as a second-grade teacher at Franklin Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Kravetsky's dismissal as a third-grade teacher at Tamaques School was opposed by parents and led to discussions between the teacher and the board.

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November 4, 2010

**SEAFOOD ANYONE?...**Steve, Haley and Stephanie Concannos are dressed as chefs serving a seafood dish at Sunday's Halloween Contest on Quimby Street sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corp.



September 2, 2010

**LIFTING A HERO...**Firemen lower the casket of fallen Westfield firefighter Jim Pfeiffer, last Thursday, before a Mass of Christian Burial took place at Saint James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Springfield. Mr. Pfeiffer died last Sunday after falling at his Mountainside home.



June 17, 2010

**LADIES FIRST...**The following young ladies attended the Westfield High School Senior Prom in early June. They are, from left to right, Rosina Wissel, Kate Brennan, Gab Cerami, Sharon Faktor, Julia Spiridigliozzi, Jordan Harries, Anne Knisley, Sam Seib, Livi Magnanini, Diana Venezia and Melissa Riegel.

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ACROSS AMERICA...Rancher Dan and his friends in Idaho catch up with the latest Primary Election news in New Jersey by reading *The Westfield Leader*, hand delivered by Michael Ferrante of Weehawken during his annual cross-country trip on his Harley. Pictured is Dan D. Cone at his ranch in Fruitland, Idaho. See [www.goleader.com/photos](http://www.goleader.com/photos).

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Westfield firefighter James Pfeiffer, 30, died from injuries he sustained in a fall from a ladder while cutting tree limbs at his Mountainside home.

#### Fanwood

The borough council voted to support state legislation to help re-establish the \$7.5 million in funding to women's health and family planning services that was cut by Governor Chris Christie from the state budget this past spring.

Republican Councilman Robert Manduca, the only council member to vote against the borough resolution, said, "Although I applaud the sentiment on this council, I feel this bill is just about politics. This is really about tax money."

#### Garwood

The Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corporation (WSCHC) was granted a use variance by the Garwood Planning Board to convert the former St. Anne's School property into a senior citizens housing facility.

"This is a very positive thing for Garwood and for seniors who need housing," said WSCHC Executive Director Ruth Smith.

The school board announced the appointment of new Clark Board of Education Business Administrator John Bolil to replace Business Administrator/Board Secretary William Muzzio, who resigned.

#### County

The freeholders gave the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) permission to proceed with extending the lease on the county's garbage incinerator through the year 2045. The existing contract, signed in 1998 with previous operator Ogden Martin, terminates in 2023.

Jonathan Williams, an attorney representing the UCUA, projected savings of \$276 million over the length of the contract for towns that sign contract extensions. Homeowners serviced by independent trash haulers not covered by long-term contracts were paying \$30 more per ton than homeowners in towns that have contracts with the county.

The Union County Improvement Authority (UCIA) extended the deadline for local governments to sign up for its renewable-energy program to the end of August. The county anticipated a 25-percent savings in energy costs.

#### Region

New Jersey American Water Company (NAJWC) proposed raising water rates 13.6 percent overall to pay for infrastructure improvements and increased operating expenses. Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr called the rate increase "unacceptable and offensive," while Westfield Mayor Andy Skibitsky called the increase "appalling."

It was announced that the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority's (RVSA) board of directors had incurred expenses of \$1,097,110 for forensic accounting regarding its cogeneration facility. RVSA has spent more than \$30 million on the facility, which has failed to produce the \$1-million cost savings that was originally envisioned.

#### SEPTEMBER

##### Westfield

Moody's Investors Service dropped Westfield's municipal bond rating on general obligation bonds one level to Aa2, the third-highest investment grade, but Town Administrator Jim Gildea said the downgrading would not have much of an impact on the town's financial picture.

The town council returned from its summer hiatus to hear complaints from several Third Ward residents regarding the elimination of a crossing guard at the intersection of Central and Sycamore Avenues, one of nine posts eliminated.

Westfield resident Adina Enculescu, on whose property a traffic light was installed, called the Central Avenue project "illogical and irresponsible." She said her property has been devalued because of the installation.

Westfield experienced a bussing hiccup on the first day of school when a morning bus, from Iselin-based Dapper Bus Company, failed to arrive; it was to take Washington School-area students on the north side of town to the southside's Edison Intermediate School.

A distraught woman was successfully led to safety after threatening to jump from the roof of a three-story building in downtown Westfield.

Westfield High School ranked 41st

#### Garwood

The Garwood Council discussed complaints from residents regarding commuter-parking issues on Winslow and Anchor Streets.

#### County

Union County decided to move ahead with its solar-energy program, with 44 solar-panel installations being planned in 17 of the county's 21 municipalities, including the Cranford Library and community center and Lincoln School in Garwood, as well as some county facilities.

The county received a \$1-million Green Skills = Green Jobs grant from the United States Department of Labor, which it intends to use to train unemployed and underemployed workers for jobs in the utility industry, including solar installations.

The freeholders passed a resolution opposing the temporary shutdown of an \$8.7-billion rail tunnel to New York City.

#### Region

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie was in Union County at the Grand Summit Hotel, spearheading a fundraiser for the Union County Republican Party.

The Cranford Township Committee voted to concede to a lawsuit filed by a developer seeking to build a three-story housing complex at 555 South Avenue.

Cranford faced an increase of 25 to 30 percent in the fees it would be charged by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA).

The Azure Masada Lodge of Freemasons laid the cornerstone of the newly renovated Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford, performing the same ceremony that George Washington (a Mason) used to lay the cornerstone of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. over two centuries ago.

New Jersey received \$268 million in federal education funds for the state's school districts. This followed a nearly \$1 billion cut in state aid to districts.

#### OCTOBER

##### Westfield

Following weeks of complaints from residents, Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan announced that the crossing guard at Central and Sycamore Avenues would be reinstated.

The town's planning board began a hearing on an application by developer Michael Mahoney to be relieved of conditions in his 2000 subdivision application to preserve a house on East Broad Street at Karen Terrace dating back to 1785.

Owner Jesse Sayegh announced he had sold the Rialto Theatre in Westfield and the Cranford Theatre to Digital Cinema Destinations Corporation (Digiplex Destination). Both theaters continued to show movies; however, new operator A. Dale "Bud" Mayo envisioned the theaters as "interactive entertainment centers" that could additionally offer the ability to view live sporting events, concerts and operas, among other concepts.

The board of education discussed the possibility of covering all schools in the district with solar panels through a Union County Improvement Authority program to reduce energy costs for Westfield schools.

The town council raised parking fees for permits in lots 3 and 8 – the South Avenue Train Station lot and the North Avenue lot – from \$576 to \$636 a year, and raised the fee for lot 6 (Watterson Street) from \$360 to \$390 per year. Additionally, on-street meter parking fees were raised from 50 cents to 75 cents an hour. Officials said the revised fees would increase town revenues by \$173,000.

##### Scotch Plains

The township council voted to create a three-member panel to serve as the final arbiter in property owners' appeals of their sewer-utility bills.

The township council authorized the signing of an agreement with Union County for the use and maintenance of the county-owned Ponderosa property on Cooper Road, where Scotch Plains would maintain the property, which was purchased several years ago by Union County. Plans call for the site to be developed into a park and ballfields.

The township's zoning board of adjustment unanimously rejected an application by T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless to install a 125-foot-high cellular-antenna tower in Hillside Cemetery.

A consultant said recommendations in a shared-services study conducted for Scotch Plains and Fanwood would produce \$1.5 million in savings and result in a 10-percent reduction for the average taxpayer in the two communities on the municipal portion of their tax bills.

Governor Chris Christie, on his eighth stop of scheduled town-hall-

style meetings, spoke at the Italian-American Hall of Scotch Plains.

#### Fanwood

The borough council considered revising an ordinance regarding "double-wide" driveways. Councilman Mike Szuch said the ordinance "would legitimize our control over driveway construction." But former councilwoman Donna Dolce said the discussion of the issue, "demonstrates government at its worst."

#### County

The county freeholder board approved a one-year pilot program for a county-wide mutual-aid Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulance corps aimed at filling in daytime gaps faced by volunteer rescue squads.

The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools opened the new Academy of Performing Arts High School on the Vo-Tech campus in Scotch Plains.

Construction of a new ice-skating rink at Oak Ridge Park in Clark was proposed as part of an updated Union County parks and recreation master plan. The new facility would replace the existing rink at Warinanco Park in Roselle, which, in turn, would be converted into a multi-purpose indoor field.

#### Region

NJ Transit Executive Director James Weinstein told officials attending a meeting of the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition in Westfield that total costs of a new transit tunnel, known as Access to the Region's Core (ARC), had been projected at \$11 to \$14 billion, nearly double the budgeted amount of \$8.7 billion.

#### November

##### Westfield

The board of education unanimously approved a five-year contract extension with Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan. At a time the state is reviewing all superintendent contracts in light of Governor Chris Christie's edict to cap superintendents' salaries at \$175,000, Ms. Dolan's salary would remain at \$196,000 in 2011-2012, hit \$199,632 in 2012-2013 and reach \$203,625 in 2013-2014.

Former Westfield Mayor and ex-Union County Republican Chairman Ron Frigerio passed away at the age of 70.

Ken Rotter stepped down as chairman of the Westfield Democratic Committee after 11 years and was replaced on an interim basis by Third Ward Councilman David Haas.

Town Administrator James Gildea said the council would consider a resolution supporting a proposed traffic light by the county on North Avenue at the Lord & Taylor department store.

Westfield resident Joann Crupi, a former employee of jailed Ponzi scheme financier Bernard Madoff, was arrested at her Grove Street home by the FBI on securities fraud and other charges.

#### Scotch Plains

Republicans retained their 3-2 control of the township council following the General Election. Democratic incumbent Kevin Glover won a second term and two newcomers, Democrat Michael Marcus and Republican William Vastine, were elected to their first terms.

Barbara Riepe retired after more than 53 years as a township employee, the last 23 as township clerk. She was replaced by Bozena "Bonnie" Lacina, who served as clerk in Metuchen for the previous 15 years.

The Scotch Plains Management Corp. (SPMC) announced it was moving ahead with producing its first cable television commercials spotlighting the Route 22 and downtown business districts as a way of both retaining existing businesses and attracting new ones.

A second forum for residents concerning a shared-services report for Scotch Plains and Fanwood was postponed after consultant Dan Mason of Jersey Professional Management (JPM), the author of the report, said he was owed \$2,500 by Scotch Plains and would not attend the forum.

A township resident questioned the board of education regarding her concerns over her son singing "Joy to the World" in last year's winter program held at the Coles Elementary School.

CONTACT We Care celebrated its 35th anniversary with a gala at Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club.

A recent wave of burglaries in the township was the subject of a public meeting at St. Bartholomew Interparochial School. It was noted that the burglaries had gone over the border into Fanwood.

Scotch Plains Management Corp. (SPMC) board member Dominic Verdic said a hike in property assessments from the present \$200 per year would be needed "if we want to continue and we want to expand" the organization's efforts to promote existing businesses and recruit new ones.



LIRE – C'EST BON POUR LA SANTÉ...Champ de Mars – Westfielders Phoebe Chadowitz, Liam Dougherty, Lucy Vanecek, Zoe Chadowitz, Claudia Dougherty, Bridget Dougherty, Rachel Vanecek and Lindsey Hamlin with *The Westfield Leader* at the Eiffel Tower in Paris on Friday, November 5.



Courtesy of Angus McDonald

NEWS FROM THE FRONT...Roman soldier Maximus I, stationed at Fort Arbelia in South Shields, UK near Hadrian's Wall, reads *Westfield Leader* news from the last month. Mr. "Big Steve" Richardson portrays the Roman soldier for visitors at Her Majesty's museum in South Shields.

#### Fanwood

Incumbent Borough Council members, Democrat Katherine Mitchell and Republican Anthony Parenti, were reelected.

Per a request by downtown business and property owner Helen Ling, the borough council amended an ordinance regarding the borough's downtown development plan to allow fine arts schools, dance schools or other "quasi-educational" uses on the first floor of new buildings in the redevelopment area. The previous plan only allowed them on the second floor of buildings.

#### Garwood

Garwood Republicans swept the mayor's and two council races to take majority in the borough for the first time in years. Patricia Quattrocchi was elected mayor, defeating incumbent Democratic Mayor Dennis McCarthy. Republicans Victor DeFilippo and James Mathieu defeated Democrats Kathleen Villaggio and Matthew Allouf to gain council seats.

The borough's governing body was asked to guarantee a minimum amount of garbage at the county's trash incinerator through the year 2045 as part of a long-term lease extension currently being negotiated with Covanta Energy, the company that operates the Rahway facility. Council members expressed worries about the extended years on the deal. "We could potentially place the burden of this amendment on kids who haven't even been born yet," Borough Administrator Christina Ariemma said.

#### County

Democrats maintained their 9-0 majority on the Union County freeholder board, trouncing Republicans by close to 16,000 votes. Linda Carter, who replaced the departing Rayland Van Blake, was the top vote-getter, followed by Democratic incumbents Daniel Sullivan and Bette Jane Kowalski.

In the race for sheriff, long-time Democratic incumbent Ralph Froehlich and County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, a Democrat, were reelected.

The freeholders approved the transfer of \$15.6 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) recovery zone facility bonds from a new hotel project to the \$70-million expansion of Wakefern Foods, the wholesale arm of ShopRite supermarkets, based in Elizabeth. The City of Elizabeth issued an additional \$3.9 million in ARRA recovery bonds. The bonds for the projects were increased to \$45.5 million as another \$25 million became available from the state economic development funds.

Three Roselle residents demanded an apology from Republican county candidates, charging that they made racist comments on Election Night that were then printed in an election wrap-up article published in *The Westfield Leader*.

#### Region

Republican Rep. Leonard Lance easily defeated Democrat Ed Potosnak to gain a second term in Congress representing New Jersey's Seventh District on a night in which Republicans regained control of the House of Representatives for the first time in four years.

The Clark Planning Board heard a proposal by a developer to build a 329-unit, age-restricted housing project on Terminal and Westfield Avenues. The board continued the hearing until December.

Six months after creating a utility to collect sewer fees, the Cranford Township Committee introduced an ordinance repealing the sewer utility, thus returning to a system of placing sewer fees as a line item in the municipal budget.

New Jersey Department of Education representatives heard criticism from school officials, including the Cranford superintendent, during the first of four public hearings on Governor Chris Christie's plan to cap school superintendent salaries. The Union County hearing was held at Kean University.

The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) Board of Commissioners hired James Meehan, executive director of the Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority, as its new executive director by a 6-5 vote. Westfield Commissioner Allen Chin argued for the promotion of current senior staff, as opposed to hiring additional staff, to save the RVSA \$114,500.

CB Holding Corporation, the owner of Charlie Brown's Steakhouses and The Office Beer Bar and Grill restaurants, filed for Chapter 11 Protection. The company also shut 13 New Jersey restaurants. Charlie Brown's in Scotch

Plains and the Office Bar and Grill locations in Westfield and Cranford remained open for business.

#### DECEMBER

##### Westfield

The board of education voted unanimously to petition the Department of Education to recognize that the contract of Superintendent Margaret Dolan was "duly approved under the law" or to "give the county superintendent, Carmen Centuolo, the authority to acknowledge her prior approval of the contract."

In a 6-3 vote, board of education members approved, on second reading, an attendance-zone policy, which requires some Wilson School children to be re-zoned to attend Edison Intermediate School instead of Roosevelt Intermediate School. An administrative law judge found that the BOE violated its own by-laws by having the second reading of the policy only three weeks after the first reading.

##### Scotch Plains

The township council appointed Robert LaCosta as the municipality's new representative to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA), succeeding Joan Papen, who served as an RVSA commissioner for 15 years.

The township held its 20th annual Mayor's Charity Gala at Shackamaxon Country Club, an event that salutes its many volunteers. The gala dates back to 1991 and was the brainchild of then-mayor Alan Augustine.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education members unanimously passed a resolution to reject an edict by Governor Chris Christie and the Department of Education to cut Superintendent Margaret Hayes' salary by approximately \$14,000 if they wish to renew her contract. Board members were in support of keeping the superintendent for another five years at her current salary.

The board previously had voted to keep Superintendent Hayes from 2011 until June 30, 2015, at her current salary of \$189,000.

#### Fanwood

The borough council tabled an ordinance amendment that would have prohibited new nail salons from opening up in the downtown redevelopment area. Mayor Colleen Mahr said the salons are "cannibalizing" each other in the competition for business in the borough. The mayor said the action was intended to give the governing body time for "further review and discussion" on the list of the types of businesses currently prohibited in the borough.

#### Mountainside

Mountainside Board of Education auditor Bob Morrison said the district's "financial statements represent the beginning of fiscal crisis," with less than \$500,000 in surplus.

The borough paid tribute to late long-time borough mayor, Robert Vigilanti, who passed away last year, by erecting a sign in his name at the entrance driveway to the municipal building.

#### Garwood

Departing Mayor Dennis McCarthy, along with Councilmen Steve Napolitano and Anthony Sytko, were recognized for their service to the borough. Mayor McCarthy served on the governing body since 1987, and as mayor since February 2003 upon the sudden death of Mayor Michael Crincoli.

#### County

The Union County freeholder board awarded a contract to California-based Tioga Energy to run the county's \$28.6-million solar-energy program. The program includes 46 solar-panel installations on rooftops of county, municipal and school buildings.

The Union County Democratic Committee (UCDC) selected Linden City Democratic Chairman Chris Hudak to fill a vacancy on the Board of Chosen Freeholders left by the resignation of Rick Proctor, who was elected Rahway mayor last month.

Union County cancelled an agreement to purchase a Cranford home that abuts Nomahegan Park after the seller's bank wanted a higher purchase price than the \$495,000 the county was offering.

#### Region

Some two dozen residents turned out for a Cranford Township Committee meeting to express support for designating the former site of the Solomon Schechter Day School as open space. The township government bought the four-acre tract earlier in the year, using proceeds from a nearly \$2-million bond to finance the purchase.



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The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education terminated its \$70,000-per-year contract with Resolve Community Counseling Center of Scotch

Plains, thus eliminating its programs at the district's elementary schools.

**Mountainside**

Board of Education Business Administrator Roderic McLaughlin announced his resignation to accept a similar position with the North Highlands Regional High School Board of Education in Allendale, Bergen County. The BOE also announced the resignation of Deerfield School Principal Robert Phillips, who was moving to a suburb of Washington, D.C.

**Garwood**

Council members announced that bulk pickup was cancelled for the rest of the year, due to cuts in the borough's budget, and that the topic of bulk pickup would be revisited next year. Councilman Keith Sluka suggested that residents of the same block rent a private dumpster to use collectively. No permit is required for a dumpster, but police notification is recommended, said Borough Clerk Christina Ariemma.

**County**

The freeholder board approved a \$136,600 one-year contract with Web Creation of Clark for the "design, development and maintenance of the county's website."

The Union County freeholder board amended its non-smoking ban to include all county-owned recreational areas and facilities. The ban includes boating facilities, ice-skating facilities, playgrounds, running tracks, all snack bars, swimming pools, ballfields, tennis courts, Watchung Stable and restrooms.

Democratic voters selected freeholder incumbents Dan Sullivan and Bette Jane Kowalski and their new running mate, Plainfield Councilwoman Linda Carter, over a line of candidates under the Democrats for Change banner, in the June Democratic Primary, by defeating Janet Reynolds, Carmen Southward and Elyc Castillo Ospina, by a margin of between 2,100 and 3,500 votes.

Republicans Ellen Dickson, Brian Flanagan and Elyse Bochicchio Medved were unchallenged in their Primary for freeholder seats.

Sheriff Ralph Froehlich edged out Essex County sheriff's officer Charles Mitchell by a tally of 12,386 to 11,373, while County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi defeated Rahway publisher Lisa McCormick, 12,784 to 10,266. Ms. Rajoppi and Mr. Froehlich moved on to face Republicans Arthur Zapolski and Peter Lijoi, respectively, in the General Election.

Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow announced his opposition to a plan to move the 21 county prosecutor offices to the state Attor-

ney General's budget. Mr. Romankow said his department's budget of \$20 million accounts for only 4 percent of the county's \$470-million budget and feared funding for the prosecutor's office would be redirected to other areas of the state.

The county freeholders approved increases in various horse-riding program fees offered at the Watchung Stable to reduce an operating deficit.

**Region**

The National Football League announced that Super Bowl XLVIII (48) would be played at New Meadowlands Stadium in February of 2014.

Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) defeated three challenges from David Larsen, Lon Hosford and Westfield resident Bruce Baker in the Republican Primary Election to win the GOP nomination and face Democrat Ed Potosnak in the General Election.

The county escaped relatively unscathed from what could have been a near-major disaster when a gasoline tanker overturned on Bonnie Burn Road on June 16, opposite the Colorado Café on the Union-Somerset County border, leaking 4,000 gallons onto the roadway. Hazmat crews from Union and Somerset Counties were called to the scene, along with firefighters from six towns.

**JULY Westfield**

The board of education approved a new \$125 fee for students to participate in extracurricular activities including sports programs and dramatic productions.

The board of education appointed Matthew Bolton as principal of McKinley Elementary School. He previously was assistant principal at Roosevelt Intermediate School and interim principal of Lincoln School's Early Childhood Learning Center.

Westfield High School Athletic Trainer Sandra Mamary was appointed the supervisor of athletics following the retirement of 25-year school veteran Edward Tranchina.

Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan announced the district would search for a director of guidance, a position that had been eliminated following the resignation of Colleen White in March. Ms. Dolan said a high school and district of this size requires a guidance director.

The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) announced that Turning Point, a new café serving breakfast, brunch and lunch; 25 Burgers, a gourmet burger provider; Casa di Pizza, and Alan's Orchard, an organic market, would open in town.



October 7, 2010

READY, SET, EAT...The competition is fierce at the ravioli-eating contest at the Scotch Plains Day street fair on Sunday.

Eagle Scout candidate Luke Gibbons received a green light from the town council to proceed with a Vietnam Memorial near the World War I and Korean War memorials at the circle on North Avenue and East Broad Street.

**Scotch Plains**

Several Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students, graduates, employees and district parents attended a board of education meeting to express their support for the high school's choral director, John Brzozowski, who resigned after his position was reduced from full-time to part-time. Superintendent of Schools Margaret Hayes said budget cuts had to be made following a \$3.8-million reduction in state aid, and another \$860,000 that was cut by the Scotch Plains and Fanwood governing bodies following voters' defeat of the budget in April.

The BOE approved the promotion of Joan Mast from supervisor to assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and technology, and the appointment of former SP-F BOE Vice-President Sasha Slocum as principal at McGinn School, replacing Susan Kukucka, who resigned.

Ryan Miller was hired as assistant principal-athletics at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS), replacing Rob Harmer, whose contract was not renewed by the BOE. Mr. Miller held the same position with Parsippany High School. Scott Bortnick, science supervisor at SPFHS, was promoted to principal at Brunner Elementary School, replacing Jodi Frank, who retired.

Union Catholic High School came before the planning board seeking approval to install lights and a new scoreboard at the school's ballfields. Two attorneys attended the meeting representing residents of Black Birch

Road and Dutch Lane, who opposed the school's plans.

The township council approved a \$22.9-million spending plan for 2010, with \$15.09 million to be raised in taxes, up \$740,185 from last year.

The planning board's planner was asked to study a proposal to rezone multiple tracts of land along North Avenue that would allow a developer to possibly build a housing complex.

**Fanwood**

The borough council approved a non-binding agreement with Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) allowing qualified laborers to work on small capital projects for the borough to supplement the public works department.

**Mountainside**

The board of education appointed Walter Daniel Saragnese as interim business administrator.

Deerfield School parents and students were introduced to new principal Kimberly Richards, who previously was assistant principal at Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains.

Board member Jorge Batista announced his resignation, as he was moving out of the district. Maureen Hess was appointed over three other candidates to fill the vacancy.

**County**

The freeholders approved a resolution for the county to join the Bergen County Wellness Program, a program that would provide county residents with discounts of between 10 and 50 percent on prescriptions.

**Region**

State Superior Court Judge Douglas Fasciale of Westfield was promoted to the Appellate Division.

The state Legislature passed Governor Chris Christie's proposed \$29.4-billion budget by votes of 21-

19 in the Senate and 41-37 in the Assembly.

Governor Christie and Senate President Stephen Sweeney (LD-3, West Deptford) came to an agreement on a 2-percent cap on local government spending, with exceptions for capital spending and debt, health insurance premiums and pensions, rising school enrollments and states of emergency.

The governor signed legislation into law to reform the state's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and protect small businesses from what the Governor said would have been a "devastating tax hike of up to \$683 per employee."

Governor Chris Christie signed executive order no. 33, establishing a county prosecutor study commission to examine the feasibility of placing county prosecutors within the Attorney General's Office.

The Union County Prosecutor's Office and the Summit Police Department continued their investigation into the July 17 beating death of a 47-year-old Summit man as he sat on a bench, allegedly by three teenagers. Charges were upgraded from manslaughter to murder.

The Cranford Township Committee adopted the 2010 municipal budget of \$32.3 million, representing an increase of \$1.1 million over 2009. Taxes jumped \$154,528 to \$21.3 million.

**AUGUST Westfield**

The town's board of education appointed Derrick Nelson as assistant principal of Roosevelt Intermediate School.

The board of education rehired Matthew Kravetsky as a second-grade teacher at Franklin Elementary School

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October 28, 2010

SPOOKY...Pictured above are just some of the ornaments adorning the front lawn of a Fanwood home on South Avenue. Each year, the homeowners add to their ghoulish display in the spirit of Halloween.



June 17, 2010

HAPPY FACES...Young girls and families enjoy being with the clown at the Fanwood Street Fair last Sunday.



June 10, 2010

LOVELY COUPLES...Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School seniors gather outside Kathryn Dinizo's house before the senior prom.



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**REST STOP...**The Fortunato family of Scotch Plains brought along some good summer reading on a tour of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia and North Carolina.

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for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Kravetsky's dismissal as a third-grade teacher at Tamaques School was opposed by parents and led to discussions between the teacher and the board.

Westfield firefighter James Pfeiffer, 30, died from injuries he sustained in a fall from a ladder while cutting tree limbs at his Mountainside home.

### Fanwood

The borough council voted to support state legislation to help re-establish the \$7.5 million in funding to women's health and family planning services that was cut by Governor Chris Christie from the state budget this past spring.

Republican Councilman Robert Manduca, the only council member to vote against the borough resolution, said, "Although I applaud the sentiment on this council, I feel this bill is just about politics. This is really about tax money."

### Garwood

The Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corporation (WSCHC) was granted a use variance by the Garwood Planning Board to convert the former St. Anne's School property into a senior citizens housing facility.

"This is a very positive thing for Garwood and for seniors who need housing," said WSCHC Executive Director Ruth Smith.

The school board announced the appointment of new Clark Board of Education Business Administrator John Bolil to replace Business Administrator/Board Secretary William Muzzio, who resigned.

### County

The freeholders gave the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) permission to proceed with extending the lease on the county's garbage incinerator through the year 2045. The existing contract, signed in 1998 with previous operator Ogden Martin, terminates in 2023.

Jonathan Williams, an attorney representing the UCUA, projected savings of \$276 million over the length of the contract for towns that sign contract extensions. Homeowners serviced by independent trash haulers not covered by long-term contracts were paying \$30 more per ton than homeowners in towns that have contracts with the county.

The Union County Improvement Authority (UCIA) extended the deadline for local governments to sign up for its renewable-energy program to the end of August. The county anticipated a 25-percent savings in energy costs.

### Region

New Jersey American Water Company (NAJWC) proposed raising water rates 13.6 percent overall to pay for infrastructure improvements and increased operating expenses. Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr called the rate increase "unacceptable and offensive," while Westfield Mayor Andy Skibitsky called the increase "appalling."

It was announced that the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority's (RVSA) board of directors had incurred expenses of \$1,097,110 for forensic accounting regarding its cogeneration facility. RVSA has spent more than \$30 million on the facility, which has failed to produce the \$1-million cost savings that was originally envisioned.

### SEPTEMBER

#### Westfield

Moody's Investors Service dropped Westfield's municipal bond rating on general obligation bonds one level to Aa2, the third-highest investment grade, but Town Administrator Jim Gildea said the downgrading would not have much of an impact on the town's financial picture.

The town council returned from its summer hiatus to hear complaints from several Third Ward residents regarding the elimination of a crossing guard at the intersection of Central and Sycamore Avenues, one of nine posts eliminated.

Westfield resident Adina Enculescu, on whose property a traffic light was installed, called the Central Avenue project "illogical and irresponsible." She said her property has been devalued because of the installation.

Westfield experienced a bussing hiccup on the first day of school when a morning bus, from Iselin-based Dapper Bus Company, failed to arrive; it was to take Washington School-area students on the north side of town to the southside's Edison Intermediate School.

A distraught woman was successfully led to safety after threatening to jump from the roof of a three-story

building in downtown Westfield.

Westfield High School ranked 41st out of 322 public high schools in a statewide study done by *New Jersey Monthly* Magazine and published in August.

Paul Hayes, a 1995 Westfield High School graduate, became a part of history when he connected one of the two original columns recovered from the World Trade Center (WTC) to the National September 11th Memorial and Museum currently under construction.

Off-duty Westfield firefighter and Scotch Plains resident Louis N. Cerchio, III, rescued a 10-year-old child and the child's mother from the water in Point Pleasant.

The council heard concerns from residents regarding a proposed cellulose tower on the National Guard Armory property on Rahway Avenue and cellular antennas at The Chelmsford on Prospect Street. Local and state officials worked to have the project canceled.

Members of the BOE's buildings and grounds committee recommended installing a turf field behind Edison Intermediate School.

Administrative Law Judge Richard McGill "invalidated" the BOE's February 2009 decision to redistrict kids who live in the north side's Washington Elementary School area to the south side's Edison Intermediate School upon entering sixth grade.

#### Scotch Plains

The township council enacted an ordinance mandating that lights at township ballfields and parks be turned off no later than 10 p.m.

Township Clerk Barbara Riepe announced her retirement, effective November 1, wrapping up a 52-year career working for the municipal government, the last 23 years heading the clerk's office.

A shared-services report recommended "a new and significantly higher level of shared services" between Scotch Plains and Fanwood that included merging the two communities' police departments and public works departments; moving the Fanwood municipal court to the Scotch Plains Municipal Building and relocating the Scotch Plains Recreation Department to the Fanwood Borough Hall. Township council members agreed that stronger efforts towards shared services with Fanwood must be made, even if those endeavors do not follow all the recommendations laid out in the consultant's report.

The zoning board of adjustment continued its hearings on T-Mobile's plans to build two new cell phone towers within the township's borders, with one tower being located at the Willow Grove Swim Club next to McGinn Elementary School.

The Scotch Plains Management Corp. (SPMC) considered producing television commercials to promote the Route 22 and downtown business districts as a way of both retaining existing businesses and attracting new ones.

Members of the Scotch Plains Fanwood BOE approved a tentative three-year agreement with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association (SPFEA), the teachers' union. The agreement gave teachers, secretaries and aides 3-percent, 2-percent and 1.8-percent salary increases, respectively.

#### Fanwood

Keeping local taxes under control, completing the downtown redevelopment plan and implementing recommendations of a shared-services report were the main campaign issues Fanwood Democratic Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell and her running mate, Kevin Boris, put forth to voters for the fall election.

Changes to the downtown plan include limiting the number of drive-along South Avenue within the redevelopment area; requiring new downtown development to use "high quality" building materials, and incorporating certain architectural design "features" such as clear glass windows on first-floor retail businesses to ensure visibility.

The borough council approved, on second reading, an ordinance to revise the Downtown Redevelopment Plan.

#### Mountainside

Mountainside BOE members heard a proposal to restructure bond payments from past construction projects that could end up saving money for Mountainside taxpayers.

The board of education opted not to join the county's solar energy program.

#### Garwood

The Garwood Council discussed complaints from residents regarding

commuter-parking issues on Winslow and Anchor Streets.

### County

Union County decided to move ahead with its solar-energy program, with 44 solar-panel installations being planned in 17 of the county's 21 municipalities, including the Cranford Library and community center and Lincoln School in Garwood, as well as some county facilities.

The county received a \$1-million Green Skills = Green Jobs grant from the United States Department of Labor, which it intends to use to train unemployed and underemployed workers for jobs in the utility industry, including solar installations.

The freeholders passed a resolution opposing the temporary shutdown of an \$8.7-billion rail tunnel to New York City.

### Region

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie was in Union County at the Grand Summit Hotel, spearheading a fundraiser for the Union County Republican Party.

The Cranford Township Committee voted to concede to a lawsuit filed by a developer seeking to build a three-story housing complex at 555 South Avenue.

Cranford faced an increase of 25 to 30 percent in the fees it would be charged by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA).

The Azure Masada Lodge of Freemasons laid the cornerstone of the newly renovated Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford, performing the same ceremony that George Washington (a Mason) used to lay the cornerstone of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. over two centuries ago.

New Jersey received \$268 million in federal education funds for the state's school districts. This followed a nearly \$1 billion cut in state aid to districts.

### OCTOBER

#### Westfield

Following weeks of complaints from residents, Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan announced that the crossing guard at Central and Sycamore Avenues would be reinstated.

The town's planning board began a hearing on an application by developer Michael Mahoney to be relieved of conditions in his 2000 subdivision application to preserve a house on East Broad Street at Karen Terrace dating back to 1785.

Owner Jesse Sayegh announced he had sold the Rialto Theatre in Westfield and the Cranford Theatre to Digital Cinema Destinations Corporation (Digiplex Destination). Both theaters continued to show movies; however, new operator A. Dale "Bud" Mayo envisioned the theaters as "interactive entertainment centers" that could additionally offer the ability to view live sporting events, concerts and operas, among other concepts.

The board of education discussed the possibility of covering all schools in the district with solar panels through a Union County Improvement Authority program to reduce energy costs for Westfield schools.

The town council raised parking fees for permits in lots 3 and 8 – the South Avenue Train Station lot and the North Avenue lot – from \$576 to \$636 a year, and raised the fee for lot 6 (Waterson Street) from \$360 to \$390 per year. Additionally, on-street meter parking fees were raised from 50 cents to 75 cents an hour. Officials said the revised fees would increase town revenues by \$173,000.

#### Scotch Plains

The township council voted to create a three-member panel to serve as the final arbiter in property owners' appeals of their sewer-utility bills.

The township council authorized the signing of an agreement with Union County for the use and maintenance of the county-owned Ponderosa property on Cooper Road, where Scotch Plains would maintain the property, which was purchased several years ago by Union County. Plans call for the site to be developed into a park and ballfields.

The township's zoning board of adjustment unanimously rejected an application by T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless to install a 125-foot-high cellular-antenna tower in Hillside Cemetery.

A consultant said recommendations in a shared-services study conducted for Scotch Plains and Fanwood would produce \$1.5 million in savings and result in a 10-percent reduction for the average taxpayer in the two communities on the municipal portion of their tax bills.

Governor Chris Christie, on his eighth stop of scheduled town-hall

style meetings, spoke at the Italian-American Hall of Scotch Plains.

### Fanwood

The borough council considered revising an ordinance regarding "double-wide" driveways. Councilman Mike Szuch said the ordinance "would legitimize our control over driveway construction." But former councilwoman Donna Dolce said the discussion of the issue, "demonstrates government at its worst."

### County

The county freeholder board approved a one-year pilot program for a county-wide mutual-aid Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulance corps aimed at filling in daytime gaps faced by volunteer rescue squads.

The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools opened the new Academy of Performing Arts High School on the Vo-Tech campus in Scotch Plains.

Construction of a new ice-skating rink at Oak Ridge Park in Clark was proposed as part of an updated Union County parks and recreation master plan. The new facility would replace the existing rink at Warinanco Park in Roselle, which, in turn, would be converted into a multi-purpose indoor field.

### Region

NJ Transit Executive Director James Weinstein told officials attending a meeting of the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition in Westfield that total costs of a new transit tunnel, known as Access to the Region's Core (ARC), had been projected at \$11 to \$14 billion, nearly double the budgeted amount of \$8.7 billion.

### November

#### Westfield

The board of education unanimously approved a five-year contract extension with Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan. At a time the state is reviewing all superintendent contracts in light of Governor Chris Christie's edict to cap superintendents' salaries at \$175,000, Ms. Dolan's salary would remain at \$196,000 in 2011-2012, hit \$199,632 in 2012-2013 and reach \$203,625 in 2013-2014.

Former Westfield Mayor and ex-Union County Republican Chairman Ron Frigerio passed away at the age of 70.

Ken Rotter stepped down as chairman of the Westfield Democratic Committee after 11 years and was replaced on an interim basis by Third Ward Councilman David Haas.

Town Administrator James Gildea said the council would consider a resolution supporting a proposed traffic light by the county on North Avenue at the Lord & Taylor department store.

Westfield resident Joann Crupi, a former employee of jailed Ponzi scheme financier Bernard Madoff, was arrested at her Grove Street home by the FBI on securities fraud and other charges.

### Scotch Plains

Republicans retained their 3-2 control of the township council following the General Election. Democratic incumbent Kevin Glover won a second term and two newcomers, Democrat Michael Marcus and Republican William Vastine, were elected to their first terms.

Barbara Riepe retired after more than 53 years as a township employee, the last 23 as township clerk. She was replaced by Bozena "Bonnie" Lacina, who served as clerk in Metuchen for the previous 15 years.

The Scotch Plains Management Corp. (SPMC) announced it was moving ahead with producing its first cable television commercials spotlighting the Route 22 and downtown business districts as a way of both retaining existing businesses and attracting new ones.

A second forum for residents concerning a shared-services report for Scotch Plains and Fanwood was postponed after consultant Dan Mason of Jersey Professional Management (JPM), the author of the report, said he was owed \$2,500 by Scotch Plains and would not attend the forum.

A township resident questioned the board of education regarding her concerns over her son singing "Joy to the World" in last year's winter program held at the Coles Elementary School.

CONTACT We Care celebrated its 35th anniversary with a gala at Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club.

A recent wave of burglaries in the township was the subject of a public meeting at St. Bartholomew Interparochial School. It was noted that the burglaries had gone over the border into Fanwood.

Scotch Plains Management Corp. (SPMC) board member Dominic Verdic said a hike in property assessments from the present \$200 per year would be needed "if we want to con-



**NEWS FROM THE FRONT...**Roman soldier Maximus I, stationed at Fort Arbeia in South Shields, UK near Hadrian's Wall, reads *Westfield Leader* news from the last month. Mr. "Big Steve" Richardson portrays the Roman soldier for visitors at Her Majesty's museum in South Shields.

Courtesy of Angus McDonald



**GOING UNDERGROUND...**Frank Chupko of Scotch Plains reads *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* in the Philippines during his annual vacation there earlier this year. Mr. Chupko enriches his cultural experience at Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park.

tinue and we want to expand" the organization's efforts to promote existing businesses and recruit new ones.

### Fanwood

Incumbent Borough Council members, Democrat Katherine Mitchell and Republican Anthony Parenti, were reelected.

Per a request by downtown business and property owner Helen Ling, the borough council amended an ordinance regarding the borough's downtown development plan to allow fine arts schools, dance schools or other "quasi-educational" uses on the first floor of new buildings in the redevelopment area. The previous plan only allowed them on the second floor of buildings.

### Garwood

Garwood Republicans swept the mayor's and two council races to take majority in the borough for the first time in years. Patricia Quattrocchi was elected mayor, defeating incumbent Democratic Mayor Dennis McCarthy. Republicans Victor DeFilippo and James Mathieu defeated Democrats Kathleen Villaggio and Matthew Allout to gain council seats.

The borough's governing body was asked to guarantee a minimum amount of garbage at the county's trash incinerator through the year 2045 as part of a long-term lease extension currently being negotiated with Covanta Energy, the company that operates the Rahway facility. Council members expressed worries about the extended years on the deal. "We could potentially place the burden of this amendment on kids who haven't even been born yet," Borough Administrator Christina Ariemma said.

### County

Democrats maintained their 9-0 majority on the Union County freeholder board, trouncing Republicans by close to 16,000 votes. Linda Carter, who replaced the departing Rayland Van Blake, was the top vote-getter, followed by Democratic incumbents Daniel Sullivan and Bette Jane Kowalski.

In the race for sheriff, long-time Democratic incumbent Ralph Froehlich and County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, a Democrat, were reelected.

The freeholders approved the transfer of \$15.6 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) recovery zone facility bonds from a new hotel project to the \$70-million expansion of Wakefern Foods, the wholesale arm of ShopRite supermarkets, based in Elizabeth. The City of Elizabeth issued an additional \$3.9 million in ARRA recovery bonds. The bonds for the projects were increased to \$45.5 million as another \$25 million became available from the state economic development funds.

Three Roselle residents demanded an apology from Republican county candidates, charging that they made racist comments on Election Night that were then printed in an election wrap-up article published in *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*.

### Region

Republican Rep. Leonard Lance easily defeated Democrat Ed Potosnak to gain a second term in Congress representing New Jersey's Seventh District on a night in which Republicans regained control of the House of Representatives for the first time in four years.

The Clark Planning Board heard a proposal by a developer to build a 329-unit, age-restricted housing project on Terminal and Westfield Avenues. The board continued the hearing until December.

Six months after creating a utility to collect sewer fees, the Cranford Township Committee introduced an ordinance repealing the sewer utility, thus returning to a system of placing sewer fees as a line item in the municipal budget.

New Jersey Department of Education representatives heard criticism from school officials, including the Cranford superintendent, during the first of four public hearings on Governor Chris Christie's plan to cap school superintendent salaries. The Union County hearing was held at Kean University.

The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) Board of Commissioners hired James Meehan, executive director of the Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority, as its new executive director by a 6-5 vote. Westfield Commissioner Allen Chin argued for the promotion of current senior staff, as opposed to hiring additional staff, to save the RVSA \$114,500.

CB Holding Corporation, the owner of Charlie Brown's Steakhouses and The Office Beer Bar and Grill restaurants, filed for Chapter 11 Protection.

The company also shut 13 New Jersey restaurants. Charlie Brown's in Scotch Plains and the Office Bar and Grill locations in Westfield and Cranford remained open for business.

### DECEMBER

#### Westfield

The board of education voted unanimously to petition the Department of Education to recognize that the contract of Superintendent Margaret Dolan was "duly approved under the law" or to "give the county superintendent, Carmen Centuolo, the authority to acknowledge her prior approval of the contract."

In a 6-3 vote, board of education members approved, on second reading, an attendance-zone policy, which requires some Wilson School children to be re-zoned to attend Edison Intermediate School instead of Roosevelt Intermediate School. An administrative law judge found that the BOE violated its own by-laws by having the second reading of the policy only three weeks after the first reading.

### Scotch Plains

The township council appointed Robert LaCosta as the municipality's new representative to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA), succeeding Joan Papen, who served as an RVSA commissioner for 15 years.

The township held its 20th annual Mayor's Charity Gala at Shackamaxon Country Club, an event that salutes its many volunteers. The gala dates back to 1991 and was the brainchild of then-mayor Alan Augustine.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education members unanimously passed a resolution to reject an edict by Governor Chris Christie and the Department of Education to cut Superintendent Margaret Hayes' salary by approximately \$14,000 if they wish to renew her contract. Board members were in support of keeping the superintendent for another five years at her current salary.

The board previously had voted to keep Superintendent Hayes from 2011 until June 30, 2015, at her current salary of \$189,000.

### Fanwood

The borough council tabled an ordinance amendment that would have prohibited new nail salons from opening up in the downtown redevelopment area. Mayor Colleen Mahr said the salons are "cannibalizing" each other in the competition for business in the borough. The mayor said the action was intended to give the governing body time for "further review and discussion" on the list of the types of businesses currently prohibited in the borough.

### Mountainside

Mountainside Board of Education auditor Bob Morrison said the district's "financial statements represent the beginning of fiscal crisis," with less than \$500,000 in surplus.

The borough paid tribute to late long-time borough mayor, Robert Vigilanti, who passed away last year, by erecting a sign in his name at the entrance driveway to the municipal building.

### Garwood

Departing Mayor Dennis McCarthy, along with Councilmen Steve Napolitano and Anthony Sytko, were recognized for their service to the borough. Mayor McCarthy served on the governing body since 1987, and as mayor since February 2003 upon the sudden death of Mayor Michael Crincoli.

### County

The Union County freeholder board awarded a contract to California-based Tioga Energy to run the county's \$28.6-million solar-energy program. The program includes 46 solar-panel installations on rooftops of county, municipal and school buildings.

The Union County Democratic Committee (UCDC) selected Linden City Democratic Chairman Chris Hudak to fill a vacancy on the Board of Chosen Freeholders left by the resignation of Rick Proctor, who was elected Rahway mayor last month.

Union County cancelled an agreement to purchase a Cranford home that abuts Nomahegan Park after the seller's bank wanted a higher purchase price than the \$495,000 the county was offering.

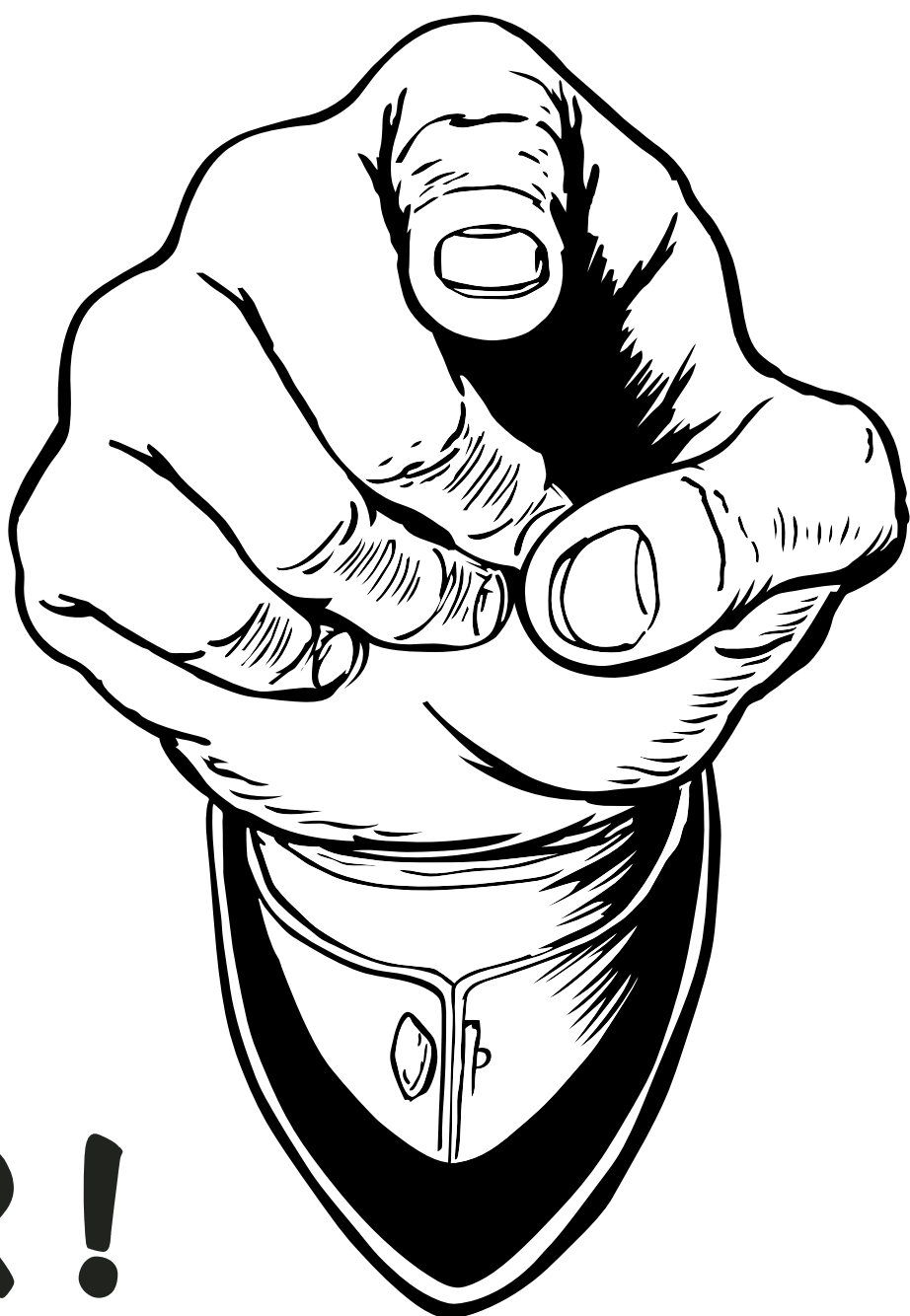
### Region

Some two dozen residents turned out for a Cranford Township Committee meeting to express support for designating the former site of the Solomon Schechter Day School as open space. The township government bought the four-acre tract earlier in the year, using proceeds from a nearly \$2-million bond to finance the purchase.



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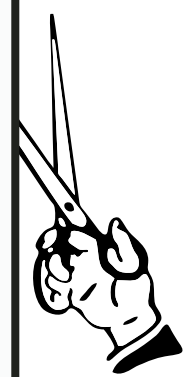
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MOUNTAINSIDE IS TRANQUIL....Monday morning is tranquil in Mountainside after the Sunday night blizzard.

## Wisniewski, DeCroce Trade Barbs Over Jobless Benefits

TRENTON – The state’s Democratic Party chairman and head of one of the largest labor organizations criticized comments this week attributed to Assembly Minority (Republican) Leader Alex DeCroce (LD-26, Whippany). Mr. DeCroce, meanwhile, apologized but also was critical of Democratic leaders for the state’s high unemployment rate.

New Jersey Democratic State Committee Chairman John Wisniewski said he was upset by Mr. DeCroce’s comments that unemployment “benefits are too good” along with references to “these people,” and that these benefits make unemployed workers not want to find work.

“Not only has the minority leader said job creation is not a priority, but he also apparently thinks that people are making a decision to stay on unemployment instead of getting a job,” Mr. Wisniewski said.

Last week, Mr. DeCroce told *The Wall Street Journal* that jobs “were on the back burner.” Mr. Wisniewski, a state lawmaker, said New Jersey’s unemployment rate continues to hover around 9.2 percent, and workers collecting unemployment insurance are eligible for up to \$550 per week for 26 weeks until they are able to find employment.

“Unemployed workers can only be left wondering if the attacks on workers serve as the official jobs plan for the New Jersey Republicans,” Mr. Wisniewski said.

Mr. DeCroce issued an apology, saying his remarks “were made to a gathering of business leaders and I wanted to convey the need to fix a system that is on the verge of collapse.”

“I wanted to emphasize that there are individuals who are gaming the system, contributing to its current state...I meant no offense to those who have suffered from the national economic downturn and, despite their best efforts, have been unable to find work,” Mr. DeCroce said. “It is nothing short of hypocritical that the Democrat Party has offered nothing but pain to all the people in New Jersey, both those who have a job and those who are unemployed. They have raided the unemployment insurance fund of over \$1.5 billion since 2002 and have offered no substantive solutions that address its looming insolvency.”

“If Senate President [Stephen] Sweeney is truly concerned about dual public-job holding, he and Speaker Oliver should call the Legislature in on [December 20] to enact a dual-office holding ban. My caucus will provide the votes to pass that bill immediately if Sweeney, Oliver and Majority Leader [Joseph] Cryan would shed one of their many public jobs.”

New Jersey State AFL-CIO President Charles Wovkanecch said Mr. DeCroce’s previous comments are “not only off-base, but shows that he is failing to see the bigger picture. His statements ignore the real drivers of unemployment and threaten one of the only lifelines for unemployed workers during one of the toughest times in our state’s history.”

Meanwhile, Governor Chris Christie chimed in, likening the battle between Speaker Oliver and Mr. DeCroce as kids in a cafeteria. “Can we please just stop the food fight already?” he told reporters at a recent press conference.



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WESTFIELD DILEMMA...A plowing truck is stuck on Plainview Avenue in Westfield as it tries to tackle the two feet of snow. It later was rescued.



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DEDICATED TO RECREATION...Westfield Mayor Andy Skibitsky congratulates Jonathan Jones, right, for his 25 years on the recreation commission. The mayor also is joined at the microphone by Recreation Director Bruce Kaufmann and Deputy Recreation Director Dolores MacKay.

## Mayors Thank Leaders For Passing Arbitration Reform

TRENTON — The New Jersey Conference of Mayors (NJCM) has applauded Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen Sweeney (LD-3, West Deptford) and Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver (LD-34, East Orange) for implementing reform of interest arbitration in the settlement of union contracts.

NJCM President and Neptune City Mayor Thomas Arnone stated, “We congratulate the Governor, Senate President and Speaker to implement what is an essential initiative for mayors to manage budgets. The NJCM now looks forward to working with the administration and Legislature on other measures to help manage our finances.”

NJCM First Vice-President and Mayor of Lambertville, David DelVecchio, reiterated these sentiments. “This initiative, along with other reform measures, is necessary in these tough economic times to help municipalities in operating within the municipal tax levy cap. The leadership of the NJCM will continue the dialogue with the Governor, Senate President and Speaker to identify other measures that can help keep budgets down.”

Mayor Arnone and Mayor DelVecchio reinforced the commitment of the NJCM and its members to work and support other reforms in the toolkit that will keep taxes low for New Jersey residents.

Meanwhile, Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (LD-21, Westfield), said, “The historic arbitration reform enacted by the Legislature earlier this month should not overshadow the fact that local governments still lack many of the tools necessary to rein in property taxes.

“We owe it to every taxpayer in this state to give local officials all of the cost-cutting tools the Senate President himself acknowledged were necessary just this past summer. Most importantly, we owe it to our children to improve affordability and access to post-secondary educational opportunities at our state colleges and universities.”

### St. Pat’s Committee Host Bartenders Event

AREA — The Union County St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee will host its annual Celebrity Bartenders fundraiser on Sunday, January 16, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, located at 33 South 21st Street in Kenilworth.

Admission will be \$5 per person and will include coffee, tea, cake, hot dogs and entertainment. The event will benefit the 2011 Union County St. Patrick’s Day Parade, which will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, on Morris Avenue in Union.

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STORM PREPARATION...Westfield residents crowd the Stop and Shop super-market Sunday in preparation for the forewarned snowstorm.

## Freeholders Okay \$300,000 For MusicFest Contracts

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

ELIZABETH — Union County freeholders last Wednesday approved some \$600,000 in contracts for county concerts in 2011. Of that amount, \$300,000 was designated for MusicFest. The board also approved a \$20-million guaranty ordinance to fund the county’s \$28.5-million solar energy program and welcomed new freeholder Chris Hudak, who replaces Rick Proctor, the newly elected mayor of Rahway.

This Is It! Concept and Event Production of Hoboken received three separate contracts for concerts. The board approved a \$290,000 contract with This Is It! to serve as production logistics consultant and event management for MusicFest, \$106,300 for event management at the Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee Series, and \$83,000 “to plan, produce and promote” the Rhythm & Blues by the Brook Festival at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield.

Also receiving contracts was Across The River, LLC, of Cranford, for consulting services for MusicFest, at a cost of \$27,500, and the Union County Arts Center in Rahway, for talent procurement services, with a contract of \$100,000.

Tina Renna of the Union County Watchdog Association requested the board not take action on the contracts until an accounting could be done on MusicFest revenues for 2010. She alleged that \$250,000 in revenues has not been accounted for by the county. Earlier this year, she said these monies came from fees to park cars at the event.

Bruce Paterson of Garwood suggested the county create a line item in its budget “that tells us what this MusicFest actually costs.” He said he has heard cost estimates of \$1.5 to \$2 million.

The board also approved a guaranty binding of \$20 million towards the county’s \$28.5-million solar energy program. The board approved the ordinance, by a 9-0 vote, to guarantee the renewable energy program lease bonds. The county has contracted with Tioga Energy as its solar provider.

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**VISIBILITY: ZERO...**Downtown Scotch Plains has a heavy grey, zero-visibility overcast Sunday night as the blizzard gathers strength.

## Chris Hudak Sworn in As New County Freeholder

ELIZABETH — Chris Hudak was appointed to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders on December 22, filling the vacancy left by Rick Proctor, who was elected last month as mayor of Rahway.

Mr. Hudak, a native of Linden, most recently served for several years, beginning in 2006, as the manager of the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles in Rahway. He oversaw more than 50 employees and the day-to-day operations of one of New Jersey's six "Super DMV Agencies." He was responsible for the processing of more than 300,000 yearly transactions, and supervised the annual collection of over \$10 million in state revenue, according to a county press release.

Mr. Hudak coordinated human resources, including training and development planning for assigned personnel. He improved attendance and productivity, while decreasing wait

times by 40 percent and improving work quality.

Mr. Hudak also served as public affairs director for Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey (PDFNJ) for four years and served for several years as a chief of staff and communications director for the late former Assemblyman and State Senator, Joseph Suliga, of Linden.

Mr. Hudak sits on the board of the Tri-County Red Cross, and serves on the Linden City Rent Leveling Board. He is a member of the Linden Knights of Columbus and a parishioner at St. John the Apostle Church in Clark.

The new freeholder has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Kean University, and is a graduate of Rutgers University, where he majored in political science. Mr. Hudak and his wife, Terri, reside in Linden.



Chris Hudak

## Blizzard Impact Is Felt Throughout Local Area

AREA – Area residents were still digging out Tuesday morning from this weekend's blizzard, which dumped between 24 and 30 inches of snow on the area – not to mention winds of over 50 mph.

Locally, the Westfield Rescue Squad responded to numerous emergency calls during the storm, including a woman going into labor who was taken to Overlook Hospital with assistance from the Westfield Fire Department.

According to nj.com, Jersey Gardens Mall in Elizabeth became a shelter Sunday night for homeless people, stuck motorists and mall shoppers stranded by canceled NJ Transit bus service. The three major regional airports were shut down, thus stranding thousands of passengers before re-opening Monday night. In addition, high winds knocked out power to 9,000 residents, mostly in North Jersey.

Acting Governor Stephen Sweeney, the state senate president, declared a state of emergency, allowing only for crews clearing snow and emergency vehicles on roadways. Abandoned vehicles left

blocking state highways and local roads, such as in Elizabeth, were removed in order for roadways to be plowed.

State offices, including the courts, were shut Monday. Union County offices opened two hours late, as did some municipal offices, including those of Scotch Plains. Union County did not offer Paratransit services on Monday.

According to the National Weather Service, snow tallies in Union County were 32 inches in Rahway, 31.8 in Elizabeth, 27 in Clark and 26 in Fanwood and Garwood. By 6 p.m. Sunday, 11 inches had already been recorded in Elizabeth and Union.

As workers attempted to get to their jobs Tuesday, they faced unplowed lots in Westfield, narrow and unplowed side streets and downtown sidewalks throughout the area. County and municipal crews were out widening roadways on Tuesday, as well as continuing to clear parking lots.

### WFD Quells Elm St. Blaze Tuesday Night

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Fire Department responded to an alarm activation at 118 Elm Street at 9:42 p.m. Tuesday night. Upon arrival firefighters discovered a smoke condition in the interior of the building with visible fire on the roof.

The building is occupied by Westfield Imaging Center. A gas fired heating unit on the roof was burning and the fire extended into the roof. The fire was confined to the void space between the ceiling and the roof.

The department received a second alarm response from Union County Fire Mutual Aid. The fire was declared under control at 10:59 p.m.

Chief Dan Kelly stated that the building was unoccupied at the time of the alarm and no injuries were reported. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Westfield Fire Department.



**THERE SHE BLOWS...**Scotch Plains digs out Monday morning as the region was hammered with up to 30 inches of snow during the blizzard Sunday night.



## Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times

### Beglin Hired by Summit to Look Into Charges Against Councilman

The Summit Common Council has approved the hiring of Edward Beglin, a former Superior Court assignment judge in Union County, at \$300 per hour to look into claims that Councilman Tom Getzendanner encouraged the city attorney to commit insurance fraud, according to an nj.com report. The retired judge can bill up to \$5,000 for his services.

Mr. Getzendanner faces charges he asked a city worker to backdate a car license renewal application so one of his constituents could avoid a \$20 late fee.

### Lesniak Questions Why Gov., Lt. Gov. Were Both Out of State

State Senator Ray Lesniak (LD-20, Elizabeth) is questioning why both Governor Chris Christie and Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno were out of state at the same time, leaving Senate President Stephen Sweeney (LD-3, West Deptford) as the state's acting governor during this past weekend's blizzard.

Governor Christie was on vacation with his family at Disney World in Florida, while Ms. Guadagno was with her family in Mexico.

"We clearly made a mistake if we created the office of lieutenant governor and wasted money if the lieutenant governor is not going to be here when the governor is out of state," said Sen. Lesniak.

A spokesman for the governor said Ms. Guadagno is paid \$141,000 in her capacity as secretary of state, not for being lieutenant governor. Voters approved a constitutional amendment creating the office of lieutenant governor in 2005, following long stints in the governor's office by previous Senate Presidents Donald DiFrancesco and Dick Codey after the resignations of Governors Christine Todd Whitman in 2001 and James McGreevey in 2004.

### Judge Rules Healthcare Law Unconstitutional

A Virginia federal judge has ruled that the individual mandate of the Patient Protection and Affordable Healthcare Act healthcare law is unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson struck down the "individual mandate" requiring most Americans to purchase health insurance by 2014, according to a CNN report. The Justice Department is expected to challenge the judge's findings in a federal appeals court.

The case was brought by Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

### Auditor Warns of Low Surplus For Berkeley Heights BOE

The auditor for the Berkeley Heights Board of Education has said the district's unreserved fund balance has dropped to \$126,000. Last year, the board used more than \$1.4 million from its surplus to help offset the property tax impact.

Board members want the Berkeley Heights Education Association (BHEA), the teachers' union, to renegotiate its contract that calls for a 4.1-percent pay increase next year, according to *The Independent Press*.

### Acting Governor Instructs Officials to File for Disaster Aid



**HAZARDS...**The Westfield Fire Department retrieves lumber blown into the trees by high winds during the blizzard Sunday night.

## Westfield Fire Department EMTs Respond to Blizzard

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Fire Department responded to a total of 36 incidents during this week's blizzard, according to Westfield Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator Dan Kelly. Incidents included motor vehicle accidents, carbon monoxide investigations, wires down and EMS calls.

The department utilized its two, four-wheel drive utility trucks equipped with snowplows to cut paths down unplowed roadways to provide escorts for the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad. Firefighter

EMTs also assisted the rescue squad in responding to area residents' homes and local hospitals.

Transportation of one local resident required the coordinated efforts of the Westfield, Mountainside and Springfield Police Departments, paramedics and firefighters. They joined forces to safely transport a pregnant woman to Overlook Hospital. The coordinated efforts of public works crews, police and the Union County Office of Emergency Management provided a strong response during the storm, Chief Kelly noted.



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## Dental Update

by Kenneth W. Arida, D.D.S.  
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If you find your gums bleed after even the most gentle home care regime, it's time to schedule an appointment for a checkup. Bleeding gums, pain, or other unusual symptoms are good reasons to consult with your dentist. Early intervention is always the shortest route to a successful finish. We offer complete dental care in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere at our centrally located office in Westfield at 131 South Euclid Avenue. Call us at 908-654-6262 for an appointment. Early morning, evening, lunchtime, and Saturday hours are available. P.S. Because plaque collects on teeth on a daily basis, it is necessary to brush and floss at least twice daily to rid teeth of this potentially harmful material. [www.drarida.com](http://www.drarida.com)



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County Sets Ash Brook Deer Management

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Union County Department of Parks Ash Brook Reservation Deer Management Program will begin on Monday, January 3, and continue through Saturday, February 12.

This program is intended to reduce the white-tailed deer population in the Ash Brook Reservation and Golf Course to minimize over browsing of the forested parkland, reduce browse damage on the landscape plantings of surrounding homes, reduce deer-related motor vehicle accidents, and lessen Lyme disease.

Eight State of New Jersey licensed hunters have volunteered to participate in this program and completed a marksmanship test and orientation program. Those hunters using shotguns at will remove deer from baited sites. The venison from some of the deer will be distributed to the needy and homeless through the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

Weather permitting, hunters may be in the Ash Brook Reservation from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Sunday. Shooting may only occur during daylight hours.

Participation in this program is limited to the eight authorized hunters. Anyone else found hunting on this Union County park property outside the terms of this program will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Citizens observing any illegal activity are urged to contact the Union County Police at (908) 654-9800.

The Ash Brook Reservation and the Ash Brook Golf Course will not be closed during the deer management program. Park users and neighbors are encouraged to stay out of the wooded areas during that time period, and to keep pets restrained on a leash.

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## Beryl S. Tittle, 102, FUMC Congregant; Enjoyed Piano, Cooking and Gardening

Beryl S. Tittle, 102, of Bridgewater, N.J., a former long-time Westfield resident, passed away peacefully at Arbor Glen Retirement Home on Sunday, December 26. She was predeceased by her husband of 77 years, John L. Tittle.

Mrs. Tittle was a homemaker and an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield for over 50 years.

She loved playing the piano, gardening and vacationing at Cape May, and was skilled in various handicrafts. Additionally, she was a good cook and was especially known for her homemade bread and pies.

Surviving are her four children, John

L. Tittle, Jr. and his wife, Marion Jones Tittle, of Sunset Beach, N.C., Sally Ann Philbrick and her husband, James Philbrick, of Milford, N.H., Lois Tittle Griggs and her husband, Richard Griggs, and William L. Tittle and his wife, Sharon Way Tittle, all living in Westfield. In addition, she has eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held today, Thursday, December 30, at 11 a.m. at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield, led by the Reverend Norma Hockenjos.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

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Beryl S. Tittle

## Charlotte Jenkinson, 87, Loved Family; Known For Arts, Scouting and Cooking

Charlotte Marie Jenkinson (née McFadden) peacefully passed away at home in Fanwood, N.J. on Sunday, December 26, 2010. She was 87 years old.

Charlotte was born in Millburn, N.J. on October 4, 1923. She was a graduate of Millburn High School. Charlotte was a Fanwood resident for 63 years and a communicant of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains, N.J. She lived a wonderful life surrounded by her family, her faith in God, love and laughter.

Mrs. Jenkinson dedicated her life to her beloved husband of 65 years, the late Edwin Warren Jenkinson; her children and her treasured grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Charlotte was an inspiration to all who knew her. She had a loving heart and a kind word for all.

She loved to cook and bake, and her recipes will be treasured for years to come. Additionally, she was an expert seamstress, enjoyed her gardens and feeding the birds, and loved to knit, play poker and do crafts of all kinds. She excelled in the arts and was an accomplished painter – both in oils and watercolors.

During World War II, Charlotte was a volunteer with the Red Cross. In the 1960s, she was employed as a Nurse's Aide at Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains. She also was a Girl Scout Leader and volunteered her time with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Jenkinson was the daughter of the late Charles Bernard and Charlotte Splann McFadden. Her sister, Rose, and her brothers, Bernard, Robert and Anthony, also predeceased her.

Surviving are her daughters, Claire Pycroft and her husband, Robert, and Karen Feldman and her husband, Jeffrey; her sons, Edwin Jr., Charles and his wife, Colleen, and Mark and his wife, Christine; her 10 grandchildren, Joshua and his wife, Ashleigh; Victoria and her husband, Brett; Jennifer; Joseph; Gina; Evan; Abigail; Sydney; Jake and Hunter; her great-

grandchildren, Phineas and Christopher; her sister-in-law, Bernadette Jenkinson, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A Funeral Mass will be offered at 9:30 a.m. today, Thursday, December 30, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements are by the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Fanwood Rescue Squad, Treasurer, 123 Watson Road, Fanwood, N.J. 07023.

December 30, 2010

### Irma O. Kohler, 69

Irma O. Kohler, 69, of Frederick, Md. died on Wednesday, December 22, 2010, at Kline Hospice House in Mount Airy, Md. She was the wife of Marcel F. Kohler.

Born on May 14, 1941 in Switzerland, she was the daughter of the late Alois and Otilie Stucki Schneider. In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children, Roger Kohler and his life partner, Bill Rojas, of California, Isabelle Kohler of Virginia and Bettina Borjes and her husband, Rick, residing in Germany; one sister, Veronika Gemperle of Switzerland, and two grandchildren, Ryan and Sabina Borjes.

A time of remembrance for Mrs. Kohler was held yesterday, Wednesday, December 29, at the Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702. Interment will be private in Switzerland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Melanoma Research Foundation ([www.melanoma.org](http://www.melanoma.org)), 1411 K Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005, or the Kline Hospice House ([hospiceoffrederick.org/services/kline-house](http://hospiceoffrederick.org/services/kline-house)), 7000 Kimmel Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.staufferfuneralhome.com](http://www.staufferfuneralhome.com).

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HELPING NEEDY FAMILIES...Members of the Optimist Club and Rotary Club of Westfield gather to deliver holiday food baskets to 93 Westfield families and individuals.

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## — Obituaries —

### Joseph A. Dorné, 92, Air Force Veteran; Was Director of Operations For Exxon

Joseph A. Dorné, 92, passed away on Thursday, December 23, 2010.

Mr. Dorné was Director of Operations for Exxon Co. in Linden and later Florham Park. He worked there for 47 years before retiring. He was an Eagle Scout and graduated from the Newark School of Engineering.

An Air Force veteran of World War II, he was a B-24 Liberator Pilot and flew over 35 missions for the 15th Army Air Corps with the 456th Bomber Group. After the war, he remained in the Air National Guard, retiring as a captain. He was a member of American Legion Martin Wallberg Post No. 3 of Westfield.

Mr. Dorné also was past president of the Exxon Annuitants Club. He was a baseball coach in Westfield for many years and also was active with

Mobile Meals in Westfield.

Mr. Dorné is survived by his wife, Marie C. (McCormick) Dorné, with

whom he would have celebrated 70 years of marriage in 2011. He also is survived by his two daughters, Pamela Dorné Venckus and Karen Dorné; two sons, Mark Dorné and Michael Dorné; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 28, at the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Avenue in Westfield. Entombment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Lymphoma Research Foundation, 115 Broadway, 13th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10006.

December 30, 2010



Joseph A. Dorné



YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS REALLY COUNT...Matt Spies works with Cindy Kratsch, a therapist at The Arc Kohler School, on developing independence and life skills while participating in the Saturday recreation program. Funds provided by the Westfield United Fund (WUF) to The Arc and 17 other member agencies make a difference in the lives of local residents every day. The WUF currently is conducting its annual fund-raising campaign. For further information or to contribute, visit [westfieldunitedfund.org](http://westfieldunitedfund.org).

## SAR Reveals Meeting Date; Highlights Historic Tour

WESTFIELD – The West Fields Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will hold its next chapter meeting on Friday, January 14, at 8 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building Community Room, located at 425 East Broad Street.

On November 6, the chapter sponsored a free War of Independence

Historical Bus Tour of the local area. Guests learned the historical significance of each of the five sites visited, as well as the events for which these locations gained fame.

The Friends of the Abraham Staats House in South Bound Brook gave a musket demonstration and highlighted the life of the patriot farmer who once lived there. At the "Eagle's Nest" museum in Bound Brook, host and Associated SAR member Herb Petullo presented the tour, which included views toward New Brunswick from the first Watchung Mountain from the officers' quarters at the Middlebrook Encampment.

Following was the Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains, where the events of the Battle of Short Hills/Ash Swamp were recalled.

The afternoon discussions included the history of the American Flag by event organizer and West Fields SAR Vice-President Ira Jersey of Berkeley Heights, and the events surrounding the last major engagements in the north in 1780 at the battles of Connecticut Farms (now Union) and Springfield. The two underappreciated battles included as many troops as Saratoga, as the British invaded New Jersey from Staten Island.

The Caldwell Parsonage in Union and the Springfield Cannonball House also were visited, where the group learned lessons about Colonial life, as well as the battles.

The West Fields SAR chapter has announced that it is planning to host additional low- or no-cost trips in the future.



VOLUNTEER SPIRIT...Volunteers from Congregation Beth Israel (CBI) in Scotch Plains helped build a home in Plainfield for Habitat for Humanity on November 14. While Habitat for Humanity volunteers normally work on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, a Habitat supervisor came in on a Sunday to accommodate the Jewish Sabbath observance, which prohibits work on Friday evenings and Saturdays. CBI volunteers, pictured at the back of the house, are: From left, bottom row, Joy Weinstock, Michael Weinstock, Max Mahler, Steve Greenspan and Wendy Greenspan; third step, Judy Cohn; fourth step, Avia Shadmi and Beth Shadmi, and last row, Michele Rickles, Pamela Brownstein and Jenn Mahler. Not pictured is Rachel Rickles.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Westfield

Tuesday, December 21, a resident of the 600 block of the Boulevard reported that his motor vehicle was the target of criminal mischief. A second resident of the same block reported his vehicle also was vandalized.

Wednesday, December 22, Gabriel Marquez, 24, of East Orange turned himself in at police headquarters on an outstanding Westfield warrant.

Wednesday, December 22, a resident of the 1400 block of Boynton Avenue reported that, sometime between the hours of 3:30 and 8:15 p.m., someone entered his residence and, once inside, removed a Gucci bamboo handbag, a Gucci tote bag and a Gucci wallet, valued at approximately \$2,500.

Wednesday, December 22, a resident of the 100 block of Hardwick Avenue reported that, sometime between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., someone entered his residence and, once inside, removed a jar containing approximately \$100 worth of loose change, as well as numerous pieces of jewelry and a watch, the values of which are undetermined at this time. According to police, the suspect left through a rear sliding glass door.

Wednesday, December 22, a resident of the 100 block of Boynton Avenue reported that someone attempted to gain entrance to his residence by prying open a window. According to police, entry was not gained.

Thursday, December 23, a store on the 200 block of East Broad Street reported the theft of approximately \$45 worth of merchandise. There are no suspects at this time.

Thursday, December 23, a resident of the 700 block of Harding Street reported that he was involved in an argument with an individual and then was assaulted by that individual.

Thursday, December 23, a resident of the 1000 block of Prospect Street reported that someone opened a credit card using her identity and then made \$1,361 in unauthorized purchases.

Friday, December 24, Kiersten Schiller, 21, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana after a motor vehicle stop on Central Avenue. Anna Ridings, 18, of Cranford, a passenger in the vehicle, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Both women were transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, December 24, Vanessa Barrios, 30, of Elizabeth was arrested on an outstanding Westfield warrant in the amount of \$106 after a motor vehicle stop on Central Avenue. She was processed and released after posting bail.

Friday, December 24, Richard Ruhl, 20, of Westfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) following a motor vehicle accident on Cumberland Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released to a responsible adult.

Friday, December 24, a resident of the 100 block of Prospect Street reported that she had ordered approximately \$300 worth of prescription medications from an Internet site and never received it. According to police, the Internet site confirmed with the delivery service that the box was delivered.

Friday, December 24, someone vandalized a bathroom building in Tamaques Park in an act of criminal mischief by defacing it with graffiti.

Friday, December 24, a storage trailer at Edison Intermediate School was vandalized in an act of criminal mischief. Someone wrote graffiti on the trailer.

Sunday, December 26, Nelson Lozado-Lozano, 26, of Newark was arrested and charged with DWI after a motor vehicle accident involving only his vehicle at the corner of Prospect Street and Dudley Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and turned over to a responsible party.

Tuesday, December 28, a resident of the 1500 block of Lamberts Mill Road reported the theft of a snow blower from his shed. According to police, the lock was broken off the shed and entrance was gained.

### Fanwood

Tuesday, December 21, Andre Littlejohn, 41, of Roselle was arrested on an outstanding Abscon warrant after a motor vehicle stop on the 200 block of South Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Thursday, December 23, one of the statues from the nativity scene at the north-side train station was reported stolen sometime between Tuesday, December 21, after midnight and Thursday at 3 p.m. The value of the statue is approximately \$50.

### Scotch Plains

Monday, December 20, a patron at a

### AARP Chapter Slates Meeting For Monday

WESTFIELD – Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will meet on Monday, January 3, at 1 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at the intersection of Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

The program for this first meeting of calendar year 2011 will feature Dave Mollen, the lead volunteer spokesperson for health-care reform for AARP in New Jersey. Mr. Mollen has trained AARP members of the New Jersey Speakers Bureau on how to present the new health-care reform legislation. He is a Rutgers graduate and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Chapter members are asked to continue bringing non-perishable food items for donation to the Westfield Food Pantry. The chapter also is collecting metal pull-tabs for veterans, as well as used jewelry items for bingo prizes for patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

The chapter's membership drive is ongoing. Membership costs \$5 per year, and new members are always welcome.

Route 22 restaurant reported that, while he was having dinner, someone entered his vehicle while it was parked in the parking lot. The suspect smashed the side window and removed a GPS valued at \$250.

Tuesday, December 21, a resident of Oak Hill Road reported that, sometime overnight, someone drove on his lawn, causing damage.

Tuesday, December 21, a resident of Willow Avenue reported that someone made several hundred dollars worth of purchases on her credit card without her authorization.

Tuesday, December 21, Jose Montiel, 34, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with DWI after a motor vehicle accident on Route 22. According to police, while the officer was speaking with Montiel, he detected the strong odor of alcohol. Montiel failed multiple field sobriety tests at the scene and was placed under arrest, transported to headquarters, processed and released, police said.

Wednesday, December 22, a resident of Jerusalem Road reported being the victim of harassment after someone repeatedly called her residence and then hung up.

Friday, December 24, Heather Viebrock, 21, of Millington was arrested and charged with obstruction of justice after an officer responded to a disturbance. According to police, the officer observed Viebrock in an argument and asked her to leave the area and she refused. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, December 25, John Checchio, 53, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with resisting arrest after an officer responded to Acacia Road on a report of Checchio screaming and yelling. According to police, after the officer arrived at the scene, Checchio fought with the officer and spit on him. He was placed under arrest, transported to police headquarters, processed and transported to the Union County jail for failure to post bail set at \$13,000.

Sunday, December 26, Diego Bonilla-Mena, 19, of North Plainfield was arrested and charged with DWI after a motor vehicle stop, at which time the officer smelled the odor of alcohol. He was placed under arrest after failing multiple field sobriety tests at the scene, transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, December 26, a resident of Princeton Avenue reported that someone removed approximately \$400 from his bank account without his authorization.

### Mountainside

Tuesday, December 21, James J. Krawczyk, 43, of Woodbridge was picked up at the Middlesex County jail on an outstanding Mountainside warrant.

Tuesday, December 21, an 18-year-old Westfield resident was issued a summons for underage purchase of a tobacco product after an officer noticed him leaving the Mountain Avenue convenience store with the product. According to police, a subsequent investigation revealed that the individual had purchased the product using false identification. The officer confiscated the fake ID and instructed the suspect to return the product to the store.

Thursday, December 23, an officer responded to a report of a brush fire in the front yard of a residence on the 400 block of Summit Road. Authorities believe a cigarette thrown from a passing motor vehicle started the fire. The Summit, Springfield and Mountainside fire departments responded and were able to put out the fire. The Union County Road Department responded and salted the road to prevent ice from forming. No damage to the property was reported, police said.

Friday, December 24, Stacy M. Seigel, 22, of Berkeley Heights was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana after an officer responded to a dispute at a residence on Oak Tree Road. According to police, Seigel was involved in an altercation with another individual who was refusing to let her call for a ride, and the individual called police when Seigel began throwing things and screaming. When an officer arrived at the scene, he felt it was in Seigel's best interest to leave the scene with him because the argument was escalating. Prior to her entering the squad car, the officer patted down her person and a search of her bag uncovered the suspected marijuana, police said. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, December 24, a resident of New Providence Road reported that while she was running errands for approximately one-and-a-half hours in the afternoon, someone entered her residence through a dining room window, which was concealed by a bush. Once inside, the suspect removed a large amount of jewelry from the master bedroom. According to police, a large electric screwdriver was found on the ground outside the window.

### Needle Nite Program To Focus on Bags

FANWOOD – Bags for wheelchairs and walkers will be the focus of the Friday, January 7 Needle Nite program. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church's Westminster Hall, located on Marian Avenue in Fanwood.

There is a continuing need for these items at local nursing homes and hospitals. "Community people interested in this one-time project are welcome to join us that evening," said Cena Politt, leader for the evening. Material, cutting and sewing help will be provided.

The knit and crochet circle of women will continue working on the various projects they make for newborns, area nursing homes and those needing the extra care of a prayer shawl.

Donated materials used end up in many forms benefiting the charities that receive them. The Needle Nite participants can then use their newly learned skills at home.

For further information about these projects, or for directions to the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, contact the church office at (908) 889-8891 or [fanwoodpress@erols.com](mailto:fanwoodpress@erols.com).



## Sherry Cronin to Spotlight DWC Efforts at Luncheon

WESTFIELD – Sherry Cronin, executive director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), will discuss “An Ever Changing Town” at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society. The luncheon will take place at noon on January 5 at the Echo Lake Country Club, located at 515 Springfield Av-

enue in Westfield.

Mrs. Cronin’s talk will center around the economy, its effect on the retail merchants of Westfield and the efforts of the DWC to help them maintain maximum retail sales. The use of many and fresh new promotions, a newsletter entitled “Westfield Today” and grants are among the ways Mrs. Cronin, her staff and DWC board members have worked to keep downtown Westfield vibrant.

The DWC was formed in 1996 to combat the rise of malls in the area, which from the 1970s increasingly caused small businesses to fail and store vacancies to increase steadily until it had reached nearly 40 percent by the early 1990s. Mrs. Cronin began as a volunteer at that time, and in 2001 became executive director of the DWC.

Mrs. Cronin has received multiple awards for her accomplishments in making Westfield one of the country’s outstanding Main Street centers. She also is involved with many non-profit organizations, including the Westfield Historical Society, where she serves as vice-president of Community Relations.

All those wishing to attend the luncheon are asked to make a reservation by calling (908) 233-2930 by noon on Monday, January 3. The cost of the luncheon is \$18, including gratuity.

## SPFHS Cabaret Due At Township Library

SCOTCH PLAINS – Members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School’s (SPFHS) Cabaret Troupe will perform from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, at the Scotch Plains Public Library.

The program will consist of selections by students from SPFHS’ award-winning vocal programs. Refreshments will be served.

Cabaret Troupe is a club headed by sophomore Julie Busch that gives these singers the opportunity to perform songs of their choosing for the community. Selections range from standards and Broadway show tunes to current pop hits.

All programs at the library are free and open to all interested persons, but registration is encouraged. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue. To register, call the library at (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204.

## IHM Plans Inquiry Session For Evening of January 10

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Roman Catholic Church will host an informal inquiry session for non-Catholics interested in exploring what Catholicism is all about, as well as non-practicing Catholics who might want to “come home” to the faith in which they were born.

The session will take place on Monday, January 10, at 7 p.m. Among the topics will be why Catholicism has endured for more than 2,000 years; what makes it different from other faiths; why people find it a pillar of strength in troubling times; what makes it relevant today and why might it make a relevant difference in one’s day-to-day life.

Felicia Levine of IHM’s Adult Education outreach will lead the discussion of these and other practical questions in the Nazareth Center behind the church. There will be coffee and refreshments, a brief film and ample time for questions and answers.

The program will be free of charge, and there will be no obligation. IHM is located at 1571 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. Ample onsite parking is available behind the church. For additional information, call Ms. Levine at the parish office at (908) 889-2100, extension no. 22, or send an e-mail to her attention at IHM123@aol.com. Directions can be found on the parish website: ihmparish.net.



MR. AND MRS. GREGORY PSOMAS  
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## Miss Janine Vlassakis Marries Gregory Psomas

Gregory Psomas and Miss Janine Vlassakis were married on Saturday, September 18, 2010, at The Pastures in Southfield, Mass. The bride’s uncle, James Jordan, performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of John and Patricia Vlassakis of Abington, Mass. The groom is the son of Anthony and Maureen Psomas of Westfield, N.J.

Presented in marriage by her parents, the bride was attended by her sister, Julea Vlassakis; her sister-in-law, Colleen Psomas, and Cary Davis as bridesmaids. The junior bridesmaids were Emily Raso, Maggie Raso, Halle Sullivan and Sophia Barrett.

Thomas Hailu served as the best man. Groomsmen were Ravi Bharadwaj, Gregory Josselyn, David Riggs, Scott Saggio, Eric Whitman and Donald Williams.

Annie Raso, Caroline Raso and

Carly Sullivan were the flower girls and Nate Sullivan was the ring bearer.

A reception was held at The Pastures following the ceremony. The couple honeymooned in Disney World and on a cruise to the Bahamas.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, Mass. and received her bachelor’s degree from Emerson College in Boston, Mass. She earned a Master of Education degree in school counseling from Suffolk University in Boston and is now a lab and education outreach coordinator at Northeastern University.

The groom graduated from Westfield High School in 2004 and received a bachelor’s degree from Northeastern University. He currently is a marketing analyst for CSN Stores in Boston.

The newlyweds reside in Brookline, Mass.



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## Westfield Hadassah Chapter Recognizes Dorothy Ehrich

WESTFIELD – During the Northern New Jersey Region of Hadassah’s annual Myrtle Wreath Celebration, held November 21 at the Glen Pointe Marriott in Teaneck, the Westfield chapter honored Dorothy Ehrich of Mountainside.

Each chapter in the region selected one chapter member as its “Gem” honoree. These women each participated in a video in which they explained the achievements that were the most meaningful in their lives as Jewish women and as members of Hadassah.

Mrs. Ehrich grew up in New York City and earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Hunter College. She was president of the Hunter Class of 1949. Prior to starting her family and moving to Westfield in 1956, Mrs. Ehrich taught kindergarten at P.S. 189 in Manhattan.

She served as president of the Jefferson Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association, a vice-president of the Westfield Adult School and as a Girl Scout Brownie Leader and Boy Scout Den Mother. Mrs. Ehrich also has served as president of ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training) and the New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Jewish Libraries.

Several years ago, as Education vice-president of Westfield Hadassah, Mrs. Ehrich created a program on Jews in the

Arts, which won the Northern New Jersey Region’s Silver Award. As the current Education vice-president, she helps to lead the chapter’s book group.

She has been the librarian at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield for 33 years. Each year, she presents a program on current Jewish books and related materials for the chapter’s Hanukkah meeting.

Mrs. Ehrich enjoys doing calligraphy and needlepoint. She and her husband, Herb, have been married for more than 61 years and are the parents of four children and the grandparents of 12.



Dorothy Ehrich

## Church Thrift Shop To Reopen Jan. 5

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Presbyterian Church Thrift Shop will reopen on Wednesday, January 5, at 10 a.m. after being closed for the holidays. A large selection of winter clothing and other items will be featured.

The shop is located on McDermott Avenue in Fanwood. Ample parking is available. All the shop workers are volunteers, and proceeds go to local charities.

## BootCampWF Takes It Indoors At Surgent’s! Enlist Now!

WESTFIELD – BootCampWF, Westfield’s premiere, healthy-living outdoor fitness training program, is taking it INDOORS this winter.

BCWF Indoors will run January 5 through February 17 and will be held at Surgent’s in Westfield, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 and 9:15 a.m., and BCWF Lite will be held Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m. The program includes:

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1/8	12:00 pm	When Animals Attack (5+ years)	
1/15	10:00 am	Grupo ñ Spanish Language Storytime (6 years & under)	
1/18 and 1/25	2:00 pm	Toddler Time (babies & toddlers up to 3 years)	
1/19 and 1/26	10:00 am	Toddler Time (babies & toddlers up to 3 years)	
1/21 and 1/28	10:00 am	Tots' Storytime (2½ to 3½ years)	
1/21 and 1/28	3:45 pm	Big Kids' Club (elementary schoolers)	
1/22	10:30 am	Stories & Music with Kala JoJo (4+ years)	
1/24 and 1/31	10:00 am	Preschool Storytime (3½ to 5 years)	
1/24 and 1/31	3:30 pm	Homework Help (grades K-5)	
1/24, 1/25, 1/26	7 - 10 pm	Midterm Study Hall Nights for Teens-Refreshments served	



Best Wishes to All  
For a Happy New Year!

THE WEEK IN SPORTS

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CLINE SETS TONE, SKIBITSKY ADDS EXCLAMATION

Blue Devil Matmen Set Tone,  
Rout Rahway Indians, 49-18

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

No circling of the wagons was necessary after the results of the first three bouts, which enabled the Westfield High School wrestling team to set the tone en route to a 49-18 rout of the invading Rahway Indians in Westfield on December 23.

With the match beginning in the bulk of the Indians' strength (189, 215 and heavyweight), the 2-0 Blue Devils had to minimize their possible losses in order to keep the team score close heading into the lower weight classes. And they did in a big way!

Blue Devil Kieran Cline had a rock-and-tumble bout at 189 lbs. with Hanif Denny, but he recorded a reversal and a three-point Turk nearfall in the third period to seize a 12-8 victory. At 215,

Blue Devil Luke Gibbons faced Urayoan Garcia, a state qualifier last year, and held his own in an 8-3 defeat. Heavyweight Kyle Kania battled Indian Laziek Jones, who placed fourth in the region last year. Jones hung on to claim a 3-2 decision, which gave Rahway only a 6-3 lead into the strength of the Blue Devils' lineup.

"We were down, 6-3, after the first three. That could easily have been 18-0," Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz said. "Those three guys wrestled tough. I thought Kania put himself in a position to win. If he were a little bit more aggressive down in the last few seconds, he could have stolen a win from that kid. Gibbons wrestled a smart match. Those three kids set the tone right away. I felt very comfort-

able being down by three coming back around to 103."

Blue Devil Mike Kalimtzis received a forfeit at 103, then Nick Velez used a head-and-arm takedown and pinned Indian Eric Melendez in 1:08 with a half nelson at 112. The Indians won by fall at 119 to make the score, 15-12 Westfield, but Blue Devils Pat Currie received a forfeit at 125, and Keith Peterson racked up a pair of reversals and three nearfalls to defeat Christian Chavez, 12-6, at 130 lbs.

Rahway's Justin Becker caught Nick Rotundo's hanging head to pull out a fall at 135, then Blue Devil Ellis Opoku demonstrated his heart and endurance to control Franco Mejias the entire third period to earn a 3-2 victory at 140.

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
ADDING THE EXCLAMATION POINT...Blue Devil Troy Skibitsky, top, added an exclamation point by defeating Danny Walsh, 11-3, at 145 lbs. Westfield defeated Rahway, 49-18.

PETERSON SCORES 14, GRABS 12; MILLER SCORES 8

Lady Raiders Control Boards,  
Top Blue Devil Cagers, 41-28

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

Dominance inside garnished with some timely 3-point shooting set the stage for the 2-1 Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls basketball team to harvest a 41-28 victory over Westfield in Scotch Plains on December 23.

The ability of senior point guard Evie Klotz and sophomore Taylor Sebolao to hit from the outside opened the door for them to get the ball into senior forward Aysia Peterson, who finished with a game-high 14 points. Klotz, who hit a pair of 3-pointers and finished with 12 points, had four assists and a pair of steals. Sebolao (seven points) also hit a pair of three-pointers, and added three assists. Sophomore Renee Oliver and freshman Katie Harper each had four points.

"We were shooting from the outside a lot at the beginning of the first half then we started tracking Renee more and Aysia. I always look to see who is open," Klotz explained.

"It worked quite well. Like coach said, we have become a shooting team and an inside team. We have some big people down low, and if you can get us the ball, we will do what we have

to do with it," said Peterson, who also had three assists and was 4-for-4 from the charity line.

The 0-2 Blue Devils were having difficulties finding the mark. Senior point guard Danielle Miller led the team with eight points, including a 3-pointer, and added two steals and an assist. Junior forward Sophia DeVita finished with seven points, including a 3-pointer, and forward Elli Callinan had six points, all in the fourth quarter. Amanda Marcatullio had four points, two assists and a steal. Carolyn Maguire had two points and Charlotte Lorentzen added a point and an assist.

"We are not hitting our shots. We do have the hustle, but when we get our shots, we got to make them. When we are not hitting our shots, it's going to be difficult for us," Blue Devil Head Coach Joe Marino said. "We just got to keep punching away."

Peterson's inside presence enabled her to amass 12 rebounds, while Sebolao had seven rebounds, Klotz added five and Oliver grabbed four. Martina Landeka (steal) and Marcatullio led the Blue Devils in rebounding with five each. Miller

pulled four and Lorentzen grabbed two.

"It's picked up amazingly from last season," Peterson said of the Raiders' rebounding. "This season, it's like our main thing. Our guards are boxing out. Point guard, shooting guard, forwards, center! Everybody is boxing out. Last year was our rebuilding year. This year is our year to shine."

Both teams exercised offensive shyness in the first quarter as the Raiders clung to a 5-4 lead, but the floodgates burst open in the second quarter. Highlighted by Klotz and Harper each hitting a 3-pointer and Peterson penetrating inside to roll in three lay-ups and add a pair of free throws, the Raider won the quarter, 20-9, to take a 25-13 lead at the half. Miller and DeVita each hit a 3-pointer in the quarter.

Peterson sank six more points and Klotz banged a 3-pointer, while DeVita and Miller each hit for two points as the Raiders stretched their lead to 34-17 entering the final quarter.

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TAKING GOOD CARE OF THE BALL...Raider senior forward Aysia Peterson, left, keeps the ball away from Blue Devil junior guard Amanda Marcatullio, No. 22, in Scotch Plains on December 22.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
FLYING AWAY TO VICTORY...Raider Mike Napolitano won the 100-yard butterfly in 53.86 and the 500-freestyle in 4:57.74 against the Blue Devils on December 22.

M. NAPOLITANO, BALIKO, DUNN GET DOUBLE WINS

Raider Swim Boys Win Big,  
Top Blue Devil Boys, 109-61

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

Expectations were high of a win over the Westfield High School boys swim team by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys, but the 4-0 Raiders exceeded their expectations when they emerged from the water with a 109-61 victory at Wallace Pool in Westfield on December 22.

The Raider boys took top honors in all 11 events and had double winners in individual events with Mike Napolitano winning the 100-yard butterfly and the 500-freestyle, Greg Baliko winning the 200-individual medley and the 100-breaststroke, and Joe Dunn touching first in the 50-freestyle and the 100-freestyle.

"We didn't want to think about any point wise outcomes until after we swam the meet. We wanted to look at each race as an individual match-up. So we would think, 'OK! This is what we want to do in the 500-freestyle. This is what we want to do in the 100-backstroke. This is what we want to do in the 50-free.' And it came down until the bus ride here that we had our lineup solidified," Mike Napolitano said. "Of course our expectations were really high. Definitely this was a meet

Probitas Versus Honos

that we wanted to win. Both teams swam a great meet."

"We just swam really, really well today. Everything seems to be clicking this year so far. Guys, who were placing fourth last year, are now placing second or third. Our top guys are clicking very well. They are stepping up and doing what they need to do," Raider Head Coach Jessica Hulnik said. "They know this is going to be a special year for them, and they are acting like it. They are swimming like it."

Mike Napolitano teamed with Dan Pesin, Baliko and Dunn to win the opening event, the 200-medley relay in 1:39.31, but the Blue Devils took an 8-6 lead when Brennan Haley, Tyler Lessner, Jack Lorentzen and Nick Boyle took second in 1:41.77, and Max Shin, Alex Bond, Larry Zhang and Kevin Oster touched third in 1:43.5.

Raider Dan Napolitano touched first in the 200-freestyle in 1:44.9, followed by Ryan Gajdzisz in 1:50.24 and Blue Devil Matt Daniel in 1:52.48. Baliko won the 200-individual medley in 1:59.42, followed by teammate Dan Pesin in 2:02.53 and Blue Devil Zhang in 2:04.33. Dunn won the 50-free in 22.29, followed by Blue Devils Lorentzen in 22.37 and Boyle in 23.34, giving the

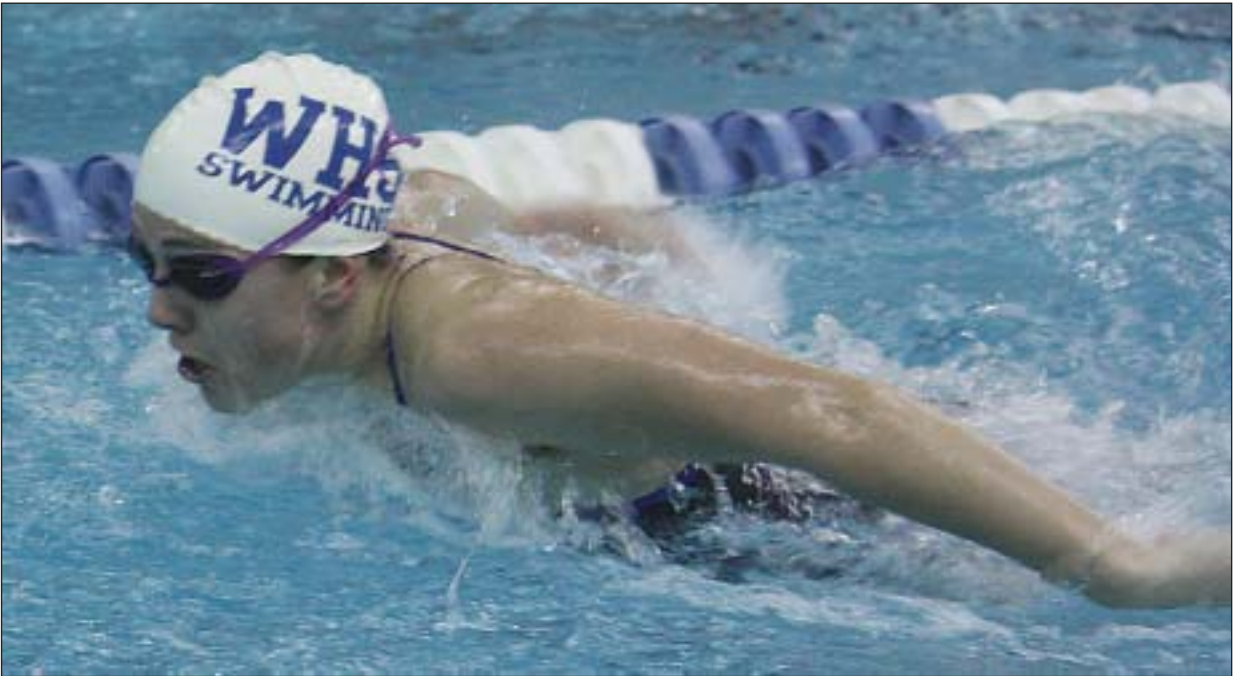
Raiders a 38-24 lead at the break.

Mike Napolitano led a Raider sweep in the 100-butterfly, touching in 53.86, followed by Mike Rizzo at 56.47 and Keith Monteiro in 56.95. Dunn came back with another victory in the 100-free with a time of 48.96. Dan Napolitano took second at 49.03 and Lorentzen placed third at 49.56. Mike Napolitano won the 500-freestyle in 4:57.74. Gajdzisz touched second at 5:00.05 and Haley took third at 5:02.85.

Baliko, Gajszisz, Dan Napolitano and Dunn won the 200-free relay in 1:30.71, and teammates Ryan Henkels, Austin Engelhardt, Jason Schaub and Rizzo touched third at 1:35.65. Blue Devils Boyle, Zhang, Daniel and Lorentzen placed second in 1:33.33.

Pesin took top honors in the 100-backstroke in 55.12, while Blue Devils Shin at 55.38 and Haley at 57.0 took 2-3, respectively. Baliko added another victory in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:01.24. Blue Devils Lessner at 1:05.3 and Bond at 1:05.79 touched 2-3, respectively. Dan Napolitano, Gajdzisz, Pesin and Mike Napolitano touched first in the 400-free relay at 3:23.23, and teammates Monteiro, Jeff Peart, Matt Debiasse and Pesin placed third at

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
DISPLAYING HER "INDIVIDUAL" TALENT...Blue Devil Anna Fetter touched first in the 200-individual medley against the Raiders with a time of 2:16.28.

J. CRONIN WINS 200-F, 100-F; ON 2 WINNING RELAYS

Blue Devil Girls Overwhelm  
Raider Swim Girls, 120-50

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

Strength across the board, including giant contributions from a very talented freshman class allowed the 5-0 Westfield High School girls swim team to cruise to a 120-50 victory over 3-1 Scotch Plains-Fanwood at Wallace Pool in Westfield on December 22.

Blue Devil girls were on the top of the list in nine of the 11 events, which included winning all three, relay events. They also placed second in six events and third in eight events to display their mighty depth.

"Our girls are tough. Every time they get into the pool, they have a bulldog mentality. They want to swim their best every time they get in. Whomever I put in, I know I am going to get their best. We have depth throughout the lineup for the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors," Blue Devil Head Coach Jeff Knight said.

Freshman Sarah Cronin certainly made her contribution. First, she seized top honors in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:59.47, followed by teammate Becky DeLaFuente at 2:00.96 and Raider

Caitlyn English at 2:06.49. Next, she touched first in the 100-freestyle with a time of 54.15, followed by Raider Ana Bogdanovski at 54.55 and Blue Devil Meg Kaveney at 57.99.

Two events later, Cronin teamed with Catherine Kerr, Caroline Baldwin and Kaveney to win the 200-free relay in 1:44.94. Blue Devils Lauren Schneider, Rachel Fen, Courtney Han and Michaela Cavanaugh took third at 1:50.01. Raiders Jodie Thompson, Maggie O'Brien, Jillian Leahy and Bogdanovski touched second with a time of 1:48.48. Cronin was involved in her fourth win when she teamed with Baldwin, Loren Ball and Reinhardt in the 400-free relay to touch in 3:55.49. Blue Devils Jess Cronin, Kyla Garguilo, Ally Rose and Kylie Bangs took second at 4:04.54. Raiders English, O'Brien, Brenda Ho and Caroline Lesce placed third at 4:16.09.

Blue Devils Anna Fetter, Kaveney, DeLaFuente and Baldwin won the opening event, the 200-medley relay, with a time of 1:53.32. Raiders English, Thompson, Bogdanovski and Lesce placed second at 1:56.07, and

Blue Devils Jess Cronin, Becky Zhang, Erika Daniel and Ball took third at 1:58.23.

Fetter touched first in the 200-individual medley with a time of 2:16.28, followed by Raider Thompson at 2:19.79 and Blue Devil Daniel at 2:20.53. Raider Bogdanovski touched first in the 50-free at 25.13, followed by Baldwin at 25.35 and Ball at 25.99. DeLaFuente at 1:00.78 and Fetter at 1:02.56 touched 1-2 in the 100-butterfly. Raider Leahy placed third at 1:08.07. Reinhardt led a Blue Devil sweep in the 500-free with a time of 5:37.49, followed by Ball at 5:48.32 and Jess Cronin at 5:49.98. Bangs won the 100-backstroke in 1:03.07, followed by Raider English in 1:05.27 and Blue Devil Rose in 1:05.73. Raider Thompson took top honors in the 100-breaststroke in 1:10.5, followed by Blue Devils Zhang at 1:14.9 and Krista Huber at 1:17.85.

"We have girls like Audrey Bangs, Caroline Baldwin. Sarah Cronin is a phenomenal swimmer, but we are a team, so it's a good collection of everybody's strength. They make us a pretty formidable foe for anybody we are going to see," Coach Knight said.



## Blue Devil Matmen Set Tone, Rout Rahway Indians, 49-18

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“It was definitely a tough match, but we were prepared for this. We definitely rely on our conditioning. Definitely more than that them! We tried to be the toughest team out there. I think we proved that,” Opoku said. “As a team, I thought we wrestled really well on top. I thought Ellis did a great job there. I knew that kid was going to be OK, but I expected more from Ellis. I expected a definite win there. I think Ellis is going to pick it up a little bit more offensively,” Coach Kurz said.

Blue Devil Troy Skibitsky recorded a pair of single-trip takedowns, a pair of double-leg takedowns and a nearfall to grab an 11-3, majority decision over Danny Walsh at 145.

“Troy really put the exclamation point. Troy beat him up, not just on the scoreboard, but he owned him out there. He went wire to wire. To me, that is the kind of match I want every one of my kids to wrestle,” Coach Kurz said.

Blue Devil Colin Barber sealed the

team victory when he smothered Nieko Torres in 3:15 with a body press, half nelson at 152 lbs.

Facing Indian Brian Pyrus at 160 lbs., Christian Barber added more emphasis with a series of takedowns, a tilt nearfall and a bulrush takedown to a fall in 5:39. Blue Devil Erik Gozdieski added the ice cream when he came out the back door to pin Carlos Daza with a half nelson in 1:29 at 171 lbs.

**BOUT SEQUENCE:**  
**189: — Cline (W) d Denny, 12-8**  
**215: — Garcia (R) d Gibbons, 8-3**  
**Hwt: — Jones (R) d Kania, 3-2**  
**103: — Kalimtzis (W) won forfeit**  
**112: — Valez (W) p Melendez, 1:08**  
**119: — Isaac Valintin (R) p Anthony Aldana, 1:51**  
**125: — Pat Currie (W) won forfeit**  
**130: — Peterson (W) Chavez, 12-6**  
**135: — Becker (R) p Nick Rotundo, 2:28**  
**140: — Opoku (W) d Mejias, 3-2**  
**145: — Skibitsky (W) md Walsh, 11-3**  
**152: — Colin Barber (W) p Nieko Torres, 3:15**  
**160: — Christian Barber (W) p Pyrus, 5:39**  
**171: — Gozdieski (W) p Daza, 1:29**

## FSPY Swim Team Wins L.I. Holiday Invitational

For the third year in a row, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains “Y” (FSPY) swim team won the team title at the Long Island Holiday Invitational Meet, which featured 16 “Y” teams from four states at the Nassau County Aquatic Center. At least 55 FSPY swimmers placed in the top 16 in individual events. FSPY won 26 individual events and six relays, and also set four team records.

FSPY high-point winners were: Greg Baliko (first, 15-18), Sarah Cronin (first, 13-14), Alex Burzynski (second, 15-18), Erika Frazier (second, 9-10), Hannah Markey (second, 15-18) and Jack Lorentzen (third, 15-18).

**Individual first places:** Will Brown (100, 200 and 500-free, 200-fly), Cronin (100, 200 and 500-free, 200-IM), Burzynski (200-IM, 100 and 200-back), Jessica Colucci (500 and 200-free), Frazier (100-breast, 50-

fly), Markey (200-IM, 50-free), Jodie Thompson (100 and 200-breast), Baliko (400-IM, 100 and 200-breast), Ana Bogdanovski (100-free), Matthew Chen (50-breast), Joe Dunn (100-fly) and Lorentzen (50-free).

**Top-three finishes:** Tyler Lessner (five events), Dan Napolitano (3), Jessica Cronin (2), Molly Gaynor (2), Gina Bratti (1), Monika Burzynski (1), Sarah Davis (1), Ryan Gajdzisz (1), Annemarie Kearns (1), Gabriella Levine (1), Martha Lewand (1), Audris Oh (1) and Mike Napolitano (1).

FSPY medley relays placed first in the girls’ 9-10 and boys’ 15-18 age groups. In freestyle relays, FSPY swept both the boys’ and girls’ events in the 13-14 and 15-18 groups. Members of first-place relay teams were Joseph Baron, Austin Engelhardt, Savannah Llewellyn, Jeff Peart, Macie Schaper and Caroline Warren.

Sarah Cronin (500 and 200-free), Thompson (200-breast), and Burzynski, Baliko, Dunn and Brown (200-medley relay) set team records.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD**  
**Date Adopted: 12/22/10**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as an extraordinary unspecifiable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(11). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1148**  
**AWARDED TO: This Is It! Concept and Event Production, Hoboken, New Jersey**

**SERVICES:** to act as the production logistics consultant and event management company for 2011 MusicFest at Oak Ridge Park, Clark, New Jersey and promote the 2011 Rhytm & Blues by the Brook Festival at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield, New Jersey

**PERIOD:** on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

**COSTS:** in the amount of **\$290,000**

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders  
1 T - 12/30/10, The Leader Fee: \$26.01

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on **January 10, 2011** in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following appeal for use (d) and bulk (c) variance(s) from the requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance.

**Dyanna Pepitone & Douglas Parker, 200 North Chestnut Street;** Applicant is proposing an addition to an existing single family dwelling which requires a two car garage; the applicant is requesting to maintain the existing one car garage. This application presents an Appeal alleging erroneous Zoning Officer decision, pursuant to Section 7.02B of the Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Westfield and in the alternative a “c” Variance application pursuant to Section 7.01C of the Land Use Ordinance. Applicant proposes to retain a single car garage contrary to §11.06E14 of the Land Use Ordinance.

**Paul and Laurie Gama, 546 Sherwood Parkway;** Applicant is seeking approval to construct a front porch contrary to Section11.09E5 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a front yard setback of 36.6 feet. Proposed is 31 feet.

**Ray Garguilo, 1001 Cranford Avenue;** Applicant is seeking permission to increase the size of a deck contrary to Sections 13.02C2 and 13.02C1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum rear yard setback for a deck of 25 feet. Proposed is ± 20 feet. Ordinance requires decks to be located in the rear yard. Proposed location of the deck is the side yard.

**Renee Dorfman, 531 Washington Street;** Applicant is seeking approval to construct a two story addition contrary to Section 11.09E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a side yard setback of 10 feet. Proposed is 7 feet 4 inches.

**Karen and Jonathan Fishman, 23 Cornwall Drive;** Applicant is seeking approval to extend a portion of the second floor forward to provide an area of a great room to be two stories, to add a two story bay window to the proposed great room and to construct a front porch contrary to Section 11.07E5 (12.03D) of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum front yard setback of 33.06 (EFYD). Proposed is 28.6 feet.

**Jorge & Vera Ortiz, 208 Livingston Street;** Applicant is seeking approval to finish a portion of the lower level of the home to be used in conjunction with the first floor apartment as habitable floor space

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contrary to Section 12.0-4E2 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance allows a maximum habitable floor area of 42%. Proposed is 46.7%.

**Metri Malki, 9 Tamaques Way;** Applicant is seeking approval to construct additions to the first and second floors of the home contrary to Sections 11.08E6, 12.04F1 and 12.04E1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet. Proposed is 7.5 feet and 5.5 feet. Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%. Proposed is 21.9%. Ordinance allows a maximum habitable floor area of 37%. Proposed is 38%.

**John & Colleen Gibbons, 940 Lawrence Avenue;** Applicant is seeking approval to construct a garage with a pergola contrary to Section 13.01G.1.b of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a 15 feet side yard setback for accessory structures greater than 500 square feet. Proposed is a 5 feet setback.

**Charles Pijanowski, 216 Sylvia Place;** Applicant is seeking approval to construct a second floor rear dormer and a 75 square feet deck contrary to Sections 11.07E7, 11.07E6 and 13.02C2 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum rear yard setback of 35 feet. Proposed is 26.37 feet. Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet. Proposed is 9.43 feet. Ordinance requires a minimum rear yard setback for a deck of 25 feet. Proposed is ± 21.67 feet.

**Richard Benninger, 948 Mountain Avenue, Block 1303, Lot 9, on the Tax Map of the Town of Westfield, the property is also known as 854 Mountain Avenue, Block 19, Lot 4 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Mountainside.** Applicant seeks approval to utilize the existing building as follows: (a) Second floor two (2) residential Units; (b) Main floor office suites; (c) Basement office suite. The use of said building is not permitted in said RA-2 Zone. The Applicant seeks variances from Sections 11.15A to 11.15E of the Land Use Ordinance. The Applicant further seeks a variance from Section 12.04(c) of the Land Use Ordinance. Wherein said Ordinance does not allow office use in the basement. The Applicant further seeks variances from all bulk requirements under Section 11:15A to 11:15E of the Land Use Ordinance.

Variances, waivers or exceptions from certain site plan details or relief from requirements may be sought as appropriate. Plans and application are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kathleen A. Nemeth  
Secretary, Board of Adjustment  
1 T - 12/30/10, The Leader Fee: \$113.22



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

## Devil’s Den Memories of Past Games In Absence of Real Ones

Just going through the winter sports schedule at [www.allthingswestfield.com/sports](http://www.allthingswestfield.com/sports) and noticed that there are no WHS vs. SP-F boys basketball games this winter. WHS has two games with Cranford, and single games with Kinnelon, Roselle, Roselle Catholic, Hunterdon Central and East Brunswick ... but no WHS vs. SP-F game.

A quick check of the Den’s records revealed that the last time that happened was the 1956-57 season. (Probably the Raiders were intimidated by WHS gunner Roger Love.) The teams have met 129 times over the years; WHS leads the series 76-53.

So I went searching through some old e-mails and came across one sent last March from Tom Atkins, a senior co-captain of the Raiders’ 1967 team, back in the days when a match-up of the two rivals would draw a crowd that would fill either gym hours before tip-off ... and often bring out an extra supply of gendarmes for crowd control.

SPF went 15-7 in Atkins’ senior year, winning the Watchung Conference with a 12-2 mark. During his senior year the Raiders split with WHS, losing 79-59 and winning 72-61.

Atkins had e-mailed some “thanks for the memories” comments about a Devil’s Den on Fred Byrne (WHS ’67). He remembered games, opponents, scores. It was good stuff, including a very complimentary mention of Glenn Whitmore, the ’67 WHS hoops captain who sadly passed away last month.

“It’s hard to believe Westfield and Scotch Plains aren’t playing this year,” Atkins said. “That’s really sad. We always had great games with Westfield ... big crowds and hard-fought games.”

So, without further ado, take it away, Tom ...

“I don’t recall ever playing against Fred Byrne – but I do, unfortunately, remember Bobby Flynn very well. I matched up against him OK in ninth grade when he played for Roosevelt, but in a JV game the next year he lit me up for 25 or 26 points at SPF. Extremely quick and fast, plus, no lack of confidence, as you can well recall.

“Junior year I remember Flynn starting for awhile with Tom Reddy in the backcourt and he had some good games. Then 12th grade there was no sign of him and I heard that he had difficulties with the head coach (Bob Sanislow).

“If Flynn had played on that ’67

team, Westfield might have won it all. We always worried about Glenn Whitmore first because he had good talent and determination. Ken Keller was a very good outside shooter and academically quite strong. I think he went to Georgetown. Tom Scott was younger so he didn’t hurt us too much either game, but you could tell he had potential. Mark Reddy was a scrappy player, in excellent condition ... he could run all day. Paul Jones enjoyed shooting from the outside more than going inside and he was a big guy – height-wise and girth.

“My SP-F friends that played baseball told me that Flynn was probably three times the baseball player that he was in basketball, so I can only imagine his baseball talents. Many, many years later I did some business with Jim Flynn, the attorney in Westfield and Bobby’s older brother. And to show what a very small world it is, my son Greg works for Deutsche Bank on Wall Street and a guy he met many years back that is a good pal of his is Steve Flynn, Westfield Class of ’94 and son of Jim and nephew of Bobby.

“I’m sure you remember Rick Felmeister from SP-F. What shocked me is at Dartmouth I heard that Tom Reddy earned more playing time than Felmeister and you know in high school there was absolutely no comparison in their careers. I think that Rick passed away from a brain tumor many years back. He threw in that half-court shot vs. Westfield in the (1965) triple-overtime thriller at SP-F – the same night Flynn burned me in the JV game.

“The only player I ever saw totally stop Rick Felmeister was Bob Whitaker from Westfield when Rick was a junior and Whitaker was a senior. Whitaker was some player. The 1965 Westfield team was not terrific in the backcourt (Tom Reddy was a junior and Pete Mavraganis was a senior) but the tandem of Bob Felter and Steve Wright could score all day. And Jerry Richards was a hard-nosed forward who could play defense and rebound, plus, if you left him alone, he could pop in some jumpers. But not like Wright could from the baseline.

“I still say Felter was one of the three or four very best players Westfield ever had, no matter what era. He may even have been the best. You had to have seen him to believe what he could do. The absolute nightmare would have been to guard (or try to) Felter as your defensive assignment and then have Richards guarding you.”

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Municipal Council of the Township of Scotch Plains has scheduled their Reorganization Meeting for **Saturday, January 1, 2011**. The Reorganization Meeting will begin at **1:00 P.M.** This meeting will be held at the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

The Township of Scotch Plains does not discriminate against persons with disabilities. Those individuals requiring auxiliary aids and services where necessary, must notify the ADA Coordinator of the Township of Scotch Plains at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting.

BOZENA LACINA  
Municipal Clerk  
1 T - 12/30/10, The Times Fee: \$17.34

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**Date Adopted: 12/22/10**

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1146**  
**AWARDED TO: Across the River, LLC, Cranford, New Jersey**

**SERVICES:** to provide consulting services for the 2011 MusicFest

**PERIOD:** on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> at Oak Ridge Park, Clark, New Jersey

**COSTS:** in the amount of **\$27,500**

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders  
1 T - 12/30/10, The Leader Fee: \$21.93

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**Maintenance Roadway Repair Contract Central, Sub-Region C-2, Contract No. C203, Routes 12, U.S. 22, 27, 28 & U.S. 206; Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Union Counties; 100% State; DP No: 10437**

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3 T - 12/23/10, 12/30/10 and 1/6/11, The Leader Fee: \$201.96

**PAUL JACKSON FUND**  
The Junior Woman’s Club of Westfield will hold a gala on March 12 at The Grand Summit to benefit the Paul Jackson Fund. The Paul Jackson Fund is a tax-exempt charity that serves as a resource of last resort for individuals and families facing a financial crisis due to a debilitating long-term illness or disability. It was created in memory of the late Paul Jackson (WHS ’79), who dedicated the last 20 years of his life to helping the needy before passing away in February 2009.

Jackson, ironically, would have turned 50 years old on March 12, 2011.

Mary Boland, who is in charge of the event, is looking for people to help sponsor the event, and also for any donations people would like to contribute in the way of tickets to sporting events or concerts, plays, etc., dinners at local restaurants ... anything that can be auctioned off.

Tickets for the event, which will feature music by the Banging Cougars, are \$85. For more information, contact Boland at [bolandpauljacksonfund@gmail.com](mailto:bolandpauljacksonfund@gmail.com).

**IN GOOD COMPANY**  
It’s been almost 20 years since the WHS football program produced a first-team All Groups player, so congratulations to A.J. Murray, the super tailback/linebacker on this year’s squad who became the 25th WHSer to earn the honor. The Blue Devils’ last first-team All Grouper was lineman Tom Norton, back in 1991.

Other first-team All Groups players from Westfield include: Kent Baldwin (1978), Owen Brand (1977), Rick Sampson (1977), Butch Woolfolk (1977), Bret Schundler (1976), Glen Kehler (1974), Chris Vejnoska (1972), John Kerr (1971), Bob Harvey (1970), Joe Monninger (1970), Jim Zitch (1970), Frank Jackson (1969), J.J. Kalbacher (1969), Bill Backus (1966), Jerry Hendershott (1964), Jim Kovacs (1961), Greg Weiss (1961), Pete Braun (1959-60), Gerry McGinley (1947), George Becker (1933), Bob Ross (1932), Lee Waring (1931) and Ralph Gordon (1925).

Murray also joins a select group of WHS players to be named multiple times all-state (he was third team Group 4 last year). Others in that category are: Norton (1990-1991), Dave Jackson (1980-1981), Kehler (1973-1974), Braun (1959-1960), Rick McGinley (1947, 1949), G. McGinley (1946-1947).

The only three-time all-stater at WHS was the great running back Bobby Dougherty (1944-46).

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD**

Please take notice that on January 26, 2011 at 7:30 PM at the Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, the Planning Board will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned. The property in question is located at: 4 Lois Place , Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 46 Lot 7, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map, owned by Ulises Barros.

The applicant requests Rear & front 2nd floor dormer & 1st floor family room which is in violation of:

Section 184-115. R75 E.5 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Front Yard Set Back; Permitted: 30 feet; Present: 20.80 feet; Proposed: 20.88 feet.

Section 184-163 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Driveway Side Yard Set Back; Permitted: 3 feet; Present: 9 feet; Proposed: 2 feet.

The applicant will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the application.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday) from the Secretary of the Planning Board at the Administration Office of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Fanwood Planning Board.

Applicant: Ulises Barros  
4 Lois Place  
Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023  
1 T - 12/31/10, The Times Fee: \$37.74

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## Devil of the Month C.J. Meyer Ice Hockey

**WRESTLING UPDATE**  
With upcoming matches against Roselle Park (Jan. 5), Cranford (Jan. 7) and SP-F (Jan. 14), things will be heating up soon. But you have to be happy with the start of the WHS wrestling season.

A third-place at the Nutley Tournament, with five individual winners – Mike Kalimtzis, Pat Currie, Nick Rotonto, Christian Barber and Kyle Kania; and solid dual-meet victories over A.L. Johnson and Rahway.

With the PAL team pipelining a steady stream of talent up to veteran coach Glen Kurz – yes, the 13-year coach now qualifies for the adjective – there are usually 14 wrestlers for the 14 weights again.

Congratulations to Colin Barber and Mark Frega, who won their weights at the Scotch Plains Junior Varsity Tournament.

**IN THE GENES**  
Congrats to Maggie Morash, the daughter of former WHS footballer/wrestler Dan Morash (’74). The Bernardsville resident made second team all-state in soccer, playing for the Pingry School.

**IN PASSING**  
The WHS family lost Don Ciliotta on Dec. 12, who passed at age 78 in Bethpage, Long Island. Don was the father of WHS footballers Don (’75) and Mark (’79), a couple of outstanding two-way linemen.

**DEN’S TOP FIVE**  
As promised, here’s my top five beers of all-time, with apologies to Piel’s Real Draft, Miller Genuine Draft and Foster’s in those big old “oil cans”:

5. Reingold Chug-a-mugs (best when downed with a sub from the old Charlie’s Italian Deli on South Ave.)

4. Rolling Rock (but what the heck is the ‘33’ about?)

3. Coor’s (two 22-ouncers immediately after a county swim meet or a state final is 1@%\*#!)

2. Michelob (from the old days, when the Jolly Trolley was still the Jolly Trolley)

1. Yuengling (the country’s oldest, and best)  
(Next time: best opening riffs to songs.)

**DEVIL OF THE MONTH**  
This month’s winner of a free sub from Ryan (The) Mann at Hershey’s Subs is C.J. Meyer. The senior had a huge week against Cranford, scoring three goals in a 6-1 win and adding two goals (including a short-hander that sparked a four-goal rally) in the final five minutes of a come-from-behind 6-4 victory. He has 13 goals and 8 assists for the 6-1 Devils.

*The Devil’s Den appears in The Westfield Leader on the first and third (and fifth) Thursday of each month during the school year. Contact us with comments, complaints and suggestions at [bj1019@aol.com](mailto:bj1019@aol.com). And remember, win or not, Whs4evr!*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD**

**MEETING DATES FOR 2011**

In compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8D (Open Public Meetings Act), the Westfield Planning Board wishes to advise the public of its meeting dates. Meetings at which formal action will be taken will be held on the following dates at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey.

January 5, 2011 August 1, 2011  
February 7, 2011 September 7, 2011  
March 7, 2011 October 3, 2011  
April 4, 2011 November 7, 2011  
May 2, 2011 December 5, 2011  
June 6, 2011 January 4, 2012  
July 6, 2011 February 6, 2012

The Board will also meet at 7:00 p.m. on the above meeting dates in the Mayor’s Conference Room for a work session in which the public may attend but may not participate.

The Site Plan Review Committee will meet at 7:00pm on the above dates in the Mayor’s Conference Room.

Applications and plans to be considered at these meetings will be on file in the office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kathleen Nemeth, Recording Secretary  
Westfield Planning Board  
1 T - 12/30/10, Leader Fee: \$32.13

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YANKING DOWN THE REBOUND...Blue Devil forward Joe Greenspan, center, won the battle for the rebound against Cougar junior Kurt Rutmayer, No. 4. See Cranford Online pages for more pictures.

GREENSPAN SCORES 15, PULLS DOWN 14 REBOUNDS

Cougar Boy Cagers Outlast Blue Devil B’ballers, 54-47

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

Three-pointers were abundant, but the edge went to the Cranford High School boys basketball team in a 54-47 victory over Westfield in Cranford on December 22.

Outsized, the 1-1 Cougars worked on shooting from the perimeter and combined for nine 3-pointers. Senior point guard Sean Trotter (5 assists, 5 rebounds, 2 steals) led all scorers with 21 points, which included a pair of 3-pointers. Mark Osofsky (steal, rebound) hit three 3-pointers, Sean Babos (5 assists, steal) banded a three, and guard Joey Papandrea contributed a point, strong defense and a rebound. Senior forward Joe Greenspan led the 0-3 Blue Devils in scoring with 15 points, including a 3-pointer, and in rebounds with 14.

“We were making shots. We were hustling. We were playing good defense,” Trotter said.

“They are a big team. Coach [Chris] Loeffler ran practice. He did a great job with our defensive game plan. I give all the credit to him,” Cougar Head Coach Ryan Huber said. “I was a little surprised with their size. This morning I met with Sean Babos and Joey Papandrea. I said we are going to have to execute. We are going to have to shoot the ball well from the perimeter. We did that. The best thing, forget about what we did from the perimeter, we took care of the ball after the first couple of minutes.”

With their superior height advantage, the Blue Devils totally dominated the boards in the first quarter, but missed a lot of their shots to enter the second quarter with only a 7-3 lead. Greenspan sank a pair of lay-ups and Nate Mitchell (12 points, block) banded the first of his four 3-pointers. Osofsky hit a three for the Cougars.

“We got a little nervous. Our coach told us we had to start boxing out, keep shooting, make jump shots and

get a win,” Trotter said.

The Blue Devils got a little more accurate in the second quarter, but so did the Cougars, who won the quarter, 24-17, to take a 27-24 lead at the half. Osofsky hit two more threes, Trotter put in 13 points, Reggie Green (6 points, 5 rebounds) added two points, and Babos sank a three. Mitchell hit two more 3-pointers, senior Ryan Hess (4 rebounds, 2 assists, block) hit five of his six points in the quarter. Greenspan added four, and Andrew Garfinkel (9 points, 3-pointer) hit a jumper.

“I think we shot pretty well. We were hitting our threes. In the first quarter, we missed a lot of shots, but we kept pushing. We didn’t make the stops on the defensive end,” Greenspan said.

What was apparent in the quarter was the fine passing from the hands of the Blue Devils.

“We moved the ball well. We had good vision on the court. People can find the open spots and make good cuts,” Greenspan said.

After a modest third quarter, which the Cougars won, 7-3, to expand their lead to 34-27, the offensive floodgates opened once again, but an additional barracuda emerged with Trotter in the person of junior forward Kurt Rutmayer (4 rebounds), who banded in 11 of his 14 points as the

Cougars matched the Blue Devils point-for-point. In the final minute, Trotter went to the charity line and sank three of four shots to seal the deal.

“He [Trotter] was a good shooter, and we kind of let loose a little bit in the first half and created a gap for them. He played a good game and made his shots. We got back to within five points. We couldn’t get any closer than that, and they made their free throws,” Greenspan explained.

“We were actually supposed to hold the ball, but I got the open looks. I know I can shoot. I shot, and luckily I was on in the fourth quarter,” Rutmayer explained. “Trotter is always there, scoring the most points, and Osofsky had a great first half. Coach Huber always says, ‘make a statement!’ This was a big game, because we know our division is really hard. We know we have to get these games.”

“We came out and played. We had a tough loss last week [Roselle]. Other guys were in their second varsity game ever, and they came out with confidence, like Kurt Rutmayer, Mark Osofsky. Reggie played a great game, Sean Babos. It was a great team win,” Trotter said.

Westfield	7	17	3	20	47
Cranford	3	24	7	20	54

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1115**  
**AWARDED TO: Father Peter Igwilo, Hackensack, New Jersey**  
**SERVICES:** for the Catholic patients/residents of Rumlles Specialized Hospital  
**PERIOD:** January 1, 2011- December 31, 2011  
**COSTS:** for a sum not to exceed \$ 12,600.

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1165**  
**AWARDED TO: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Rochelle Park, New Jersey**  
**SERVICES:** for Intersection Improvement in the Township of Union, Stuyvesant Avenue at Wewanna Avenue  
**COSTS:** for an additional amount of \$7,000 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$ 109,985

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1166**  
**AWARDED TO: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Rochelle Park, New Jersey**  
**SERVICES:** for Intersection Improvement in the Township of Union, Stuyvesant Avenue at Wewanna Avenue  
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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1153**  
**AWARDED TO: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners**  
**SERVICES:** to serve as independent contractors for the Union County SART/SAFE Program  
**PERIOD:** October 1, 2010- September 30, 2011  
**COSTS:** in the amount of \$64,677

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders  
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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1119**  
**AWARDED TO: 2011 Personal Assistance Program**  
All about Care, LLC \$220,302  
Assistive Choices, Inc \$514,037  
Rumlles Specialized Hospital of Union County \$5,000  
**SERVICES:** to provide various activities programs and services that personal assistance needs of disabled residents within the municipalities  
**PERIOD:** January 1, 2011- January 21, 2011  
**COSTS:** in the total amount of \$739,339.00

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1159**  
**AWARDED TO: Dental Insurance Plan with Delta Dental**  
**SERVICES:** on a month to month basis  
**PERIOD:** effective January 1, 2011  
**COSTS:** the monthly premium for the plan is \$181,961.65. (An increase of 1.95% from last year)

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1162**  
**AWARDED TO: Correctional Health Services, Inc., Verona, New Jersey**  
**SERVICES:** for incarcerated adults at the Union County Jail and the Youth housed at the Juvenile Detention Center for 2 additional years  
**PERIOD:** January 1, 2011- December 31, 2012  
**COSTS:** in an amount not to exceed \$ 11,580,746

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1149**  
**AWARDED TO: Union County Arts Center, Rahway, New Jersey**  
**SERVICES:** for talent procurement services for the 2011 Rhythm & Blues by the Brook at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield, New Jersey and 2011 MusicFest at Oak Ridge, Clark, New Jersey  
**COSTS:** in the amount of \$100,000

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1162**  
**AWARDED TO: Correctional Health Services, Inc., Verona, New Jersey**  
**SERVICES:** for incarcerated adults at the Union County Jail and the Youth housed at the Juvenile Detention Center for 2 additional years  
**PERIOD:** January 1, 2011- December 31, 2012  
**COSTS:** in an amount not to exceed \$ 11,580,746

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1151**  
**AWARDED TO: This Is It! Concept and Event Production, Hoboken, New Jersey**  
**SERVICES:** to plan, produce and promote the 2011 Rhythm & Blues by the Brook Festival at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield, New Jersey  
**PERIOD:** on Saturday, June 4, 2011  
**COSTS:** in the amount of \$83,000

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Raider Swim Boys Top Blue Devil Boys, 109-61

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3:38.95. Blue Devils Kevin Oster, Shin, Connor Moore and Daniel took second at 3:35.23.

“I know that they felt like in certain places, we had some very good matchups where we could do pretty well. Our distance events did well. We had a couple of little surprises. The fly and IM did very well. The kids were coming up with times that I didn’t expect to see from them until January, February,” Coach Hulnik said.

Last year, the Raiders squeaked past the Blue Devils, 87-83, in the dual meet, but lost to them in the Union County Tournament (UCT), 442-411.5. In 1999, with such names as Dave Russ, Steve and Chris Swenson, Jeff Wagner, Steve Berkowitz, Charlie Rowe, Chris Smith and Chris Karelus, the Raiders nipped the Blue Devils, 323.5-304, for the UCT title and also defeated them, 94-76, in a dual meet, but no Raider victory over the Blue Devils has even come close to a blowout like this one.

“It was a pretty big distance on paper, but when we looked at some of the races in the pool, they were very close. Come county time, Westfield is always there. I don’t think you are going to see the type of meet today when we get to counties,” Coach Hulnik said.

Interestingly, the Napolitano brothers have a bit of a connection with the 1999 Raider team.

“We swam noncompetitively on a summer team when we were six-years-old. We really liked the sport when we were 9 then we joined the JCC. We wanted to take it to the next level. I think it was when Dan and I were turning 12, we decided to try out for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA [FSPY] team,” explained Mike Napolitano, whose FSPY coach was non other than Chris “Pistol” Karelus.

“We did know they had a really

talented and deep team, so what we were focused on was just getting in there and getting some good swims. And we did,” Blue Devil Head Coach Jeff Knight said. “We are proud of a lot of efforts the guys put in. We had real good swims from guys like Matt Trinkle, Dan Myers, Alex Bond. They all did a phenomenal job today. They

are good things to build upon as we go towards January and February. We are not where we are going to be then. We have a lot of hard work ahead of us, but we are focused on really responding from meets like this. A team like Bridgewater, where we want to be is where they are now, and we want to surpass that as well.”

Raider Ice Hockey Men Top Parsippany, Fall to Summit

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) High School ice ocky team defeated Parsippany, 4-2, in the Cron Tournament, but fell 6-1 to perennial county powerhouse Summit to bring its record to 1-2 in the Union County Ice Hockey League (UCIHL) and 2-5 overall.

The Raiders were caught on their heels early by the hard-skating Redhawks and fell behind 1-0, but soon tied the game and went ahead with a pair of goals by senior assistant captain Ed Logie and another by junior Andrew Skoog. Parsippany narrowed the score to 3-2 in the third period, but the Raiders cemented their victory with a great save by sophomore goalie Pat Foti and a late insurance goal, the second of the game for Skoog.

Junior defenseman Kevin Lewis leveled a bruising hip check on one of Parsippany’s biggest players. Junior defenseman John Tomasulo kept Parsippany from mounting a comeback. The Parsippany goalie played very well as the Raiders outshot the Redhawks, 48-13.

Against Summit, the Raiders kept the score close, trailing 2-0, after the

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1140**  
amending (Resolution No. 2009-1054)  
**AWARDED TO: DeCottis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Wisler, Teaneck, New Jersey**  
**SERVICES:** special counsel in connection with Golf Course Operations and Development  
**COSTS:** for an additional sum of \$48,051.44 for a new total amount of \$168,051.44

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**SERVICES:** forensic pathologists to perform autopsies  
**PERIOD:** January 1, 2011- December 31, 2011  
**COSTS:** in an amount not to exceed \$30,000

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1149**  
**AWARDED TO: Union County Arts Center, Rahway, New Jersey**  
**SERVICES:** for talent procurement services for the 2011 Rhythm & Blues by the Brook at Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield, New Jersey and 2011 MusicFest at Oak Ridge, Clark, New Jersey  
**COSTS:** in the amount of \$100,000

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1123**  
amending (Resolution No. 2010-930)  
**AWARDED TO: Vocational Adaptive Living Education Project, Metuchen, New Jersey**  
**SERVICES:** to transfer funds among the funded municipalities/agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the funded municipalities/agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the Juvenile Justice Commission  
**PERIOD:** through March 31, 2011

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1160**  
**AWARDED TO: Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut**  
**SERVICES:** M. Elizabeth Genievich, Deputy County Manager  
**PERIOD:** January 1, 2011- December 31, 2011  
**COSTS:** in an amount not to exceed \$200.

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**AWARDED TO: Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut**  
**SERVICES:** to provide UC Marine 1 and the UC Marine 2 Vessels insurance coverage  
**PERIOD:** January 22, 2011- January 21, 2012  
**COSTS:** in an amount not to exceed \$22,683 (There is no increase in premium)

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1116**  
**AWARDED TO: Mobitex USA, Horsham, Pennsylvania**  
**SERVICES:** to provide X-Ray, EKG, Doppler Studies, Holter Monitoring and Ultrasonography services at Rumlles Specialized Hospital. All equipment, supplies, support services and reading/interpretation are to be the responsibility of x-ray/radiology/cardiology diagnostic and EKG services  
**PERIOD:** January 1, 2011- December 31, 2011  
**COSTS:** in the amount of \$ 600,000.00

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1122**  
amending (Resolution No. 2010-931)  
**AWARDED TO: Working Your Money, LLC, East Orange, New Jersey**  
**SERVICES:** to transfer funds among the funded municipalities/agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the funded municipalities/agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation  
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**RESOLUTION NO: 2010-1145**  
**AWARDED TO: Birdsaill Services Group, Cranford, New Jersey**  
**SERVICES:** to provide structural engineering services and construction phase services to the Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, New Jersey. This is conjunction with and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund  
**COSTS:** for a total amount not to exceed \$ 71,000

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# CRANFORD COUGAR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

GIACCIO RECORDS 15-6, MAJOR DECISION AT 125-LBS

## Cranford Cougar Matmen Rout New Providence Pioneers, 51-24

Prepared By DAVID B. CORBIN  
For The Westfield Leader and The SP-F Times

The Cranford High School wrestling team evened its record to 1-1 with a 51-24 victory over New Providence in New Providence on December 22. The 1-1 Cougars won eight of 12 contested bouts – Cougar Corey Birch received a forfeit at 112-lbs and neither team presented a wrestler at 119-lkbs.

Only one bout went the distance, and that was the showdown of the evening between Cougar senior Joe

Giaccio, a Union County Tournament (UCT), District 11 and Region 3 champion and state qualifier last year at 112-lbs, and Tim Terrezza, who was third in the UCT at 112 last year. Facing off in the 125-lb class, Giaccio took control from the beginning and cruised to a 15-6, majority decision.

“Giaccio and Terrezza was the only bout that went six minutes. Giaccio controlled the match and pace, but Terrezza wrestled very tough and never gave up,” Cougar Head Coach Darren Torsone said.

Of the 11 pins in the match, six came in the first period, and the first one came at 103-lbs when Pioneer Dan Zimmerman showed Ryan Espuga the lights in 45 seconds. After Giaccio’s bout, Cougar Ian Henry pinned Dave Dinerman in 2:30 at 130-lbs.

Next, Cougar Kyle Markovitch, a three-time District 11 champion, recorded the fastest pin of the evening in the darkened New Providence High School gym by dimming Joe Cirrocca’s hopes in 21 seconds at 135-lbs. Cougar Eric Knight turned out the lights on Jacob Jankow in 1:59 at 140-lbs.

Cougar Matt DiGiovanni, a District 11 champion at 135-lbs last year, set Jeff SanFilippo adrift in 1:33 at 145-lbs. Cougar Jim Dwyer clamped Pioneer Luke Sammarone in 47 seconds at 152-lbs.

Cougar junior J.P. Christiano, who took out a state qualifier by decision the week before, dulled Steve Sharpe’s senses with a 4:47 fall at 160-lbs. Pioneer Max Sidoli snapped the Cougars’ eight-bout winning streak with a 3:06 fall over Corey Markovitch at 171-lbs, however Cougar Rob Kessler turned the tables on Pioneer Vince Sidoli with a 1:43 pin at 189-lbs.

The next two bouts went to the Pioneers. Freshman Steve Bremer, the son of Pioneer Head Coach Gary Bremer, came from behind to pin Cougar Jeff Weiss in 5:45 at 215-lbs then heavyweight Zach Troutman, a UCT champion who placed sixth in the state last year, put the finishing touches on Ryan Farrell in 2:56.

“After finishing first at JFK Invitational, J.P. [Christiano] Kyle [Markovitch], Matt DiGiovanni and Giaccio continue to wrestle tough. Weiss was beating Bremer the entire match until a late headlock with 30 seconds to go. Robbie Kessler continued his streak with his fifth pin on the season,” Coach Torsone said.

Have a Happy and Very Safe New Year (2011)!



RELYING HEAVILY ON DEFENSE...Cougars, Bryan Fitzsimmons, No. 23, and Kurt Rutmayer, No. 4, attempt to prevent Blue Devil Andrew Garfinkel from passing the ball.

TROTTER SINKS 21, RUTMAYER HITS BIG IN FOURTH

## Cougar Boy Cagers Outlast Blue Devils B’ballers, 54-47

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

Three-pointers were abundant, but the edge went to the Cranford High School boys basketball team in a 54-47 victory over Westfield in Cranford on December 22.

Outsized, the 1-1 Cougars worked on shooting from the perimeter and combined for nine 3-pointers. Senior point guard Sean Trotter (5 assists, 5 rebounds, 2 steals) led all scorers with 21 points, which included a pair of 3-pointers. Mark

Osofsky (steal, rebound) hit three 3-pointers, Sean Babos (5 assists, steal) banged a three, and guard Joey Papandrea contributed a point, strong defense and a rebound. Senior forward Joe Greenspan led the 0-3 Blue Devils in scoring with 15 points, including a 3-pointer, and in rebounds with 14.

“We were making shots. We were hustling. We were playing good defense,” Trotter said.

“They are a big team. Coach [Chris] Loeffler ran practice. He did a great job with our defensive game plan. I give all the credit to him,” Cougar Head Coach Ryan Huber said. “I was a little surprised with their size. This morning I met with Sean Babos and Joey Papandrea. I said we are going to have to execute.

We are going to have to shoot the ball well from the perimeter. We did that. The best thing, forget about what we did from the perimeter, we took care of the ball after the first couple of minutes.”

With their superior height advantage, the Blue Devils totally dominated the boards in the first quarter but missed a lot of their shots to enter the second quarter with only a 7-3 lead. Greenspan sank a pair of lay-ups and Nate Mitchell (12 points, block) banged the first of his four 3-pointers. Osofsky hit a three for the Cougars.

“We got a little nervous. Our coach told us we got to start boxing out, keep shooting, make jump shots and get a win,” Trotter said.

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MAKING A VALIANT ATTEMPT...Blue Devil Ryan Hess, center, and Cougar Mark Osofsky, No. 5, make a valiant attempt to get the ball as Blue Devil Ozan Yusepete, No. 20, looks on.



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TRYING TO CAGE A COUGAR...Blue Devils Ryan Hess, left, and Scott Toresco, No. 44, attempt to prevent Cougar point guard Sean Trotter, No. 1, from driving toward the basket.

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## Cougar Boy Cagers Outlast Blue Devil Basketballers, 54-47

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The Blue Devils got a little more accurate in the second quarter but so did the Cougars, who won the quarter, 24-17, to take a 27-24 lead at the half. Osofsky hit two more threes, Trotter put in 13 points, Reggie Green (6 points, 5 rebounds) added two points, and Babos sank a three. Mitchell hit two more 3-pointers, senior Ryan Hess (4 rebounds, 2 assists, block) hit five of his six points in the quarter. Greenspan added four, and Andrew Garfinkel (9 points, 3-pointer) hit a jumper.

"I think we shot pretty well. We were hitting our threes. In the first quarter, we missed a lot of shots, but we kept pushing. We didn't make the stops on the defensive end,"

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Greenspan said.

What was apparent in the quarter was the fine passing from the hands of the Blue Devils.

"We moved the ball well. We had good vision on the court. People can find the open spots and make good cuts," Greenspan said.

After a modest third quarter, which the Cougars won, 7-3, to expand their lead to 34-27, the offensive floodgates opened once again, but an additional barracuda emerged with Trotter in the person of junior forward Kurt Rutmayer (4 rebounds), who banged in 11 of his 14 points as the Cougars matched the Blue Devils

point-for-point. In the final minute, Trotter went to the charity line and sank three of four shots to seal the deal.

"He [Trotter] was a good shooter, and we kind of let loose a little bit in the first half and created a gap for them. He played a good game and made his shots. We got back to within five points. We couldn't get any closer than that, and they made their free throws," Greenspan explained.

"We were actually supposed to hold the ball, but I got the open looks. I know I can shoot. I shot, and luckily I was on in the fourth quarter," Rutmayer explained. "Trotter is al-

ways there, scoring the most points, and Osofsky had a great first half. Coach Huber always says, 'make a statement!' This was a big game, because we know our division is really hard. We know we have to get these games."

"We came out and played. We had a tough loss last week [Roselle]. Other guys were in their second varsity game ever, and they came out with confidence, like Kurt Rutmayer, Mark Osofsky. Reggie played a great game. Sean Babos. It was a great team win," Trotter said.

Westfield	7	17	3	20	47
Cranford	3	24	7	20	54



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 715-2010**  
**FIRST READING: 12/8/2010**  
**FINAL READING: 12/22/2010**

Was introduced and passed on first reading by the Board of Chosen Freeholders at a REGULAR MEETING on **December 8, 2010**, and said Ordinance has been published with Notice of Introduction thereof and of the time and place fixed for its further consideration and the Board has duly held a hearing thereof and has given all persons interested an opportunity to be heard. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that said Ordinance be and the same hereby is finally passed and adopted, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted on **December 22, 2010**, and the 20 day period of limitations within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such Ordinance can be commenced has begun to run from the date of first publication of this statement.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Administration Building of the County, and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the County who Shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk of the Board in said County Administration Building in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**GUARANTY ORDINANCE SECURING THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY'S COUNTY GUARANTEED RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2011 IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000**

**WHEREAS**, The Union County Improvement Authority (including any successors and assigns, the "Authority") has been duly created by ordinance of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Board of Freeholders") of the County of Union (the "County") in the State of New Jersey (the "State") as a public body corporate and politic of the State pursuant to and in accordance with the county improvement authorities law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto (as codified at N.J.S.A. 40:37A-44 *et seq.*, the "Act") and other applicable law;

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has developed a program (the "Renewable Energy Program") for the financing, design, permitting, acquisition, installation, operation and maintenance of renewable energy capital equipment and facilities consisting of solar panels, including any related electrical modifications or other work required or convenient for the installation of such solar panels (collectively, the renewable energy capital equipment and facilities, the "Renewable Energy Projects") for and on behalf of the County and local governmental units within the County, including without limitation municipalities, boards of education for school districts, local authorities and any other local government instrumentalities, public bodies or other local government entities (collectively, including the County, the "Local Units");

**WHEREAS**, on August 31, 2010, the Authority issued "Request for Proposals for a Developer of Photovoltaic Systems with respect to certain Local Government Facilities in the County of Union, New Jersey" (the "RFP");

**WHEREAS**, the Renewable Energy Projects procured under the Renewable Energy Program are to be installed on, in, affixed or adjacent to and/or for any other Local Unit controlled buildings, other structures, lands or other properties of the Local Units (collectively, the "Local Unit Facilities");

**WHEREAS**, it may be necessary, desirable or convenient, in connection with the financing, design, permitting, acquisition, construction, installation, operation and maintenance of the Renewable Energy Projects, to finance, design, permit, acquire, construct, renovate and install certain capital improvements to the Local Unit Facilities, including without limitation, improvements to or replacement of, roofing systems (the "Capital Improvement Projects" and together with the Renewable Energy Projects and any Completion Project as defined in the hereinafter defined Bond Resolution, the "Projects");

**WHEREAS**, one of the goals of the Renewable Energy Program is to expand the use of renewable energy sources available and utilized by the Local Units for their Local Unit Facilities, with the attendant environmental and financial benefits associated thereby, and to reduce the energy related operating costs to the Local Units for their Local Unit Facilities, all intended to be offered at no net cost to the Local Units;

**WHEREAS**, in order to implement the Renewable Energy Program, and to finance costs associated with the Renewable Energy Program that the Authority determines to be necessary, convenient or desirable for the successful implementation of the Renewable Energy Program, including without limitation up to the 70% of the cost of Projects, the Authority is undertaking a project financing, which may include one or more series of bonds entitled "County of Union Guaranteed Renewable Energy Program Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 (Federally Taxable)" dated their date of delivery, in the principal amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 (the "Series 2011 Bonds");

**WHEREAS**, the Series 2011 Bonds may also finance other costs associated with the Renewable Energy Program that the Authority determines to be necessary, convenient or desirable for the successful implementation of the Renewable Energy Program, including without limitation (i) a portion of the Project Development Costs and Administrative Fee (as such terms are defined in the RFP), (ii) costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Series 2011 Bonds, (iii) costs incurred or to be incurred in connection with the design, permitting, acquisition, construction, installation, operation and maintenance of the Renewable Energy Projects for the Local Units, (iv) costs incurred or to be incurred in connection with the design, permitting, acquisition, construction, renovation, and installation of the Capital Improvement Projects for the Local Units, if any (v) capitalized interest and/or reserves, if any, and (vi) such other amounts as shall be set forth in the Bond Resolution;

**WHEREAS**, the Company as a potential "materially obligated person" within the meaning and for the purposes set forth in Rule 15c2-12 ("Rule 15c-12") promulgated by

the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, may be required to enter into that certain "Company Continuing Disclosure Agreement (Union County Renewable Energy Program, Series 2011)" (as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms, the "Company Continuing Disclosure Agreement") with the Authority and the Trustee, as dissemination agent (the "Dissemination Agent") in order to satisfy the secondary market disclosure requirements of Rule 15c2-12;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms hereof, as a "materially obligated person" within the meaning and for the purposes set forth in Rule 15c2-12, the County will be required to enter into that certain "County Continuing Disclosure Agreement (Union County Renewable Energy Program, Series 2011)" (as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms, the "County Continuing Disclosure Agreement" and together with the Company Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the "Continuing Disclosure Agreements") with the Dissemination Agent in order to satisfy the secondary market disclosure requirements of Rule 15c2-12;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms hereof and/or the Continuing Disclosure Agreements, the Authority shall (i) not be considered a "materially obligated person" within the meaning and for the purposes set forth in Rule 15c2-12, and (ii) be required to provide certain material events notices in accordance with Rule 15c2-12, and accordingly, the Authority shall be required to provide such material events notices under the terms of the Company Continuing Disclosure Agreement and the County Continuing Disclosure Agreement, all in order to satisfy the secondary market disclosure requirements of Rule 15c2-12; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 13 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56), prior to the issuance of the Series 2011 Bonds, the Authority has made a detailed report of the Renewable Energy Program to the Board of Freeholders, which report included, without limitation, the Bond Resolution, the Lease Purchase Agreement, the County Guaranty (including the County Guaranty Agreement), the Power Purchase Agreement, the Company Pledge Agreement, the Company Guaranty Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Agreements, and the Site License Agreement (collectively, the "Program Documents").

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY**, as follows:

**Section 1.** This guaranty ordinance shall be adopted by the governing body of the County in the manner provided for adoption of a bond ordinance as provided in the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended (the "Local Bond Law").

**Section 2.** In accordance with Section 13 and all other applicable law, the County of Union Board of Freeholders hereby consents to (i) the Projects and the financing of same on behalf of the Local Units through the Program Documents, (ii) the execution or acknowledgment and delivery by the Authority of the Site License Agreement, the Lease Purchase Agreement, the Power Purchase Agreement, County Guaranty Agreement, and the Continuing Disclosure Agreements in substantially the forms attached hereto as Exhibits A, B, C, D and E, respectively (iii) the adoption by the Authority of the Bond Resolution in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit F, (iv) the issuance, sale and delivery of the Series 2011 Bonds to effect such purpose and (v) the adoption and execution and delivery of the County Guaranty as further security for the Series 2011 Bonds. The County's consent hereto to the Program Documents contemplates the insertion of the final financing terms therein that will result from the sale of the Series 2011 Bonds, which financing terms shall be limited only by those financing term parameters set forth in the application of the Authority filed with the Local Finance Board (and on file with the County Manager) relating to the Series 2011 Bonds and the findings related thereto and the parameters set forth herein.

**Section 3.** Pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Act, specifically Section 37, the County is hereby authorized to and hereby shall fully, unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee the punctual payment of the principal, when due, of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Series 2011 Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$20,000,000, which Series 2011 Bonds are to be issued to finance the Projects as described in the preambles hereof. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Financing Document, upon the endorsement of the Series 2011 Bonds referred to in Section 3 below by an authorized officer of the County, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay, when due, the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Series 2011 Bonds to the extent the Trustee, for any reason, has insufficient monies on any such payment dates to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 2011 Bonds in full when due on any such payment dates, in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of bonds issued by the County and accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment thereof without limitation as to rate or amount. This unconditional and irrevocable guaranty of the County effected hereby to pay the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Series 2011 Bonds when due in accordance with the terms hereof and of the Program Documents may not be waived, setoff or otherwise abrogated by action or inaction of the Authority, the County or for any other reason.

**Section 4.** The Chairman of the Board of Freeholders (the "Freeholder Chairman") shall, by manual or facsimile signature, and is hereby directed to execute an endorsement on each of the Series 2011 Bonds evidencing this guaranty by the County as to the punctual payment of the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any), when due, and interest thereon. The endorsement on each Series 2011 Bond shall be in substantially the following form, and absent the fully executed endorsement in such following form on any such Series 2011 Bond, such Series 2011 Bond shall not be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance:

### "GUARANTY OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

The payment of the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the within Series 2011 Bond shall be fully, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed by the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County") in accordance with the provisions of

N.J.S.A. 40:37A80 and the guaranty ordinance of the County finally adopted pursuant thereto and any guaranty agreement executed by the County in connection therewith, and the County is fully, irrevocably and unconditionally liable for the payment, when due, of the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on this Series 2011 Bond, and if necessary the County shall levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount in order to make such payments.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the County has caused this County Guaranty to be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of its Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

### Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

The Freeholder Chairman is hereby further authorized to execute or acknowledge such other certificates or agreements relating to this full, irrevocable and unconditional guaranty that may be required by the Authority to comply with the terms of the Program Documents, including without limitation, any agreement or certificate detailing the time and method that payment under this guaranty shall be made by the County. Such further agreement or certificate shall not in any manner relieve the County from its obligations hereunder, and shall contain only such terms as are consistent with or within the parameters herein set forth.

**Section 4.** It is hereby found, determined and declared by the governing body of the County that:

(a) This guaranty ordinance may be adopted notwithstanding any statutory debt or other limitations, including particularly any limitation or requirement under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law, but the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2011 Bonds which shall be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance, being an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, shall, after their issuance, be included in the gross debt of the County for the purpose of determining the indebtedness of the County under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

(b) The principal amount of Series 2011 Bonds entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance and included in the gross debt of the County shall be deducted and is hereby declared to be and to constitute a deduction from such gross debt under and for all the purposes of the Local Bond Law (i) from and after the time of issuance of the Series 2011 Bonds until the end of the fiscal year beginning next after the completion of acquisition, construction, installation or renovation of the Projects, and (ii) in any annual debt statement filed pursuant to the Local Bond Law as of the end of said fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year if receipts or moneys of the Authority in such year are sufficient to pay its expenses of operation and maintenance in such year and all amounts payable in such year on account of the principal of and interest on all such guaranteed Series 2011 Bonds, all bonds of the County issued as provided in Section 36 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A79) and all bonds of the Authority issued under the Act.

**Section 6.** The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated: (a) The maximum principal amount of Series 2011 Bonds (including one or more series of bonds and one or more series of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof) of the Authority which are hereby and hereunder fully, unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed as to the punctual payment of the principal thereof (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest thereon is \$20,000,000; the maximum principal amount of Series 2011 Bonds (including one or more series of bonds and one or more series of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof) of the Authority that may be outstanding at any one time is \$20,000,000; and the maximum estimated cost of the Total Project Cost to be financed in accordance with the transactions contemplated hereby is \$28,570,000.

(b) The purpose described in this County ordinance is not a current expense of the County and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(c) A supplemental debt statement of the County has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State, and such debt statement shows that while the gross debt of the County, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by this guaranty ordinance by \$20,000,000 in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the net debt of the County is not increased, and the obligation of the County authorized by or incurred pursuant to the terms of this guaranty ordinance is permitted by an exception to the debt limitations of the Local Bond Law which exception is contained in the Act, so long as the payment obligations of the County hereunder are not called upon.

(d) Other than the publication requirements set forth below, all other items to be contained in a bond ordinance adopted pursuant to the Local Bond Law are hereby determined to be inapplicable to the County's guaranty of the Series 2011 Bonds hereby.

**Section 7.** To the extent the Authority determines that it is in the best interest of the Authority and the Local Units, the Authority is hereby authorized to finance the Projects as separate issues through one or more separate series of Series 2011 Bonds which in the aggregate shall not exceed \$20,000,000. Such series of Series 2011 Bonds shall be entitled to the benefits of this County Guaranty in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.

**Section 8.** This guaranty ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

**Section 9.** A public hearing shall be held on this guaranty ordinance on December 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth New Jersey.

**Section 10.** The Clerk of the Board of Freeholders is hereby directed to publish and post notice of this guaranty ordinance as required by applicable law, including the Act and Local Bond Law.

**Section 11.** Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Charlotte DeFilippo, Executive Director of the Authority, Robert E. Barry, Esq., County of Union, County Counsel, Steve L. Rogut, Esq., Rogut McCarthy LLC, County Bond Counsel and Ryan J. Scerbo, Esq., DeCotlis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP, Counsel to the Authority.

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THE STUDENT VIEW

The weekly column written by local high school students

Using the Term ‘Holidays’ Is Actually Denying Our Country’s Diversity, Student Writes

By JULIA QUELLER  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

When strolling through the Westfield High School (WHS) hallways the other day, I overheard a curious exchange.

One girl exclaimed, “I’m so excited! I heard it’s going to snow on Christmas!” However, she quickly realized her slip, and corrected herself. “Sorry, I mean December 25.” The controversy surrounding the acknowledgement of Christmas in an increasingly sensitive society has coined the term, the “War on Christmas.”

The present struggle lies in the inclusion of religion in secular institutions, which has caused near paranoia in society’s attempts to be politically correct. While the earlier War on Christmas was waged by people who wanted to emphasize the birth of Jesus rather than the 20-percent-off sale at Target, the current war attacks religious celebration in public places.

As a high-school student, I can’t ignore the Christmas motifs that crop up as soon as we return from Thanksgiving break. Soon, I cannot escape the Santa hats and the echoes of the WHS Choralers singing carols over the loudspeakers during the morning announcements.

However, these symbols have been so seamlessly integrated into society that they have lost their religious affiliations. And as a Jewish student, I embrace these icons as well, for they have become customary in welcoming the winter season.

While many of my friends are also Jewish, every year we exchange Secret Santa gifts. None of us are bothered by playing a game that has a name associated with Christmas be-

cause it has no religious component; it is just a game.

I suppose we could have changed the name to Hanukkah Harry, but it is more likely that Santa, not Harry, would mysteriously fill my locker with Hershey’s Kisses.

I am not offended when teachers mention “Christmas break.” In fact, I actually find that when a teacher instantly corrects himself by saying, “winter break,” the classroom’s atmosphere becomes unnecessarily awkward.

I’ve noticed that teachers’ extreme concern about being politically correct has actually called attention to students’ religious differences. Teachers feel the need to include the few students who don’t celebrate Christmas, but by changing the term to “winter break,” they are paradoxically singling out the non-Christians.

As long as we do not promote our own beliefs, I believe that we should be able to acknowledge our different faiths in school. The use of the umbrella term, “holidays,” is denying our country’s diversity and grouping everyone together.

There is no need to pretend that we don’t attend churches, synagogues or mosques outside of school. While those seven hours we are all locked together at WHS may seem like our entire lives, we should remember that we do have personal lives, and it is impossible to fully separate the two.

Accordingly, teachers should not feel nervous to divulge their religions as long as they do not preach them, and Christian students should not worry about offending anyone when sharing their Christmas plans.

For this reason, our incessant attempts to leave religion out of the schoolhouse can never be fully realized and the War on Christmas can never be won.

Students Work Toward Degrees at Pace Univ.

AREA – The following students have declared majors at Pace University in New York this fall:

Victoria Binko from Mountinside is a junior this fall at Pace University’s New York City campus and has decided to major in Finance.

Daniel, Fiasconaro from Garwood is a junior this fall at Pace University’s Pleasantville campus and has decided to major in Computer Science.

Michael Mathews from Westfield is a junior this fall at Pace University’s Pleasantville campus and has decided to major in Applied Psychology and Human Relations.

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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS  
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
2011 REGULAR MEETINGS

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, regular meetings of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey will be held in Council Chambers, First Floor, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays in 2011 unless otherwise noted:

January 6, 2011 – Reorganization 7 pm  
February 3, 2011  
March 3, 2011  
April 7, 2011  
May 5, 2011  
June 2, 2011  
July 14, 2011  
September 8, 2011  
October 6, 2011  
November 3, 2011  
December 1, 2011  
January 5, 2012 – Reorganization 7 pm

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 1960...Pictured are members of WHS’s 1960 Reunion Committee. Back row, from left to right, are: Charles Haller, Ted Marquardt, Lenore Scurry, Camille Minnicino Kahn, Pat Smith Casey, Eleanor Pichedda Wall, Bruce Baker and Barbara Bailey Hollister; front row, Missy Scott McIntyre, Lynne Kuzsma Wagner, Carol Dinizo Marquardt, Elsa Weaver Jackson, and Gloria Dinino Guarino. Missing from the photo are Loretta Ciraolo Wilson, Liz Horton Crockett, Jerry Infantino, Joan Krutznier Schleckser and Allen Schleckser.

WHS Class of 1960 Reunites for 50th

WESTFIELD – The 50th reunion of Westfield High School’s (WHS) Class of 1960 was held from October 1 to 3 with the reunion dinner at Echo Lake Country Club.

A total of 132 classmates and 60 spouses/partners came together to rekindle friendships, share their life stories and reminisce about their years at WHS. Classmates came from as far away as Hawaii and The Philippines.

After the reunion, the committee

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January 5, 2012 – Reorganization 7 pm

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donated a portion of the class funds to the following local organizations: WHS Library, Westfield Rescue Squad, WHS “Play For Pink” Breast Cancer Fundraiser, Children’s Specialized Hospital, Holy Trinity Food Pantry, Center for Hope Hospice and The 102nd Cavalry Regiment Family Readiness Groups and the 50th Brigade Combat Team of the New Jersey Army National Guard, which includes the NJ Fallen Soldiers Foundation.

The Westfield Diner also made a separate donation to the Epilepsy Foundation of NJ in honor of the class.

Public Notice

TOWN OF WESTFIELD  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
MEETING DATES FOR 2011

In Compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8D (Open Public Meetings Act), the Westfield Board of Adjustment wishes to advise the public of its meeting dates. Meetings at which formal action will be taken will be held on the following dates at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey.

January 10, 2011  
February 14, 2011  
March 14, 2011  
April 11, 2011  
May 9, 2011  
June 13, 2011  
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August 8, 2011  
September 12, 2011  
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Roosevelt Intermediate School

HONOR ROLL

First Marking Period

WESTFIELD – Roosevelt Intermediate School Principal Stewart Carey announced the school’s first marking period honor roll.

7th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Yanni Angelides, Caroline Basil, Sarah Boyle, Claire Cassie, David Collins, Greta Crandall, Kayla Derman, Gwyneth Devin, Sidharth Eleswarapu, Edward Encinas, Cecile Fountain Jardim, Kevin Frega, Jacob Furst, Samantha Gargiulo, Isabella Gelfand, Jessica Guan, Kathryn Helander, Luke Hiltwein, Kenneth Hoerle, Alison Jaruzelski, Jessica Keenan, William Kelly, Catherine King, Ann Sophie Koglin, Patrick Korth, Olivia Loggia, Claire Magnanini, Rachel Mattessich, Paige McCann, Hannah McLane, Ben Meltzer, Michael Mobarakai, Sarah Morton, Hopper Murray, Julia Myers, Margaux Natiello, Jack Oates, Jack Petrovick, Danielle Pinney, Alice Polini, Bryanna Reinhardt, Tyler Roth, Brooke Schaeffer, Catherine Serrattelli, Haley Sharlow, Chanel Shum, Catherine Simon, Jason Starita, Pavel Stepaniuk, Blake Taylor

Seventh Grade Honor Roll

Evan Adams, Elizabeth Allen, Devin Anderson, Ryan Anderson, Hannah Angus, Andrew Annitsakis, Molly Bandelli, Steven Barkmakian, Jasper Baur, Sophia Bennett, Catherine Bergin, Michael Bergman, Ryan Bowman, Robert Brancatella, Cameron Bremer, Anna Browne, Lauren Brumfield, Mitchell Bryuk, Tobin Burgdorf, David Burns, Lauren Busardo, Matthew Busardo, Daniel Alex Campbell, Mac Carle, Tristen Cascio, Gabrielle Cofone, Owen Colwell, Anne Condodina, Benjamin Cook, Daniel Criscuolo, Jack Curry, Sarah Davis, Jessica Doyle, Blake Fallon, Steven Fasciale, Lauren Fazio, Matthew Fazio, Caroline Felix, Alexander Frisch, Ryan Geary, Marina Gialanella, Jared Glassman, Jessica God, Jonathan Gorczyca, Jack Gorelick, Mary Gouldson, Jarek Gozdieski, Matthew Greeley, Nicholas Greenspan, Julia Gretskey, Alexander Grom, Veronica Grycan, Frankanthony Guerriero, Tabitha Hanay, Connor Haviland, Hannah Hawkins, Emily Hecht, Ryan Hinderliter, Emma Hoffman, Lexi Holzer, Madeline Hudelson, Abigail Hurwitz, Ana Ionescu, Tyler Jakubek, Michael Jeffery, Amy Jonsson, Maxamillion Kaiser, Samuel Kamofojsky, John Anthony Katsingris, Nicholas Kay, Jake Kerth, Madeline Kevelson, Taylor Kirby, Emily Kirschner, Austin Kreusser, Mark Kudla, Jacob Kurstedt, Marija Landeka, James Landraiu, Kevin Law, Nicholas Lawrie, Mackail Liederman, John Lovito, Olivia Luzzi, Erin Mackenzie, Erin Malley, Jack Manning, James Mamer, Grace Mastronardi, Charles McCready, Katherine McDonald, Emily McGann, Kyle McIntyre, Nicholas McLane, Edward Mebane, Michael Mizus, Owen Monaghan, Julia Morgan, Nick Muller, Ryan Munley, Owen Murray, Andrew Natko, Michael O’Connor, Rowan Oberman, Rebecca Patient, Grace Pettit, Julia Pierce, Mackenzie Pinkin, Hannah Priscoe, Jacob Ritter, Brett Robertshaw, Evan Rooney, Sarah Rosenberg, Hallie Rosenberg, Julia Ross, Andrejs Rumpeters, Drew Russo, Christopher Sabatino, Jacob Sagal, Isabella Salerno, Chloe Salvato, Nicholas Salvato, James Sciorinno, Emily Shields, Christina Sloan, Matthew Sloan, Helen Sparrow, Sarah Steiner, Thomas Summers, Brooke Sutton, Erik Swanson, James Tanella, Natassja Taylor, Allyson Tazbin, Cassandra Teschner, Jake Tooley, Michael Toresco, Scott Tupper, Christopher Varano, Alexandra Vitale, Katarina Von Der Wroge, Harrison Wachtel, Jessica Whang, Paige Whitman, Dakota Williams, Constanza Wolff, Brennan Wright, Diana Wu, Laine Yamano,

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Community Hears Tips On Social Media at Workshop

WESTFIELD – “Navigating and Getting Ahead of the Social Media Curve” was the theme of a comprehensive evening at Westfield High School on November 30.

Westfield High School Assistant Principal Jeremy Davies, who dubbed the evening “Cyber Tuesday,” introduced the event.

Cyber-crime expert Sergeant Michael Hoose of the Union County Prosecutor’s Office, the keynote speaker, spoke to parents and students in the audience about the possible dangers of posting personal information on the Internet, and he cited recent tragic consequences of cyber-bullying.

Following his presentation, three rotating workshops were offered, led by Sgt. Hoose and the Westfield High School administration, the counseling department and the media department. Westfield High School Media Specialist Nancy Latimer discussed social media such as Facebook, Formspring and Flickr. She referred to a variety of healthy choices available online.

Counselors Maureen Mazzarese and Kim Lisnock emphasized the impor-

Public Notice

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS  
PLANNING BOARD  
2011 REGULAR MEETINGS

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Regular Meetings of the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey will be held in Council Chambers, First Floor, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains at 7:30 pm, on the following Mondays in 2011, unless otherwise indicated:

January 10, 2011  
January 24, 2011  
February 14, 2011  
February 28, 2011  
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Year-In-Review Continues

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Prince said.

~ Greg Waxberg

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Symphony Orchestra played to an enthusiastic crowd of 5,000 at the PNC Arts Center in September and repeated its program the next night in Westfield. These two relatively short Italian operas – *Cavalleria Rusticana* (Rustic Chivalry) and *Pagliacci* (Clowns) – have been performed as a twin bill since the late 1800s, and are among the best known works in the repertoire.

Both operas are set in small Italian villages in the 1800’s, and both feature a betrayed husband, a scheming woman, a chorus of villagers and, of course, revenge! With all of the drama of opera, it is easy to become wrapped up in the singing and forget that the conductor and orchestra are the ones holding it together. Conductor David Wroe led this excellent orchestra in a passionate and exciting performance, producing cheers and standing ovations on both nights. Bravo!

~ Barbara Thomson

CRANFORD – The Theater Project’s first musical show in its 16 years of operation, *Crowns*, was presented in the traditional Roy Smith Theater of Union County College.

*Crowns*, by Regina Taylor, is a reflective history of African-American women and their remembrances of hats their ancestors wore. The story is told through the eyes of a contemporary young black woman, Yolanda, who opens the show with an impressive rap number that reveals her life in Brooklyn, where her brother was shot and killed. This musical educated audiences with a slice of cultural identity and history. Typical monologues include proclamations like, “Our crowns have been bought and paid for” and “Hattitude is what you need to wear a hat well.”

~ Susan M. Dougherty

SCOTCH PLAINS – Township resident Madhumita Parmar, a student at the Union County Academy for Allied Health Science (UCAAHC), produced and performed in a Fundraising Concert for the benefit of Akshaya Patra, an agency that provides meals for underprivileged children in India.

The event, performed at Terrill Middle School in late September, coincided with Madhumita’s 16th birthday. An accomplished dancer, singer and saxophonist, Madhumita has often used her talents to raise funds for non-profits.

The Akshaya Patra concert raised more than \$10,000 for the organization. The benefit was inspired by a family trip to Jaipoor, India.

“I felt so inspired after this visit that I was determined to do something [to] help this organization flourish more than it already has,” Madhumita said. “Through my dance, I am essentially helping impoverished children get food and an education, she said.

~ Marylou Morano

October

WESTFIELD – *Abie’s Irish Rose*, by Anne Nichols, was Westfield Community Players’ season-opener. Despite being panned unanimously by theater reviewers in 1922 when it first opened, it survived on Broadway and, for years, held the world’s record for the longest-running touring play in Broadway history. This fast-moving three-act comedy presents a story of stereotyped prejudices and how they might be overcome.

The storyline revolves around a New York Orthodox Jewish man, Solomon Levy, a widower who owns his own business, running it with his only son, Abraham. In the past, son “Abie” has brought home young women who have never met with Solomon’s approval because they are not Jewish. What makes the audience happy is Naomi Yablonsky’s vision and fine direction. This is a period piece that, according to director Yablonsky, echoes a universal theme: “There is always hope that true love can run smoothly.

~ Susan M. Dougherty

WESTFIELD – Westfield resident Gregory Principato finished shooting his independent short film, *Crackers* the movie, in South Amboy. It features cast and crew members from the local area along with well-known actors, including Vincent D’Onofrio and Brenda Vaccaro. The film tells the story of an Italian chef whose happy-go-lucky existence is shattered when his loud, overbearing mother-in-law suddenly moves in with his family.

Mr. Principato got the idea for *Crackers* during a “haunted tour” of New Orleans about 10 years ago. “Although it’s a dark story, it’s funny,” he said. “It’s dysfunctional, but it’s about how someone could be pushed to the point of insanity.”

~ Christie Storms

CRANFORD – Cranford Dramatic Club Community Theatre’s version of *Grease* met an enthusiastic audience on opening night. It was a professionally produced and directed show. Unlike milder, toned-down high school versions of the musical, this was a show for adults. Director Becky Randazzo explained that the original Broadway version was known for being a “raunchy, raw, vulgar show” that in later versions, including the film, was tamed down



SETTING THE SCENE... The work of Scotch Plains photographer Michael McKenna was on exhibit at Wings Gallery in Fanwood in October. The exhibit focused on one of the photographer’s favorite subjects: The State of New Jersey. Mr. McKenna’s work runs from the classic landscape shot to the surreal life-like look an inanimate object can have. Above, “Cold Steel” was taken on the edge of the Great Swamp just up the hill in Chatham.

significantly. The “raw” content aside, this was a well-executed show.

~ Susan M. Dougherty

WESTFIELD – Hundreds of visitors stepped through the doors of seven remarkable residences for the Hearth & Home Kitchen Tour, a fundraiser benefiting Holy Trinity Interparaochial School (HTIS). The tour not only featured a feast for the eyes, as guests viewed designer rooms and kitchens, but also provided delectable cuisine to please their palates from local chefs and bakers.

~ Christie Storms

SCOTCH PLAINS – The work of Scotch Plains photographer Michael McKenna was on exhibit at Wings Gallery in Fanwood. The exhibit focused on one of the photographer’s favorite subjects: The State of New Jersey.

His camera imparts a magical, almost fairytale-like quality to the cities, suburbs, rural locations and shores New Jerseyans call home. One of the ways he achieves this effect is by capturing the vivid color inherent in his subjects. He also likes to shoot in the early-morning hours before sunrise and for two or three hours after it comes up.

“I concentrate my work on New Jersey because I’ve lived here my whole life, and I have lived in many different places within it,” he said.

~ Marylou Morano

NEWARK – Newark’s New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ PAC) welcomed the Geraldine Dodge Poetry Festival for the first time. Previously held at Waterloo Village in Stanhope, the four-day festival – dubbed “WordStock” by the *New York Times* – offered an all-star team of poets.

The festival experienced roughly 15,000 attendees overall. Lawrence P. Goldman, the president and chief executive of the NJPAC, speaking to the audience on the festival’s opening night, marveled that “in a world where everyone’s tweeting and e-mailing, 1,000 people came to spend an evening enjoying poetry in real time.”

~ Michael J. Pollack



U.S. Poet Laureate Kay Ryan

November

WESTFIELD – The New York chamber music group “Mostly Music” performed at Temple Emanu-El in November. The program featured music for oboe and string trio, and was a chance to hear some lesser-known repertoire. Mozart’s *Oboe Quartet in F Major*, Britten’s, *Phantasy Quartet for Oboe and Strings*, and von Dohnanyi’s *Serenade in C Major for String Trio* were the featured pieces. All four of the performers demonstrated wonderful intonation, beautiful sound, rhythmic vitality and precision.

~ Barbara Thomson

WESTFIELD – Scotch Plains filmmakers Robbie Bryan and Christine Botelho premiered their latest short film, *Choose*, at the Rialto Theater. The program was hosted by the Summit chapter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The movie was written and directed by Mr. Bryan, produced by his wife and first-time producer, Ms. Botelho, and dedicated to Mr. Bryan’s college friend, Liza Ringer-Chance, who passed away earlier in the year from ovarian cancer. The movie centers on a man whose wife, develops an aggressive brain tumor during the 21st week of pregnancy. “I’m more proud of this than anything I’ve ever made,” Mr. Bryan announced before the movie screened.

~ Thomas S. Fortunato

CRANFORD – *La Traviata*, one of Giuseppe Verdi’s most-beloved Italian operas of the 19th century, was presented at Cranford Dramatic Club’s Community Theater playhouse by Pineda Lyric Opera Company. Their version offered a marvelously professional treatment of the work, which was filled with merriment and gaiety with an undercurrent of despair and anguish. The company’s friends, relatives and strangers leapt to their feet at this memorable performance to show their appreciation of the amateurs and professionals alike.

~ Susan M. Dougherty

WESTFIELD – The Westfield High School Theatre Department performed a unique version of *A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream* when freshman English teacher and play director, Daniel Devlin, merged the eloquence of Shakespeare’s language with the social influence of New York City during the summer of 1967.

The production’s cast commanded the stage as learned Shakespeare thespians. The play’s musical score helped to establish the social themes of unrest, peace and love, which marked the 1960s. The capacity crowd gave a rousing applause as the final curtain closed on the last night of the performance, and after giving their final bow, the seniors were rewarded with roses from their cast-mates.

~ Eric D. Wildstein

WESTFIELD – Former Westfield resident John Rokosny returned to his hometown to tell the tale of Paul Jackson. Mr. Rokosny, a producer and director of public-service videos, created a film for the Paul Jackson Fund, which began in 1991 to benefit Mr. Jackson, a 1979 Westfield High School graduate who was diagnosed with a spinal-cord tumor and later rendered paralyzed after his second surgery; he died in February 2009 at the age of 47.

Awareness of the Paul Jackson Fund has led to it being chosen by the Junior Woman’s Club of Westfield as the recipient of the club’s annual fundraising gala on March 12, 2011.

“You’re making a film – which is fun to do – and then you can, over a period of time, see how much it spreads and promotes awareness...” said Mr. Rokosny.

~ Michael J. Pollack

MOUNTAINSIDE – A photo Linda Beaudry Condriello snapped while touring the island of Burano in Venice, Italy last year was chosen for the New Jersey Photography Forum’s 16th Annual Juried Photography Exhibit. A writer for *The Leader and The Times* since 2005, she entered her piece into the Watchung Arts Center (WAC) exhibit “purely on a whim.” Ms. Condriello said the highlight of the experience was walking into the WAC and seeing her photo as one of the first near the entryway. “It’s like a validation that someone else thinks it’s good besides you,” she said.

~ Christie Storms

December

ASBURY PARK – Scotch Plains resident and up-and-coming rapper Dirty Mac shared the stage with five other New Jersey rap acts and the band Flight’s Kool at the famed Stone Pony in Asbury Park.

Dirty Mac performed all new material to be featured on his sophomore album, “Service With A Style.” Dirty Mac, also known as James McNamara, also performed his signature song, “N.J. Mindframe,” from his first album, “Uncommon Courtesy.”

“N.J. Mindframe” refers to New Jersey in such a way that no matter what part of the state one happens to be from, upon hearing the song, the listener finds at least a part of it to be familiar.

“I feel...in a sense that people inside New Jersey embrace New Jersey, but no one in New Jersey wants to embrace each other to help one another make it,” Dirty Mac said.

~ Tom Fortunato

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Symphony Orchestra performed “Home for the Holidays” in early December at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. The concert set just the right tone for a happy holiday season. Traditional favorites, like “White Christmas” and “Sleigh Ride,” and lesser-known works, like the “Christmas Waltz” and music from *Polar Express*, added to the seasonal reper-

toire. Three selections from the perennial Christmas favorite, *Nutcracker*, had several children literally dancing in the aisles as their smiling parents swayed in their seats. This performance was billed as the orchestra’s first Christmas pops concert.

~ Barbara Thomson

WESTFIELD – Also held in early December, the Rake and Hoe Garden Club (RHGC) held a “Deck the Halls” Holiday House Tour featuring four homes with refreshing and innovative ideas in holiday decorating. Each house had its own theme customized to the décor throughout.

RHGC holds holiday house tours once every four years. This year’s proceeds will go to the Clair Brownell Memorial Wildflower Garden at the Westfield Historical Society’s Reeve House. Kris Luka co-chaired the event with Liz Dwyer. “We want to thank all the members for all their hard work,” said Ms. Luka, adding that the RHGC hopes to plan another holiday home tour for 2014.

~ Christie Storms

WESTFIELD – The New Jersey Choral Art Society held its annual *Messiah* sing-in at the First United Methodist Church. People were welcome to just come and listen or sing along with Handel’s most famous work.

Director James Little was equal parts conductor, singer and cheerleader, conducting when things were going smoothly and singing along with the men or encouraging others when things went awry. The star of the evening was organist Trent Johnson, who played the notoriously difficult accompaniment with energy and accuracy, providing the good rhythmic underpinning vital to a performance of the work.

~ Barbara Thomson

RAHWAY – Audiences of all ages were treated to an enchanting performance of the New Jersey Ballet’s *Cinderella* at the Union County Performing Arts Center. Beautiful scenery and props, including a sparkling golden pumpkin coach, added to the magic. Many of the young audience members wore their own princess dresses and tiaras to the performance. Affordable and entertaining, *Cinderella* proved to be a charming introduction to classical ballet.

~ Christie Storms



Courtesy of Jacques Bourke

CHRISTMAS IS SAVED...The students of Holy Trinity Interparochial School’s Drama Club presented *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, directed by Paul O’Connor, earlier this month, to rave reviews. Pictured, from left to right, are: Russell Weber, Daniel Scalia, Shannon Wieszczeck, Kristen Hughes, Nicole Ferrer and Nina Dixon.

CRANFORD – Cranford Dramatic Club’s Community Playhouse presented a version of *Stuart Little* that stayed very close to the E.B. White novel.

Ty Jacobs directed the production, which was adapted for the stage by Joseph Robinette. Actors ranged in age from 10 to 80. In the play, Stuart learned that his size is not a deterrent to his dreams. “The energy of the young kids is contagious, and when you combine that with the theatrical experience of the adults, it’s a great recipe for a good time for people of all ages,” said Mr. Jacobs.

~ Susan M. Dougherty

GARWOOD – The Crossroads was filled with the sounds of The Beatles and as one of their great followers, Smithereens front man and longtime Beatles enthusiast Pat DiNizio, performed a two-hour acoustic set. The performance was held on the 30th anniversary of John Lennon’s death.

Scotch Plains resident DiNizio literally made his way through The Beatles’ songbook, throwing in The Smithereens, The Kinks and The Who along the way.

The show was inspired by DiNizio’s “living-room tours,” in which he travels the country playing at the homes of Smithereens fans.

“It’s been a life-changing experience, being able to meet so many fans and really get to them personally,” he said.

~ Eric Nierstedt

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WCP To Present  
‘You’re Perfect’

WESTFIELD – Westfield Community Players will present *I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change*, a musical celebrating the mating game, taking on the truths and myths of “the relationship.”

Books and lyrics are by Joe DiPietro, and music is courtesy of Jimmy Roberts. Performances will take place on weekends from January 8 through 22. Tickets are \$25. For reservations, call (908) 232-1221. The theater is located at 1000 North Avenue in Westfield. To learn more, visit westfieldcommunityplayers.

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Madrigal Singers Presents  
‘O Great Mystery’ in Jan.

WESTFIELD – The public can join the Madrigal Singers and Director John Sichel as they present “O Great Mystery,” a program of a *cappella* music and readings drawn from hundreds of years of Christmas celebrations.

The performance, the group’s seventh “second chance at Christmas concert” will take place at 4 p.m. on January 9, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church, located at 1 East Broad Street in Westfield. Guest flutists Jenny Cline and Susan Graham will join the ensemble as they tell the inspirational story of the birth of the Holy Child.

The program opens with a mystical setting of 13th century plainsong and continues with musical descriptions of Gabriel’s appearance to Mary, the angels’ greeting to the shepherds, the arrival of the shepherds and the kings in

Bethlehem and the flight into Egypt to escape Herod’s treachery.

After an interlude of flute duets, the singers present *Missa O Magnum Mysterium*, a parody mass by Tomás Luis Victoria, based on his motet of the same name. The program concludes with John Sichel’s entertaining arrangement of *Silver Bells*.

From the glorious polyphony of Victoria to the rich Russian harmonies of Rakhmaninov; from the familiar sounds of traditional carols to the lush harmonies of Berlioz, there is something to capture the heart and imagination of everyone.

Admission at the door is \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Both venues are handicapped-accessible and have on-site parking. To learn more, call (908) 389-0982.



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Director David O. Russell’s *The Fighter*, an absorbing, powerfully realistic account of light welterweight “Irish” Micky Ward’s trials and tribulations in and out of the ring, is both metaphor and anthropological critic. Pulling no punches, it identifies the vestigial emotions that make this genre such a searing microcosm of the human condition.

Give filmmaker Russell and a gaggle of writers credit for making intense, philosophical sense of a very messy sociology. Welcome to Lowell, Mass., a town that went down for the count after the mills fled. Struggling to lift itself off the canvas ever since, the profound psychological effect is sternly worn on its denizens’ sleeves.

Nowhere does hope spring more desperately than in the home of Alice Ward (Melissa Leo), the hard-drinking, chain-smoking mother of nine and self-appointed boxing manager. As in every family, the Ward culture is built on an amalgam of legend and myth. In their case, it’s eldest son Dicky Eklund’s could-have-been glory.

Magnificently portrayed with Oscar-worthy verve and sensitivity by Christian Bale, he was a decent fighter with good potential before succumbing to drug addiction. In recent years, he has become a tarnished, charitably acknowledged local hero, dining out on the story of how he once knocked down the great Sugar Ray Leonard. Some say he slipped.

In any case, as we take up the tale the torch has now apparently passed to little brother Micky Ward, superbly detailed by Mark Wahlberg. A road-paver by day, he’s won several fights. But of late, he has stagnated and taken numerous beatings, ostensibly due to the subjective and imprudent judgment of domineering Alice and the fallen Dicky.

A real manager offers him a chance to quit the road gang and train full time in Las Vegas. He yearns for the opportunity. But the family has its hooks in him. And thus we identify the syndrome that plagues the very best and worst of families: the tyranny of the DNA. Do as we say or flaunt your repudiation of family, your selfish betrayal.

Fortunately, history shows there’s long been a fairly successful antidote to the pathology. It’s an ally, fortifying in its healthiest application a tie stronger than blood, and commonly known as a lover. Enters stage right, Amy Adams in a great turn as Charlene Fleming, a punky barmaid who’s had a flirtation with college. She seats herself in Micky’s camp.

And what a crew she has to deal with if she hopes to wrest her knight in

shining armor from the shackles that deter the shared dream destiny they now envision. Ensnared on Alice’s couch, serving as a chorus to her egocentric reveries, several witchlike daughters provide telling comedy relief, echoing mom’s pontifications to insure their own survival.

We pause to speculate: What is it about the lower classes that is so intriguing? Of late, almost a whole show-biz franchise has formed, dedicated to spotlighting the mores and folkways of those who either refuse, or have been unable, to carve out a piece of America’s middle-class pie. Witness the bevy of daytime TV shows that delight in making sport of them.

Sadly, that’s slumming, rubbernecking at socioeconomic tragedy. I’d like to think our interest here is primarily sympathetic. Representing the Dickensian aspiration for a finer life, Wahlberg’s Micky Ward is the tale’s Cinderella. He knows there’s something better than the insular barbarism that surrounds him, not just monetarily, but spiritually as well.


Thus, it is essentially a deadly holy war that widens the rift between him and the long held rituals and ethos that have subjugated his clan. Alice preaches the mantra, holding up the besotted, poor, poor Dicky as the martyred symbol of all their beliefs. Hanging from that false cross, Christian Bale performs a thespic miracle to behold.

Commanding yet unselfish, he suffuses the atmosphere with the entire crux of the opus, a symbol of the bones of contention gnawing at the personae’s souls, and screaming their discontent. Knocking heads with him, literally and figuratively, Mr. Wahlberg bobs and weaves, allowing him an intermittent limelight without losing his character’s importance.

But perhaps more phenomenal in this movie of multifariously sought redemptions is the tolerance Bale ultimately engenders in his audience. The idea of heroes and villains soon spins into an enlightening gray area that speaks volumes about the human comedy. Along the way, a good old-fashioned look at brotherly love complements the perspective.

The most prestigious, albeit hackneyed, accolade that can be laid on a boxing film is that it isn’t just a ring saga per se, that the dramatic substance supersedes its pugilistic content. In this corner, the combination is symbiotically profound. Throwing a blow to the senses and a shot to the gut, *The Fighter* floors us with its winning one-two punch. \*\*\*

*The Fighter*, rated R, is a Paramount Pictures release directed by David O. Russell and stars Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale and Amy Adams. Running time: 115 minutes.



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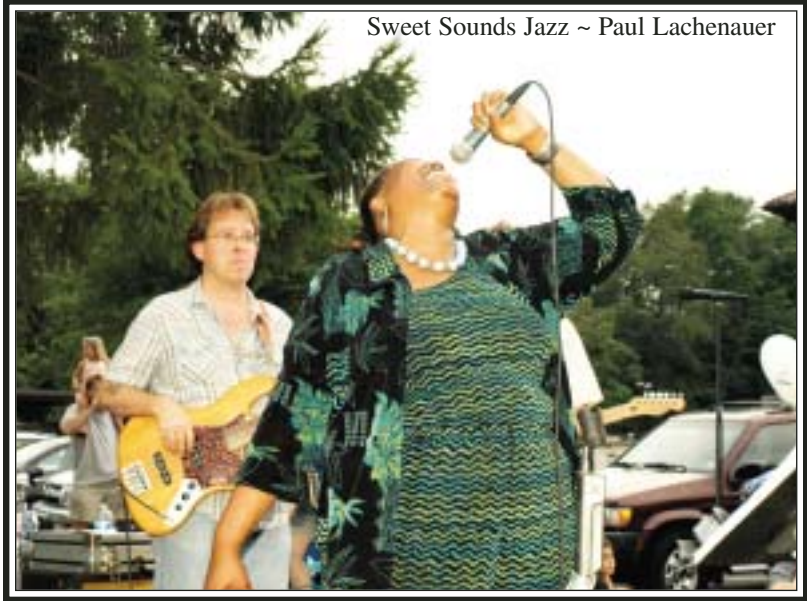
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Arts & Entertainment

Year-In-Review Part 2:  
July Through December, 2010

**July**  
CRANFORD – The absurdist black comedy *Why Torture is Wrong and the People who Love Them*, written by Berkeley Heights playwright Christopher Durang, opened at Union County College’s Professional Theater Company, The Theater Project. The play centered on America’s growing homeland insecurity, and despite the serious theme, Marx Brothers-esque anarchy prevailed in every scene. Clever and insightful director Mark Spina asked his actors to run a marathon in comic timing. They did it in record time without sacrificing laughs.  
~ Susan M. Dougherty



Sweet Sounds Jazz ~ Paul Lachenauer

SCOTCH PLAINS – Scotch Plains resident Jennifer Rubino released her book, “As Different as Night and Day: A Complete Guide to Astrology.” It is a book that can be referenced for an understanding of both the basics of astrology as well as its more confusing elements. The author said she believes people can feel the energy of the astrological signs if they are attuned to it, although she believes most people do not understand astrology.  
“Astrology gives us insight into other people. It has helped me with my relationships...and my social skills,” Ms. Rubino said.  
~ Marylou Morano

UNION – Kean University’s Premiere Stages produced *The Good Counselor*, a story about saving lost souls that perhaps are not meant to be saved. This beautiful collaboration relied on riveting acting, an inventive unique set and smart lighting design. Producing Artistic Director John Wooten artfully staged and sensitively directed the production, which left the viewers wondering about redemption and forgiveness and echoing Playwright Katherine Grant’s theme: is it ever too late for a second chance?  
~ Susan M. Dougherty

CRANFORD – The 3D-animated film *Despicable Me*, directed by Cranford resident Chris Renaud, opened in theatres across the country. Mr. Renaud moved his family to

Paris in 2008 to create the film in conjunction with Universal Pictures. Although he has worked with cartoons for years, Mr. Renaud never thought he would move from Cranford to Paris to make world-renowned films.

Mr. Renaud remains in Paris working on his next film, *The Lorax*, an animated feature film based on Dr. Seuss’s book of the same name. On making *Despicable Me*, Mr. Renaud said, “I made a vow to myself that I’d make something my kids would laugh at and enjoy. It’s been one of the greatest experiences of my life.”  
~ Rennie Wolters

from Vivaldi’s *The Four Seasons*. The combination of wonderful music and pleasant weather made for a lovely evening.

~ Barbara Thomson

GARWOOD – The Crossroads played host to the Rick Cantor Band’s release party for its first album, *Upstairs at Graceland*. Recorded entirely at studios in Memphis, Tenn., there is a shout-out to Garwood in the liner notes. The album represented a big step forward for the band, which consists of Westfield, Cranford, Short Hills and Berkeley Heights natives, all of whom had been known previously for playing covers.  
~ Eric Nierstedt

August

WESTFIELD – Westfield author Josie Varga released her third book, “Make Up Your Mind to Be Happy” – 98 pages of common-sense reinforcements that can be consumed in one easy sitting or digested slowly, a few tips at a time. The tips that she shares with her readers are sensible and practical. Most can be accomplished with a minimum of effort.

The book is somewhat related to her experiences with cerebral palsy, bilateral hearing loss and melanoma survival. “People can make up their mind to be happy despite what is going on in their lives,” she said, adding that “we have everything we need to be happy right now.”  
~ Marylou Morano

WESTFIELD - *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* visited a “museum dedicated to the history of hip-hop” – the home of Steve Sussman, AKA Dr. Steve, AKA “ShoDawg,” the hip-hop “alter ego” he has assumed.

ShoDawg, who is a child psychologist, served as both head curator and docent, narrating the 45-minute tour of his cultural fascination with all things rap. Dr. Steve’s exhibit is a

The township’s 2010 Cultural Arts Series of summer concerts on the Village Green continued with a concert by members of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra and Maestro David Wroe. The program consisted of favorite classical works, with Maestro Wroe serving as genial host, giving spoken introductions to each of the pieces. A sampling of the offerings included



DANCING WITH THE STAR...Scotch Plains resident Madhumita Parmar, a student at the Union County Academy for Allied Health Science (UCAAHC), performed in a fundraising concert for an agency that provides meals for underprivileged children in India.

Mozart’s “Allegro” from *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, the overture to Rossini’s *The Barber of Seville*, and “Spring”

series of vignettes that tells the complex and fascinating story of a music genre not often associated with a suburban Jewish child psychologist who grew up in the Orthodox Jewish neighborhood of Borough Park, Brooklyn.



Susan M. Dougherty for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*  
**ALL ABOARD...Train**, the popular Grammy-winning rock band from San Francisco, wowed an estimated 25,000 fans in September at Union County Musicfest. The festival, held at the Oak Ridge Park in Clark, hosted tents with games of chance, skill, and food and drink. Above is Patrick Monahan, lead vocalist, who put on a one-man show with his gyrations and physicality. People lucky enough to have a front row spot in the crushing crowd waited hours for their coveted space. One woman, in her mid-40s, who sang along to every song the band played, said she waited 10 hours to be in the front. “I have the sunburn to prove it,” she said.

As a psychologist, he stresses the use of creative expression to afford children an outlet for their anger, while employing a musical genre that appeals to them.

“As a psychologist, we’re trained that the best way to deal with someone who’s violent is to get them to translate it into art. Just express it. When a guy’s writing, ‘I’m gonna kill you,’ it’s a lot healthier than him doing it,” he said.

~ Maggie Fram

MOUNTAINSIDE – Sara Hoffman, a 17-year-old Mountainside resident and senior at Governor Livingston High School in Westfield, was one of 18 winners of an online contest called “Smooth Moves, In Front of and Behind the Camera,” sponsored by Skintimate Studios. To win, she had to write an essay about why she wanted to be a filmmaker.

Her entry, along with 17 others, was selected out of 6,000, and Ms. Hoffman won a seven-day, all-expenses-paid trip to Hollywood to work side-by-side with a production team from Dreaming Tree Films as well as to learn creative and technical direction from notable Hollywood Director Gail Mancuso, who has directed such series as “Friends” and “30 Rock.”

Ms. Hoffman’s team of nine produced a 12-minute film, *S.O.S.*, which was posted online for viewer voting. “I had more fun than I ever dreamed, and I also learned that it was a lot of hard work,” she added. “But I loved every second of it.”

~ Linda Condrillo

GARWOOD — In late August, the Garwood Public Library offered a different kind of learning experience. Rather than using books, the library offered a program on great composers of Broadway and American classical music, given by veteran performer Nina Duetsch.

Ms. Duetsch, who is a graduate of both Juilliard and Yale, has spent

many years as a character actress and piano soloist. She has appeared on NBC and BBC television, and was the first woman to play American classical music in China. Recently, she has been licensed to work on piano transcriptions of Bob Dylan’s work.

Ms. Deutsch ended the night with a final sing-along of “God Bless America” and a Q&A with the audience, discussing her love of performing for people and how it eventually led her from cruise-ship entertainment to Broadway and, finally, to the Garwood Library.  
~ Eric Nierstedt

September

WESTFIELD – Nine-year-old Connor LaVelle was invited to appear on Mike Francesa’s sports-talk show on behalf of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Connor and his family traveled to Bar Anticipation (Bar A) in Belmar, where Francesa broadcasts a special end-of-summer installment of his show, annually.

The LaVelles received V.I.P. passes to view Mr. Francesa’s five-hour simulcast right in front of the stage. Connor, who has spent much of his life in a wheelchair due to a diagnosis of Neurofibromatosis, wore his Yankees 2009 World Series shirt and cap for the occasion. Connor was briefed by show representatives about the topics he would discuss on-air.

“My heart was pounding so fast,” he said. “But I loved it.”

~ Christie Storms

SEATTLE – The 82-minute documentary *Twilight in Forks: The Saga of a Real Town* was executive-produced by Westfield High School Class of 1977 alumnus Peter Cowles and licensed through the networking of fellow ’77 alum Michael Bartok, then released in March of this year.

Forks, Wash., has the notorious distinction of being the setting of the vampire-based *Twilight* books. Mr. Cowles spoke with *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* over the phone from his law office in Seattle about the journey to document how Forks became a tourist destination for *Twilight* fans.

Forks is known to many nature lovers as the gateway to Olympic National Park, but for *Twilight* fans, it is where the love story between the mortal teen Bella Swan and immortal vampire Edward Cullen takes place.

“Most stories like this – you can’t go to a tangible place and actually see it and touch it and be in it,” says Forks



RAE OF LIGHT...A multimedia showcase of works by 21 young award-winning artists selected from the annual Juried Student Exhibit at the duCret School of Art in Plainfield served as the summer exhibit at Swain Galleries in Plainfield. On view were pastels, oils, stained glass, digital photography and more, including the above mixed-media work by Westfield’s Rae Cauley.

High School Principal Kevin Rupperecht in the documentary.

~ Maggie Fram

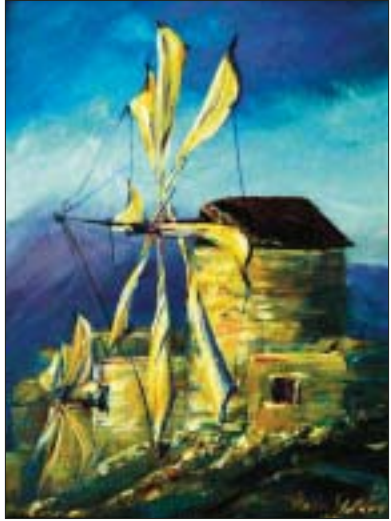
WESTFIELD – Premiere Stages at Kean University and Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey co-presented Tammy Ryan’s heartbreaking story of the Lost Boys of Sudan in her dramatic play, *Lost Boy Found in Whole Foods*. This was a serious, uplifting drama with beautiful writing and incredible acting.

The seeds of education and information are planted in this thoughtful work. Ryan actually worked with Lost Boys in 2003. Approximately 17,000 of these lost boys, some as young as 5 or 6 years old, walked more than 630 miles from their homes to relocate in refugee camps after facing starvation, animal attacks, slave traders and government troops along the way.

Powerfully acted, and marvelously directed by John Pietrowski of the Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey, the play utilizes Joseph Gourley’s visually interesting set, which was artistically lighted by Nadine Charlsen.

“I knew this story needed to be told,” said Playwright Ryan in the playbill.

~ Susan M. Dougherty



Maria Halkias of Westfield’s “Windmills”

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Art Association got into full swing in September, when it held its first meeting of the 2010-2011 season.

At the helm were a new slate of officers that included Brooke Gardiner of Mountainside, president; Sheila Lenga, of Union, vice-president; Toby Meyers of Union, secretary, and Mary Ann Iannitto of South Plainfield, treasurer.

In the planning stage were an art show, artistic demonstrations and activities such as artist speakers, a side-walk art show and a “Painting Westfield” event.

~ Marylou Morano

PLAINFIELD – To open the 2010-2011 subscription season, the Plainfield Symphony featured Jamie Bernstein, the daughter of late composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein, in “A Master Class with Jamie Bernstein,” a program that paid tribute to the senior Bernstein’s “Young People’s Concerts” with the New York Philharmonic, where he served as music director.

Director Charles Prince conducted “A Master Class” at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in which he combined music and lecture in a setting that allowed the audience to learn more about Bernstein.

“There’s no better person in the world to get an audience more involved and interested in any music than my dearest friend, Jamie,” Mr.

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