

## Edison School Holds Fine Art Day In Westfield Featuring Local Artists

By **BETSEY BURGENDORF**  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD - Edison Intermediate School held its first annual Fine Arts Day last Friday which featured workshops run by local artists.

The day, being dubbed an "in house field trip" was the idea of Edison Fine Arts teacher Dan Black after he and colleague Helen Frees, were asked by the administration "to be resourceful" in light of recent budget cuts.

Approximately 47 eighth-grade students taking Fine Art as an elective, participated in the hands-on day. "The students [who take Fine Art] are more on track of going into an art field. They usually feed into the high school program," Mr. Black told *The*

*Westfield Leader* "We want to make sure the kids have experience with artists outside of our classroom, see things we might not be able to show them."

The program, intended to teach and inspire, included an array of different mediums ranging from the more common oil paint and clay, to glass and wire sculptures and encaustic painting, a technique involving painting with tinted wax.

Artists who volunteered their time to make the day a success included: Sandra Wygledowski, who instructed the student artists in making an oil painting; Brooke Gardiner, who demonstrated how to make sculptures out of glass and stone; Francesca Azzara,

who assisted the students in making an encaustic print; Linda Tomaso, who assisted in creating a clay bust sculpture; and Roy Chambers, who assisted in making a wire sculpture.

Ms. Wygledowski received a BA in Fine Arts Studio Crafts at Montclair State University and attended duCret School of Art in Plainfield. She is currently a "Member at Large" and webmaster for the Westfield Art Association, as well as a member of the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey. She has exhibited in the Millburn/Short Hills shows, the Westfield Art Association member and outdoor shows and the Overlook Children's Hospital. Her media of choice is oil painting and her preferred subject matter is birds.

Brooke Gardiner is a sculptor who works in glass and stone. Following a career at Exxon Chemical Company as a scientist, he became intrigued by glass as a sculptural medium. "Using the knowledge I had acquired from 66 years of glassblowing, I was attracted to the ethereal, spiritual and optical qualities of glass in the artistic form," Mr. Gardiner said.

For his glass work, he uses an advanced flame working technique that uses borosilicate glass in rod or tube with a flame and oxygen. His stone sculptures are created "in the old traditional way with hammer, chisel, rasp and polishing materials." Due to the dangerous nature of his craft, Mr. Gardiner's workshop was a demonstration, rather than a hands-on class.

Francesca Azzara received her BFA in Studio Art from Kean University and her AAS in Design from FIT. She is a mixed media artist who also works in encaustic paints, an obscure art form. Ms. Azzara is the recipient of many awards including Union County's HEART Grant, which allowed her to hold several exhibitions of her encaustic works throughout Union County.

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CLAY CREATIONS...Fine Art students at Edison Intermediate School make clay busts in the First Annual Fine Art Day on Friday, January 14. The in-school field trip included hands-on workshops conducted by local artists.

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SNOW DAY...School was closed on Wednesday, January 12, for the first official snow day of the school year. Crowds flocked to the Scotch Hills Golf Course to enjoy a day of sleigh riding. Approximately five inches of snow fell, adding to the accumulation already on the ground from the December 26, 2010 blizzard, which dropped more than two-feet of snow on the area.

## WF Council Reviews WHS Parking and Recreation Fees

By **LAUREN S. BARR**  
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WESTFIELD - On Tuesday night, the Westfield Town Council held a special conference session to make up for last week's meeting that was canceled due to snow. The council reviewed all of the ordinances and resolutions, which would be approved at their public meeting held immediately following the conference session.

The council discussed a resolution appointing Gordon Meth as their "on-call traffic safety and engineering services consultant." According to Town Administrator James Gildea, the "main project for this year" will be the Westfield High School (WHS) area traffic and parking issues. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 27 at the WHS auditorium

where residents can attend to discuss concerns for the area.

Mr. Gildea stated that in previous years the town resolved not to exceed \$15,000, but because there was money left over from last year, the amount in the resolution is set as not to exceed \$11,000, for Mr. Meth's services.

The council also discussed two ordinances dealing with recreation fees. The first ordinance sets "not to exceed" limits on Memorial Pool membership fees. In previous years when the Recreation Commission recommended that fees be raised, a new ordinance would have to be drawn up. This new ordinance allows for "room to grow," according to Mr. Gildea, and each time the pool rates need to be increased, the council can pass it by resolution.

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## WF Council Hears Crossing Signal Complaints

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WESTFIELD - At Tuesday night's public Westfield Town Council meeting, Central Avenue residents Maria Carluccio and Adina Enculescu voiced their complaints again regarding the placement of a pedestrian crossing signal on Ms. Enculescu's front lawn.

Both women stated their disappointment at the absence of Mayor Andy Skibitsky and their distaste for instances when the council does not immediately respond to their questions, but waits until the public comment portion of the meeting is over - and the residents therefore are not permitted to speak further.

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Courtesy of Bill Morales, a Steeler fan  
**J-E-T-S...JETS...** Many partied but few expected the Jets to pound the Patriots last Sunday. Even Giants fans seemed pleased. Steeler fans say, bring em on!



Courtesy of Olivia Cozewith  
**SNOW DAY...** The Carleton Road Kids are all prepared to enjoy the day off from school last week.



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**WIRE ART...** Fine Art Students at Edison Intermediate School make wire sculptures during an in-house field trip featuring workshops by local artists on Friday, January 14.

## User Fees Keeping Capital Costs Down for Recreation

By LAUREN S. BARR  
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WESTFIELD — With the town's recreation commission under direction to self fund their projects through user fees and grants, the commission's chairman, James Marvin, told *The Westfield Leader* this week that the commission is "managing to do a lot with out cost to the taxpayers."

Approximately five years ago the commission instituted a \$10 per player, per season user fee. The fees are used to "self fund every capital project," according to Mr. Marvin. Over the last four years Westfield has also received an annual grant from the Union County Kids Recreation Trust fund, which has helped fund several projects.

Over the past two to three years, the commission has worked on what Mr. Marvin called "quick strike projects" as they are lower cost projects but make a big impact.

While the work recommended in the Memorial Park Master Plan several years ago was never implemented, the commission is completing work this year on a new drainage system for the playing fields there.

Additionally, the field has been expanded into the wooded area, away from the residences bordering Memorial Park, as well as upgrades to back stops and new safety fencing. The three back tennis courts at Memorial Park are also being replaced to include new drainage and fencing at a cost of approximately \$200,000. The front tennis courts are being repainted to match the new courts.

Mr. Marvin admitted that while it's not the "big giant multimillion dollar project" that was discussed several years ago, the commission is "doing with what we have" in order to improve parks for all of the users.

Last year the commission redid the basketball courts at Windsor Park. The courts were resurfaced, new lines were painted and new poles, rims and nets were installed. According to Mr. Marvin, the courts had become very run down and the "neighborhood really appreciates" the refurbishment.

When summer arrives, residents will see an expanded snack bar and picnic area at the Westfield Memorial Pool, which is a self-funded utility. According to Mr. Marvin, dead trees have been removed, and the concrete area was expanded to allow for more picnic tables. He added that work is continuing through the winter on interior renovations and upgrades at the snack bar.

Mr. Marvin told *The Leader* that the commission is continuing to "work closely with the board of education" following last year's project to resod, grade and install sprinklers at Edison Intermediate School's varsity baseball field. This year the commission and board of education are planning to ex-

pand the baseball field and basketball court at Franklin School.

During the December blizzard the fence surrounding the tennis courts at Tamaques Park collapsed and now needs replacing. Mr. Marvin told *The Leader* that the courts were resurfaced approximately four years ago, but all eight courts will likely need full replacement in three to four years.

Beginning this year, the commission will begin setting aside 20 to 25 percent of the user fees it collects to save for the future turf field replacement at Sid Faye and Houlihan Fields. The turf fields were installed in 2004 and came with a 10-year warranty. Mr. Marvin said that while the town takes good care of the fields, they only have a life span of about 15 years at which time the infill and turf will need replacing. He said that it is important that the commission "begin to set money aside now" so that there are no surprises when the time comes to replace them.

The commission is also interested in hearing from the various user groups on any project that they might want or need to be completed and has developed an application process for such instances.

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The second ordinance sets new "not to exceed" user fees for the use of picnic areas, the Mindowaskin Park gazebo, the per season per sport user fee, field fees and use of the community room at town hall.

Acting Mayor Mark Ciarrocca said that the council has given a "mandate to recreation that it has to be run cost neutral to the taxpayer" and that they were able to achieve that goal through user fees in 2010. Public hearings will be held on both ordinances in two weeks.

Mr. Gildea also announced that he has received a list of requests from the Westfield Neighborhood Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Westfield Corporation and the Westfield Baseball League for various events throughout the year. In 2010, all of the organizations paid the police and public works expenses associated with their events, which Mr. Gildea said he expects to continue in 2011.

The council went into closed session to discuss Westfield Senior Citizens Housing lease negotiations with the town and the lawsuits of Sunnyside vs. Town of Westfield, a builder's remedy lawsuit, and Buontempo vs. Town of Westfield.

tine Guerriero are up for election this year, while the terms of Joanne Boyle, Jill Brown and Michael Caulfield are expiring in Cranford.

Persons interested in filing for a seat on school boards must file nominating petitions with the BOE business office in order to get their names on the local school election ballot. A minimum of 10 signatures from registered voters in the town in which a candidate is running is required on petitions. All candidates must be registered voters.

Local business offices are as follows: Westfield, Robert Berman, business administrator and board secretary, BOE administrative offices, 302 Elm Street, Westfield; Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Anthony Del Sordi, business administrator, BOE administrative offices, Evergreen School, Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street, Scotch Plains; Garwood, Betty Faggiano, BOE business office, Lincoln School, 400 Second Avenue, Garwood, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Cranford, Robert Carfagno, business administrator and board secretary, board offices, 132 Thomas Street, Cranford.

## Solar Debate Continues for GW Board of Education

By MANDY L. RUSSELL  
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GARWOOD — The conversation continued once more at Tuesday night's Garwood Board of Education meeting regarding whether or not to pass the vote on joining the Union County energy plan to have solar panels installed on the roof of Lincoln School.

Building and Grounds lead crewman, Tom Spera, introduced Ryan Scerbo, an attorney representing the law firm of Decotius, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP, who is involved in the solar panels project. The board requested his presence to have some open-ended questions answered.

Board member Russell Graham expressed his concerns about costs, penalties, and rates.

"This will be low cost power, with no upfront cost to you, and no cost to you during the 15-year term (of the contract)," Mr. Scerbo said.

"What happens after the 15-year term?" Mr. Graham asked.

"The school board can have the panels removed and there is still no charge to you, or your school will have the option to purchase the panel system at fair market value after an appraisal," Mr. Scerbo said.

Mr. Scerbo explained that the solar panels, also referred to as power purchase agreements (PPA), are designed to create 1,000 Kilowatt hours, which will equal one energy certificate.

"The program will also include multiple local units throughout Union County that will be constructed on rooftops under traditional solar construction," Mr. Scerbo said.

The money to complete the project will come from public financing and, in turn, will earn the private developer tax credits.

"Bottom line, Mr. Graham, this program will cost your school nothing, but will save your school about 10 percent on your energy bill each year, which [is estimated] to be about \$6,000 in savings per year," Mr. Scerbo said.

"With 10 percent of the school's energy needs met by the solar panels, PSE&G handles the rest in regular fashion (as the district's energy provider)," Mr. Scerbo added.

Mr. Graham also asked how many bidders came out and bid on the project.

"Tioga Energy from California was the only one to bid. Their company has been around since 2006," Mr. Scerbo said.

The State of New Jersey lies just under California for the most use of solar energy, Mr. Scerbo said.

"We believe Tioga Energy is the best company suited for the job. They recently did a similar project in Morris County at 6.8 cents per kilowatt energy, and they are a very reputable company," Mr. Scerbo said.

Mr. Scerbo explained that the agreement with Tioga includes a security package that keeps the taxpayers from paying out if there happens to be any default in the program. The only cost risks that exist to the school and any other building in the county that is participating would be if a building needed roof repair or was closed.

"In the event of these risks happening, you would be responsible for compensating the panel company to come remove the panels while you repair your roof or if your building were to shut down for good before the end of the 15-year term," Mr. Scerbo said.

## Office Bars

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Charlie Brown's had requested a deadline for bids for the Office Bar and Grill locations of January 14, with an auction on January 18. The bankruptcy court had a January 20 deadline to approve the sale, provided no higher offers were received at auction, according to a report in Bloomberg News.

A January 24 deadline for an auction of the remaining restaurants has been set, with a deadline of February 3 for the court to approve that sale.

"The roof on our school is new, so there should not be any problems, and I'm quite certain our school isn't planning on shutting down in the next 15 years," Mr. Graham said.

Sixty percent of the buildings that were offered the program ended up being denied in the end due to the condition of their roof, Mr. Scerbo said. He said the panels are like large picture frames that will not puncture the school's roof in any way. It is estimated that the school's roof can hold at least 284 panels and maybe more if the installer is able to fit more with the school's permission.

"The output for your school is 59,000 kilowatts. With this information your school can budget out a set system so you can know about how much you will save. The good thing is that there is a 90-percent guarantee from the solar company, which is high for this type of system," Mr. Scerbo said.

"Your school could only benefit from this program," Mr. Scerbo said. "I don't foresee energy costs getting cheaper and your smaller town will most likely benefit by pooling into this project with the larger towns around you in Union County."

Garwood Superintendent Teresa Quigley ended the session by thanking the board for its long hours and dedication to this potential plan for their school.

"As a board, I want to thank you. You are here volunteering your time and we have spent hours on solar panel issues. You care about this issue enough to look into it before going ahead and voting yes, and I'm certain Martin Luther King would be proud," Mrs. Quigley said.

## Quattrocchi Wants Bulky Waste Pickups Reinstated

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GARWOOD — Garwood Mayor Patricia Quattrocchi started the January 11 borough council meeting off with her intent to hear her residents' concerns going into the new year.

Items on the mayor's agenda for the new year include reinstating bulk garbage pickup for residents, tackling the 2011-2012 budget, communicating with her community and listen to the voices of Garwood's residents, and complete renovations to the athletic and recreation facility that have been in the works since the late 1990s.

"I plan on moving forward with bulk pickup as soon as possible. I would like us to investigate various options to see what kind of pickup we can reinstate for the spring or fall, or whatever season works best for our community," Mayor Quattrocchi said.

The mayor said she is a firm believer that listening to residents will assist the borough as it approaches tackling another difficult budget year. She said the council is dealing with major budget cuts and slashes in spending due to a major decrease in state government spending and aid.

Councilman James Mathieu informed the council members and the residents in attendance that a draft of the 2011 budget would be processed and written within the next couple of weeks. He said borough officials plan to find a way to cut the budget and spending without instituting layoffs or diminishing important services to the community. He said the council also plans to solicit quotes for custodial hiring in 2011.

"There will still be contractual wage increases in certain service areas such as our police department," Councilman Mathieu said. "But when I look back on the account summary for 2010, I have to commend our departments and employees for their excellence in spending and cutting

Mrs. Carluccio stated that the location of the light and crosswalk is "dangerous for children and pedestrians." She also stated that in December a petition was presented to the council with over 100 signatures from residents asking that the light be relocated to the intersection of Clover Street and Central Avenue. She said that there were other neighbors who disagreed with the current location of the light, but would not sign the petition for "fear (of) retaliation by the town council."

Ms. Enculescu said that she paid to have her driveway cleared of snow during the blizzard, but would not have the sidewalk that the county installed cleaned because she did not ask for the sidewalk. She said that a neighbor came and cleared the sidewalk for her for free, "Westfield is a special place with special people, except some."

She criticized council members for not coming to her house to see the light. Ms. Enculescu also accused Acting Mayor Mark Ciarrocca of saying "untrue things" including that his son uses the crosswalk in front of her home.

Resident Greg Kasko, who retired from the Westfield Police Department following a lawsuit with the town, said he has read all of the reports issued by the town's traffic expert Gordon Meth (see letter on page 5). He said that it was unclear as

to where the idea came from for the light to be moved to Ms. Enculescu's property, and that there is no statement from Mr. Meth saying that the current location is safer. Mr. Kasko said the only location for a light that was disseminated to the public was at the intersection of Clover and Central, and questioned why the council and Mr. Meth are "silent" on the issue. He asked the council if they are representing their constituents or "just circling the wagons."

Acting Mayor Ciarrocca stated that the location of the light was changed following discussions at public meetings and meetings of the Citizens Traffic Advisory Committee.

In other business, the council heard a presentation from Westfield High School senior Katherine Frega to raise awareness for teen cancer. Katherine was diagnosed last year with Hodgkins Lymphoma. She said that cancer is the leading cause of disease-related death for young people and stressed the importance of the need for early detection in teens. She told the council that she was very grateful for the "support from the Westfield community" and she was able to return to school following chemotherapy and radiation in Nov.

Acting Mayor Ciarrocca said "how good it makes us all feel to see you doing so well" and he is "really proud of what you're doing" to raise awareness for teen cancer.

Additionally, the council approved a resolution for the demolition of a home, garage and sheds at 735 Girard Avenue.

## MLK

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presided by Rev. Suleima Rosario-Diaz, associate pastor at The First Baptist Church. Attendees were treated to musical selections provided by the church's Interfaith Choir followed by the Litany given by Gladys Edwards of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association. Westfield Councilwoman Vicki Kimmins offered remarks and Rabbi Douglas Sagal of Temple Emanu-El gave the benediction.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day being recognized as a federal holiday. "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self evident; that all men are created equal,'" as said by Dr. King, was a theme that was reflected throughout the day.

## Fine Arts

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holds a BA in Communication, Design and Technology and a teaching certificate in Art Education. Mr. Chambers has taught art at Westfield High School for the past 12 years. He has created the sets for the school plays over the past 12 years as well.

"My artwork continues to evolve and pull me into new and exciting directions," Mr. Chambers said. "It ranges from sculpture and paintings based on elements of nature and the delicate balance that exists between humans and our environment, to functional pieces made from reclaimed wood, wire and metal."

The students who participated in Fine Art Day helped to raise funds for supplies by holding bake sales prior to the event.



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## Deadline Is Tues., March 8, For School Board Petitions

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

AREA — Candidates seeking seats on their local boards of education have until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, to file nominating petitions. This year, the annual school election has been moved to Wednesday, April 27. Previous elections were held on Tuesdays. Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi said the election date was changed by the state due to Jewish and Christian holidays.

In Westfield, the seats of Alice Hunnicutt, Ann Ormsby Cary and Gary McCreedy are up for election, while the terms of Mountainside BOE members Carolyn Williams and Cathy Jakositz expire in April. In the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district, the seats of board members Donald Parisi and Warren McFall in Scotch Plains are up for election, as is that of Rob O'Connor in Fanwood. Mr. O'Connor opted to seek a one-year unexpired term last year instead of a full term.

In Garwood, the board seats of Vice-Chairwoman Linda Koenig and Christine Guerriero are up for elec-

tion this year, while the terms of Joanne Boyle, Jill Brown and Michael Caulfield are expiring in Cranford.

Persons interested in filing for a seat on school boards must file nominating petitions with the BOE business office in order to get their names on the local school election ballot. A minimum of 10 signatures from registered voters in the town in which a candidate is running is required on petitions. All candidates must be registered voters.

Local business offices are as follows: Westfield, Robert Berman, business administrator and board secretary, BOE administrative offices, 302 Elm Street, Westfield; Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Anthony Del Sordi, business administrator, BOE administrative offices, Evergreen School, Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street, Scotch Plains; Garwood, Betty Faggiano, BOE business office, Lincoln School, 400 Second Avenue, Garwood, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Cranford, Robert Carfagno, business administrator and board secretary, board offices, 132 Thomas Street, Cranford.

## SP Zoning Change Would Allow Special Needs School To Relocate

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

SCOTCH PLAINS — At its meeting next month, the township council will consider an ordinance to revise the municipal zoning regulations by adding the category of "Special Needs Schools" as a permitted conditional use in the B-1 Business Zone. Approval of the ordinance, which was introduced at Tuesday's council meeting, will allow the Newmark School,

a special-needs school with facilities currently in Plainfield and Carteret, to consolidate its services at the former Verizon building at 1000 Cellar Avenue.

Representatives from the school have met with the council in recent months to urge such a zoning change,

which would allow the school to be situated on Cellar Avenue even though its proposed lot size would be considerably smaller than the present zoning guidelines require for schools. The Verizon property itself is about five acres, while zoning requirements

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## Fanwood GOP Begins Eyeing Fall Election

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

FANWOOD — It may only be January, but politics in Fanwood has already begun as the two political parties begin eyeing this year's mayoral and borough council races.

Up for reelection this year are two-term mayor Colleen Mahr and council members Joan Wheeler and Russell Huegel, the current borough council president, all Democrats. The six council seats currently are split evenly between Republicans and Democrats, with Mayor Mahr as the tie breaker when necessary.

Fanwood Republican Committee Chairman Joe Britt said his party is "just starting to look at it...sizing it up," but has not identified any specific candidates as of this early date. He said he anticipates having candidates in place sometime in March. "We are starting the process because this will be a very big year locally," Mr. Britt said. "It's going to be another competitive election, for sure."

As of 2007, Democrats held the

mayor's office and all six council seats. Republican Anthony Parenti won a council seat in 2007 and Republicans Robert Manduca and Mike Szuch swept seats in 2008. Mr. Huegel was elected to his first term in 2008, while Ms. Wheeler was first elected in 2005. This past November, Mr. Parenti and Katherine Mitchell, a Democrat, were reelected.

Democrats captured the mayor's office and two council seats in 2003 after the GOP had won the mayor's seat for the first time in 16 years with Lou Jung's 1999 victory over Bill Populus. The GOP has not won the Fanwood mayoral race since then, and did not run a candidate four years ago against Mayor Mahr after Patricia Lindsey dropped out of the race.

This year, Mr. Britt said, the GOP is "looking at a full ticket" for the General Election. "It's to give voters of Fanwood a choice," he said.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for the Tuesday, June 7 Primary Election is 4 p.m. on Monday, April 11.

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SNOW DAY...School was closed on Wednesday, January 12, for the first official snow day of the school year. Crowds flocked to the Scotch Hills Golf Course to enjoy a day of sleigh riding. Approximately five inches of snow fell, adding to the accumulation already on the ground from the December 26, 2010 blizzard, which dropped more than two-feet of snow on the area.



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J-E-T-S...JETS...Many partied but few expected the Jets to pound the Patriots last Sunday. Even Giants fans seemed pleased. Steeler fans say, bring em on!

## Quattrocchi Wants Bulky Waste Pickups Reinstated

By MANDY L. RUSSELL  
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

GARWOOD — Garwood Mayor Patricia Quattrocchi started the January 11 borough council meeting off with her intent to hear her residents' concerns going into the new year.

Items on the mayor's agenda for the new year include reinstating bulk garbage pickup for residents, tackling the 2011-2012 budget, communicating with her community and listen to the voices of Garwood's residents, and complete renovations to the athletic and recreation facility that have been in the works since the late 1990s.

"I plan on moving forward with bulk pickup as soon as possible. I would like us to investigate various options to see what kind of pickup we can reinstate for the spring or fall, or whatever season works best for our community," Mayor Quattrocchi said.

The mayor said she is a firm believer that listening to residents will assist the borough as it approaches tackling another difficult budget year. She said the council is dealing with

### Pastor and Wife

#### Convicted of Fraud

PLAINFIELD — A former pastor, who ran a church for the Salvation Army in Plainfield and had since relocated to North Carolina, and his wife have been found guilty of multiple theft by deception charges. According to reports, the pastor claimed he was a "messenger from God" and would save immigrants from deportation but, in the end, he was a scam artist.

Enoc "Tito" Sotelo, 51, was found guilty of 17 counts of third degree theft by deception and one count of conspiracy to commit theft by deception. His wife, Vereli Sotelo, 37, was found guilty of six counts of third degree conspiracy to commit theft by deception, according to Union County Assistant Prosecutor Ann Rubin, who prosecuted the case along with Assistant Prosecutor Joshua McMahon.

The verdicts came after a five-week trial before state Superior Court Judge Joseph Perfilio at the Union County Courthouse and a day and a half of deliberation by the jury. The couple was remanded to the custody of the Union County jail.

According to the investigation, Enoc Sotelo was accused of promising immigrants that he would help them obtain green cards through a "Florida attorney" and collecting thousands of dollars from them, purportedly to pay for travel to and from Florida and obtain the documents. Ms. Rubin said. Enoc Sotelo told each of the victims that he was working with a Florida attorney named Oscar Ruiz and collected roughly \$4,000 from each of the victims. The investigation revealed that Enoc Sotelo told the victims that \$500 from each payment would go to the Salvation Army, something that never occurred nor was authorized by the charity, Ms. Rubin said. None of the victims, however, received their green cards. Enoc Sotelo collected the money between December 2004 and February 2006.

The investigation also revealed that Ruiz was never an attorney and had been under a cease and desist order from the Florida Bar Association since 1999, barring him from performing any immigration related work for anyone.

Ruiz pled guilty to third degree conspiracy to commit theft by deception days before the Sotelos' trial was to begin. Ruiz will be sentenced to six years in New Jersey state prison consecutive to a separate sentence he is currently serving in Florida on a separate immigration fraud charge, according to the prosecutor.

The fraud was first uncovered when victims complained to Flor Gonzalez, a community activist, who reported it to the Plainfield Police Department.

Enoc Sotelo faces up to 90 years in prison when sentenced on April 29, while Vereli Sotelo faces up to 30 years when she is sentenced on the same day.

Officials for the office of Fraud Detection in the Department of Homeland Security and the Texas Service Center provided the immigration files on the victims and the defendants.



LET IT SNOW...Area kids and their parents take advantage of the day off on January 12, after local schools were closed for the day due to snow. Everyone was all smiles as they took to the hills at the Scotch Hills Golf Course.

## Scotch Plains Council

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call for schools to have about five to six acres. Newmark's attorney, Steve Hehl, has said the school would require no more than about an acre to meet its unique educational needs.

At Tuesday's meeting, Councilman Michael Marcus expressed his hope that the governing body could hold further discussions with Newmark officials prior to the Tuesday, February 15 public hearing, particularly to address some of Mr. Marcus' concerns regarding whether Scotch Plains students might receive preferential consideration for enrollment in a township-based school. While saying there are "many good aspects of having this school come to Scotch Plains," Mr. Marcus said he would like to address his concerns before the ordinance's likely adoption.

In other business, the council passed a resolution authorizing the Senior Housing Corporation's 2011 budget. Both Mayor Nancy Malool, who is now a member of the corporation's board of directors, and Councilman Kevin Glover, the council's liaison to the corporation, vowed to make an effort to avoid a repeat of last year, when the corporation faced a budget shortfall that required financial assistance from the municipal government.

Councilman Glover said he believed that "we've made some very prudent moves" in recent months to correct the facility's financial woes, while the mayor vowed to "keep [the

facility] afloat" while "minimizing the impact on taxpayers." The council approved the budget by a 4-0 vote, with Mr. Marcus abstaining after he asked unsuccessfully that the budget item be removed from the agenda so the council could further discuss the budget with senior housing corporation officials.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the council's first regular meeting of the year, Township Manager Chris Marion, noting that morning's ice storm and last week's snowstorm, praised the Department of Public Works for its efforts during both events. He also announced that pickup of Christmas trees began on January 10 and would run through the end of the month. He said residents also could drop off trees at the public works property on Plainfield Avenue through Friday, January 28.

At its February 15 meeting, the council will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2011 budget for the Scotch Plains Management Corp. The \$85,600 spending plan would be financed by about \$67,000 in property assessments and \$18,000 in funds carried over from 2010. Property owners would pay a flat \$400 assessment per property, the same rate that was in force in 2009.

Later in the meeting, in response to a resident's query, Mayor Malool said she had spoken to Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and it is possible that another shared-services public forum will be held on February 9 or 10.

## GW Board of Education Continues Solar Debate

By MANDY L. RUSSELL  
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

GARWOOD — The conversation continued once more at Tuesday night's Garwood Board of Education meeting regarding whether or not to pass the vote on joining the Union County energy plan to have solar panels installed on the roof of Lincoln School.

Building and Grounds lead crewman, Tom Spera, introduced Ryan Scerbo, an attorney representing the law firm of Decotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP, who is involved in the solar panels project. The board requested his presence to have some open-ended questions answered.

Board member Russell Graham expressed his concerns about costs, penalties and rates.

"This will be low-cost power, with no upfront cost to you, and no cost to you during the 15-year term (of the contract)," Mr. Scerbo said.

"What happens after the 15-year term?" Mr. Graham asked.

"The school board can have the panels removed and there is still no charge to you, or your school will have the option to purchase the panel system at fair market value after an appraisal," Mr. Scerbo said.

Mr. Scerbo explained that the solar panels, also referred to as power purchase agreements (PPA), are designed to create 1,000 Kilowatt hours, which will equal one energy certificate.

"The program will also include multiple local units throughout Union County that will be constructed on rooftops under traditional solar construction," Mr. Scerbo said.

"The money to complete the project will come from public financing and, in turn, will earn the private developer tax credits.

"Bottom line, Mr. Graham, this program will cost your school nothing, but will save your school about 10 percent on your energy bill each year, which [is estimated] to be about \$6,000 in savings per year," Mr. Scerbo said.

"With 10 percent of the school's energy needs met by the solar panels, PSE&G handles the rest in regular fashion (as the district's energy provider)," Mr. Scerbo added.

Mr. Graham also asked how many bidders came out and bid on the project.

"Tioga Energy from California was the only one to bid. Their company has been around since 2006," Mr. Scerbo said.

The State of New Jersey lies just under California for the most use of solar energy, Mr. Scerbo said.

"We believe Tioga Energy is the best company suited for the job. They recently did a similar project in Morris County at 6.8 cents per kilowatt energy, and they are a very reputable company," Mr. Scerbo said.

Mr. Scerbo explained that the agreement with Tioga includes a security



CREATIONS...Fine Art students at Edison Intermediate School make clay busts in the First Annual Fine Art Day on Friday, January 14. The in-school field trip included hands-on workshops conducted by local artists'. See story page 8.

## Fine Art's Day Features Workshops by Local Artists

By BETSEY BURGENDORF  
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

WESTFIELD — Edison Intermediate School held its first annual Fine Arts Day last Friday, which featured workshops run by local artists.

The day, being dubbed an "in-house field trip" was the idea of Edison Fine Arts teachers Dan Black and Helen Frees, after being asked by the administration "to be resourceful" in light of recent budget cuts.

Approximately 47 eighth-grade students taking Fine Art as an elective, participated in the hands-on day. "The students [who take Fine Art] are more on track of going into an art field. They usually feed into the high school program," Mr. Black told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*. "We want to make sure the kids have experience with artists outside of our classroom, see things we might not be able to show them."

The program, intended to teach and inspire, included an array of different mediums ranging from the more common oil paint and clay, to glass and wire sculptures and encaustic painting, a technique involving painting with tinted wax.

Artists who volunteered their time to make the day a success included: Sandra Wygledowski, who instructed the student artists in making an oil painting; Brooke Gardiner, who demonstrated how to make sculptures out of glass and stone; Francesca Azzara, who assisted the students in making an encaustic print; Linda Tomaso, who assisted in creating a clay bust sculpture; and Roy Chambers, who assisted in making a wire sculpture.

Ms. Wygledowski received a BA in Fine Arts Studio Crafts at Montclair State University and attended duCret School of Art in Plainfield. She currently is a "Member at Large" and webmaster for the Westfield Art Association, as well as a member of the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey. She has exhibited in the Millburn/Short Hills shows, the Westfield Art Association member and outdoor shows and the Overlook Children's Hospital. Her media of choice is oil

painting and her preferred subject matter is birds.

Brooke Gardiner is a sculptor who works in glass and stone. Following a career at Exxon Chemical Company as a scientist, he became intrigued by glass as a sculptural medium. "Using the knowledge I had acquired from 66 years of glassblowing, I was attracted to the ethereal, spiritual and optical qualities of glass in the artistic form," Mr. Gardiner said.

For his glass work, he uses an advanced flame working technique that uses borosilicate glass in rod or tube with a flame and oxygen. His stone sculptures are created "in the old traditional way with hammer, chisel, rasp and polishing materials." Due to the dangerous nature of his craft, Mr. Gardiner's workshop was a demonstration, rather than a hands-on class.

Francesca Azzara received her BFA in Studio Art from Kean University and her AAS in Design from FIT. She is a mixed media artist who also works in encaustic paints, an obscure art form. Ms. Azzara is the recipient of many awards including Union County's HEART Grant, which allowed her to hold several exhibitions of her encaustic works throughout Union County.

Roy Chambers is a sculptor who holds a BA in Communication, Design and Technology and a teaching certificate in Art Education. Mr. Chambers has taught art at Westfield High School for the past 12 years. He has created the sets for the school plays over the past 12 years as well.

"My artwork continues to evolve and pull me into new and exciting directions," Mr. Chambers said. "It ranges from sculpture and paintings based on elements of nature and the delicate balance that exists between humans and our environment, to functional pieces made from reclaimed wood, wire and metal."

The students who participated in Fine Art Day helped to raise funds for supplies by holding bake sales prior to the event.

## Indictments Handed Down In Murder of Summit Man

COUNTY — A Union County Grand Jury has indicted three individuals on murder and robbery charges in the death of a Summit man last summer, said First Assistant Union County Prosecutor Albert Cernadas, Jr.

Nigel Dumas, 19, of Morristown, Khayri Williams-Clark, 19, of Summit and Hakean Fitzgerald, 18, who had previously been charged as a minor but was waived to adult court on January 13, face charges of felony murder, first degree murder and robbery, Mr. Cernadas said.

According to the investigation, on July 17, 2010 Abelino Mazariego, 47, was found unconscious in the Promenade Park off Springfield Avenue in downtown Summit around 9:25 p.m. He was taken to Overlook Hospital in serious condition and remained unconscious until his death on July 20.

Mr. Mazariego had finished work at a local restaurant, stopped at a few local businesses and then settled on a park bench to enjoy an evening in Summit. At some point, the suspects entered the park and several of them began to speak with Mr. Mazariego and, according to the investigation, several of the defendants in the case hatched a plan to steal cash and property from the victim.

Authorities said Williams-Clark stood behind the victim and held a white T-shirt over the victim's head while Fitzgerald, who was 17-years-

old at the time, punched Mazariego with brutal force. Dumas then allegedly punched the victim a second time.

The attack was recorded on a cell phone by one of the individuals in the area. The force of the blows knocked Mr. Mazariego unconscious and the teenagers then fled the scene, according to the investigation.

Good Samaritans discovered the victim and contacted police. After Mr. Mazariego was taken to Overlook, doctors informed police officers that the victim was in a grave state, but said there was no indication that a crime had taken place. Several days later, a family friend of the victim reported that she had seen a video of the attack. The family was told of the video and they contacted police on July 20, a few hours before Mr. Mazariego died, according to the investigation.

Upon learning that a video of the attack existed, an investigation was immediately launched by the Summit Police Department. Investigators were able to quickly identify the teenager who recorded the attack and, after watching the video, were able to identify suspects, according to the investigation. Arrests were made shortly after Mr. Mazariego died.

According to a Union County Prosecutor's Office spokesman, the defendants will have a first court appearance scheduled in the coming weeks.



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## SP Appointments Told

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Township Council has announced appointments for 2011. The following list is a list of those persons serving on committees and boards, including newly appointed individuals and those already serving in posts.

Township attorney, law firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis and Lehrer, P.C.; auditor, Suplee Clooney and Company; Board of Adjustment, Chris Abeel, Ken Anderson, Karyn Steele, Richard Duthie, Susan Dinan, Brian Doyle, Timothy Livolsi, Llewellyn Jones, and Dan Sullivan; municipal judge, Antonio Inacio; municipal prosecutor, Rob Pansulla; township physician, Dr. Richard Schaller; risk manager, Conner Strong.

Board of Education, Councilman Mickey Marcus (council liaison); PTA, Councilwoman Mary DePaola (council liaison); Construction Board of Appeals, Bob Roberts, chairman; Bruce Bond, vice-chairman; Michael Giambalvo, Art Coon, Dion Natale, Paul Malool, Pat Bartels, Robert Nora, Thomas Byrne, Ralph Checchio (alternate); Cultural Arts, Pat Kane, Steve Goldberg, Jacqueline Giardiello, Sal Trifiro, Nancy Barnes, Ellen Zimmerman, Councilman Kevin Glover (Council Liaison); and deputy mayor for 2011, Councilwoman Mary DePaola.

Disabilities Committee, Adrienne Robertiello, Christine Gee, Jill Harris, Frank Lettera, Pam Duthie, Meg Kolaya, Marilyn Spera, Councilman Bo Vastine (council liaison); Environmental Commission, Sal Trifiro, Vivian Hsu, Mauro Checchio, Richard Verdramo, Brian Doyle, Claire Bischoff, Evan Siegal (alternate) and Councilman Bo Vastine (council liaison); Fund Commissioner for the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, Township Manager Christopher Marion and Chief Financial Officer Lori Majeski (alternate) and Recreation Director Ray Poerio (safety coordinator).

Greenbrook Flood Control Commission, Theodore Bassman, Jr.; Historic Review Commission, Richard Bousquet (chairman), Judy Terry, Betty Lindner, Gene McManus, John Klock, Marie Leppert, Patricia Ballard Fox, Portia Checchio (alternate), and Councilman Bo Vastine (council liaison); Library Board of Trustees, Pamela Duthie, Jeffrey Noonan, Joseph Duff, Joanne Guarnuccio, Gina Lynch, Jennifer Power, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Principal David Heisey (school representative), Mayor Nancy Malool, William McClintock (mayor's alternate), and Scotch Plains Library Director Meg Kolaya.

Local Ethics Review Board, Kathleen McMahon, Michael Weber, John Kovalcik, Jim Malfetti, Philip Schick, and Frank Rossi; Mayor's Charity Gala Committee, Maureen LaCosta, Sharon Knoller,

Pat Kane, Tom Cusmano, Pat Goldberg, Councilwoman Mary DePaola (council liaison) and Mayor Nancy Malool; Mayor's Committee on Community Relations, Steve Goldberg, Nancy Barnes, Jennifer Power, Sal Trifiro, Irene Bartels, Maureen LaCosta, Mayor Nancy Malool (council liaison); Memorial Day Parade Committee, Phil Gans, Toni Rollis, Joe Dillon, Don Wussler, Marjorie Fitzgibbons (DECA), Dominick Bratti, Councilman Kevin Glover (council liaison).

Planning Board, Michael Michalisin, Jeffrey Strauss, Joseph Doyle, Mayor Nancy Malool, Zoning Officer Robert LaCosta, Councilwoman Mary DePaola, Alice Agran, Paulette Coronato, Maria Sartor, Ted Spera (alternate); Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority (PARSA), Robert Johnston and Martin Marks (alternate).

Raritan Valley Rail Coalition, Councilman Bo Vastine; Recreation Commission, Martin Marks, Andrew Weber, Michael Dempsey, Robert Giordanello, Carol Clancy, Linda Grimm, Councilman Kevin Glover (council liaison); Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority Commissioner, Zoning Officer Robert LaCosta; Scotch Plains Day Committee, Police Sergeant Ernesto Hernandez, Pat Kane, Steve Goldberg, Ron Kelly, Lisa Mohn, Recreation Director Ray Poerio, Don Wussler, Dominick Bratti, Councilwoman Mary DePaola (council liaison); Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Peggy Hoff Jeanette Rotella, Laura Swidersky, Jean DeTore, Marge Van Duyn, Paulette Coronato, Bill Donoch, Toby Donoch, Councilman Mickey Marcus (council liaison); Shared Services Coordinating Council, Mayor Nancy Malool, Deputy Mayor Mary DePaola, Township Manager Chris Marion.

SP-TV Advisory Committee, Dr. Frank DiLollo, Clayton Sizemore, David Webb-Mangan, David Davis, Lisa Mohn, Ed Braun, Sarah Drum, Marci Bowman, Christine Sloan, Susan Ibera, Jules Shapiro, Simon Johnston (student representative), Councilman Mickey Marcus (Council Liaison); Technology Advisory Committee, Ken Anderson, William Machrone, Jonathan Ellis, Zoning Officer Robert LaCosta, Daniel Sullivan, John Lestarchick, Jerry Illanovsky, Richard Verdramo, Dave Luce, Councilman Kevin Glover (council liaison); Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board (Township Representatives), Dennis Hardie and Ira Bernstein (alternate); Union County Community Development, Joseph Duff, Jerry Illanovsky (alternate), Township Manager Christopher Marion, and Philip Schick (alternate).

Union County League of Municipalities, Mayor Nancy Malool and Council members Mary DePaola, Kevin Glover, Mickey Marcus and Bo Vastine; and Union County Transportation Committee, John Morgan.



GOING FOR THEIR MORNING WALK...Police follow closely behind horses which broke free from the Watchung Stable Sunday morning and wound up in the eastbound lanes of Route 22.

## County Horses Rescued After Getting Loose Onto Rt. 22

MOUNTAINSIDE — Union County employees on Sunday implemented a fast and safe rescue of 18 horses who became panicked by a seemingly random occurrence, broke through a locked gate at the Watchung Stable, and galloped onto Route 22, West in Mountainside off Summit Road.

No one was injured and there were no traffic accidents, according to county spokesman Sebastian D'Elia. The horses — all county owned — are in good condition and are all safely back at the stable, Mr. D'Elia said.

The incident caused a half-hour shutdown before 9 a.m. of a half-mile of roadway on Route 22 in both eastbound and westbound lanes, stretching from Summit Road to Evergreen Court in Mountainside, County Police reported.

"This was an incident that — thanks to the calm and concerted efforts of our county workers — ended without accident and injury to civilians or our horses," said Freeholder Dan Sullivan, who monitors events at the stable.

"All involved in the rescue — parks, stable, county police, emergency management and surrounding municipal police departments — did a great job." County Manager George Devanney agreed. "An extraordinary effort and outstanding coordination brought about a happy and safe ending," Mr. Devanney added.

County Police Chief Daniel Vaniska said the incident that caused the horses to become frightened and burst through a locked gate appears to be an unknown but likely, random occurrence. He did note that it was the first time in recent memory that so many horses had escaped at one time during the nearly 80-year history of the county-operated stable.

The horses fortuitously turned westbound in their sprint onto Route

22 West from Summit Road and never jumped over the median to the east-bound side. In all, they were free for approximately a half hour before the roundup could be fully executed.

According to county authorities, some unknown incident caused 18 of 20 horses who were enjoying their normal morning outdoor time in the fenced paddocks area to become frightened, and burst through a locked gate around 8:15 a.m.

Fast-acting stable employees immediately called county police who assisted them as they coordinated a dramatic rescue of the frightened horses who had quickly galloped their way in a pack from the paddock onto the main road, Summit Lane in the Watchung Reservation.

The horses turned left on Summit Lane, and then made a right at Summit Road, which leads directly to Route 22 West from the reservation. The horses galloped about two miles from home before round up could peacefully start around 8:45 a.m.

The horses, reportedly among the elders at the stable, were rounded up in three groups and quietly walked back home by 9 a.m. They were wrapped with fresh blankets and dried off, Mr. D'Elia said.

The horses have been checked by a veterinarian, and it appears they are all ok, Parks Director Alfred Faella reported.

Located in the Mountainside section of the Watchung Reservation, the Watchung Stable has been owned and operated by the County of Union since 1933.

The Watchung Stable complex consists of a main barn which houses more than 90 county and privately owned horses, four riding rings, and a show ring. In addition, the barrier-free facility includes an isolation barn, numerous paddocks, hay and straw storage area and an equipment garage.

## Christie Seeks Pension Reform, An End to Teacher Tenure

TRENTON — Governor Chris Christie last week declared in his State of the State speech on January 11 that, "Our state is improving — getting better every day." But he vowed that there is no turning back — "not on my watch."

Looking ahead, the Governor said his first order of business is putting together a balanced budget which does not raise taxes. He also listed Legislature approval of his pension and benefits proposals and replacement of the teacher tenure system with one based merit as priorities for the year.

Governor Christie, noting that his administration closed a \$11-billion projected deficit in the Fiscal Year 2011 spending plan, warned lawmakers that the state's "long-term deficit problem is far from solved."

"We can't continue to spend money we don't have," the Governor said.

The Governor urged the Democratic majorities in both the Senate and the Assembly to consider the legislative package of pension and benefits reforms as they promised after approving the 2 percent caps on tax levy increases and on contract awards through arbitration.

"Now is the time for us to finish what we started last March," the Governor said. He noted that New Jersey is one of 11 states, whose pension funds will be "out of money" by 2020 if no action is taken.

The Governor said his pension and benefits reforms include raising the retirement age for public employees, curbing cost of living adjustments (COLAs) when inflation is low or non-existent, and requiring contributions into the pension system by both employees and the state.

On education reform the Governor pushed for ending the tenure system for retaining teachers and replacing it with one based on merit. He also said any teacher layoffs this year due to budget cuts should be based on merit and not on seniority.

"Teaching can no longer be the only profession where you have no rewards for excellence and no consequences for failure to perform," the Governor said. The Governor also listed approval of more charter schools to the list of 73 currently operating in New Jersey as a top priority, saying, "Over 100,000 students are trapped in nearly 200 failing schools."

"We must give parents and children a choice to attend better schools," Governor Christie said.

New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) President Barbara Keshishian said the teachers union is "eager and willing to enter the discussion over education and pension reform in New

Jersey, because we have much to add to that discussion."

"His (Governor Christie's) vision for pension reform is fatally flawed because he still refuses to admit his role in the state's failure to contribute one penny to the pension funds in 13 of the last 17 years," Ms. Keshishian said. "Slashing benefits and raising costs for employees will not solve the problem the state has created for itself. He must step up and lead by making regular, responsible state contributions. He finally said the state should do so, and we will hold him to that."

Reacting to the speech, Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver (D-34, East Orange) said, "It's been painfully clear throughout Governor Christie's first year in office that we are living in two very distinct and separate New Jerseys...In the other New Jersey, the reality the rest of us live in, families are paying more for less and systematically being forced out of their way of life."

Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21, Westfield) had a different take on the speech.

"Governor Christie's speech reminds us of the unfinished business left by the Democratic Majority in the Legislature: completing the tool kit (the Governor's reforms to help towns and school boards meet the new 2 percent cap on tax levies) to put a lid on property taxes, controlling the cost of state employee pensions and benefits, and creating permanent jobs by making it easier and cheaper to do business in New Jersey," Sen. Kean said.

"This must be the year of the taxpayer, when politics is put aside by all who serve in order to save our state from economic peril," Sen. Kean, Jr. said.

In his speech the Governor said the state's "unemployment rate has begun to drop — and today is below, not above, the national average." He said the state's unemployment rate was above 10 percent, "the highest in a generation, the highest in the region, and above the national average."

Charles Wolkanech, New Jersey State AFL-CIO president, representing one million union members, said Governor Christie failed to make job creation his top priority for 2011. "When Governor Christie was talking about the top three priorities for the State of New Jersey, he left out the most important one: jobs. We urge the Governor to make job creation more of a priority in 2011 by investing in infrastructure and construction. One main reason the unemployment rate has dropped is because people have been out of work so long that they have stopped looking and they no longer count as unemployed."

## Union County Lawmakers Oppose Ending Tenure

TRENTON — Senator Raymond Lesniak, Assembly Majority Leader Joe Cryan, and Assemblywoman Annette Quijano (all LD-20, Union) have taken a stance against Governor Chris Christie's call for the elimination of teacher tenure.

The Governor emphasized his position in his State of the State Address on January 11, stating, "The time to eliminate teacher tenure is now."

"Governor Christie's proposal to abolish teacher tenure from New Jersey public schools will have the same effect as his firing of qualified judges from the state courts — a muzzling of those who hold different political or policy views," Mr. Lesniak said.

"There is no denying that reforms are necessary to improve student outcomes and elevate the standard of education in New Jersey," Mr. Cryan said. "Make no mistake about it, we will

fully support fair-minded reforms that will help boost teacher performance in order to improve the quality of education for our students. But what we cannot allow to happen is the politicization of the classroom where teachers operate in constant fear of retribution over their political views or their election participation. This would undermine our very democracy."

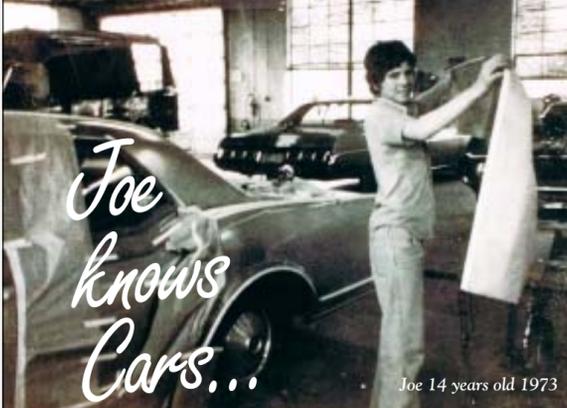
"We've seen the Governor take umbrage with teachers who hold opposing views points at his town hall meetings," Ms. Quijano said. "Imagine how this would play out at the local level if a teacher voices their opinion or refuses to participate financially in school elections. We need reforms that boost teacher performance by freeing them up to concentrate on the classroom, not distracting them with possible political repercussions."

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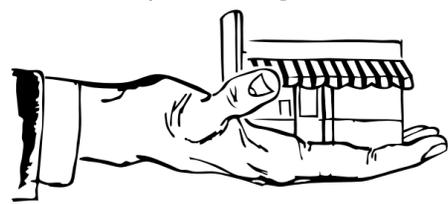
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# Lance Named to House Energy, Commerce Panel

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) has been appointed to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

"I am honored to have been selected by my colleagues to join the House Energy and Commerce Committee," Mr. Lance said. "This appointment will allow me to better represent the tens of thousands of New Jerseyans who work in the energy, health, telecommunications and life sciences industries. I look forward to working in a bipartisan capacity to help strengthen our state's economy and bring more jobs to the Garden State."

The committee has a broad legislative jurisdiction including national energy and environmental policy, health and health facilities, interstate and foreign commerce, consumer affairs and consumer protection, and travel and tourism. Mr. Lance said the panel's incoming chairman has indicated that his first priority was to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law "and replace it with common-sense reforms that include small business pooling and medical malpractice reform."

Mr. Lance's appointment adds to New Jersey's Seventh District's long history on service on the panel. His predecessor, Mike Ferguson, was a member of the committee from 2003 to 2008 and former Seventh District

Rep. Matthew Rinaldo served 17 years on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

In addition to his full committee assignment, Mr. Lance was appointed to the Health Subcommittee as well as the Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade Subcommittee. Mr. Lance said the Health Subcommittee appointment is particularly important to the more than 42,000 life sciences employees working in the Garden State.

"I'd like to congratulate Congressman Leonard Lance on being selected to the Energy and Commerce Committee," said House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-Mich.). "Since coming to Congress (in 2009), Leonard has been a champion for New Jersey's breakthrough biotechnology industry — opposing costly mandates under Obamacare and fighting against higher taxes, including those on medical device manufacturers."

The House Republican Conference approved Mr. Lance's appointment January 12 following the recommendation by the Republican Steering Committee — a panel composed of elected leadership, committee chairs, regional representatives and incoming first-term members. Mr. Lance leaves the House Financial Services Committee where he served during his first term in the nation's capital.

# Freeholder Sullivan Elected Chairman of NJTPA for '11

NEWARK — Union County Freeholder Dan Sullivan has been elected chairman of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) by the NJTPA's Board of Trustees. The NJTPA oversees regional transportation planning and annually authorizes more than \$1 billion in federal surface transportation funding for 13 counties in northern and central New Jersey.

"Transportation planning and investment is central to the future of Union County and the rest of our region," Mr. Sullivan said. "But we face many fiscal and economic challenges and must do more with less. I look forward to guiding the NJTPA over the coming year as we work to make our transportation system smarter and more efficient during these challenging times."

The other members of the NJTPA executive committee will continue to serve in their current positions: Morris County Freeholder Gene Feyl, first vice-chairman; Hudson County Executive Tom DeGise, second vice-chairman; Hunterdon County Freeholder Matt Holt, third vice-chairman; and Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, secretary.

At the meeting, the NJTPA also welcomed three new members of the Board of Trustees: Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan, Monmouth County Freeholder Thomas Arnone and Warren County Freeholder Jason Sarnoski.

Mr. Sullivan has served on the NJTPA Board of Trustees since 2000 and was chairman in 2006 and 2007. He has been a freeholder since 1995.

# Seminar Offered for Women Seeking to Run for Office

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Center for American Women and Politics at the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University is sponsoring its Ready to Run campaigning training for women on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19.

The bi-partisan program is for women who want to run for office, seek higher office, work on a campaign, get appointed to office or learn more about the political system. Attendees will learn from elected and appointed leaders, consultants, party officials and policy experts.

Included are "how to" instructions on running for office, fundraising and media skills, leadership, understanding party politics, and Internet strategies for politics.

Ready to Run features two tracks, one for those ready seek office immediately and one for those women who are interested in getting more involved in politics.

The registration fee is \$125 for those register by February 14 and \$150 after this date.

Sessions will be held Friday, March 18, from 4:15 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, March 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Pre-conference programs for women of color will be held March 18 from noon to 4 p.m. All sessions are at Douglass Campus, Rutgers-New Brunswick.

For more information, call (732) 932-9384 or write the Center for American Women and Politics, 191 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, N.J. 08901. Registration can also be done online at [http://cawp.rutgers.edu/education\\_training/ReadytoRun](http://cawp.rutgers.edu/education_training/ReadytoRun).



# Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times

**Wisconsin GOP Chair Priebus Replaces Steele as Head of RNC**  
Wisconsin Republican Chairman Reince Priebus has replaced Michael Steele as Republican National Committee (RNC) national chairman as the party enters the 2012 presidential election cycle. Mr. Steele dropped out of the race.

Mr. Priebus defeated former Bush administration official Maria Cino, former Missouri GOP Chairwoman Ann Wagner and Michigan National Committeeman Saul Anuzis. Ms. Cino was supported by House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio).

**Christie Speaks at MLK Breakfast in Plainfield**  
Governor Chris Christie made a surprise visit to Plainfield on Monday to attend the city's 35th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Breakfast, according to nj.com. The event came amid continuing gun violence in the city.

Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs thanked Governor Christie for speaking and said her administration was addressing the surge in gun violence. Forty-five persons were shot last year of which eight died. Five shootings have occurred this year, two of which were fatalities.

**Essex Assemblywoman Proposes License Plates for Bicycles**

Assemblywoman Cleopatra Tucker (LD-28, Newark) has proposed legislation that would require all bicycles in New Jersey to have license plates, nj.com has reported.

Their would be a \$10 annual fee to register them with the Division of Motor Vehicle Services and those riding unregistered bicycles would face a fine of up to \$100 for each offense.

**Rep. King Seeks Ban on Carrying Guns Near Federal Officials**

Rep. Peter King (R-N.Y.), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said last week that he would introduce legislation that would bar anyone from carrying a gun within 1,000 feet of a federal official. The bill comes in response to the shooting of Rep. Garielle Giffords (D-Ariz.) on January 8 outside an Arizona supermarket where she was holding a "Congress on Your Corner" constituent services event, according to news reports.

The New York Daily News reported that House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) are opposed to the legislation.

# Cty. Clerk's Office Revenue Stream Stayed Flat in '10

COUNTY — The economic recession continued to impact the housing market and foreclosure rate in Union County in 2010, according to Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi. In her annual report, Ms. Rajoppi, however, reported that her office saw an 8 percent decrease in volume from 92,000 to 84,000 in foreclosure recordings, indicating the foreclosure crisis might be over.

Pre-foreclosures topped 3,650, a decrease of 20 percent from 2009; concurrently, there was a drop in the volume of new homes and commercial properties recorded by the county.

Revenue derived from property recordings remained constant from 2009 at \$22 million for 2010, according to the report. The clerk's office recorded \$45.3 million in total revenue in 2007 and \$38.5 million in 2008 before plummeting to \$23.2 million in 2009.

The Union County Clerk's office also continued active participation in the countywide foreclosure task force designed to assist homeowners facing foreclosure.

The electronic scanning initiative, begun in 2007, grew through the volume expansion of its e-filing customer base. Thirty percent of all discharge recordings and 10 percent of all assignment recordings are received through e-filing, according to the report.

The County Clerk's Property website, a search engine for recorded documents, generated \$79,000 in revenue from memberships and renewals, almost double the revenue collected in 2009. Subscriptions ended in November 2010 due to new legislation allowing free access to all electronic records. To date, the index dating from 1977 is online; images of deeds and mortgages from 1986 are also online. More than 1.1 million customers accessed records on line in 2010, an increase of 25 percent over 2009.

Ms. Rajoppi reported that her office's election division saw a growth of vote-by-mail General Election lists of voters for future General Elections from 3,000 in 2009 to 8,000 last year. Vote-by-mail replaced the system of absentee ballots.

As part of its passport service, the clerk's office processed nearly 900 passports during National Passport Day last March. In addition, all

Passport staff attended what Ms. Rajoppi described as a "rigorous one-day training program" for certification in passport processing by the National Passport Office. In an effort to promote the importance of having passports, her office held community outreach events at fire departments and rescue squads around the county including Cranford, Fanwood and Westfield. This year the office will hold Passport Fairs at hospitals, colleges, high schools, and at local fairs.

Ms. Rajoppi said the county's Homeless Trust Fund, initiated by the Board of Chosen Freeholders in March 2010, has collected \$144,714 per a \$3 surcharge for all recorded documents in the clerk's office.

Looking ahead to 2011, the clerk's record room "will be reconfigured to take into account the removal of the [deed] books which have been scanned making it (the office) more customer friendly." In addition, Ms. Rajoppi said indices of maps from 1977 to present will be initiated for placement on the clerk's website along with an order form for easier access for title searchers and other website users. A search engine for trade names will also be initiated by the clerk's office this year.



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*Letters to the Editor*

### The Pension Truth Is Out There But Who's Going To Say It Out Loud?

To answer the questions in our editorial of January 13, 2011 about removing the New Jersey pension system from the hands of elected officials in order to save it:

No, we do not need elected officials to run this plan.

Since there is no independent federal oversight of public pension funding, as there has been in the private sector since 1974 with the ERISA law, it is elected officials who have been allowed to substitute political expediency for sound fiscal policy. Taking tough decisions on benefit and funding levels out of the hands of cowardly, innumerate political operatives is a requisite first step of any real reform.

Yes, there are people and organizations who can restructure the pension

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Diction Deception

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

**Answers to last week's arcane words.**

1. Fucivorous - Eating or subsisting on seaweed
2. Incogitativity - Without the power of thought
3. Tureen - A large deep dish with a lid
4. Tufa - A porous limestone formed by deposits from springs and streams

**EREMACAUSIS**

1. A slow combustion or oxidation of organic matter in the presence of air and water
2. Skilled in questioning or interrogation
3. An increase in red blood corpuscles in the fetus
4. Explosive discharge of vomit

**TRUMEAU**

1. A marsh at a river's mouth
2. An eyepatch
3. A pillar which supports the arch of a double door or opening
4. A wine glass used by sixteenth century French aristocracy

**CYESIOLOGY**

1. The branch of physiology that deals with pregnancy
2. The study of organisms existing in marshes and swamps
3. The branch of medicine dealing with diseases in birds, especially geese
4. The study of the mating habits of penguins

**INFUNDIBULIFORM**

1. Grooved or rutty
2. Elliptical in form
3. Having the shape of a funnel
4. Having no form or shape

## Is This Too Much Information, TMI? Tweet Me What UR up 2

As we Twitter in impatience for instant communication, are we losing the point? Sometimes though, good things can happen when we regain our senses.

Last Friday night at the Westfield-Scotch Plains wrestling match in Westfield, the start of the National Anthem was delayed by an audio glitch for perhaps 45 seconds—an eternity, dead silence. Then a lone voice broke the spell, a student without prompts or Power Point started to sing the words. Then more joined in. Shortly, the entire crowd began to sing—a stirring moment. Who would have thought that wrestlers would know the words. It was quite a reversal, were people communicated without the aid of machinery? Were they from today or from Generation X?

There are good examples in many places in the country where time can stand still for human decency. So little is said these days about the good things and about people acting kindly with each other. It shouldn't have to take a tragedy for people to care for their fellow man.

A Southwest pilot was recently lauded for holding a plane 12 minutes so that a grieving grandfather, rushing to his grandson's hospital bed to say goodbye before the doctor's pulled life support, would not miss the plane. The pilot should be recognized for his good deed, after all, by accommodating the grieving grandfather, he inconvenienced the other passengers by making them sit and wait for a whole 12 minutes.

Have we become so fast-paced that acronyms such as LOL, FYI and OMG, have replaced real words? Who has time to talk when we have to get to where we're going, do what we have to do ASAP.

Has Generation X been replaced with generation New-Now-Next? Can you know someone today without seeing their Facebook page? R U 2 lorn Oly frum twittr? We all want it now, it constantly has to be new and when it's been more than 12 minutes... next! — YGBKM.

Did the pilot do the right thing? BYL he did! But if we lived in a society that put the Now before the Next, this wouldn't have been news, only commonplace.

While you're spending precious time reading this, our point is how wonderful it was for our Westfield and Scotch Plains students to break into song last Friday—doing a wonderful thing, actually communicating with each other.

No time to think about that now, G2G, meeting my BFF, TTYL Tweet me what UR up2. Is this TMI?

### DWC Misunderstands Needs for On-Street Parking in Westfield

The Town of Westfield has wisely increased the time for "quick errand" parking in the downtown core by extending the free time (when you push the little button) for errands from 10 to 15 minutes. This indicates an understanding that short-term, nearby parking keeps traffic moving as spaces soon open up, which allows everyone some chance of getting on-street parking.

This is particularly important because the town has refused to place any handicapped parking spaces on our downtown streets, some of which (e.g., Quimby St.) are so far from the HC (handicapped) spots in the off-street parking lots that they are out of range for residents and shoppers with limited walking ability.

I say the "town" has refused because I know from personal communication that our administrator, Mr. Gildea, has tried to persuade the powers that be—the Town Council or the DWC?—that such on-street HC spots are needed.

Over the years, many older homeowners in town have told me they have given up on shopping in town because they cannot park near their destinations. How can we justify leaving the downtown core out of reach for our own citizens, not to mention out-of-town shoppers so valued by the DWC, including those who can't walk very far?

This year, the on-street meters were covered to match the free holiday parking programs of our neighboring towns, but Westfield is different: We are a shopping

Pamela Orbach  
Westfield

### Letters to the Editor

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### WACC Attacked?

It has been brought to our attention that someone is calling local businesses saying that they are raising money for the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. Please be advised that this person does not represent our organization. We do not have anyone calling to request donations. Please advise us if you are contacted by someone representing themselves as the WACC. Thank you for your help.

Neil Pinkman  
Executive Director  
WACC

### Resident Disappointed In WF Planning Board's Decision Regarding Preservation of Circa 1785 House

I read with great interest the article in last week's *Westfield Leader*, "Developer Relieved of Agreement to Preserve Circa 1785 House" written by Lauren Barr. It was a thorough review of the history of this issue that came before the Westfield Planning Board at their December meeting. The planning board voted 5-3 to allow developer Michael Mahoney be relieved of an agreement to preserve a circa 1785 house located at Karen Terrace and East Broad Street.

Many feel this is the most historical house in Westfield. The agreement was made in 2000 when the developer was granted a conforming three-lot subdivision on this property.

I want to thank Councilman Jim Foerst and planning board members Robert Newell and Mark LoGrippe for voting "no" in granting the developer the relief he was seeking to void the agreement and tear down the house. I was very disappointed in the planning board's decision and had hoped there would be a way to enforce the agreement the developer had made—even if it required legal action by the town.

It's unfortunate that this house sat on this property for so many years deteriorating and will now be another demolition by neglect in the Town of Westfield. Perhaps if the developer had focused on this property earlier, it could have been saved, moved to another location in town or a historic village such as the "East Jersey Olde Towne" on River Road in Piscataway.

The developer made no attempt to maintain or improve the condition of the house during this time, not even covering the roof from the elements when holes appeared and tree branches starting growing out of it. He stated that he did not "get around" to moving or fixing the house because he had "seven good years of construction and there were other projects to work on."

This agreement to preserve the house should have had a timeline and completion date monitored by Town of Westfield officials. The developer states he spent \$40,000 moving, stabilizing and evaluating the house on the lot, but this is a drop in the bucket compared to the houses he built and sold during the same time period.

The other issue at stake is property maintenance codes and enforcement. Because the developer entered into this agreement and deemed this an active worksite, it limited residents and neighbors other legal options that they may have been available to them should the house be allowed to deteriorate. The planning board chairman stated that the board did not have the authority to make him build the house and the only recourse was to enforce the town's property maintenance code. The chairman also stated that the maintenance codes were enforced and that the developer "did receive citations for property upkeep over the years."

This is not accurate. At the November planning board meeting, I went up to the microphone and asked the developer, who was testifying under oath, if he had been cited for property maintenance violations. He stated that he had not been cited, then corrected himself and stated he had been cited for grass height on two occasions. When I asked if he had been cited for any other violations, such as holes in the roof or porch, he said no.

I find it odd that he was cited for minor issues such as grass, but not for obvious structural problems. Other neighbors told me they were cited for grass and a fence line, but the dilapidated structure nearby did not receive a violation. How could this have been missed? East Broad Street is a gateway to Westfield and it's a shame that neighbors and residents have had to see this blighted property for many years on their way into town.

I hope we can learn from this experience and make improvements in the future when it comes to issues of property maintenance and enforcement, vacant buildings and monitoring developer's actions in the Town of Westfield. Any future agreements between developers and the Town of Westfield should be legally binding and strictly enforced regarding property maintenance codes.

Sharon Stockwell  
Westfield

### A Thank You? I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

I wanted to thank you for your wonderful review (January 13, 2011) on our current production of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. I only write this letter to you to inform you of a significant error in the review.

As you called it, "the most poignant number of the evening" is my favorite song in the show, "Shouldn't I be less in love with you." Unfortunately, your review gives the wrong actor credit for this song. It is in fact I, and not my wonderful co-star, Paul Salvatoriello, who performs this song. I am not an overly proud person searching for endless praise, but it did upset me on some level to see this error in the paper. It would have been a nice

Chris Mortenson  
Westfield Community Players

### Please Attend Jan. 27 High School Parking, Traffic Safety Meeting

On Thursday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield High School Gymnasium, the Town Council and Board of Education will conduct the first in a series of community outreach meetings to enhance traffic safety and discuss parking conditions in the Westfield High School neighborhood.

Please attend the upcoming January 27 meeting and future meetings to voice your thoughts for improving the safety of our neighborhood. The Town of Westfield has retained a traffic engineering consultant who has successfully assisted us with other projects in town.

After the initial meeting, the traffic engineering consultant will conduct field investigation to gather data, including peak periods of student parking during the year. The consultant engineer will then identify potential solutions for consideration.

As the Fourth Ward representatives to the Town Council, we continue to advocate for additional off-street parking at the high school and Armory to improve the safety and tranquility of our neighborhood. We encourage you to attend the upcoming meeting and to contact us for more information. Our e-mail addresses are jfoerst@westfieldnj.gov and kloughlin@westfieldnj.gov. Jim can be reached at (908) 233-3251 and Keith can be reached at (908) 233-9000.

James Foerst  
Keith Loughlin  
Councilmen, Ward 4

### FiveCents a Paper Was Like Becoming A Foreign Correspondent

Back in the early 1940's, *The Westfield Leader* offered me an intriguing opportunity. I was allowed to purchase as many copies of *The Leader* as I wanted at three cents a copy so that I could sell them at the regular price of five cents. For an 11-year-old kid, already delivering the New York and Newark dailies and enthralled with the newspaper business, that was like becoming a foreign correspondent!

Now I am trying to recount that experience in writing for my family, and I have forgotten the names of the editor and publisher of the leader at that time. Can you help me?

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Editor's Note: Hello Donald, I believe it was the Lee family then. You can download *The Westfield Leader* from the 1940s (actually back as far as 1907). Go to goleader.com/archives. From this, the editors would be listed.

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Donald Miller  
Arlington, Va.

### Thank You for Wrestling Friday Night in Westfield To fightSMA

The New Jersey Chapter of fightSMA, together with the Higgins family, would like to extend its most sincere thanks to Coach Glen Kurz and the Westfield High School Wrestling team for recognizing and supporting our fight against Spinal Muscular Atrophy at its match against Scotch Plains on Friday, January 14, 2011. A special thank you to Eric Zakarin along with all of the parents who organized and participated in this event.

Maureen Higgins  
President, NJ Chapter of fightSMA

### Greet the Penn State Students in Westfield This Weekend

Students from Penn State, School of Theatre THON will be in Westfield this weekend Canning for Cancer. Penn State is home of the largest student-run philanthropy in the world! The students have been raising funds and awareness for the fight against pediatric cancer every year since 1977.

Greg Ryan  
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### NEWS BRIEF

### Bramnick Calls for Renewal of Civility

Assemblyman Jon Bramnick of Westfield has asked the Assembly Speaker to post Assembly Resolution 19, which encourages New Jersey residents to treat each other with civility and respect. The bipartisan resolution, which was introduced in 2005, asks New Jerseyans and Legislators to join together to promote kindness and civility in our society. "It has been six long years since this measure was introduced," Mr. Bramnick said. "The time is right for the Legislature to take up this important issue. We could only benefit from a calm and respectful discourse as we strive for bipartisanship on important reforms for our state." AR-19, also sponsored by Assemblyman Gordon Johnson (D-Bergen), would create a campaign for civility across New Jersey.

### Governor Probes PV Sewerage Comm.

TRENTON — Tuesday, Governor Christie's administration sent letters to each of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners demanding that they produce all relevant information relating to the hiring practices and explain compensation and perks at the PVSC. The Governor lacks veto authority over the PVSC, but is pressuring the Commissioners to reform in accordance with sound ethical and fiscal practices.

## Westfield Hot Spots and Traffic Calming Researched by Resident

*Editor's note: This letter is addressed to the Westfield Town Council and copied to this newspaper.*

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The engineering firm Keller and Kirkpatrick was retained by the Town of Westfield to make studies of eight different locations that were considered "hot spots" with regards to "traffic calming" and pedestrian safety. Gordon Meth of Keller and Kirkpatrick authored a report that contains the findings of those studies and his report is dated July 26, 2005.

The table of contents of the report, which is titled "Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements For Eight (8) Locations," refers to an "Introduction" and "Public Outreach Process" and then lists each of the eight locations. The seventh location listed is "Central and Clover." This designation is again stated in the "Introduction" of the report.

Page 30 of the report begins the findings concerning "Central Ave. and Clover St." The "Issues" section refers to the first meeting, at which there were 30 attendees, not the hundreds to which reference has been made.

The "Traffic Facts" section refers to studies at both Central Ave. and Cedar St., and Central Ave. and Clover St. Clover St. traffic consists of approximately 250 vehicles per hour during the morning peak hour and there were 10 motor vehicle collisions in six years at this intersection. "Solutions" recommendations included prohibiting left turns into or out of Cedar St. during peak hours and school crossing hours, a pedestrian activated traffic signal at the location and re-location of the crosswalk to the location, and coordinate traffic light with Central Ave. and Clifton St./Sycamore to create gaps for Cedar St.

The "Implementation Issues" acknowledged that the town needed the county's concurrence.

Page 2 of this report delineates the dates of the public meetings and the subject matter of each meeting. March 23, 2005 was a meeting in the Community Room of Town Hall to discuss "issues and concerns" for four locations, one of which was Central and Clover.

May 9, 2005, was a meeting at the same location to discuss "initial concepts" for four sites one of which was Central and Clover.

June 22, 2005, was the date of the last Public Outreach at Town Hall to "finalize concepts" for four sites, one of which is Central and Clover.

Up to this point, June 22, 2005, there is no mention of placing any traffic device anywhere other than Central Ave. and Clover St. except one reference to Central and Cedar. There is no discussion recorded concerning the placement of a traffic device anywhere other than at an intersection.

On June 23, 2005, one day after the last public meeting, a drawing was created to indicate a crossing south of Clover St. and opposite the proposed cul-de-sac of Cambridge Rd.

Mr. Meth, the engineer, knows what occurred between June 22 and June 23 2005, which resulted in this new location, and he declines to answer questions.

If we fast forward to 2008, the county hired the Louis Berger Group to study the problem. Some protection has been sought by the town from the title of the study, "Pedestrian Signal Between the Intersections of Central Avenue with Clover Street and Rodger Avenue." While a sophist might seek sanctuary in the title, his safety is destroyed by the first sentence in the report (Signal Warrant Analysis) that was filed. The first sentence reads as follows, "This section presents the methodology and the analysis used to perform pedestrian signal warrant study at the intersection of Central Avenue and Clover Street."

Every reference and every designation of the county study refers to Central and Clover. All the pedestrian and automatic traffic recorder counts were at the crosswalk North of Cambridge Road. The first

### County Sets Spanish Foreclosure Guidance

ELIZABETH -- Condado de Union, NJ -- Un foro de educación pública en idioma Español, denominado "Ejecución de Embargos Hipotecarios: Moviéndose del Miedo a la Acción Positiva," se efectuará el domingo, 30 de enero de 2011 a la una de la tarde en el auditorio de la Iglesia del Santísimo Sacramento, 1096 North Avenue, Elizabeth. El evento es gratuito y abierto al público.

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## Letters to the Editor

### These Two Groups Are Of Course The Legislators and The Freeholders

I believe I have solved the conundrum in N.J. about funding government programs along with accountability of politicians, and accountability of voters' philosophical differences.

In this state, there appears to be two types of people. The common thread between the two groups is that we all care with compassion towards others. The disparity is that one group would rather volunteer other people's money to solve all problems, while the other feels those in need should try to help themselves. The simplistic descriptions of these two groups are of course the liberals and the conservatives.

The premise is based on the politicians either creating programs that require taxpayer funding or coming up with ideas for government spending cuts. This would elicit the carrot or the stick approach of accountability. This premise is for N.J. only for now, but could work in other states also.

Let's take the state Legislature first. If a state legislator drafts a state program that costs more taxpayer money, if he thinks it's such a great idea then he should take the lead and pay the first \$5,000 out of his pocket. The other legislators that vote yes on it then would pay \$2,000 out of their pocket since they agree on the spending program.

If a legislator votes no, he does not pay anything out of pocket. Here's the tricky part. The constituents in those districts of those legislators that voted for the spending program, since they voted those legislators in, would each then be billed \$25.

All numbers can be adjusted more for a workable system of course. Further defining of the overlapping senatorial and assembly districts may have to be worked out since its not one for one in area.

The next level down is the county government. Same principle applies here also. Since a freeholder lives in a certain town, if that freeholder dreams up a county spending program, then the constituents in that town would foot a bill, say \$25 for the county program. The freeholder who proposed it would pay out of pocket \$2,000 and those that voted in agreement would each pay \$1,000 along with their town residents now footing a bill of \$25 also. If they are voted "at-large," this may end up precluding having more than one freeholder coming from a single town.

However, the town local level is too intricate and they are already more directly responsible to their residents so their spending or cutting of programs will not come into the mix.

On the flip side, if a legislator votes for a spending cut then he gets back \$2,000 into his pocket and those that vote yes get

\$1,000 back into their pocket. And the constituents of their districts get a credit of \$15. If a county freeholder comes up with a spending cut, he gets back \$500 into his pocket and the residents of the town he lives in get a credit of \$15.

The bill with the credits or dunning would arrive around October to each residents mailbox so they can see how and what their "favorite son or daughter" did. If that legislator agreed on more than one spending program in the year, then the bill would reflect a multiple bill of X times \$25, along with any credits if he had also voted for spending cuts. Each constituent in that district would be billed this whether they voted for that legislator or not.

The fairness here is that it would spur more people to recognize just what their legislator is doing down in Trenton. Voter turnout would be huge if they do not like it that the elected official is coming up with nothing but spending programs. Or for those that agree with him, they sit back and pay that extra money bill since they must agree to these liberal spending programs.

The main motivation in this would be to have the legislators and freeholders try to come up with spending cuts to offset the spending programs. The reason the credits are lower is that would motivate the legislators to possibly balance out the bill with more spending cuts hopefully. Plus it would make the legislator think twice about campaigning on all the feel good spending programs he wants. Revenue-neutral programs would start to make their appearance big time.

All this extra money being billed would be from who is really agreeing to all the spending programs in this state. This finally puts the onus of accountability directly on the legislators and the voters that voted them in. And taxpayer awareness of their government would definitely increase. This appears to be infallible. I say we start by next year.

Bruce Paterson  
Garwood



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## Policies of New Cranford Committee Are Challenged by Township Resident

Those casting votes in anger at the new sewer fee (not tax) got more than they bargained for at the 2011 re-organization meeting of the Cranford Township Committee. Cranford took giant steps backwards as the Democrat majority of Aschenbach, O'Malley, and Campbell abandoned the Fair and Open Process for awarding professional and legal services contracts. The process is a state best practice, and abandoning it may have implications regarding state aid, despite assurances to the contrary from the ethically challenged Democrat trio.

The absurd claims by Aschenbach that barring O'Malley and Campbell from closed session meetings of the 2010 Township Committee resulted in the appointment irregularities/illegalities is but one of many examples of Aschenbach's misstatements at the January 1, 2011, fiasco. Why would the 2010 committee hold closed sessions to discuss 2011 appointments when neither then Mayor Smith nor Deputy Mayor Garcia were to serve on the 2011 Township Committee? Answer: there were NO closed session Township Committee meetings dealing with 2011 appointments, and the comments of Commissioners Robinson and Dugan indicate that they were not involved in the Democrats' 2011 appointment process.

Therefore, Aschenbach, O'Malley and Campbell met in their own closed sessions to make decisions, appoint Democrat favorites, and exclude Republican members of the Township Committee. To blame the 2010 Township Committee for the appointment mess created by the Democrats is offensive. And Aschenbach's insincere and incessant mantra of "bipartisanship" is insulting as well. He is the one who practices "mean spirited politics."

The Democrat majority is already way beyond "spin" as they follow the lies of the campaign of 2010 with the lies of

2011. The lies are cunningly designed to dismantle the good government model created during the past four years. Barely half a day into 2011, Aschenbach, O'Malley, and Campbell brought the Union County Democrats' assault on ethics back to town. The stench of backroom deals cut by the sewer tax three is just a prelude; get your checkbooks ready...the "Ascentax" sewer bill cannot be far behind.

Chris O'Brien  
Cranford

### Linked to Pelosi Got Rep. Pascrell's Knickers in a Knot

In a debate this past October, [Republican] challenger Roland Straten linked U.S. Congressman Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.) to Nancy Pelosi, which got Pascrell's knickers in a knot: "Nancy Pelosi is not on this stage, I'm on this stage."

If Pascrell doesn't want to be linked to Pelosi, then why - this past January 5 - did Pascrell vote for Pelosi to remain U.S. Speaker of the House? Pascrell was one of 173 lemming-like Democrats to vote for her to retain her (thankfully, now former) role as Speaker. So, as it turns out, Straten was absolutely right: a vote for Pascrell is a vote for Pelosi.

Shame on Pascrell for lacking the guts to join the 19 of his Democratic colleagues who voted for someone other than Pelosi, one of the most harmful Speakers in American history.

Mark Kalinowski  
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## Dental Update

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

### PREVALENCE OF GUM DISEASE HIGHER THAN ESTIMATED

The incidence of gum disease in U.S. adults may have been underestimated by as much as 50 percent. This surprising news comes from a pilot study funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Oral Health, which conducted full-mouth, comprehensive, periodontal examinations on more than 450 adults over age 35. When the findings were compared with previous (partial-mouth) studies, it was found that the prevalence of moderate to severe gum disease may have been underestimated by 50 percent. This finding has serious implications because periodontal (gum) disease is an inflammatory condition that not only can lead to tooth loss, but it has been linked with other chronic inflammatory diseases including diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and rheumatoid arthritis.

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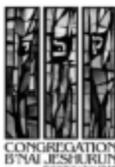
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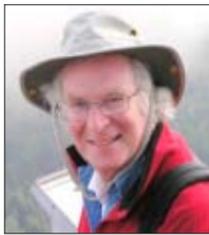
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### Ralph Copleman, 65, Leader, Mentor For Sustainable Community Projects

Ralph Samuel Copleman, 65, died suddenly but peacefully on Thursday, January 6, 2011, in New York's Mount Sinai Hospital.

was a founding member of the Future Search Network. Since 1979, he had guided individuals, non-profits and companies in long-range planning as a management consultant.



Ralph S. Copleman

Born on March 22, 1945 in Shirley, Mass., he resided in Lawrenceville, N.J. He leaves his beloved wife of 42 years, Joyce Meyer Copleman; two sons, Paul (Andrea) and Andrew (Meckenzie); a two-year-old grandson, Benjamin Douglas Copleman; a sister, Marti Copleman; in-laws, Ellen and Edward Joseph and Ollie Rosengart; nephew, Eric Joseph; numerous cousins; hundreds of friends, colleagues and neighbors, and several communities and organizations representing his wide-ranging vocations and avocations.

While leading Sustainable Lawrence, he mentored many individuals and communities locally and across the country, assisting and consulting with nascent organizing groups dedicated to creating sustainable communities.

The son of Benjamin Copleman, M.D. and Grace Levine Copleman, late of Freehold, N.J., Ralph spent his childhood years in Perth Amboy and Westfield, N.J. He graduated from the Peddie School in Hightstown, N.J., earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Tufts University (1967), and holds a Masters in Public Relations from Boston University (1972).

In Ralph's memory, donations may be made to The Nature Conservancy by calling (800)628-6860 or mailing them to 4245 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, Va. 22203-1606. Please reference account number 212-8171 when making the donation.

Ralph was well known in the fields of Organizational Development and Organizational Transformation and

### Arlene Santo Salvo, 72, Local Resident; Was Golfer at Plainfield Country Club

Arlene J. Santo Salvo, 72, passed away on Saturday, January 15, 2011, at Brandywine Assisted Living in Colts Neck. Formerly of South River, she moved to Scotch Plains in 1958, where she lived until moving to Edison in 1985.

James; her niece, Karen Flad, and her nephews, Joe and David Carstens.

Arlene was a former member of the Plainfield Country Club, where she played in the ladies nine hole group.

The funeral will be at 8:45 a.m. Friday, January 21, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Funeral Mass will follow at 9:30 a.m. at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Her husband, Thomas, former mayor of Scotch Plains, predeceased her in 1999.

Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, January 20, at the funeral home.

Surviving are her daughter, Deborah J. Tallman (Francis); two sons, Thomas D. Santo Salvo (Evelyn) and Commander John T. Santo Salvo (Elizabeth), U.S. Navy, retired; two sisters, Doris Carstens (F. Joseph) and LaVerne Sack-Lenert; four grandchildren, Laura, Caroline, Joseph and

Those who wish may make contributions to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org), 400 Morris Avenue, Suite 251, Denville, N.J. 07834.

### Francis X. Scott, Jr., 74, Family Man; WHS Assistant Principal and Realtor

Francis X. Scott, Jr., 74, of Barnegat Light, N.J., passed away on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at Southern Ocean Medical Center in Manahawkin.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Arlene M. (née Diziki); four children, Cindy Scott of Bandera, Tex., Erin Scott of Hatfield, Mass., Kelly Warren and her husband, Brendan, of Downingtown, Pa. and Allison Korner and her husband, Guy, of Senoia, Ga.

Born and raised in Bayonne, N.J., he subsequently moved to Westfield, where he lived and raised his family. Upon retirement in 1998, Frank and his wife, Arlene, moved to Barnegat Light.

After her marriage, she relocated to Fanwood, where she was active in many community organizations including the Fanwood Republican Club and the Philathalians Theatre Group. In 1974, she opened The Doll's Corner, an antique doll restoration hospital in Scotch Plains, which she ran until her retirement in 2002.

Frank was employed by the Westfield school district as an assistant principal at Westfield High School. Prior to working in administration, he was an English teacher, yearbook advisor and chairman of the English Department at Westfield High. Once retired from education, Frank worked as a realtor on Long Beach Island.

An avid doll collector, Lee was a member of The Keepsake Doll Club - serving as president many times over the last 30 years. She also

Frank's life centered on his family, enjoying time with his wife, children and eight grandchildren. Much of his spare time was spent gardening and shopping, as well as keeping up on the latest movies and political news and commentary.

A Memorial Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, January 22, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, 4700 Long Beach Boulevard, Brant Beach, N.J. 08008.

Frank was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Parish in Brant Beach, Long Beach Island.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Boulevard, Suite 1010, Rockville, ND 20852 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

## Obituaries

### Susan E. Martin, 61, Nature Enthusiast; Was Executive and Project Manager

Susan Ellen Martin, 61, of Greenfield, Mass. died peacefully Wednesday morning, January 12, at home after a long battle with uterine cancer.

She was born May 9, 1949 in Jamaica, N.Y., the daughter of Thomas and Audrey (Goldhammer) Martin, and grew up in Fanwood, N.J. She graduated in 1967 from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and in 1971 from Douglass College (Rutgers University) in New Brunswick, N.J. with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.



Susan Ellen Martin

Susan moved to Greenfield in 1985, where she served as president of Essential Gear, Inc. Previously, she was a vice-president of Summit Bank in Cranford, N.J. and a project manager with AT&T in Basking Ridge, N.J.

Surviving are her husband, Robert F. Walker, Jr.; her mother, Audrey Martin of Basking Ridge; her brothers, Richard (Sharmisa) Martin of Truckee, Calif., Jeffrey (Kathy) Martin of Littleton, Colo. and Thomas, Jr. (Lisa) Martin of Sequim, Wash.; her nieces, Erica and Astrid Martin, and her nephew, Zach Martin.

Also surviving are her brother-in-law, Kenneth (Judith) Walker of Crown Point, Ind., and sister-in-law, Sally Walker Olar Kisselbach of Loveland, Colo.; her nieces, Rachel Walker Baker, Jennifer Walker, Katherine Walker Haan, Kristin Olar and Ruth Kisselbach Brunner; her nephews, Nathan Walker, Paul David Kisselbach and Christopher Walker; her great-nephews, Benjamin Baker and Tobin Hood, and her great-nieces, Grace Baker and Karlee Brunner.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 29, 2011, at the North Leverett Baptist Church in Leverett, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Athol Bird and Nature Club, 100 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331 to support and encourage the club's youth program, where young people are taken on field trips to learn more about nature and the environment.

January 20, 2011

### Alicia Paardecamp, 83, Enjoyed Travel; Had Been Owner of The Doll's Corner

Alicia "Lee" Paardecamp, 83, died on Thursday, January 13, 2011, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Rahway after a long illness.

served as Region 13 Director to the United Federation of Doll Clubs.

Born in Hollis, Queens, N.Y., she made Fanwood her home with her husband and children for the past 55 years.

She had a passion for travel and was able to visit many countries around the world for both business and pleasure.



Alicia 'Lee' Paardecamp

Raised in Jamaica Estates, N.Y., Mrs. Paardecamp was a graduate of Mary Louis Academy and the Katharine Gibbs School in New York. Early in her career, she worked for Harper's BAZAAR and later Aviation Weekly when she learned to fly.

At home, she was a devout member of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

After her marriage, she relocated to Fanwood, where she was active in many community organizations including the Fanwood Republican Club and the Philathalians Theatre Group. In 1974, she opened The Doll's Corner, an antique doll restoration hospital in Scotch Plains, which she ran until her retirement in 2002.

Surviving are John, her husband of 60 years, and her daughter, Karen, of Fanwood. She was predeceased by her sons, James (1985) and Robert (2004).

An avid doll collector, Lee was a member of The Keepsake Doll Club - serving as president many times over the last 30 years. She also

The funeral was held on Tuesday, January 18, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Mass of Christian Burial followed at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Interment took place at Calvary Cemetery in Woodside, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Boulevard, Suite 1010, Rockville, ND 20852 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a favorite charity.

The Bugbee-Riggs Funeral Home of Ship Bottom is in charge of the arrangements.

For additional information or to sign the guestbook, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

January 20, 2011

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Westfield

Tuesday, January 11, a resident of the 500 block of Summit Avenue reported that her motor vehicle was burglarized while parked overnight on the street in that area. A GPS unit, valued at \$150, was taken from the vehicle.

on a \$233 outstanding warrant issued by the Elizabeth Court following a motor vehicle stop on Raritan Road. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Thursday, January 13, Randa Adamo, 50, of Westfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting on the 600 block of West North Avenue. She was processed and released on her own recognizance.

Saturday, January 15, Tyrone Parrish, 24, of Orange was arrested on a \$643 outstanding warrant issued by the Elizabeth Court, after being stopped for a motor vehicle violation on Route 22. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, January 15, Dylan Welsh, 23, of Edison was arrested on the 700 block of West North Avenue and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI). He was processed and held pending release to a responsible individual.

Saturday, January 15, Donald Patterson, 30, of Scotch Plains was arrested on a \$994 outstanding warrant issued by the Scotch Plains Court following a motor vehicle stop on Park Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, January 15, Kyle Harvin, 34, of Westfield was arrested at Fanwood police headquarters on an active Westfield warrant. He was processed and lodged at the Union County jail on \$500 bail.

Monday, January 10, Marcus Phillip, 20, of Plainfield was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 and charged with possession of more than 50 grams of suspected marijuana, possession with the intent to distribute, resisting arrest and an outstanding warrant out of Somerset County for theft by deception. According to police, Phillip was asked to step out of the vehicle, at which time he attempted to flee. The suspect was subdued at the scene, and a check of his person revealed a large quantity of tightly wrapped suspected marijuana weighing approximately half a pound, authorities said. Phillip was transported to police headquarters, processed and turned over to the Union County jail in lieu of \$8,000 bail.

### Scotch Plains

Monday, January 10, a student at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools reported that someone removed his iPod, valued at approximately \$180, from his desk.

Monday, January 10, Marcus N. Phillip, 20, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) following a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Tuesday, January 11, Jonathan Nunnalley, 20, of Irvington was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after a motor vehicle stop. According to police, the officer smelled the strong odor of burnt marijuana and observed the paraphernalia in plain view. Nunnalley admitted to smoking the marijuana and that the paraphernalia was his, police said. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Monday, January 11, Karla V. Ortiz, 25, of Perth Amboy was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Tuesday, January 11, a resident of Jerusalem Road reported that an acquaintance of his yelled at him and threatened to damage his property.

Friday, January 14, Kehinde M. Adeliyi, 44, of Newark was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Wednesday, January 12, Daniel McNamara, 23, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana and on an outstanding warrant. According to police, an officer was responding to a report of a suspicious person walking, and upon arrival, the officer stopped McNamara and discovered he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. While searching him after the arrest, the officer located the suspected marijuana in McNamara's possession, according to police. McNamara was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released after posting bail.

Friday, January 14, Lekita N. Rice, 27, of Plainfield was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Thursday, January 13, a resident of Mountain Avenue reported being harassed after receiving multiple calls from an unknown caller.

Sunday, January 16, a resident of Sunrise Parkway came into police headquarters to report that she had been receiving harassing text and phone messages from her cousin. According to police, the victim believes the ranting could be the result of drug abuse.

Thursday, January 13, a resident of Grand Street reported being the victim of an attempted burglary. According to police, sometime during the day, the suspect tried to enter the victim's residence through a side first-floor window. The screen was missing and the window frame was damaged, but entry was not gained, police said.

Sunday, January 16, Lavoy Lawson, Jr., 32, of Union was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Friday, January 14, a resident of Plainfield Avenue reported that, sometime overnight, someone unknown scratched the driver's side door to her motor vehicle while it was parked in front of her house.

Sunday, January 16, Lavoy Lawson, Jr., 32, of Union was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Friday, January 14, Sean McKiernan, 19, of Middlesex was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. According to police, he was stopped for a motor vehicle violation on Terrill Road, and the officer observed the paraphernalia in plain view. McKiernan was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Saturday, January 15, Zaidaly Cabrera, 27, of Linden was arrested

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### Arabel Boulden, 96, Longtime Member, Secretary at FUMC in Scotch Plains

Arabel Z. Boulden, 96, died on Thursday, January 13, 2011, at her home in Scotch Plains.

her husband, John; her sisters, Elizabeth White, Mary Duncan, Katherine Emmons and Anna Ziesel, and her brothers, George C. Ziesel and Albert R. Ziesel.

Born in Bridgeton, N.J., she lived in Scotch Plains for many years.

Surviving is her daughter, Betty Ann Bagan, and her husband, Frank; her grandson, Nicholas; two sisters, Ruth Welsh and Leona Ziesel, and her devoted and loving caregiver, Magda, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Boulden worked as church secretary at the First United Methodist Church in Scotch Plains, where she was a longtime member. She also was a member of United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Boulden was predeceased by

A memorial service was held on Monday, January 17, at the First United Methodist Church in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076 or to Atlantic Hospice, 33 Bleeker Street, Millburn, N.J. 07041.

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Ms. Erin Ann Watson and Ross Harris Mullman

## Ms. Erin Ann Watson To Wed Ross Harris Mullman

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watson of Ortle Beach, formerly of Fanwood, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Erin Ann Watson, to Ross Harris Mullman. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sy Mullman of Springfield.

A 2001 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, the bride-to-be received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in

2005 from Pennsylvania State University. She is employed as an elementary teacher in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district.

The future bridegroom graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School in 1999 and from Northeastern University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. He is a bond salesman for UBS in Manhattan.

The couple will be married in the spring of 2011.

### DePrimos Welcome Daughter, Carina Lily

Sam and Kathryn DePrimo of San Carlos, Calif. have announced the birth of their daughter, Carina Lily DePrimo, on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 4:12 a.m. at Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City, Calif.

Carina weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces and measured 20½ inches in length at birth. She joins her sister, Isabella Rose, age 3½.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Frank and Kathy Mulvaney of Westfield, N.J. Sam and Phyllis DePrimo of Pittston, Pa. are her paternal grandparents.

Carina's maternal great-grandmother is Betty Dixon of Palo Alto, Calif.

### Seasons to Hear Talk On Successful Aging

WESTFIELD - Frank Matthews from the Robert Wood Johnson Speakers Bureau will speak to the Seasons group on Wednesday, January 26, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church. He will discuss successful aging in a program entitled "Lifestyle versus Heredity."

SEASONS is a support group for divorced, separated and widowed individuals of all faiths, as well as for anyone who has experienced the loss of a relationship. It is designed to provide assistance in the journey toward healing of emotions and spirit through group discussions, guest speakers and social activities.

Meetings are held from 7:15 to 9 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays in the St. Helen's Church Activities Center building, located at 1600 Rahway Avenue in Westfield. For more information, call Joan Hernandez at (908) 232-3874 or Bob Laudati at (908) 322-7762.

## Birding Seminar to Be Held As Prelude to Annual Count

FANWOOD - In preparation for the 14th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), the Fanwood Environmental Commission will present a birding seminar on Saturday, January 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Forest Road Park building in Fanwood. The rain date is the following Saturday, February 5.

Birding expert Holly Hoffman will discuss how to attract birds to a backyard feeder. Pre-registration is required for this event, since space is limited. To register, download the form at fanwoodec.org or pick up one from Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue.

Individuals are asked to drop off completed registration forms by Wednesday, January 26, at Borough Hall. They also may call to register at (908) 322-8236 or e-mail their registration to fanwoodec@fanwoodec.org.

Various bird-related activities and games also will be featured at the event, during which participants will learn how to identify birds and how they adapt to different habitats. Girl Scout Cadettes Lisa Staniec, Amanda Karacsony and Elizabeth Hom from Troop No. 40785 will assist the commission as part of earning their Silver Award.

Participants will learn to count birds for the GBBC and to make and take a simple backyard bird feeder. Door prizes also will be featured. Birders of all ages and skill levels are welcome at this free event. Participation counts towards requirements of certain Girl Scout badges and Boy Scout merit badges.

Participants are invited to return to the Fanwood Nature Center over Presidents' Day weekend, February 18 to 21, to count birds for the GBBC. Led by the Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the GBBC is a "citizen science project" in which people from all over North America are invited to count birds in their backyards, parks and open spaces and enter their tallies online at birdcount.org.

These reports create a real-time picture of where birds are across the continent and contribute information for science and conservation. For more, visit birdsources.org/gbbc/.

The Fanwood Nature Center, spanning eight acres, is located on Cray Terrace in Fanwood, off of Terrill Road. It has been home to many types of birds, including cardinals, woodpeckers, finches and scarlet tanagers.

## FCC to Explore Spirituality Regarding Death and Dying

WESTFIELD - The First Congregational Church will offer a special adult education program beginning Monday, January 24, on the spirituality of death and dying. According to an overview of the program, the spirituality of death and dying often takes a back seat to the medical, emotional and financial aspects.

Led by the Reverend John A. Mills, chaplain for Homeside Hospice, the course will focus on the spiritual issues and needs of the dying and their loved ones. It will be held on five consecutive Monday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church's Chapel Lounge. All classes will be free and open to the public.

The program will begin with "Death and Dying Discernment," an opportunity for participants to discuss their own feelings on the topic. The second session, on January 31, will explore questions surrounding coping and the afterlife. The third session, on February 7, will focus on spiritual decisions that must be made when completing a living will. On February 14, the program will clarify hospice services and

moral decisions surrounding end-of-life care. The program will conclude on February 21 with a discussion on how loved ones can care for a dying person's spiritual needs.

A separate adult study program, entitled "It's All About the Questions," will be held on consecutive Tuesday evenings from January 25 through February 22. While Jesus' stories and deeds form most of what people understand of him, this five-week unit will focus on some of the critical questions that Jesus asks in the Gospels.

Through these questions, such as "Who do you say that I am?" and "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus points toward the essence of faith. The class will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church's Chapel Lounge and is free and open to the public.

The First Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, is located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield. For additional information, call the church office at (908) 233-2494 or visit fccwestfield.org.

## AAI Meeting to Feature Talk on Star Formations

CRANFORD - Amateur Astronomers, Inc. will conduct its monthly membership meeting tomorrow, Friday, January 21, at 8 p.m. in the Roy Smith Theater in the Nomahegan Building at Union County College, located at 1033 Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

Immediately following the business meeting, at approximately 8:45 p.m., the club will present a lecture entitled "Star Formation: What's New?" Loring "Ken" Garrison, an Associate Professor of Physics at Ocean County College, will be the featured speaker. He also serves as assistant director of the newly reopened and renovated Novins Planetarium.

Professor Garrison will cover a review of research, including techniques, equipment and personalities involved, concerning the current status and latest results in star formation.

Following the talk, attendees will be invited to gather at the William Miller Sperry Observatory on campus for refreshments and the chance to look through the largest telescopes in the area (weather permitting.) The Sperry Observatory also is open to the public every Friday evening between 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. for an informal talk and observing. For more information, visit asterism.org or call (908) 276-STAR. Admission and parking will be free.



Ms. Lauren E. Coltrera and Ryan W. Clark

## Ms. Lauren E. Coltrera To Wed Ryan W. Clark

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coltrera of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Lauren E. Coltrera, to Ryan W. Clark. He is the son of Mrs. Kevin Huck of Naperville, Ill. and William Clark of Union.

A 2001 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride-to-be was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Elementary Education from Roanoke College in Salem, Va. in

2005. She is employed as a third grade teacher in Westfield.

The future groom graduated from Summit High School in 2001 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich. in 2005. He is employed with BlackRock in Plainsboro, N.J.

The couple will be married in August 2011.

## 'Fashion, Food and Fun' To Benefit CBI and ECF

SCOTCH PLAINS - Congregation Beth Israel and the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation are collaborating to host their third annual day of "Fashion, Food and Fun" on Sunday, February 13, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the synagogue.

Proceeds from the fashion show will benefit the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides emotional and material support to New Jersey children with cancer and their families, and Congregation Beth Israel, both located in Scotch Plains.

Lord & Taylor of Westfield will provide men's, women's and children's clothing, to be modeled by volunteers from Congregation Beth Israel and the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation.

"The fashion show is a lot of fun for the spectators as well as the participants, so we're excited to host it for a third year," said Davida Berkowitz, executive director of Congregation Beth Israel. "And when we team up with the

Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, we know that we are helping a great cause."

The fashion show is open to the community. The first 100 pre-registered guests will receive gift bags. A raffle will be held with prizes for all ages, and light refreshments will be served at the event.

To register, call the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830. Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way, at the corner of Martine Avenue, in Scotch Plains.

### Family Gym Fun Set This Sunday at 'Y'

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Area "Y" will host a free special family gym fun and indoor playtime event from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 23, at the Main "Y" facility, located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield.

Open to all families with children ages 9 months through 5 years old, the event will feature new, soft-play equipment designed for young children. Youngsters will have an opportunity to climb, tunnel, balance, make music and navigate an obstacle course while developing their gross-motor skills and balance in a fun and social environment.

Families will sign in upon arrival. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jean Cruz at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 417, or e-mail jcruz@westfieldynj.org. Further information on "Y" programs also is available at westfieldynj.org.

### Officer to Tell Seniors How to Avoid Scams

SUMMIT - Officer Rodney Watson of the Summit Police Department will meet with area seniors today, Thursday, January 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to discuss how to prevent scams aimed at senior citizens. The program will be held at SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street in Summit. It is free and open to the public. To register, call SAGE Eldercare at (908) 598-5529.



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## CHRISTIAN BARBER STOPS CANNON, TUFARO PINS

# Blue Devils Top SPF Raiders In SMA Mat Benefit, 50-27

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

Competition with a purpose packed the Westfield High School gym on January 14 when the Blue Devils' wrestling team faced Scotch Plains-Fanwood in a fundraiser to fight SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy). Patrick Higgins, an eight-grade student at Roosevelt Intermediate School, is afflicted with SMA.

Of the 13 bouts contested, only two went the full six minutes, and the 6-2 Blue Devils came out on top, 50-27.

Three Blue Devils dropped to a lower weight class to prepare for the

upcoming tournaments, beginning with the first bout of the evening when Ellis Opoku stepped onto the mat at 135 lbs. and followed up a single-leg takedown with a cradle to pin Raider Dion Natale in 2:48. Troy Skibitsky dropped to 140 lbs. and pinned Mike Steinfeld in 3:07 with an arm bar half nelson. And in the final bout of the evening, Nick Rotondo dropped to 130 lbs., and had a 3-0 lead until he fell out of a pinning combination and became a victim of a 4:45 fall at the hands of Raider Dom Natale.

**Probitas Verus Honos**

"Troy is not a 45-pounder, Ellis is not a 40-pounder, and Rotondo is not a 35-pounder. It's time to stop being comfortable, time to make a little bit of a sacrifice, and they did it," Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz said. "All three of them looked like they were in good shape tonight. Neither of them was gassing. I am certainly not going to be worried about our conditioning."

After Skibitsky walked off the mat with his victory, Blue Devil Colin Barber recorded a takedown and a switch reversal before pinning Matt Ridge in 2:25 with a body press at

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CONSIDERING A MERKEL TAKEDOWN...Blue Devil Christian Barber, right, attempts to set up a Merkel maneuver to take Raider Sean Cannon back to the mat in the 152-lb. bout.



PASSING INSIDE...Blue Devil senior Joe Greenspan quickly passes the ball inside the key to a teammate in the game against Roselle Catholic on January 13 in Westfield. The Blue Devils won, 39-29.

## HESS 14 PTS.; YOUNGER 5 ASSTS., GREENSPAN 17 RBS

# Blue Devils' Defense Silences Lion Basketball Boys, 39-29

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

Successful defensive adjustments midway through the first quarter enabled the Westfield High School boys basketball team to squelch Roselle Catholic, 39-29, in Westfield on January 13.

After Roselle Catholic sank a pair of 3-pointers within the first three minutes of the game to take an 8-2 lead, the Blue Devils' defense tightened up and slammed the door on the 4-5 Lions' outside game, allowing zero 3-pointers from that point on. Additionally, the 5-4 Blue Devils squashed the Lions' inside game, yielding no lay-ups to center Jameel

Warney, who finished with six points via free throws. Junior forward Wesley Cherry was the only Lion who penetrated the inside with 11 points.

"We picked up the intensity. We weren't playing hard defense [early in the first quarter]. We weren't focused. We knew in the past that we had trouble guarding the 3-point shot. They tried to go inside, but we did a great job inside," said Senior Ryan Hess, who led the Blue Devils with 14 points, while adding a pair of rebounds and a steal.

Senior forward Joe Greenspan played a significant role in limiting the Lions' offensive chances with a

game-high 17 rebounds - six in the first half and 11 in the second half. Greenspan (2 steals, assist) also rolled in 13 points, which included a steal to a slam-dunk early in the third quarter.

"Greenspan is averaging like 15 a game right now. He is doing a great job on the boards, keeping us in games by not allowing offensive rebounds. Defensively, he is controlling them," Hess said.

The Lions, however, kept themselves in the game with a multitude of blocked shots under the basket, courtesy of their big men Warney and Cherry. The Blue Devils' success with their inside passing game, however,

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ATTEMPTING TO GET SOME BACK POINTS...Blue Devil Troy Skibitsky, top, attempts to pull Raider Mike Steinfeld to his back with an underhook in the 140-lb. bout.

## Blue Devil Matmen Top SPF Raiders, 50-27

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145 lbs. Raider Sean Cannon showed his true grit when he stepped up from his 145-lb. spot to face Christian Barber, ranked fourth in a state at 152 lbs. Barber performed a series of takedowns and added three two-on-one tilts to claim a 20-3 technical fall in 4:20. Barber converted a Russian setup to an arm drag for his first takedown. He also added a back-trip takedown and a smooth leg-sweep takedown.

"Christian wrestled well. I respect Cannon for coming up and going after him. A lot of people have been running away from Christian, so we respect him for going after him and giving him a match," Coach Kurz said. "We think that Christian is on that level right now when he's opening up, it's going to be hard to stay with him."

"He will go out there. He will scrap with anyone. He wrestles tough, and he will do what he can," Raider Head Coach John Scholz said of Cannon.

At 160 lbs., Blue Devil Brian Bulger scored a pair of double-leg takedowns and two escapes to defeat Luke Vuono, 6-0, then Westfield's lead increased to 32-0 when Erik Gozdieski pinned Sam McQuoid with a half nelson body press in 1:32 at 171 lbs.

Sebastian Rosen got the Raiders on the scoreboard when he caught Mike Deluisa with a lateral throw in 1:01 at 189 lbs, then Raider Luke Mineo, trailing 2-1 to Luke Gibbons at 215 lbs., turned a third-period reversal into a pin in 4:56 to make the team score, 32-12.

Raider heavyweight Anthony Tufaro tightened the score to 32-18 when he took Kyle Kania to the mat with an ankle pick takedown and pinned him in 1:21.

"I have been practicing it for a while. Pretty much this whole year! I have been trying to hit it on a lot of

kids. It wasn't working, but now I got it. I will be doing that a lot more," said Tufaro, who indicated that he practices the move on Mineo in practice, "but he never lets me get it. He knows it's coming."

"He hit it that first time, and he lost it then he went again and went right for the pin off that," Coach Scholz said. "Anthony wants to show that he is one of the top heavyweights in the county."

### WHS Students Step Up

Something special happened at the Westfield/Scotch Plains wrestling match. Before the match, there was difficulty starting the tape for playing the National Anthem. As a result, a large contingent of Westfield High School students stepped up to the plate and sang the "Stars Spangled Banner" in its entirety.

It was very inspiring!  
Thank You!  
Dave Corbin

Blue Devil Mike Kalimtzis used a double-arm bar to pin Sid Nirmal in 32 seconds at 103 lbs. Blue Devil Nick Velez received a forfeit at 112 lbs, then Raider Mike Lettieri recorded two takedowns and an escape to grab a 5-3 decision over Anthony Aldana at 119 lbs. Blue Devil Pat Currie recorded a double-leg takedown then pinned Matt Harnett in 1:23 at 125 lbs.

"What stands out are all the points that we gave away. We gave them 27 points. That's disappointing. We are still not putting together a full team effort. We have some individuals, who are doing a very good job, but until we stop getting pinned, until we stop winning by six and not going for bonus points, until we stop making

these dumb mistakes, we are just going to be an average team. It's that simple. We need 14 kids to come do their job," Coach Kurz said.

"I liked the match-ups. I thought we were physical. There were a couple of areas we gave up bonus points. I was happy to get the 27 points. A couple of things we need to work on, but the kids are coming along," Coach Scholz said. "Coach Kurz is doing a great job with their program. The kids were ready for tonight, and I wish them the best for the rest of the year."

## Devil's Den County Wrestling, Swimming Tournaments Spice Up the Action



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

It's county tournament time. This weekend it's wrestling, Saturday, at Union High School. With Brearley as the favorite, and with WHS having already lost close matches to Roselle Park and Cranford, is it possible for the Devils to finish higher than fourth?

WHS has won eight county championships. But six of them were the tourney's initial six years (1976-1981) under coach Gary Kehler, and 1990 and 1992 under Don MacDonald. Mike Kalimtzis is the lone returning champ for WHS. Other WHS county champions this decade include Ethan Powell and Lee Tomasso, both in 2003 (Tomasso was tourney MVP), and Rob Mench in 2004.

A week from Saturday is the county swim meet, scheduled for the second straight year at Rutgers (girls start at noon, boys at 4 p.m.).

Barring a bus accident, the WHS girls will win their 19th in a row, and 28th overall in the 34 years of the meet. Seniors Becky DeLaFuenta and Anna Fetter, along with freshmen Sarah Cronin and Catherine Baldwin are top guns for coach Jeff Knight.

The big event of the winter will be the boys county meet, where WHS puts its current 11-year streak on the line against a powerhouse Scotch Plains-Fanwood team that already owns a huge dual-meet win over WHS. SP-F is also the only team to outscore WHS at counties since 1957, having

ended the Devils' 42-year county win streak in 1999. WHS has won 56 of the 59 county meets; the other non-title years were 1954 (second to Plainfield) and 1956 (third behind Pingry and Plainfield).

There is a good chance that SP-F could win all 11 events, led by Dan and Mike Naplitano, Greg Baliko, Joe Dunn, Dan Pesin and Ryan Gajdzisz. It will be a WHS vs. SP-F dual meet, for the most part, although Summit has its strongest teams in years and will have a bearing on the outcome, as will Gov. Livingston.

For WHS, its hopes rest in placing its top two in each event ahead of SP-F's second, and to place their third ahead of SP-F's third, as often as possible. If the Raiders are able to win all three relays, that would be an 18-point advantage, which is huge. (Remember that SP-F swept the three relays - two with come-from-behind anchor swimmers by Dave Russ - when it beat WHS by 19½ points in 1999.)

With all the firepower both teams have up top - the six Raiders mentioned above, plus WHS's Jack Lorentzen, Nick Boyle, Larry Zhang, Brennan Haley, Matt Daniel and Tyler Lessner - the meet will likely be decided by the "other" guys. That would be Jason Schaub, Mike Pesin, Ryan Henkels, Mike Rizzo, Keith Monteiro, Jeff Peart and Nick Sorace for SP-F, and Alex Bond, Matt Trinkle, Kevin Oster, Ryan Hobson, Max Shin, Connor Moore, Tim Walsh, Luke McGrory and Dan Myers for WHS.

### 31 YEARS AFTER

As most of these guys approach the ripe old age of 50, let's take a look back nearly 31 years, to the night of March 1, 1980, when the WHS wrestling team which beat Morristown, 29-22, to win

the North 2 Group 4 title. That was the first year of the state sectional championships, which were changed to state Group championships in 1982.

The biggest wins were by junior Neil Palmer and senior co-captain Vin Hurley. Palmer, who came into the match with an 8-9 record, won a 4-3 decision over Pete Caruso, who was 15-2 prior to the match. And at 135, unbeaten Hurley took a 6-0 decision from Greg Scarano, a 1979 region champion.

**Weight-by-weight results:**  
101 soph. Chris Jones lost decision  
108 soph. Matt Shields won by fall  
115 jr. Neil Palmer won 4-3  
122 soph. Brian Deegan lost by fall  
129 sr. John Pinto won by default  
135 sr. Vin Hurley won 6-0  
141 jr. Phil Gottlieb won 16-1  
148 sr. Paul McDonough won 10-7  
158 jr. Jesse Shubitz lost decision  
170 jr. Dan Iannacolo won 7-0  
188 jr. Lowell Higgins lost by fall  
Hvy soph. Mike Giaccone lost decision

### WRESTLING UPDATE

Rebounding from tough losses to Roselle Park and Cranford, the Kurzmen took a seven-match win streak into last night's bout with Brearley. The fourth win in that streak was a 50-27 trouncing of SP-F. The victory improved WHS's record vs. the Raiders to 30-21-3.

The match started at 135 and Ellis Opoku, Troy Skibitsky, Colin Barber, Christian Barber, Brian Bulger and Erik Gozdieski provided a 32-0 lead.

Following that big win, WHS (9-2) swept Saturday's tri-match against South River, Highland Park and Piscataway.

### BASKETBALL UPDATE

Maybe the Devils should schedule all their games outside the Union County Conference. After beating Roselle Catholic, WHS was 5-4 overall, but 2-4 in UCC play. One of the wins was an overtime road victory at Hunterdon Central, which had knocked Columbia out of the Top 20 recently.

The girls, meanwhile, have fallen again on hard times, the latest loss coming against Oak Knoll last weekend. We hope to have more on that game in a future Den.

### R&R HALL OF FAME

Nothing against any of the people who were recently voted into the next induction class of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, especially the great Darlene Love, but ... how does the J. Geils Band not get in? And Alice Cooper, Dr. John and Neil Diamond, among others, do? No problem with Tom Waits, though not sure he's a rock and roller.

Considering that the Hall's voters have previously overlooked the Moody Blues, Peter Gabriel, Warren Zevon, Rush, and Stevie Ray Vaughn, maybe there shouldn't be too much surprise. But c'mon, there was never a better live show than the J. Geils Band (check out the youtube.com video of One Last Kiss). And Peter Wolf was as good as it will ever get as a lead singer/frontman.

### DEN'S TOP FIVE

This week it's country and western artists, individual or group, thanks to Faithful Reader Jeff from Pittstown, whose list is:

5. Merle Haggard
  4. Rascal Flatts
  3. David Allan Coe
  2. JJ Cale
  1. Waylon Jennings
- Also, this C&W top five from FR Keith Hertell:
5. Loretta Lynn
  4. Johnny Cash
  3. Dolly Parton
  2. Hank Williams Sr.
  1. George Jones

Country and Western is not a hot button on my SiriusXM dial, but here goes:

5. Moon Mullican
  4. Rodney Crowell
  3. Hank Williams Sr.
  2. Webb Wilder
  1. Johnny Cash
- (Next time: best Academy Award-winning movies, since 1950 - again, thanks to Faithful Reader Jeff of Pittstown.)

The Devil's Den appears in The Westfield Leader on the first and third Thursday of each month during the school year. Contact us with comments, complaints and suggestions at bj1019@aol.com. And remember, win or not, WHS4evr!



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GOING HEAD HUNTING...Raider Luke Mineo, front, reaches for Blue Devil Luke Gibbons' head in the 215-lb. bout. Mineo was successful and recorded a fall in 4:56.



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**COUGAR WRESTLERS EDGE RAHWAY INDIANS, 33-29**

# Cranford's DiGiovanni Stops Mascola at Finn Mat Tourney

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

Cranford High School senior Matt DiGiovanni wrestled one of the finest bouts of his career by defeating Seton Hall Prep's Lou Mascola, ranked fourth in the state at 140 lbs., at the Paul J. Finn, Jr. Memorial Tournament in Millburn on January 14, just one day after the Cougars defeated Rahway, 33-29, in Rahway.

Competing in the 145-lb. class, Mascola took a 3-0 lead on

Keep my shots going, keep driving forward, put the pressure on and just frustrate him," DiGiovanni said. "If I kept my cool, kept a straight face the whole time, I knew I could come out on top."

DiGiovanni did initiate the majority of the takedowns, but Mascola was a master at countering his moves. In one situation, Mascola countered once with a standing Merkel attempt, but DiGiovanni was too smart for the trap. Mascola did, however, put

him up. Take him down. Let him up. Take him down as much as I can," Giaccio explained. "I was getting in on him with a sweep single. He would whizzer. I would slip around and limp arm out. I was running inside on him. It worked well."

At 135 lbs., Kyle Markovitch had a little difficulty adjusting to the rangy Seton Hall Prep Pirate, Ben Conover. Markovitch got a double-leg, spinning lift takedown, but Conover slipped out and reversed him to knot



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**EARNING A HUGE VICTORY...** Cranford Cougar Matt DiGiovanni, front, knocked off Seton Hall Prep's Lou Mascola, who was ranked fourth in the state at 140 lbs., 5-3, in overtime during the Paul J. Finn, Jr. Memorial Tournament in Millburn on January 15. See Cranford Online Exclusive pages ([www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com)) for more photos.

DiGiovanni with an escape and a low single-leg takedown in the second period. DiGiovanni escaped in the third period and added a late takedown to send the bout into overtime, where he added a takedown near the end of the mat to earn a 5-3 victory.

"I knew he would come at me the whole time. I knew it would be a full match for six minutes. I knew I would keep working what I was good at.

DiGiovanni in dire straights towards the end of the second period, nearly clamping him in a Penn State cradle from a standing position, but DiGiovanni went into a freeze mode for seven seconds until the buzzer blasted.

"I had nothing to lose. He was ranked. I'm not. In that position, he had the best of me. Back points could be the deciding factor. If I could just fight it out as long as I can with seconds left, freeze my body in any way possible," DiGiovanni explained.

Earlier in the match, Cougar Joe Giaccio worked his takedown superiority to seize an 11-4 decision over Eamonn Gaffney at 125 lbs.

"I feel good on my feet, so I pretty much just keep the match there. I let

the score, 2-2, entering the second period. Markovitch added a two-point tilt, but Conover slipped around him again.

"My legs were a little bit loose on him. He was a taller guy, so he kept slipping out. Whenever I am having trouble like that, I want to pick up the

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**TOP MAN IN ASSISTS...** Senior point guard Tim Younger, right, led the Blue Devils with five assists. Younger also added five points and two rebounds.

## Blue Devils Silence Lion Basketball Boys, 39-29

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has been going in spurts, but the spurts have been getting more pronounced game-by-game. Senior point guard Tim Younger (5 points, 2 rebounds) finished with five assists - three to Hess and two to Greenspan. Senior guard Andrew Garfinkel (2 rebounds, blocked shot, steal) had two assists, and senior forward Mark Androconis (2 rebounds, 4 points, steal) added one assist.

"It's really just working hard in practice, working on our plays. In a two-and-a-half hour practice, we spend about an hour-and-a-half on offense. For me personally, I know where our big guys are going to be, so

I can get to them whenever I feel like it. If they are slipping, especially on our delay game, I can go to the basket with a nice bounce pass every time," Younger explained.

Three of Younger's assists came at the tail end of the first quarter when the Blue Devils knotted the score, 10-10. Greenspan and Hess each sank 2-pointers, and Ozan Yucetepe banged a 3-pointer to give the Blue Devils a 7-5 edge in the second quarter and a 17-15 lead at the half.

The events in the third quarter put the Blue Devils in the driver's seat, beginning with Hess, who initiated the action with a put-back. Greenspan followed with his act of thievery, which ended in a slam-dunk. Hess rolled in a lay-up and followed with a

3-banger. Greenspan ended the 12-2 run with a 3-pointer at the buzzer, making the score, 29-17.

The final quarter featured a tradeoff of fouls and trips to the charity line, but the Blue Devils were up to the task. Hess hit 3-for-4 from the line in the waning minutes, and Younger (5-for-6 free throws) also hit 3-for-4 in the final seconds.

"My freshman year, I really worked hard on that. I shot over 80 percent. Basically, everyday in practice, we are shooting free throws again. Towards the end of practice, we put up like 15 to 20 free throws. All you have to do is focus. Get that muscle memory down! It's really easy," Younger said.

Roselle Catholic	10	5	2	12	29
Westfield	10	7	12	10	39

### Pingry Icemen Stop Blue Devil Boys, 7-2

The 12th ranked Pingry boys ice hockey team iced the Westfield High School icemen, 7-2, in Bridgewater on January 13. Ryan Morse and Sam Meyer each netted a goal for the 8-2 Blue Devils.

See more Cranford Cougar wrestling pictures of the Finn, Jr. Tournament on the Cranford Online Exclusive pages. [www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com) Scroll to bottom and Click Cranford Sports pages.

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200 IM: Jess Cronin (W) 2:24.52  
50 free: Julia Kudryashova (NP) 25.11  
100 fly: Allie Rose (W) 1:07.05  
100 free: Kudryashova (NP) 54.19  
500 free: Sarah Cronin (W) 5:23.44  
200 free relay: W (Catherine Kerr, Loren Ball, Allie McBrearty, Margaux Fleschler) 1:47.08  
100 back: Audrey Bangs (W) 1:06.96  
100 breast: Caroline Baldwin (W) 1:21.2  
400 free relay: W (Jess Cronin, Kulie Bangs, Sarah Cronin, Erika Daniel) 4:00.15  
**SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD 98, OAK KNOLL 72**  
200 medley relay: S (Ana Bogdanovski, Nicole Buzzanca, Maggie O'Brien, Jaclyn Cirincione) 2:09.5  
200 free: Caroline Watt (O) 2:07.09  
200 IM: Cirincione (S) 2:39.36  
50 free: Tricia Hartley (O) 26.16

100 fly: Caitlin English (S) 1:08.76  
100 free: Hartley (O) 58.16  
500 free: Watt (O) 5:47.53  
200 free relay: O (Caroline DeMarco, Abby West, Hartley, Watt) 1:52.62  
100 back: Jodie Thompson (S) 1:08.4  
100 breast: Bogdanovski (S) 1:19.62  
400 free relay: O (Colleen Sullivan, DeMarco, Hartley, Watt) 4:15.9  
**BOYS:**  
**SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD 130, ORATORY 40**  
200 medley relay: S (Dan Napolitano, Ryan Gajdzisz, Greg Baliko, Jeff Peart) 1:53.54  
200 free: Ryan McKenna (S) 2:15.11  
200 IM: Dan Napolitano (S) 2:14.67  
50 free: Ryan Henkels (S) 25.31  
100 fly: McKenna (S) 1:05.29  
100 free: Henkels (S) 54.42  
500 free: Adam Bransky (S) 5:51.96  
200 free relay: S (McKenna, Baliko, Gajdzisz, Nick Sorace) 1:44.58  
100 back: Mike Napolitano (S) 1:05.78  
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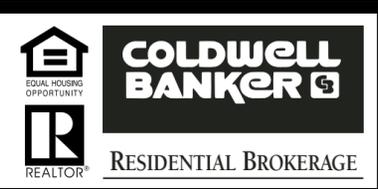
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GREAT START...The Westfield White 7th grade boys travel basketball team finished the first half of the season with a 7-3 record. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Michael O'Brien, Michael Jeffrey, James Bohlinger and Pat McCormack; second row, Justin Yoon, Sam Karnofsky, Mitchell Bryk, Rowan Oberman, Liam Heimbokel and Michael O'Connor; back row, Simon Yoon, Brian Karnofsky, Brett Oberman and Coach Michael O'Connor.

WF White 7th Boys Mangle Matawan Hoopsters, 48-24

The Westfield White 7th grade boys travel basketball team started the second half of the travel season with a 48-24 victory over Matawan. In this Central Jersey League match-up, Westfield led most of the game with balanced scoring, pressure defense and excellent rebounding.

Rowan Oberman caused numerous Matawan turnovers and missed shots. Great ball handling by Michael O'Connor and timely rebounding by Justin Yoon also contributed to the win.

Michael O'Brien completed a smooth 3-point play in the first half and Michael Jeffrey also scored three points in the second half.

The current overall team record is 7-3 with a 4-2 record in the Garden State League and a 3-1 record in the Central Jersey League. The team also participated in a halftime scrimmage game at the Prudential Center during the Seton Hall versus Richmond game on December 26.

WF's Reyes Honored As Swimmer of Week

Brittany Reyes of Westfield, who is a member of the University of Scranton women's swim team, was named Landmark Conference swimmer of the week for the period ending January 9.



Brittany Reyes

Reyes was honored for her performance in the Royals' 142-91 victory over the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N. Y., on January 8.

Reyes has three first-place individual finishes so far this season and 13 in her career. She is a member of two Royal record-breaking relay teams (200- and 400-medley) and was a member of the 2009 Landmark Conference 200-freestyle relay championship team.



VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS...The Holy Trinity (Westfield) girls' varsity volleyball team won the CYO Championship "B" Division by defeating Academy Gold on November 21. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Rionach McEwen, Madeline Pikus, Kayla Brennan, Head Cheerleader Alli Sosnowski, Anna Cattafe and Colleen Verdic; back row, Coach Joe Cattafe, Meghan Hrinkevich, Julia MacDonald, Erin Macaluso, Caroline Verdic, Karla Torres, Annie Howath, Morgan Sosnowski and Coach Kathy Sosnowski.

WBA Girls Sixth Grade Basketball League Results:

The Westfield Basketball Association sixth-grade girls have gotten off to a strong start and featured several changes in the league leaders.

Venturino and Keelyn Weber. The Lakers intend to finish the season strongly.

The Celtics, last year's runner up, are also off to a 1-4 start but plan to finish strongly. The team includes Elizabeth Haley, Julia Mazzucco, Lindsay Miller, Marie-Elena Pafumi, Kathleen Sullivan, Grace Venezia, Molly Whitehead and Emily Riordan.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on FEBRUARY 3, 2011 at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, the Scotch Plains Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing to consider the following appeal(s):

Anthony & Michelle Sinagra for a variance to permit the construction of an inground pool at 1540 Rahway Road, Block 15901, Lot 34 contrary to the following section of the Zoning Ordinance: Section 23-3.4D, Para. A, Col. 2-Side yard setbacks: Required: 30 feet, Proposed: 12 feet

David & Kathy Sang for a variance to permit the construction of a deck at 2409 Longfellow Avenue, Block 7902, Lot 14 contrary to the following section of the Zoning Ordinance: Section 23-3.4A, Para. G, Col. 10-Rear yard setback: Minimum Required: 30 feet, Proposed: 20 feet

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

The Bucks have taken the league lead with a 5-0 record and appear to have no intentions of letting up. Nell Beatty, Taylor and Carly Bechtolt, Pamela Burke, Claudia Dougherty, Caroline Gilman, Lila Hutchins, Elizabeth Kean and Sarah Kiernan are the favorite to win it all this year.

The biggest surprise of the season has been the Cavaliers, who have earned a 4-1 record. Cavaliers Arya Rao and Olivia Hamilton, Nicole Eisenberg, Alexandra Jackman, Emma Pettit, Emily Sackett, Michell Telsey and Olivia Turner have really improved over last year.

The Bobcats, with a 3-2 record, are not to be overlooked with Grace Brindle at center and Nicolina Albano, Olivia Clausen, Alaina Brotman, Karen Forbes, Madelyn Jacobs, Francesca Jones, Logan Robertson and Kristen Bonelli. The Bobcats own a 22-16 win over the Celtics this season.

The Bulls, hampered by injuries, have been sitting on a 1-4 record. The Bulls include Maddy Armstrong, Catherine Barry, Emily Dory, Sydney Gardner, Hayley Kasko, Sammy Ricci and Alexis Riley.



CONTROLLING THE PUCK...Raider Alex Markovitz, right, controls the puck in the game against Jonathan Dayton on January 16. The Raiders defeated the Bulldogs, 5-2.

Raiders Fall to Millers, 5-3, Stop Dayton Icemen, 5-2

The Scotch-Plains Fanwood boys ice hockey team took one on the chin on January 14 with a 5-3 loss to the Millburn Millers, but bounced back with a high energy effort to defeat the Dayton Bulldogs, 5-2, on January 16.

Kevin Lewis added one to counter the two goals by Dayton. Sophomore Jason Breit also bounced back with a solid effort in goal for the Raiders.

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The Raiders overall record improved to 5-6 in their bid to make the state playoffs, which would be another first for the fledgling program. The Raiders will face Summit tomorrow, January 21, at 4:10 p.m. and Westfield on Sunday, January 23, at 6:40 p.m. at USA arena in Union.

The Raiders recovered quickly against Dayton, jumping out to a 3-0 first-period lead, led by senior forwards Alex Markovits, with two goals, and Ed Logie, with one goal. Logie scored again and junior defenseman

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that 201 Central Avenue, LLC has made an application to the Town of Westfield's Planning Board in connection with the alteration and a third floor addition to an existing building on property in the Town of Westfield, located at 201 Central Avenue, Westfield, Block 3114, Lot 1, which requires the following bulk variance relief:

- 1. The existing building and the third floor addition will not meet the minimum side yard setback requirement (Sec. 11.25E.2). The minimum required is 1 feet and 2.8 feet is provided.
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3. The existing building and the third floor addition will not meet the minimum rear yard setback requirement (Sec. 11.25E.3a). The minimum required is 19.25 feet and 0.4 feet is provided.
4. The proposed store front window area will not meet the minimum area requirements (Sec. 11.25F.1). The minimum window area required is 40% of the storefront and 32.4% is provided.
5. The proposed main public entrance sign will be installed higher than the maximum permitted (Sec. 16.04E.1.b). The maximum sign height is 12 feet and the proposed sign is set at 13 feet.
6. The minimum required off-street parking spaces for the proposed uses will not be met (Sec. 17.02C). The minimum required off-street parking spaces required is 15 and none are provided.

The Applicant may also seek other variances and waivers as the need may arise during the course of the hearing on this Application. The application is scheduled for a hearing on February 7, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey. All documents relating to this application are on file in the Planning Department at 959 North Avenue West, Westfield available daily between the hours of 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate in accordance with the rules of the Planning Department.

January 14, 2011 GARY S. GOODMAN, ESQ. 23 NORTH AVE EAST CRANFORD NEW JERSEY 07016 ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT, 201 Central Avenue, LLC 1 T - 1/20/11, The Leader Fee: \$55.08

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## Basketball Cougars Control Linden Lady Tigers, 45-37

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

Stingy defense and very quick hands that resulted in steals that were converted to successful lay-ups on the part of the Cranford High School girls basketball team led to a 45-37 victory over the Linden Lady Tigers in Cranford on January 14.

The Lady Tigers crept into the Cougars' den with a 7-1 record, but from the start of the game, Cougar sophomore guards Jess McCoy and Jenna Goeller interrupted their attack with a number of steals. McCoy led the team with five steals, which she converted to lay-ups to harvest a team-leading 14 points. Goeller, who led the team with six assists, had four

swipes and finished with six points.

"Our defense has improved a lot these past games. The biggest thing is us being aggressive, being all over the place. Most of our points came from transition, and getting those steals are how we get the transition," McCoy said.

The 7-2 Cougars controlled the boards, and McCoy, who also contributed two assists, was on top of her game with 12 rebounds and two blocked shots. Junior guard Morgan Miller, who netted 12 points and three assists, pulled 10 rebounds and added a pair of blocks. Sophomore forward Kate McGovern blocked three Tiger attempts and finished with five points, four rebounds and an assist. Goeller

had five rebounds, and freshman guard Mairead McKeary bucketed four points and added two steals and an assist. Senior guard Sara Gugliucci scored four points and had one steal, while senior forward Jackie Monteagudo had a rebound.

"We definitely knew that they were going to attack the inside. The biggest thing for us was getting the rebounds. That was definitely one way to beat them. We all had to box out. We all had to crash the boards on offense. We really needed this game, and we were all on fire," McCoy said.

"They [Cranford] did a phenomenal job on defense. We work on defense like 80 to 90 percent of our

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VERY BUSY HANDS ON DEFENSE...Cranford Cougar guard Jenna Goeller, No 4, played very stubborn defense against the Linden Tigers and had four steals. Goeller led the team with six assists and added six points.



COUGAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK...Jess McCoy, a sophomore on the varsity basketball team had 12 points, eight rebounds, six blocks and six steals against Holmdel last week. She also hit the game-winning jump shot with under a minute left in the game. She netted 14 points, 13 rebounds, two blocks and six steals in a 45-37 victory against Linden on January 14.



EARNING A HUGE VICTORY...Cranford Cougar Matt DiGiovanni, front, knocked off Seton Hall Prep's Lou Mascola, who was ranked fourth in the state at 140-lbs, 5-3, in overtime during the Paul J. Finn, Jr. Memorial Tournament in Millburn on January 15. This story is also on the printed portion of The Westfield Leader.

## COUGAR WRESTLERS EDGE RAHWAY INDIANS, 33-29 Cranford's DiGiovanni Stops Mascola at Finn Mat Tourney

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Cranford High School senior Matt DiGiovanni wrestled one of the finest bouts of his career by defeating Seton Hall Prep's Lou Mascola, ranked fourth in the state at 140-lbs, at the Paul J. Finn, Jr. Memorial Tournament in Millburn on January 14, just one day after the Cougars defeated Rahway, 33-29, in Rahway.

Competing in the 145-lb class, Mascola took a 3-0 lead on DiGiovanni with an escape and a low single-leg takedown in the second period. DiGiovanni escaped in the third period and added a late takedown to send the bout into overtime, where he added a takedown near the end of the mat to earn a 5-3 victory.

*Probitas Verus Honos*

"I knew he would come at me the whole time. I knew it would be a full match for six minutes. I knew I would keep working what I was good at. Keep my shots going, keep driving forward, put the pressure on and just frustrate him," DiGiovanni said. "If I kept my cool, kept a straight face the whole time, I knew I could come out on top."

DiGiovanni did initiate the majority of the takedowns, but Mascola was a master at countering his moves. In one situation, Mascola countered once with a standing Merkel attempt, but DiGiovanni was too smart for the trap. Mascola did, however, put DiGiovanni in dire straights towards the end of the second period, nearly clamping him in a Penn State cradle from a standing position, but DiGiovanni went into a freeze mode for seven seconds until the buzzer blared.

"I had nothing to lose. He was ranked. I'm not. In that position, he had the best of me. Back points could be the deciding factor. If I could just fight it out as long as I can with seconds left, freeze my body in any way possible, DiGiovanni explained.

Earlier in the match, Cougar Joe Giaccio worked his takedown superiority to seize an 11-4 decision over Eamonn Gaffney at 125-lbs.

"I feel good on my feet, so I pretty much just keep the match there. I let him up. Take him down. Let him up. Take him down as much as I can," Giaccio explained. "I was getting in on him with a sweep single. He would whizzer. I would slip around and limp arm out. I was running inside on him. It worked well."

At 135-lbs, Kyle Markovich had a little difficulty adjusting to the rangy

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WORKING ON A POWER HALF...Cougar J.P. Christiano, top, slips in a single grapevine and works a power half nelson on Seton Hall Prep's Andrew Narduzzi in the 160-lb bout during the Paul J. Finn, Jr. Memorial Tournament in Millburn on January 15. Christiano won, 4-1.



### Dental Update

by Kenneth W. Arida, D.D.S.  
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**PREVALENCE OF GUM DISEASE HIGHER THAN ESTIMATED**

The incidence of gum disease in U.S. adults may have been underestimated by as much as 50 percent. This surprising news comes from a pilot study funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Oral Health, which conducted full-mouth, comprehensive, periodontal examinations on more than 450 adults over age 35. When the findings were compared with previous (partial-mouth) studies, it was found that the prevalence of moderate to severe gum disease may have been underestimated by 50 percent. This finding has serious implications because periodontal (gum) disease is an inflammatory condition that not only can lead to tooth loss, but it has been linked with other chronic inflammatory diseases including diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and rheumatoid arthritis.

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CONSIDERING WORKING A HEAD & ARM... Cougar Ian Henry, right, tries to set up a head & arm takedown maneuver on Seton Hall Prep's Mike Cali in the 130-lb bout during the Paul J. Finn, Jr. Memorial Tournament in Millburn.



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COMING OUT THE BACK DOOR... Cougar Kyle Markovitch, front, comes out the backdoor to get a takedown on Seton Hall Prep's Ben Conover in the 135-lb bout at the Paul J. Finn, Jr. Memorial Tournament in Millburn on January 15.

Governor Livingston Highlanders Defeat Cougar Matmen, 54-18, on January 18. - See Story in Next Week's The Westfield Leader Cranford Online Pages

## DiGiovanni Stops Mascola at Finn Mat Tourney

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Seton Hall Prep Pirate, Ben Conover. Markovitch got a double-leg, spinning lift takedown, but Conover slipped out and reversed him to knot the score, 2-2, entering the second period. Markovitch added a two-point tilt, but Conover slipped around him again.

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140: — Justin Becker (R) d Eric Knight, 5-0  
145: — DiGiovanni (C) md Franco Mejia, 9-1  
152: — Dwyer (C) md Dan Walsh, 9-0  
160: — Diego Chavez (R) tf Cory Markovitch, 16-0, 4:47  
171: — Christiano (C) tf Brian Pyrus, 17-1, 5:39  
189: — Hanif Denny (R) d Kessler, 9-3  
215: — Urayoan Garcia (R) p Weiss, 1:22  
Hwt: — Laziek Jones (R) p Farrell, 2:33

## Cougar Cagers Control Lady Tigers, 45-37

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practice, because if you don't play defense, you are not going to win the game," said Cougar Head Coach Jackie Dyer, who added, "That last game when we played Holmdel, we had a total of 15 steals. We are working the right spots, which makes it very easy for us to get the ball. We are working on standing straight up, instead of trying [forcing themselves] to block their shots. It's going to be an easy block when you are not moving. You are not going to be called for a foul."

Because of the Cougars' closed-door policy on defense, the Tigers could not find and opening in the first quarter. Miller (4-for-4 in free throws) began the scoring with a lay-up and followed with a pair of free throws. Goeller banged a 3-pointer and McCoy rolled in a lay-up to give the Cougars a 9-2 lead before Linden

called a timeout with 2:47 left in the quarter. The timeout did not help the Tigers as McKeary and McCoy, on assists from Goeller, each scored 2-pointers to stretch the lead to 13-2.

The Tigers scored the first three points of the second quarter, but McGovern, Miller and Goeller, respectively, found the inside of the net to boost the score to 20-5 with 3:20 on the clock. McCoy added four more points to give the Cougars a 24-8 lead at the half.

Miller banged her second 3-pointer and added a 2-pointer in a 13-10 Cranford run that made the score, 37-18, but the Tigers, led by Jada Lewis, who scored seven of her 13 points in the fourth quarter, caught the Cougars off-guard, drew fouls and roared back to narrow the lead to 40-34 before Coach Dyer called a strategic timeout

with 2:05 remaining to regroup her defense. During that surge, the Tigers sank five of six free throws.

"A lot of those points that were scored was off the free throw line," Coach Dyer commented.

The timeout helped. Miller assisted McKeary on a 2-pointer, Gugliucci sank a pair of free throws and Goeller added a free throw to seal the deal.

"We came prepared for this game. At the beginning of the season, we were down two [0-2]. We wanted to come back and have a better season than we had last year. We want to win every single game. We were fired up," McCoy said.

Linden 2 6 10 19 37  
Cranford 13 11 13 8 45

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HEMMEED IN BY A LADY TIGER... Cougar guard Sara Gugliucci, No. 24, tries to find an open teammate in the basketball game against the Linden Tigers. Gugliucci scored four points and had a steal in the 45-37 victory.

## \*\* Cougar Snacks: \*\*

### Hillside Cagers Beat Cougar Boys, 58-50

The Hillside High School boys basketball team rolled with an 18-8, fourth-quarter run to defeat the Cranford Cougar boys, 58-50, in Hillside on January 14. Senior guard Sean Trotter bucketed a game-high 29 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, for the 3-6 Cougars. Junior forward Kurt Rutmayer and sophomore forward Reggie Green each sank six points, Mark Osofsky scored four points, Sean Babos netted three points and Bryan Fitzsimmons added two.

Cranford 14 14 14 8 50  
Hillside 13 8 19 18 58

### Cougars Dip Dayton In Boys Swimming

The Cranford High School swim team sank Jonathan Dayton, 89-81, to remain undefeated on January 14.

200 medley relay: C (Nicholas Kalafatis, Rob Lento, Eric Walano, Christian Woo) 1:51.35

200 free: David Verdia (D) 1:59.34  
200 IM: Kalafatis (C) 2:13.05  
50 free: Joe Licwinko (D) 23.31  
100 fly: Licwinko (D) 58.41  
100 free: Kalafatis (C) 52.97  
500 free: Verdia (D) 5:45.51  
200 free relay: C (Dmitriy Kotov, Lento, Kalafatis, Walano) 1:40.39  
100 back: Anthony Don (D) 1:02.69  
100 breast: Lakritz (D) 1:14.36  
400 free relay: D (Verdia, Don, Licwinko, Jon Delli) 3:58.04

### Brearley Matmen Top Roselle Park

The fifth-ranked David Brearley High School wrestling team outlasted Roselle Park, 36-31, in Roselle Park on January 14. The key bout of the evening came at 119-lbs when Anthony Madonia defeated Dan Pisastro, 8-1, to give the 5-0 Bears a 30-22 lead with three bouts remaining. Anthony Rice sealed the victory in the next bout (125-lbs) with a 3:12 fall over Panther Fred Luna.

BOUT SEQUENCE:

140: — Nick Lospinoso (B) p Phil Woods, 0:32  
145: — Dan Reis (B) tf Zak Fahoury, 17-2, 4:00  
152: — Devin Geoghegan (B) p Karn Patel, 0:13  
160: — Joe Balboni (B) md Steve Loevsky, 13-5  
171: — Vic Pozsonyi (RP) d Dillon Geoghegan, 2-1  
189: — Connor Gabriel (RP) md Anthony Tancs, 16-8  
215: — Greg Rice (B) p Marc Signovello, 0:30  
Hwt: — Luis Galido (RP) d Mike Christian, 5-4  
103: — John DeVito (RP) p Giovanni Filippone, 0:29  
112: — Giovanni Ramirez (RP) p Dylan Oliva, 3:12  
119: — Madonia (B) d Pisastro, 8-1  
125: — Rice (B) p Luna, 3:12  
130: — Brendan Leary (RP) d Dom Martinez, 11-5  
135: — Nick Longo (RP) p Andrew Scarillo, 5:59

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### Peter A. Coughlin, 79, Assistant Coach; Had Retired as State Police Lieutenant

Peter A. Coughlin, 79, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, January 15, 2011, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Jersey City, N.J., Peter moved to Fanwood in 1963 and was a resident there until moving to Scotch Plains in 2008.

Peter graduated Snyder High School in Jersey City and attended Middlesex County College.

He was a member of Father John S. Nelligan Council No. 5730 Knights of Columbus of Scotch Plains, an assistant coach with Junior Raider Football for many years, and a member of the New Jersey State Police Former Troopers Association.

Peter was a Marine Corps veteran, having served during the Korean War.

He was a New Jersey State Police Officer for 33 years, retiring in 1986 as a lieutenant.

His parents, Peter and Lillian, and his brother, William, prede-

ceased him. Surviving are his beloved wife of 54 years, Kathleen P. (née Larkin); his loving son, William M.; daughter-in-law, Helen Cuning, and good friends John and Grace McGrath.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, January 18, at the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains. A Funeral Mass followed at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Bartholomew Church - "Charity Begins at Home," 2032 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076. Please make checks payable to St. Bartholomew and in the memo section indicate "Charity Begins at Home."

Letters of Condolence will be accepted

at [www.therossifuneralhome.com](http://www.therossifuneralhome.com).  
January 20, 2011



Janice and Michael Metzger

## Mr. and Mrs. Metzger Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Janice and Michael Metzger of Westfield, N.J. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 24 with a family holiday at their winter home in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Michael retired as a Professor of Fine Arts from Kean University in Union and Janice retired as an art teacher from Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

They have four wonderful children, Gretchen (Andrew) Grove of Dublin, Ohio, Tim (Julia Olff) of Westfield, Eric (Debbie) of Westfield and Kristine (Ed) Ammerlaan of Asbury, N.J. The couple also have 12 grandchildren, Alexa, Montana, Sam, Sydney, Mary, Madelyn, Lilly, Nikolas, Cooper, Casey, Amanda and James.

## JCC Schedules Symposium On Special Needs Children

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey will host its second annual Community Special Needs Symposium on Sunday, February 13, from noon to 5 p.m. Put together by the JCC's Special Needs Parent Advisory Committee and sponsored by AXA Advisors LLC, the event is intended to shed light on a variety of special needs topics and bring together families with special needs children.

Lindsey Biel, an occupational therapist specializing in pediatrics, will give the keynote presentation. Through her private practice in New York City and her work with the New York State early intervention program, she evaluates and treats infants, toddlers and older children with a variety of diagnoses including sensory processing disorder, autism spectrum disorders and developmental delays.

Additionally, the symposium will feature speakers and experts in other special-needs-related fields. Attendees will be able to sit in on two of the 10 different seminars offered. For a full list of seminars and presenters, visit [jccnj.org/specialneeds.html](http://jccnj.org/specialneeds.html). Seating is limited in each session, and online pre-registration by Monday, February 7, at [jccnj.org](http://jccnj.org) is required.

A special musical performance by The Music Connection of Westfield's New Jersey Workshop for the Arts is planned. Additionally, there will be a Special Needs Resource Expo featuring agencies, businesses and other professionals who provide special-needs services and support, plus a screening of the award-winning documentary *Autistic-Like: Graham's Story*.

The cost is \$25 per person, which includes lunch and dessert. Lunch will be served from noon to 1:15 p.m. Individuals may register for the event (including lunch) and purchase Ms. Biel's book, "Raising a Sensory Smart Child," for \$37. Childcare will be available for children ages 2 to 10; the cost is \$10 per child, and special-needs accommodations will be provided. For more information, contact Mike Goldstein, program director, at (908) 889-8800, extension no. 218, or [mgoldstein@jccnj.org](mailto:mgoldstein@jccnj.org).

This program is made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The JCC is located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

A Middletown resident known for injecting Irish humor into her lectures, Ms. Dempsey will give a presentation on the care of houseplants. She is an indoor-plant specialist and a member of two orchid societies. Sick plants can be sent to her "plant hospital" and she will place them in her "plant emergency room" if necessary.

Upcoming Garden Club activities include the organization's monthly board meetings on March 1 and April 5 and flower arranging at the Lyons campus of the Veterans Administration Health Care System on Friday, February 4, as part of the club's Garden Therapy mission.

Membership meetings will include discussion and instruction on "Planting Flowers for Dried Flower Arranging" on March 8 and "New Ideas for Spring Arrangements" on April 12 in a joint meeting with the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield. Among other activities, the Garden Club of Westfield displays weekly flowers at the Westfield Memorial Library. Begun as a memorial to those who served in World War II, active members contribute a flower or greenery display 52 weeks a year. Flower arrangers for February are Nancy Roff, Anne Heimbokel, Phyllis Pappas and Debby Burslem. Anyone interested in the club is asked to call Rosemary Shire, president, at (908) 232-8120.

### Providence College Announces Dean's List

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The following area residents have been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Fall 2010 semester:

Amanda Centrella of Westfield, Class of 2014; Kristina Cofone of Westfield, Class of 2011; Jenna Delgado of Mountaintide, Class of 2013, and Laura Hanson of Mountaintide, Class of 2012.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.55 grade point average with a minimum of 12 credits.

## THE STUDENT VIEW

The weekly column written by local high school students

### Trials and Tribulations of Being the Youngest Child

By JULIA QUELLER

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

There is a pounding on the bathroom door. "Hold on!" I yell from within, not accustomed to the intrusion. With my older siblings away at college, I had discovered the newfound luxury of spreading myself out over the vacant bedrooms and bathrooms, even "borrowing" those discarded clothes that weren't worthy of the trips to school. But all that changed when my siblings came home for winter break. I was delighted to see them, but I couldn't help but notice some distinct differences between our lifestyles.

As a high school junior, most of my waking hours are consumed by schoolwork. My working day usually stretches from 6 a.m. until midnight, while my siblings wake up at noon and only just leave the house at midnight. I rely on my mother to drive me to the library; my siblings can drive there on their own time. Although they do complain that the public library closes at 9 p.m., a tragic discrepancy from their college libraries, which are open 24/7.

Above all, our mindsets are different. My school year is dominated by the stress of the looming college application process and the pressure to find the "right" school, whereas they have already survived that infamous procedure. They currently are living the goal I am tirelessly working toward.

However, my definition of "work" is not the same as theirs. When I come home from the library with a pile of books stacked so high that my vision is impaired, and begin to recount the details of a current project, my war story is met with casual eye rolls. This year, I will tackle the dreaded 10-page Junior Research Paper (JRP). It is a grueling, two-month process, filled with annotated bibliographies, crumpled up rough drafts and sleepless nights.

While I listened in awe to my siblings' daily complaints when they embarked on their JRP journeys, I

receive a different reaction from them now that the situation has been flipped. My siblings counteract my account of my progress - or more commonly, my frustration - with tales of when they wrote 15-page papers in a single night. They one-up each other, exchanging stories of all-nighters, until they turn back to me, and say, "Just wait until you get to college."

That was not the first time I had heard that warning. Dating back to elementary school, when I would come home and grumble about long division, my older brother would say, "Just wait until you get to fifth grade and you do fractions," and then my sister would say, "No, don't even talk until you're in middle school and there are variables!"

Being the youngest child has its advantages, but not when I want to be taken seriously. What was considered a big deal the first time around is diminished by the time it is my turn.

When my older sister had an English paper due in high school, it was seen as a tremendous undertaking. However, when I crankily plead for coffee in the morning after staying up late to finish an English paper, my mom will retort, "Well, your siblings probably had three papers due!"

Right now, as a high school student, an English paper is a big deal, and should be treated as such, given my age. But I feel confident that by the time I'm in college and I do have three papers due on one day, my parents will say, "Well, just think - your siblings have big presentations in work today!"

The plight of the youngest child is common, and while I know that these high school "struggles" aren't exactly catastrophic, they are still real to me. But according to my siblings' constant remarks, their workload is always worse. So the next time they say, "Just wait until you get to..." I'll grin and bear it. Sure, I'll wait.

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Julia is a junior at Westfield High School.

## Miller-Cory Invites Families For 'Winter Fun' on Sunday

WESTFIELD - Visitors are invited to celebrate winter at the Miller-Cory House Museum this Sunday, January 23, during a program entitled "Winter Fun." Described as ideal for children and families, the program will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

Sunday's program will include a display and history of snow globes. Two crafts - crystal snowflakes and an edible snowman - also will be part of the festivities. Additionally, a storyteller will introduce visitors to the book "Stranger in the Woods."

Admission for the program is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students; children under age 4 may attend for free. The museum's gift shop, offering a

variety of Colonial toys, books, crafts and educational items, will be open.

The Miller-Cory House Museum is a nationally recognized living museum, listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places and as a site on the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail. Upcoming Sunday events at the museum include "Historic Valentines" on February 6, "A Farmer's Year for Children" on February 13 and "Maple Sugar Sunday" on March 6.

For more information on programs or to schedule a school or scout tour, call the museum office at (908) 232-1776 or e-mail [millercoreymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:millercoreymuseum@gmail.com). The museum's website is [millercoreyhouse.org](http://millercoreyhouse.org).

## Local Church to Commence Grief Seminar In February

CRANFORD - The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, located at 11 Springfield Avenue, will hold its 22nd, eight-week seminar entitled "Journey to Wholeness - Healing the Grieving Heart" on Sunday evenings from February 13 to April 3.

Patti Williams, a Registered Nurse and certified pastoral bereavement counselor, and Dr. Virginia Waters, a psychologist, will lead the sessions. They will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the church's Mettam Lounge.

Mrs. Williams and Dr. Waters have offered this seminar for 11 years. Sessions include learning about the stages of grief and understanding the tasks of the grieving process; coping strategies; how to take care of oneself and why this is so important; the changes, challenges and choices that occur; creating memories to cherish; coping with holidays and anniversaries, and deal-

ing with feelings of loneliness and being disconnected spiritually.

A special candlelight ceremony will be held to remember lost love ones, which will include walking the labyrinth and a time of fellowship.

Both of the leaders and all of the facilitators have experienced loss within their lives. The seminar supports the concept that, regardless of whether a loss is due to divorce, death or job loss, it is a loss that must be grieved. Participants may bring family members and friends, and all faiths are welcome. To register for this event, call the church at (908) 276-8440. No fee will be charged.

This seminar is dedicated to Mrs. Williams' late husband, the Reverend Dr. Bruce Williams, who had a vision for the seminar 11 years ago as a way to help others deal with pain and suffering during their time of loss.

## WHS Dance-A-Thon to Benefit Spread the Magic

By ABBIE GOLDRING

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD - On Friday, February 11, the Westfield High School Student Council will hold its second annual six-hour Dance-A-Thon to benefit the New Jersey Association of Student Councils' state charity, Spread the Magic Foundation.

The foundation was established by Chad Juros, a childhood cancer survivor who became inspired to perform magic for other patients after the death of his father. While he was receiving treatments, his father taught him magic tricks to distract him, but soon after his hospital release, his father died from a malignant brain tumor. Now 21 years old, Mr. Juros performs magic shows for young patients and raises funds for the oncology program at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"Our night of dancing, fun and display of school spirit has the ability to bring smiles to the faces of cancer stricken children whose lives are overwhelmed by their illnesses," said Student Council Corresponding Secretary Krysta Huber.

From 6 p.m. to 12 a.m., Westfield High School students participating in the event, renamed "Dance for Magic" in honor of Mr. Juros' char-

ity, will dance non-stop and participate in dance and costume contests against students and teachers for six hours. Participants are required to form a team of five to eight people and pay a minimum team fee of \$50. Prizes will be awarded to the team that raises the most money. Last year, prizes and food were donated by local businesses such as Clyne & Murphy and Hershey's Subs.

The Student Council hopes to surpass the \$9,000 raised last year and encourages the community to contribute. Donations can be made by directly sponsoring a team member or sending a check payable to WHS Student Council to Westfield High School, 550 Dorian Road, Westfield, N.J. 07090, Attn: Student Council.

### Book Club to Discuss 'Watching God' Feb. 2

WESTFIELD - In honor of Black History Month, the Westfield Memorial Library's Fiction Book Club will discuss "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston, on Wednesday, February 2, at 7 p.m.

Told in the voice of a woman who refuses to live in sorrow, bitterness, fear or foolish romantic dreams, it is the story of fair-skinned, fiercely independent Janie Crawford and her evolving selfhood through three marriages and a life marked by poverty, trials and purpose.

"It is a stunning book, considered to be among the most groundbreaking novels in African-American literature," said Jen Schulze, the library's head of adult services, explaining her choice of the title. "The author, although at one point a contemporary of Langston Hughes and Richard Wright, died in obscurity, until she was rediscovered by Alice Walker." The Westfield Memorial Library is located at 550 East Broad Street. For more information on library programs, call (908) 789-4090 or visit the library's website, [wmlnj.org](http://wmlnj.org).

### UNICO Announces Annual Pig Roast

WESTFIELD - Westfield UNICO will sponsor its 17th Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, January 29, at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall, located at 37 South Avenue in Garwood. Attendees will be served antipasto, roasted pig, beer, wine, soda and dessert. Door prize raffles will be included for a ticket cost of \$45. All attendees are encouraged to bring a bottle of their homemade wine to enter into the wine contest. For tickets and information, call Tony Valle at (908) 654-8287.

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# Area Students Compete In Nat'l Science Olympiad at UCC

By THOMAS S. FORTUNATO  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

CRANFORD – On January 11, Union County College was host to a regional tournament of the New Jersey division of the National Science Olympiad. Students from 20 middle schools and 20 high schools from across central New Jersey competed in various science-based challenges such as launching plywood wind-up helicopters, building models of protein molecules and making musical instruments out of PVC pipe.



UP, UP, UP AND AWAY...A contestant in the National Science Olympiad, hosted by Union County College, launches a helicopter as the crowd watches it soar.

The winners from the various challenges will go on to compete against students from all across the state at Middlesex County College, and then those winners will go on to the national-level competition in May. At the national-level competitions, the host institutions grant winners full college scholarships; this year, the University of Wisconsin will host.

The National Science Olympiad started in 1983 as a competition between students of the University of Delaware and the University of Michigan, but it has since grown to incorporate students from all 50 states. New Jersey joined in the Olympiad in 1993.

"This is our 19th year [competing]," stated NJ State Co-Director Sandy Buleza. "We have about 3,000 participating [in the Union County College division]." In addition, there are elementary-school-level tournaments for students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Westfield High School competed on Tuesday, as did Scotch Plains' Terrill and Park Middle Schools.

"This is Park's third year [competing], same with Terrill," stated Park Middle School seventh-grade science teacher Jen Slavin. "It's a good activity for kids who are interested in science to have a club to be involved in."

Both middle schools were originally going to participate in the helicopter competition, in which students build rubber band-powered, wind-up

helicopters out of wood and other materials, with the goal being to keep the vehicle as light as possible so it will be able to lift itself off the ground and stay aloft for the longest amount of time. However, Terrill could not compete due to problems the school was having with its helicopter.

Park's helicopter flight was delayed due to the bottom pair of rotors falling off. After struggling with clamps and Gorilla Glue, students were finally able to get their device airborne. Unfortunately, due to its design, the craft did not live up to expectations.

On Park's craft, each of the four rectangular rotors consisted of tissue paper. The craft performed poorly compared to most of the other heli-

copters, such as that of Summit Middle School, which utilized plastic sheeting in rotor construction. In addition, Park's rotors were rectangular and larger in area, resembling solar panels, whereas those on other crafts were thin and elongated, similar to dragonfly wings.

Regardless of outcome, all students seemed to enjoy the trials and applauded each other's efforts. They also learned valuable lessons in aerodynamics in the process. When asked if Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School competing in the Olympiad was in the cards for the future, Park Middle School eighth-grade science teacher Dr. Richard Minerley replied, "They should; Westfield [High School] does it!"

## St. Bart's to Host Open House Jan. 30

SCOTCH PLAINS – St. Bartholomew Academy will initiate its celebration of Catholic Schools Week with an opening Mass at noon on Sunday, January 30, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, located at 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains. Following the Mass, the Academy will host an Open House until 3 p.m.

Prospective students and their parents are invited to tour the facility, visit classrooms to view student work, and meet the faculty, students, alumni and representatives of the Home School Association.

St. Bartholomew Academy serves students from pre-kindergarten 4-year-olds through grade 8, and offers an early childhood program featuring a full-day pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.

Flexible before-care and after-care programs are available on-site. The Academy is co-sponsored by St. Bartholomew, Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Bernard of Clairvaux parishes. It is under the direction of the Religious Teachers Filippini.

Application materials for the 2011-2012 school year will be available at the Open House. Registration will be held on Tuesday, February 8, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Visit the St. Bartholomew Academy's website, stbacademy.org, for more information about admission requirements.

Individuals may call the school office at (908) 322-4265 with any questions regarding Catholic Schools Week and the application process.



QUEEN BEE...Emma Hoffman, an eighth grader at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield, was the winner of the Geography Bee. She was invited to meet with Principal Stewart Carey, left, and Assistant Principal Derrick Nelson, who made note of her school-wide accomplishment.

## Singing High Praises For WHS Vocalists

WESTFIELD – Eight Westfield High School students have been selected to participate in the prestigious 2011 Region II Choirs.

Chosen for the Honor Chorus are Mary Barber, 11th grade, soprano; Catherine Bruno, 9th grade, soprano; Geoffrey Ko, 10th grade, baritone; Michael Kirkland, 10th grade, tenor; Matt Lynn, 10th grade, tenor, and Travis Przybylski, 12th grade, tenor.

Tenth graders Elizabeth Griesmer, alto, and Nicole Zimmerman, soprano, were chosen for the Region II Women's Chorus.

"These students are to be congratulated for their skill and dedication," stated John Brzozowski, one of Westfield High School's Vocal Music teachers. The students have been invited to perform at Hopewell Valley High School on Monday, January 31, at 2 p.m.

## Holy Trinity School Announces Honor Roll

WESTFIELD – Sister Maureen Fichner, SSJ, principal of Holy Trinity Interparochial School, has announced that the following achieved Honor Roll status for the first trimester of the 2010-2011 school year:

**Grade 8 High Honors** – Kristene Aguinado, Clark Burnett, Sarah Dilorio, Peter Herbert and Caroline Knapp

**Grade 8 Honors** – Olivia Anys-Anderson, Andrew Dellechiaie, Caitlin Glynn, Bridget McAllister, James McGlew, Nicole Notar, Luke Oliver, Marilyn Rodriguez, Patricia Salazar, Alexander Serpico and Emily Wieszczyk

**Grade 7 High Honors** – Julia McDonald

**Grade 7 Honors** – Luke Brezik, Anna Cattafe, Tara Coffey, Noah Cuccuzella, William Fitzpatrick, Matthew Guastamacchia, Peter Hunziker, Ian Kaluzny, Tara Liebovitz, Liam Loughlin, Emma Maloney, Christina Mastrocola, Rionach McEwan, Grace Pfeifer, Anthony Scalia, Patricia Sosinski and Briana Tucciarone

**Grade 6 High Honors** – Veronica Cunningham, Sophia Dilorio, Jacqueline McNulla and Shannon Wieszczyk

**Grade 6 Honors** – Katherine Brennan, Kristen Cavallo, Carolina Cruces, Sarah Fannick, Michelle Ferrer, Lauren McNeill, Daniel Thek and Hannah Toner

# SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

First Marking Period

SCOTCH PLAINS – Dr. David Heisey, Principal of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, has announced the Honor Roll lists for the first marking period of the 2010-2011 school year. To obtain High Honor Roll, a student must have straight "A's" if the student is taking only four or five subjects, or at least five "A's" and a maximum of one "B." For Honor Roll, a student must have at least three "A's" and no mark less than a "B."

## 9th Grade High Honor Roll

Leigh Abramson, Kelsey Ames, Eduardo Arocha, Judah Axelrod, Jessica Banasiak, Lea Barry, Samuel Bebout, Douglas Belcik, Christopher Bubnov, Kathryn Bumiller, Sara Calabrese, Allison Carmico, Marina Carvalho, Angelo Chaia, Thomas Clarke, Erin Connors, Andrew Debiase, Ryan Deutschermeister, Brooke Enners, Christina Fasolas, Sarah Fischmann, Carly Fleischer, Elizabeth Gelling, Vikrant Ghatge, Alyssa Goldsmith, Brian Heath, Gina Jadelis, Alicia Jiang, Ryan Kalkstein, Tracey Katz, Justin Kaufman, Bridget Kelly, Lauren Kilcullen, Kayla Kocha, Paul Kussner, Austin Kwintia, Julia Lavelle, Yi Lin, Constantinos Logos, Sara Lombardi, Amanda Mach, Madison Maisel, Jenna Maizes, Madeline McGovern, Ailene McNamara, Ross Mulcahy, Ryan Nival, Olivia Paladino, Amy Palumbo, Maria Pansulla, Nikhil Patel, Brendan Pierce, Stephanie Plant, Angela Rastelli, Erik Reiman, Alyssa Riporti, Sarah Robinson, Alec Rodriguez, Shayna Rogoff, Darek Rola-Zarzor, Hannah Rosado, Mia Rossi, James Schetelich, Trevor Skanes, Monica Squeri, Megan Voorhees, Olivia Walden, Andrew Warne, Caitlin Williams, Peter Wright, Kathryn Zawodniak, Arielle Zauo

## 10th Grade High Honor Roll

Jordan Bernstein, Cody Biondi, Zachary Brencsons, Abigail Bridg, Brian Burns, Julie Busch, Zachary Ciabattari, Andrew Citera, Nathan Clark, Theresa Clarke, Jackson Cochran, Carney, Sari Dorn, Colleen Farrell, Scott Flanzman, Sarah Freeman, Alexa Gelfand, Paige Goldner, Dasia Green, Danielle Karacsony, Victoria Karakis, Marianne Khalil, Jessica Klein, Caroline Leahy, David Leavitt, George Leavitt, Christie Leist, Elsa Leistikow, Shannon Lord, Aaron Markey, Maxine Marvosa, Gabrielle Mendes, Olivia Mendes, Emily Miller, Enovi Molina-Chevez, Christine Monroy, Jay Morris, Aurora Morton, Mitchell Naveh, Olivia Nelson, Kristen Northrup, Lee Ann Orenszak, Alex Ozdamar, Jesse Ozdamar, Savvas Petridis, Leya Quinones, Amanda Raphael, Dein Rice, Jacqueline Roiz, Leah Salituro, Kristen Schiavo, Amanda Schroder, Hailee Sciarra, Kimberly Shaw, Tristan Sizemore, Molly Solomon, Taylor Swaak, Tara Sweeney, Mary Van Natta, Andrew Wheeler, Lindsey Wilkinson, Caitlin Worthey

## 11th Grade High Honor Roll

Meghan Allen, Omar Amer, Donna Amore, Alyssa Apuzzo, Rachel Armus, Lisa Awaitey, William Babis, Elizabeth Baldwin, Allison Begalman, Elijah Ben-Michael, Dominika Blach, Kelsey Boyea, Dominica Bray, Emma Budiansky, Laura Cappelli, Adam Carabba, Jason Cepparulo, Isabel Crystal, Russell Davis, Madelyne Dhaliwal, Margaret Diaz, John diBattista, Maria Diwane, Joseph Dunn, Ramona Dunning, Lauren Eckert, Kori Fleischman, Katherine Fletcher, Jillian Gardner, Carly Grossman, Fatima Gutierrez, Brenda Ho, Rajan Jain, Ian Johnston, Kerri Killeen, Kristen Lee, Alexandra Loop, Evan Lubranski, Bianca Marcuzzo, Bridget McGovern, Meghan McGrath, Daniel McMillan, Dylan Mruczinski, Claire Muirhead, Varshini Narayanan, Raushan Palejwala, Emily Palmer, Dhruvi Patel, Daniel Pesin, Kaitlin Picone, Margot Rejaud, Jennifer Schwarz, Abigail Slauch, Tracy Staudle, Nicholas Stawicki, Emily Stefaniak, Sheila Strong, Cynthia Timko, Marissa Visci, Jaime Weisbrot, Kristina Zekunde

## 12th Grade High Honor Roll

Brie Adamczyk, Kimberly Agbo, Julia Babis, Ellesse Bartosik, Emily Becker, Elle Bernardo, Shreeta Bhojani, Celeste Bikerdyk, Kyle Bimbam, Erin Brown, Laura Bruce, Meghan Bruckman, Santino Butler, Marianna Caruso-Gilbert, Theresa Chrystal, Jacqueline Close, Zachary Cohen, Evan Cole, Hayley Cornwell, Lane Darwin, Jethro Dimeo, Juliane Duret, Claudia Falconieri, Gregory Favreau, Tessa Felegy, Michael Goldstein, Jesse Haack, Elena Haggan, Amanda Ho, Peter Huether, Julia Ingram, Emma Kelly, Steven Klee, Alison Koransky, Richard Krema, Anita Kwashie, Sarah Lazarus, Anna Leistikow, Katie Levitt, Haley Lindenberger, Raymond Lowrey, Hannah Markey, Jeffrey Marks, Jessica Moore, Samuel More, Emily Nagourney, Tyler Nguyen, Michael Parada, Benjamin Parisi, Alexander Parker, Michael Pesin, Linsey Phelan, Christina Reiman, Michael Rizzo, Melanie Rome,

## Holy Trinity Sets Book Fair Dates

MOUNTAINSIDE – Holy Trinity Interparochial School (HTIS), Mountainside campus, will host a Scholastic Book Fair. The Scholastic Book Fair will take place at HTIS, located at 304 Central Avenue in Mountainside (directly behind the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish).

Book Fair dates will be as follows: Sunday, January 23, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Monday, January 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday, January 25, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. All proceeds will benefit the HTIS library at the Mountainside campus.

Eve Rosenheck, Anne Rubin, Stephen Ruggieri, Danielle Schweizer, Jason Shaub, Jennifer Soriano, Bartosz Stawicki, Elizabeth Stranzbach, Michael Swanek, Jamie Swanton, James Sweeney, Charles Timko, Alexa Uvino, Andrew Vaslas, Lauren Williams, Caresse Yuz, Jessica Yorkovich, Kelly Yutz, Sharon Yutz

## 9th Grade Honor Roll

Nathan Abdy, Anais Abeigon, Casey Abramson, Jacob Arkin, Kayla Ausbon, Mikaela Batts, Carly Bayroff, Frank Besson, Thomas Braun, Rachel Brody, Grant Brown, Mary Brumfield, Gabriella Buissereth, Olivia Buttighieri, In Cappelli, Gabriell Charschan, Alex Cimring, Anna Close, Mary Coloney, Meghan Costello, Kelsey Coupe, Liam Cummings, Morgan Dashiell, Jonathon Dawson, Christopher DeGregorio, Katherine DeMarco, Tessa DeMaria, Gabriella DePaola, Ryan DePaul, Caroline DeVito, Panayotis Dimopoulos, Michael Dinizo, Jose Dunning, Sean Duthie, John Fabricatore, Alexander Fauvre, Caitlin Flood, Gianni Garyfallos, Victoria Germano, Justin Giacomina, Devin Glover, Julie Haggan, Andrew Hall, Emma Hannis-Trowbridge, Sara Hayes, Eric Hogan, Michele Horn, Nicole Horn, John Horre, Zain Hussain-Muhammad, Carly Huxford, Alexandra Jacobs, Nicole Johnson, Connor Kelly, Matthew Kerr, Daniel Korduba, James Lettieri, Jillian Lindenberg, Joshua Lopez, Thomas Madan, Amanda Malool, Amanda Marcus, Emily Margulies, Alex Mazurkies, Jasson Mazzetti, Lauren Mcmorrow, Rebecca Melville, Matthew Moran, Alexandra Negri, Nicole Nugent, Alexandra O'Hara, Emilia O'Leary, Joseph Pagano, Matthew Picone, John Pleischer, Jack Poillon, Jeffrey Pozio, Lindsay Ratner, Ryan Romanovsky, Hansel Romero, Caroline Ross, Michael Rothman, Natalie Rothweiler, Brian Rubin, Kelly Ruggieri, Elizabeth Schwartz, Natasha Segulins, Alexis Smith, Andrew Smith, Grant Sultatos, Ashley Taitton, Alexandra Tevis, Tamara Thompson, Adam Tropp, Dea Tsutsukiridze, Jaclyn Villane, Elias Vitoroulis, Andrew Voyses, Olivia Whitehouse, Jacob Wustefeld, Andy Xu, Elise Xu, Christian Zazzali, Eve Zhubinskij

## 10th Grade Honor Roll

Ross Alexander, Stephanie Araneo, Brynne Bartiromo, Alexa Bergenfeld, Jeremy Berkowitz, Krystyna Bozon, Emily Boruch, Adam Bransky, Jason Breit, Glenisha Brown, Kate Bruckman, Caitlin Bunin, Mary Ellen Cagnanola, Benjamin Caldora, Nicole Campbell, Anna Cannone, Dana Cappicelle, William Castore, Heather Chernoff, Christopher Ciccarino, Kathleen Colonna, Luke Crawford, Nasim Dariani, Matthew Debiase, Dana Decarlo, Maria Didario, Andrew Dill, Ericka Espin, Dahlia Fioretti, Jason Fortunato, Lony Geller, Jason Gerstenfeld, Kerri Gilman, Kayla Giordanello, Justin Glock, Julie Glover, Haley Goller, Justin Grambor, Hannah Greaney, Emily Ho, Eryn Hopkins, Connor Kelly, Jacob Kennedy, Jason Klee, Emily Koprowski, Nicole Lamastra, Kelly Lapham, Andrew Leischer, Alyssa Leyden, Thomas Magelinski, Steven Magnotta, Paige Mankin, Francisco Marrero, Tyler Martin, Melissa McQuoid, Kelsey Meisch, Julia Mendes, Christine Miklas, Jonathan Miksis, Tessa Mitterhoff, Elyse Nadal, Rachel Naugle, Valerie Neuhaus, Hannah Nizri, Kelly O'Leary, Renee Oliver, Benjamin Oster, Ariana Paradiso, Meredith Parker, Lisa Peccarelli, Kelly Peck, Steven Pedersen, Alexandra Peluso, Megan Phelan, Dominick Pigna, Annabelle Ponderdolph, Aidan Racaniello, Kevin Raszka, Jamie Rauch,

Chandler Reeson, Sasha Refinski, Haley Regan, Corentin Rejaud, Michael Rempter, Bridget Reynolds, Amanda Rimpici, Elise Ringel, Karla Rizzi, Kathryn Rodriguez, Marc Louis Rosario, Michael Rosenheck, Gabrielle Sabony, Dylan Sands, Alexander Segulin, Merhan Shams, Deirdre Sheridan, Leila Shevins, Joshua Simon, Taylor Smith, Jeremy Sonpar, Antonio Spadaro, Kayla Spector, Alexandra Sullivan, Justine Valdes, Clarissa Vargas, Emily Vaslas, Michael White, Jacob Zacharia, Tal Zaksenberg, Amy Zhuang

## 11th Grade Honor Roll

Raphael Abella, Michala Allen, Nicolette Ambrosio, Gregory Baliko, Allazandra Bass, Stephanie Beauvais, Jeremy Brenner, Bria Burger, Christopher Burke, Louis Campanaro, Teresa Cannone, Daniela Caro-Esposto, Emma Cavaliere, Alec Chabus, Olivia Checchio, Abigale Churaman, Jacqueline Cirincione, Robert Colonna, Grant Crandall, Jordan Dagostaro, Michael Daly, Erin Dempsey, Nicole DePaola, Rosalie DePaola, Louis Dodge, Casey Dugan, Alison Durant, Destinee Edwards, Alexandra Ehrenthal, Amanda Ekstrand, Luke Ennas, Caitlin English, Melina Gaglias, Roman Gerus, Joshua Getman, Noelle Giacomina, Dominic Gonzales, Craig Gorbunoff, Allison Grimm, Paige Hammond, Ryan Henkels, Steven Ho, Merve Inal, Jacquelyn Isola, Matthew Jekede, Melissa Keiser, Matthew Kempner, Ezra Klein, Joshua Knechtel, Anthony Krajcsik, Stacy Leinfuss, Victoria Lesce, Anthony Lettieri, Jian-Jun Liao, Edward Logo, Jacqueline Mains, Rebecca Maioriello, Michael Mannino, Mitchell Marcus, Alex Markovits, James Marvosa, Casey McBride, Connor McGuire, Ryan Mckenzie, Joseph McQuoid, Elise Miner, Daniel Mital, Sean Murphy, Siddharth Nirmal, Mariel Nizolack, Cole Nowlin, Margaret O'Brien, Marisol Pacaja, Sara Payne, Schuyler Peck, Kwamir Philippe, Erin Pierce, Nicholas Poullos, Delaney Reimers, Carlie Roessel, Victoria Roser, Benjamin Ross, Valerie Rovner, Michael Sabony, William Schauer, Joseph Schmitz, Angela Schmitter, Justin Scholar, Cassandra Segulin, Rose Sigona, Eli Silverstein, Andrew Skoog, Allison Speck, Taylor Sprague, Michael Steinfield, Alex Suriano, Christine Szpond, Megha Tailor, Chloe Thomas, Chayakom Triamarnit, Erica Tropp, Nicole Turso, Sarah Vanbuskirk, Callum Wayman, Keira Wiggins, Andrew Wilson

## 12th Grade Honor Roll

Betsy Appel, Laura Arasin, Nathaniel Bach, Bria Barnes, Micaela Bernardo, Sam Bhakuni, Chana Biner, Jeffrey Brody, William Bryant, Lauren Buckley, Nicole Buzzanca, Cassie Caminiti, Brendon Canavan, Toni-Ann Capece, Joanna Carroll, Christopher Cerchio, Michael Chaia, Moussa Channaoui, Charles Crawley, Jennifer Cua, Meghan Cunningham, Nicole Danik, Matthew D'Apuzzo, Paige Della Badia, Rebecca DiGiacomo, Madeline Dillon, Nicolas Diprospero, Rachel Dolan, Patrick Douglas, Erik Ekstrand, Jalynn Farmer, Kimberly Federico, Frederick Feller, Brian Fischer, Hayley Geller, Christopher Gilman, Richard Gorski, Alexandra Hopkins, John Howarth, Megan Huxford, Victoria Ingato, Danya Jacobs, Marie Jean Pierre, Emma Kaplan, Matthew Koresy, Ezra Klemow, Evelyn Klotz, Megan Koederitz, James Leitner, Alexa Levy, Christina Lewis, Eric Leyden, Edward Logic, Precilla Lopez, Brianna Mahoney, Vidhan Malik, Taylor Marshall, Jillian Mazza, Shannon McGovern, Melissa McKenna, John McNally, Alexandra Molinaro, Nathalia Montoya, Adam Monzella, Ryan Morrison, Sara Moya, Daniel Napolitano, Michael Napolitano, Jonah Ofitzler, Folaranni Ogumfeni, Tyler Palkoski, Jennifer Palumbo, Hyun-Jin Park, Akshay Patel, Lindsay Payne, Alexander Peary, Joelle Pisauri, Joseph Policya, Brittany Reilly, Alissa Ricci, Andrew Ricciardi, Amanda Rodriguez, Michelle Rogoff, Alexa Rothenberg, Lawrence Rothweiler, Charles Sciarra, Micah Seaman, Nicholas Sobolau, David Sherman, Rachel Siegel, Bryce Smith, Sarah-Elisabeth Stein, Nicole Sultatos, Rory Szyto, Gabrielle Vacca, Kirsten Walker, Georgeann Walden, Amanda White, Terence White, Alyssa Young, Matthew Zawodniak, Charles Zhou, Courtney Zyla

PUBLIC NOTICE		PUBLIC NOTICE	
<b>SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>			
<b>NOTICE OF MEETINGS</b>			
(In Compliance with OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT - Chapter 211)			
<b>*ADDENDUM TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS*</b>			
<b>TYPE OF MEETING:</b>	Board/PTA Roundtable Discussion	<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	Monday, January 24, 2011
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Terrill Middle School/Media Center 1301 Terrill Road Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076	<b>TIME:</b>	7:30 p.m.
<b>PURPOSE OF MEETING:</b>	The Board will meet with the PTA to discuss various topics of concern.	<b>ACTION TO BE TAKEN:</b>	Action may be taken.
<b>1 T - 1/20/11, The Times</b>		<b>Fee: \$30.60</b>	

## TOWN OF WESTFIELD

Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting held January 18, 2011 and that the said Council will further consider the same for final passage on the 1st day of February, 2011 at 8:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time and place any person who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Claire J. Gray  
Town Clerk

## GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1973

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 16

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Westfield has undertaken various capital improvements to fields and facilities administered by the Recreation Department; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Westfield concludes that an increase in the fees charged for use of the fields and facilities administered by the Recreation Department is required to fund the improvements.  
**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield in the County of Union:

**SECTION I:**

1. Section 16-6(g) of Chapter 16 of the Code of the Town of Westfield shall be repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Sec. 16-6. Permits, fees, application thereof and issuance thereof.**

(g) The following fees shall apply to permits issued under this section:  
Mindowaskin Park Gazebo Not to exceed \$50.00 per hour or any part thereof;  
Picnic Area Permit Not to exceed \$100.00 per day (Applicable to organizations only)

2. Section 16-25(a) of Chapter 16 of the Code of the Town of Westfield shall be repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Sec. 16-25. Fee and deposit for loaned picnic kits and other recreational equipment and charges for items not returned; penalty.**

(a) The recreation commission may provide picnic kits to persons using park facilities. The recreation commission shall collect a fee not to exceed twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per kit per day and shall collect a deposit not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each kit from the user. The deposit shall be refunded if the kit is returned to the recreation commission within three(3) days, containing all the items included in the kit when issued and undamaged. If the

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kit or any individual item or items contained therein when issued are not returned in the time period set forth herein or returned damaged, the recreation commission shall retain a portion of the deposit equivalent to the value of any individual item or items damaged or not returned according to the a schedule of values, prepared by the recreation commission and furnished to the person(s) receiving the kit at the time the kit is issued. If the kit is not returned, the recreation commission shall retain the entire deposit.

3. Section 16-28 of Chapter 16 of the Code of the Town of Westfield shall be repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Sec. 16-28. Athletics program; fees and charges.**

(a) Westfield based Youth Athletic Programs.  
A fee not to exceed \$25.00 per child, per season, per sport shall be charged to, and collected from, each private sports league that uses a field administered by the recreation department, except Board of Education fields.  
(b) Non-Westfield based and Adult Athletic Programs.  
A fee not to exceed \$60.00 per game, per three-hour period, shall be charged to adult leagues and or teams, or all non-Westfield based teams and/or leagues for use of a field administered by the recreation department, except Board of Education fields.

4. Section 16-28 of Chapter 16 of the Code of the Town of Westfield shall be repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Sec. 16-30. Use of community room in the municipal building; fee established.**

A fee not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour shall be charged for the use of the community room during the hours set forth herein Monday - Friday. A fee not to exceed seventy five dollars (\$75.00) per hour, minimum of three hours, shall be charged for the use of the community room on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The hours shall be limited to the period between 10:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M.

**SECTION II.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

**SECTION III.** This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as and in the manner provided by law.  
**SECTION IV.** In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.  
1 T - 1/20/11, The Leader Fee: \$114.24

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## Freeholders Gallery Showing 'Art from the Heart'

ELIZABETH—The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is presenting an exhibit called "Art from the Heart" at the Freeholders Gallery, on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building, located at Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth.

The visual art is on display now through Friday, January 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and also on Thursday evenings. Admission is free.

The show features watercolor paintings, mixed media and drawings in graphite, color pencils, soft pastels and markers, created by adult artists who are participants in the "Art from the Heart" program. Now in its 10th year, the program is a partnership between the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey and SAGE Eldercare in Summit.

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey is the state's largest institution dedicated exclusively to viewing, making and learning about contemporary art. Comprised of a renowned studio art school with a thriving educational program, the Art Center welcomes over 60,000 visitors each year. Its service mission includes a commitment to creating access to the arts for a range of constituents, including at-risk children and youth, people with special needs, and senior adults.

SAGE Eldercare, also located in Summit, supports the independence, well-being and quality of life of older adults, their families and caregivers through a wide range of programs and services that assist seniors in the

challenges they face during the later stages of life.

"Art from the Heart" is made possible in part by a H.E.A.R.T. (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Freeholders Gallery is coordinated by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

For more information about this exhibit and other programs and services related to the arts and Union County history, contact the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, N.J. 07202, call (908) 558-2550 or e-mail culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

### Choral Art Society Set To Perform January 22

WESTFIELD — The Choral Art Society of New Jersey, Inc. will perform Cantatas I-III of Johann Sebastian Bach's Christmas Oratorio on Saturday, January 22, at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street in Westfield.

James S. Little, Musical Director of the Society, will conduct the evening's performance. Soloists will include Ellen Goff Enriken, soprano; Jeffrey Mandelbaum, alto; Stephen Sands, tenor, and Mark Watson, bass. The Choral Art Society Orchestra will accompany the chorus.

The cost is \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and students, at the door. For information, call (908) 654-5737 or visit thechoralartsocietyofnj.org.



WRITERS FLOCK...The Westfield Writers Group gathers at 16 Prospect Street to discuss their passion for the written word. Pictured, from left to right, are: Cheryl Paden, Marisa Mangione, Karen Rooney, Eva Natiello, Rosanne Kurstedt, Lillian Duggan, Emma Schwartz and Jennifer Principato. Not pictured are Tom Butera and Charles Rubin.



CHRISTIAN ROCK...Array of Hope, a Christian rock band, will perform at Holy Trinity Interparochial School on Sunday, January 30, at 6 p.m.

### WF Writers Share Passion for Words

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Writers Group, now in its second year, is a diverse group of writers that meets once a month at the Westfield Memorial Library to critique each other's works. Members write in various genres, including fiction, non-fiction, memoir, poetry, humor, young adult and essays.

While some of the members come from the publishing industry, all share a passion for the written word and a common goal to get their pieces published. Eva Natiello, the group leader, was recently selected to attend the 2011 Sirenland Writers' Conference in Positano, Italy.

For more information about the Westfield Writers Group contact Eva at evanatiello@yahoo.com.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD

The Westfield Planning Board will meet on **Monday, February 7, 2011** in Council Chambers in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following application for preliminary and final major site plan approval and variance relief by the Cowperthwaite Place Condominium Association (the "Applicant") relative to premises known as 34 Cowperthwaite Place and shown as Block 1003, Lot 12 on the Tax Map of the Town of Westfield (the "Property").

Applicant proposes to add a three story elevator with an enclosure to the existing three story residential condominium building.

Applicant seeks variances from the following provisions of the Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Westfield.

List of New C.40:55D70c Variances Requested:

**Maximum Building Height** § 11.16E.7 allows a maximum story height of 2 1/2 stories. Per the definition of story height (Section 2.09 M) the proposed elevator will enlarge the nonconforming third story.

Any and all other variances, waivers or exceptions from certain site plan details or Relief from requirements of the Land Use Ordinance deemed necessary 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 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

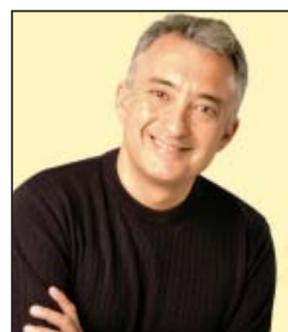
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1 T - 1/20/11, The Leader Fee: \$39.78

## Kean Univ. Appoints Ripper Composer-in-Residence

UNION — Anthony Scelba, director of the Kean University Concert Artist Program, has announced the appointment of Brazilian composer João Guilherme Ripper as 2011-2012 concert artist composer-in-residence.

In this new capacity, Mr. Ripper will write original works, especially for the Concert Artists Series, performed at the recently restored Gene and Shelly Enlow Recital Hall on Kean University's East Campus. His compositions will include a string quintet and a piano quintet, among other works making their debuts in upcoming seasons. The Concert Artist Series is a fully professional chamber music program performed by internationally renowned musicians who also serve as faculty at Kean University. The series offers 12 to 15 productions a year, including a jazz program on the Main and East campuses.

Mr. Ripper was born in Rio de Janeiro and has worked there since 2004 as director of Sala Cecília Meireles, a leading concert hall. He is former Dean of the School of Music of the Federal University of



João Guilherme Ripper

Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), where he served previously as a faculty member in composition and director of graduate programs. The UFRJ School of Music has approximately 700 students in its undergraduate and graduate programs and approximately 80 faculty and staff members.

Mr. Ripper has guest-conducted many of Brazil's noted orchestras. His compositions, including operas, orchestral and chamber works, songs and piano pieces, have been performed in concert halls throughout Brazil and abroad. He has had work commissioned and performed by the Orquestra Sinfônica do Estado de São Paulo and he was the featured composer-in-residence of the 39th International Music Festival of Campos do Jordão. The Orquestra Petrobras Sinfônica commissioned an opera from him that was premiered in November 2010.

His appointment as Kean University concert artist composer-in-residence follows those of Swiss-American Frank Ezra Levy, 2008-2009; fellow Brazilian Liduino Pitombeira, 2009-2010, and Mexican-American and Juilliard faculty member Samuel Zyman, 2010-2011. Dr. Zyman's Quintet for Piano and Strings, written for the concert artist series, will receive its world premiere in Enlow Hall at the Ars Vitalis concert on Thursday, April 28, at 8 p.m. Also on that program will be Dr. Zyman's Guitar Quintet.

#### Erratum

The January 13 review of the Westfield Community Players' show *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* should have stated that it was Chris Mortenson's voice that "soars with strength and emotion" in the "most poignant of the night's numbers, 'Shouldn't I be less in Love with You?'"

## Fanwood Artist's Pastel Paintings Earn Top Awards

SUMMIT — Fanwood artist Paula Pearl has won the top two awards in the Winter Exhibition of the Millburn-Short Hills Arts Center (M-SHAC) at Overlook Hospital.

Ms. Pearl took the best-in-show prize for "Eventide II" and an award of excellence for "Spring Marsh." Both are pastels. Her paintings are among 66 works by 31 artists that will be on view at the hospital through Friday, April 1.

Though other arts organizations have occasionally had dual winners, longtime members of the Millburn group cannot recall another such instance in one of its exhibits. "I've been a member of M-SHAC for almost 15 years," said Michael Fenton, the treasurer and a former president of the organization, "and I've never



Artist Paula Pearl's pastel painting "Spring Marsh"

award-winning quilt maker before taking up painting, first in watercolor, then in pastel. She has exhibited widely in the metropolitan area, and her works are in many private collections.

The Millburn-Short Hills Arts Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of local artists, was founded in 1940. It has more than 165 members hailing from cities and towns across northern and central New Jersey, with a few representing nearby New York and Pennsylvania. They work in oil, watercolor, pastels, collage, sculpture and photography. M-SHAC organizes four or five exhibitions annually at theaters, libraries, hospitals and community centers.

All are free and open to the public. More information about the organization is available at mshac.org.

### 'Array of Hope' Plans Holy Trinity Event

WESTFIELD — Array of Hope, a Christian rock band, is scheduled to perform at Holy Trinity Interparochial School on Sunday, January 30, at 6 p.m.

Array of Hope will present a show that will include two Christian rock bands, comedians, entertainers, motivational speakers and multimedia presentations.

Geared to all ages and open to the community, the event will kick off the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. The school will host the event in the gym, located at 336 First Street in Westfield.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door, or individuals may pick them up at the school's office. Seating is limited. For more information, call Rose at (908) 654-1116.



Artist Paula Pearl's pastel painting "Eventide II"

seen one person win two prizes, let alone the top two prizes."

The juror for the show was Steven C. Fleisch, a second-generation artist who has extensive experience as a creative director in the advertising industry.

Ms. Pearl began her artistic career as a photographer, then became an

### Stony Hill Players Add Audition Dates

SUMMIT — Due to weather conditions/cancellations, additional audition dates have been added for Stony Hill Players production of *Isn't It Romantic* by Wendy Wasserstein on Monday January 24 and Thursday, January 27, both at 7 p.m. in the Oakes Center, 120 Morris Avenue, Summit.

Performances are in May. Casting is for four men and four women. For additional information please call (973) 376-1216.

## N.J. Symp Orch to Present Puccini's Madama Butterfly

NEWARK — Continuing a multi-year partnership that has thrilled New Jersey audiences, Opera New Jersey and the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will present *Madama Butterfly*, Puccini's opera masterpiece of a tragic love story, in Princeton and Newark in February. The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ PAC) has partnered with the two organizations to present the Newark performance.

*Madama Butterfly* is the story of a young American naval officer who marries a Japanese geisha known as Butterfly. For him, the marriage is a diversion, but for Butterfly, it is true love.

Soprano Inna Los performs the role of Cio-Cio-san, the titular character. The production features tenor Scott Piper as U.S. Navy Lieutenant B. F. Pinkerton, baritone Todd Thomas as Sharpless, mezzo-soprano Vanessa Cariddi as Suzuki, tenor Matthew Surapine as the matchmaker Goro

and bass Jeremy Milner as The Bonze. Valery Ryvkin conducts; David Grabarkewitz is stage director. The performance will be sung in Italian with English supertitles.

Performances will take place on Friday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the McCarter Theatre in Princeton and Friday, February 11, at 8 p.m. at NJPAC in Newark. Tickets range in price from \$25 to \$125 in Princeton and from \$25 to \$109 in Newark.

Tickets for all performances are available for purchase from the NJSO Box Office by calling 1-(800) ALLEGRO (255-3476) or online at njsymphony.org. Tickets for the Princeton engagement also may be purchased by calling (609) 258-ARTS (258-2727) or online at mccarter.org. Tickets for the NJPAC engagement are available through the NJPAC Box Office by calling 1-888-GO-NJPAC (466-5722) or online at njpac.org.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on 2/3/11 downloaded, and publicly opened and read, from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27-7-35.1 et seq. in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; for:

Route 1&9 North Avenue to Haynes Avenue Resurfacing (M.P. 45.5 to 47.6) Contract No. 045093060; Mill and Pave; City of Newark, City of Elizabeth, County of Essex and County of Union, Federal Project No: NHS-0033 (280) UPC NO: 093060, DP No: 10113 Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 N.J.A.C 17:27.

For Federal projects, Bidders must register with both the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 AND the "Public Works Contractor Registration Act", N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq. (P.L.2003, c. 91) prior to contract execution. Appropriate proof of these registrations should be provided to NJDOT as soon as possible.

The Department, in accordance with Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252 U.S.C., 49 C.F.R., Parts 21 and 23 issued pursuant to such Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any bidder on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or handicap in the project award.

Plans, specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com). You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe follow the instructions on the website. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express. Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our Design Field Offices at the following locations:

200 Stierli Court Mt. Arlington, NJ 973-770-5141	Route 79 and Daniels Way Freehold, NJ 732-308-4025	1 Executive Campus Rt 70W Cherry Hill, NJ 856-486-6624
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3 T - 1/13/11, 1/20/11 and 1/27/11, The Leader Fee: \$177.48

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### TOWN OF WESTFIELD

Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting held January 18, 2011 and that the said Council will further consider the same for final passage on the 1st day of February, 2011 at 8:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time and place any person who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Claire J. Gray  
Town Clerk

#### GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1972

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 16, "PARKS AND RECREATION" BY CHANGING CERTAIN FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MEMORIAL POOL AND BY ESTABLISHING CERTAIN NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield as follows:  
That Section 16-12 "Fees established" be amended to read as follows:

Class of Membership	Resident (Not to Exceed)	Non-Resident (Not to Exceed)
1. Family (5 Individuals or more)	\$ 600.00	\$ 870.00
2. Family (4 Individuals or less)	\$ 480.00	\$ 750.00
3. Husband & Wife, Parent & Child (Under 18) or Domestic/Civil Union Partners	\$ 360.00	\$ 610.00
4. Individual	\$ 240.00	\$ 405.00
5. Senior Citizen	\$ 120.00	\$ 185.00
6. Family w/Child care (5 individuals or more)	\$ 840.00	\$ 1,275.00
7. Family w/Child care (4 individuals or less)	\$ 720.00	\$ 1,155.00

The exact fee to be charged provided by this section shall be determined from time to time by the Recreation Commission.

SECTION III. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION IV. In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION V. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner, permitted by law.

1 T - 1/20/11, The Leader Fee: \$71.40

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD SCHOOL BOARD ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY INFORMATION

January 20, 2010—The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District has announced it has information available for citizens interested in running for a vacant seat on the board of education.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will have two full 3-year terms open for Scotch Plains and one full 3-year term open for Fanwood in the April 27 Annual School Election. Mr. Del Sordi, spokesperson for the school board, announced today.

Candidates must file a nominating petition with the local school board in order to get their name on the ballot for the Annual School Election. The current deadline to submit the nominating petition is 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2011. The election is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" online at [www.njsba.org](http://www.njsba.org). Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes a nominating petition, information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy and the role of the school board member. Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act and important dates in the school election process are also included in the kit.

"One of the most meaningful contributions that a citizen can make to their community is serving on their local board of education," said Raymond F. Wiss, NJSBA president. "I encourage all interested citizens to consider school board membership. It doesn't require a degree in education, or a background in politics. However, it does require a sincere interest in the community, its children, and their education."

CONTACT: Anthony Del Sordi  
Business Administrator  
Board Secretary  
1 T - 1/20/11, The Times Fee: \$41.82

# Arts & Entertainment

## Alliance Repertory Theatre Company Offers Realism in New Play *Still Life*

BY SUSAN M. DOUGHERTY  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

RAHWAY—Depression takes many shapes and manifests itself in different ways. Alexander Dinelaris' new play *Still Life*, now playing at the Alliance Repertory Theatre Company at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway, tackles the way life's depressing problems can be handled. This fascinating play delves into a photographer's sudden professional paralysis and the unexpected romance that helps her move on in life.

*Still Life* is a somber, sobering, insightful piece that investigates the reality of a death that devastates a person's world. Carrie Ann (Elissa Strell) looks for inspiration after the death of her father, Theo (Howard Fischer), who was also a photographer. While speaking to a group of high school students about her work, she strays into a tirade about the world and practically has to be pulled from the stage.

Quickly switch to a scene in an agency, where Terry (Mike Babb) is wrestling with a new slant for a country fried chicken advertising campaign. His employee, Jeff (Matt McCarthy), a media analyst, suggests a fresh angle — that people want to enjoy living and not worry about cholesterol or fat content. "Run back to country fried chicken, the comfort food," he says to a delighted Terry.

To celebrate this innovative campaign approach, Terry invites Jeff to Carrie Ann's photo exhibit that night. The enticement: "plenty of women in short cocktail dresses and bombed on champagne."

Before the party, however, Jeff learns from his doctor friend Sean (Chess Lankford) that he may have a life-threatening health problem. Sometimes a scare forces us to look closely at our lives. Jeff, reflectively, believes he's been a coward most of his life. Yet when he sees Carrie Ann's photo exhibit of dead animals that seem to dignify death, he explains that he is no longer afraid of it. His life and hers are altered irrevocably.

The play features fine acting, interesting dialogue and smooth direction. There are probably 20 something scenes—all three to five minutes in length—that skip from one



Photo Courtesy of Jill Fischer

**THE PITCH...** Boss Terry (Mike Babb, standing) discusses with media analyst Jeff (Matt McCarthy) the tight spot he's in concerning a new ad campaign for country fried chicken. His employee, Jeff, comes through with the idea that "grease on the bucket" is good, and the American public will see it as comfort food.

spot to another. Without split-second timing and precise lighting by Tom Rowe, the show could have been a plodding, slow, disjointed piece waiting for scenes to be set. But with director Michael Driscoll's fast pace and smart use of the intimate space in the upstairs theater in the historic Rahway theater, it all works.

Matt McCarthy's outstanding performance—one of his finest to date—shows a rainbow of emotion. Mr. McCarthy finds seeds of truth in the dialogue that blossom into pain, joy and love.

Jeff's newfound love, Carrie Ann, carries us into her world of doubts and fears. "It's the shots you don't take that haunt you," the famed photographer says. She broods and frets over what she thinks she is, as opposed to the reality of her talent.

Despite a bout with laryngitis at the Sunday, January 16, matinee, Ms. Strell was able to convey Carrie Ann's lines with an honesty and credibility that rang loud and true.

Mike Babb's intriguing portrayal of the boozed cokehead Terry reveals the character's frustration and anger against women as well as himself. Mr. Babb takes an unlikable character and, by the end of the play, makes us understand him.



Photo Courtesy of Jill Fischer

**STILL LIFE...** While Carrie Ann (Elissa Strell, front) speaks to a high school class about her award-winning photographs, she unexpectedly goes off on a tangent. Joanne (Cody Dalton) gets ready to pull her off the stage in Alexander Dinelaris' play *Still Life*, being staged for the next two weekends at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway by the Alliance Repertory Theatre Company. The show runs weekends through January 29.

play, it isn't. It doesn't offer the make-believe world of a Hollywood ending, but presents the reality of life and death in an authentic way.

The show runs weekends through Saturday, January 29.

## UCC to Display Yoskowitz's 'Finding Frenzy and Flight'

CRANFORD – From January 21 to February 24, the exhibition "Finding Frenzy and Flight" will be on display in the Tomasulo Gallery in the MacKay Library at Union County College. The exhibition is by artist Robert Yoskowitz, who also is a senior professor of fine arts at Union County College.

Mr. Yoskowitz's solo exhibition is of color photography. In his artist statement, he defines how he uses photography to achieve his view of life and art. He states, "Visually, I find the spaces in between life fascinating. Photography can reveal those spaces. And for me, color photography can act like paint by filling in those spaces."

He has been influenced by the work of Henri Matisse, especially during the Fauve period of 1905-1907. Mr. Yoskowitz claims that Matisse's work fascinates him, especially how color is freed from its former use as only an illustrator of objects. Mr. Yoskowitz also is attracted to the 19th-century Japanese wood block prints of Hiroshige and his notion of "near" and "far" and how he uses spatial organization.

For Mr. Yoskowitz, photography provides the opportunity to do both with color and space. He is trying to infuse into his pictures the moment revealed in heightened color, eccentric space and a shard of time.

Mr. Yoskowitz has served as a curator for exhibitions on vernacular photography, one that was held at Lehigh University in 2007 entitled, "Vernacular to the Masters: Photography of the Anonymous and the Celebrated," and in 2000, at the New Jersey State Museum, entitled



**SNEAK PEAK...** Artist Robert Yoskowitz will display photographs including "Sneaks," shown above at the Union County College's Tomasulo Gallery.

"CLICK! The Marvelous in American Vernacular Photography."

He is a two-time recipient of a New Jersey State Council on the Arts Fellowship in Photography. He served as a model in the 2000 film, *George Segal: An American Still Life*, which was shown on PBS.

Mr. Yoskowitz has works in the collections at the Princeton University Art Museum and the New Jersey State Museum. He holds advanced degrees from Pratt Institute, Hunter College and the City University of New York.

A meet-the-artist reception for "Finding Frenzy and Flight" will be held tomorrow, Friday, January 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Tomasulo Gallery, on the first floor of MacKay Library on the college's Cranford campus, located at 1033 Springfield Avenue.

Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Evening hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

For more information, call (908) 709-7155 or visit the college's website, [ucc.edu/go/TomArt](http://ucc.edu/go/TomArt).

## WF Chansonettes on Lookout for New Voices for 'Singing a Rainbow'

WESTFIELD – The Chansonettes of Westfield seek new voices as the group begins rehearsing for its upcoming spring tour, entitled "Sing a Rainbow." The all-women's chorus performs its spring concert during the month of May at several locations in the area, including Westfield Senior Housing, The Chelsea at Fanwood, Spring Meadows in Summit and Runnells Specialized Hospital. This year's program will feature songs celebrating the beauty found in rainbows and sunshine, including "Rainbow Connection," "Blue Skies," "Wonderful World" and "Blowin' in the Wind/America."

The Chansonettes, which began

more than 60 years ago, performs both a holiday concert series in December and a spring concert series each year. The women rehearse on Wednesday nights at the Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue in Westfield, under the direction of Jean Schork and accompanied by Mel Freda.

The group currently is looking for new members who enjoy singing and gathering with friends. Anyone needing more information regarding upcoming concerts, interested in joining the group or booking a future concert may call Presidents Jackie Costello at (908) 789-5819 or Amy Herrington at (908) 317-5910.

## WF's Hudelson to Perform In *13: A New Musical*

BASKING RIDGE – Westfield resident Maddie Hudelson will play the part of Kendra in The Junior and Senior Performing Arts Companies from Front and Center for Performing Arts when they present *13: A New Musical*.

*13: A New Musical* is a high-energy story about growing up. When Evan Goldman's parents get divorced, he's forced to move from New York City to a small town in Indiana. Evan just wants to make friends and survive the school year. With an unforgettable rock score from Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown, *13* is a hilarious musical for all ages about discovering that cool is where you find it, and sometimes where you least expect it.

Show times will be Saturday, January 22, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 23, at 1:30 p.m. at Ridge Performing Arts Center, located at 268 South Finley Avenue in Basking Ridge. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 and can be purchased by calling the Front and Center Box Office



Maddie Hudelson

at (973)258-1123 or at the door on the day of the show. For more information, visit [front-n-center.com](http://front-n-center.com).

## Glyndor Gallery Announces Creative Winter Workshops

BRONX, N.Y. — Building on the success of last year's inaugural Winter Workspace Program, from January 4 to March 27, Glyndor Gallery has been transformed into a space for artists to create new work or develop ongoing projects. Nine contemporary artists, representing an array of artistic practices, will be in residence over two, six-week sessions. Artists will open their studios to engage with the public, giving visitors the opportunity to converse with the artists and learn about the creative process behind each project. Visitors also will have the opportunity to learn techniques during hands-on workshops led by Winter Workspace artists.

Three artists are in-residence during the first session, from January 4 through February 13. Inspired by the message of wildlife conservation and the range of expression found in nature, Bronx-based artist Ruth Marshall continues her project of knitting full-scale pelts of endangered wildcats. Marion Wilson will paint miniature landscapes on glass, based on Wave Hill's stunning views. Claudia Weber prepares for an architectural installation in the Sunroom Project Space later in the year.

Five artists are in-residence during the second session, which takes place from February 15 through March 27.

Max Liboiron will work on a trash-based sculptural installation that will evolve over the course of her residency through an interactive exchange with visitors. As part of his ongoing investigation, James Walsh will research, press and display plants found in the arctic and New York City. Swati Khurana will continue the intergenerational embroidery project that she has been working on with her grandmothers for years, contributing and exchanging ideas and techniques. Meghan Gordon will conduct research on the historical mural



**KNIT ONE, PEARL TWO...** Ruth Marshall, a featured artist, is shown with her creations.

found in Wave Hill's Ecology Building in preparation for her Sunroom Project Space installation in April. The Friendly Falcons and Their Friend the Snake (Jeffrey Kurosaki and Tara Pelletier) create an installation incorporating both music they perform and found sound, to weave a story related to Wave Hill.

Visitors enjoy an insider's view of Wave Hill's Winter Workspace during Open Studio days, February 13 and March 26, as well as during individual, artist-led workshops and tours. All events are free with admission to the grounds; some events require registration, as space may be limited.

### Fellowship Theater to Hold Auditions

Auditions for Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit* will be held at 460 Main Street in Chatham on Saturday, January 22, from 4 to 8 p.m.

## Hedgehog & Feather Co. To Present *NUNSENSE*

WESTFIELD – Hedgehog & Feather Theatre Company has announced its upcoming production of *NUNSENSE*, which is guaranteed to shake off the winter doldrums.

This warmhearted, hilarious musical, with words and music by Dan Goggin, features an outstanding adult company including H & F's co-artistic director, Julie Fetter. With direction by Joe Penczak and music direction by Sara Hedgepeth, the cast also includes Wendy Connolly, Wanda Simmons, Jenny Murphy and Terri Cerritto.

Sister Julia, Child of God, the convent cook, has accidentally poisoned 52 of her fellow sisters at the Little Sisters of Hoboken nunnery. Heartbroken and in dire need of funds to bury their last four dearly departed sisters, the five surviving "Little Hobos" take over the school auditorium

to raise money, showcasing their hilariously hidden talents.

Featuring star turns, tap-dancing nuns, an audience quiz and comic surprises, this is one talent show that is truly heaven sent!

Performances will be February 4 at 8 p.m. and February 5 at 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets (\$15-\$20) can be ordered by e-mail at [hf.tickets@verizon.net](mailto:hf.tickets@verizon.net). Reserved seating.

Theater location – St. Paul's Parish Hall (414 East Broad Street, Westfield.) Street parking available on St. Paul Street or East Broad Street or in the church parking lot accessed via Euclid Avenue. For more information, visit [hedgehogandfeather.org](http://hedgehogandfeather.org). This show is best for ages 11 to 111.

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## WF Art Association to Feature Artist Pressman

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Art Association will feature a demonstration by Lisa Pressman on Sunday, January 23, from 2 until 4 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and will be held in the Community Room at 425 East Broad Street in Westfield. The community room has a handicap-accessible ramp.

Ms. Pressman will demonstrate painting techniques and tips using RandF pigment sticks. She grew up in Rahway and now lives and works in West Orange.

Ms. Pressman has a M.F.A. in painting from Bard College and a B.A. from Douglass College, Rutgers University. She has been teaching encaustic painting and painting with RandF pigment sticks for the past five years. She teaches privately, at the Center for Visual Arts in Summit, The Printmaking Council of N.J., Peter's Valley Arts and Craft Center in Layton and the Newark Museum. Upcoming workshops are scheduled at R&F Encaustics, Kingston, N.Y., Snow Farm in Massachusetts and in Cortona, Italy.

Her work will be featured in a solo show at Rosenfeld Gallery in Philadelphia. She exhibited in the 2010 New Jersey Arts Annual at the New Jersey State Museum. She was



**SOLO SHOW...** A drawing by Lisa Pressman using RandF sticks, a medium that will be featured at the demonstration on January 23.

one of the four artists featured in the juried exhibition, "Illusive Balance: Transcendental Pattern and Layered Surface." The show was part of The Mary H. Dana Women Artists Series at the Douglass Library Galleries, Rutgers University. She was invited to participate in Butter's Gallery "Little Gems" exhibition in Portland, Ore. She also is represented by the Jack Meier Gallery in Houston, Tex., and Anelle Gandelman Fine Art, Larchmont, N.Y.

The Art Association will meet on the following Sundays: February 27, March 27, May 22 and June 26.



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