

## WF Council Hears Public Input Regarding Traffic Signal

By LAUREN S. BARR  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD - The bulk of Tuesday night's conference session of the Westfield Town Council was spent hearing complaints and questions from residents regarding the newly operational pedestrian crossing signal on Central Avenue.

Lincoln Road resident Jim Baker took issue with the council over the distance of the new light from the stop sign at the corner of Central Avenue and Clover Street. He said that, according to the Uniform Traffic Code, a signalized pedestrian light must be over 100 feet from the cor-

ner. He then asked the mayor and council members if they would like to "bet" on its distance.

Town Attorney Robert Cockren told Mr. Baker that it was "not a time for you to interrogate or cross examine the town council."

Mr. Baker asked that someone measure the distance from the stop sign to the light, which he estimated at 80 feet or less, because it is "not in compliance, unless I am wrong."

Francis Terrace resident Peter Laskaris questioned the council on the process of the placement of the light and voiced his objection to the location of the light in front of Adina

Enculescu's home. He said that "it is a terrible eyesore" and that he does not "think it's fair" to the property owner.

Third Ward Councilman Dave Haas said that "it would have been nice" if the county, which was responsible for implementing the project, had let Ms. Enculescu know before it was installed.

Second Ward Councilwoman and Public Safety Committee Chairwoman JoAnn Neylan said that while she sympathizes with Ms. Enculescu, public safety is important and is "bigger than just one person."

When asked where he would have put the light, Mr. Laskaris at first said he did not know, but later suggested that it be placed at Belmar Terrace, which is now a cul-de-sac, where the light would not be on anyone's property. He said that he would feel more comfortable with his children walking on Belmar Terrace, even though there is no sidewalk, than on Clover Street.

Mr. Laskaris asked the mayor, "What would it take to move it (the light)?" Mayor Andy Skibitsky responded that the council would observe the use of the light and the safety of it over the next 90 days and that unless it was deemed unsafe, "I don't think we'll move it."

Francis Terrace resident Anthony Jennette said that he and his wife used the light to cross Central Avenue and found that cars were running the red light. He also stated his concern that a motorist turning right onto Central from Clover would not be looking right to see if the light was red and could hit a pedestrian.

When resident Len Berman asked the mayor to consider the report that drivers are running the red light in the council's evaluation, Fourth Ward Councilman James Foerst dismissed the request, stating, "It's not like we turned our ears off; we heard what they said."

In other business, Councilwoman Neylan announced that the Westfield High School (WHS) parking meeting, which is a joint meeting of the council and the board of education, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 23, at 7 p.m. at WHS. The meeting, which was previously canceled due to snow, will be open to the public to discuss traffic and parking issues in the area of WHS and Edison Intermediate School. The town's traffic safety engineer, Gordon Meth, will be in attendance.

At the close of the meeting, the council went into closed session to discuss a personnel issue and the Sunnyside lawsuit, a builders' remedy suit against the town.



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**MOVING ON...**Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) sits with a group of protesters affiliated with MoveOn.org on February 24 to discuss unemployment, health care and other issues at his Westfield office. The group was protesting \$61 billion in cuts proposed by the House Republican majority to the record high federal budget of \$3.73-trillion presented by President Barack Obama.

## Freeholders OK 22-Yr. Extension On Burner Lease; DEP, DCA Next

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
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ELIZABETH - Union County Freeholders voted 9-0 to adopt an ordinance, last Thursday, to approve a 22-year extension through 2045 on the county's lease with Covanta Energy for operation of the county's garbage incinerator in Rahway.

The agreement must be approved by the state's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Department of Community Affairs (DCA) as well as the Office of the Ratepayer Advocate. Officials hope to have the state sign off on the deal by April. The current contract runs through 2023, according to Jonathan Williams, special counsel to the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA).

He said 11 of the 14 towns that have existing long-term contracts with the UCUA to dump at the incinerator have signed contract extensions.

Dennis Enright of NW Financial Group, LLC, the authority's financial advisor, said Covanta will pay the county \$4 million out of its revenues in increased lease payments annually as well as \$125,000 per year to enforce waste flow at the incinerator.

In addition, Mr. Enright said tipping fees charged to towns as well as private haulers using the facility, will be reduced by \$3.44 per ton "on all waste we process through the plant over the term of the contract." In 2029

Covanta will be required to share 10 percent of revenues with the county from the sale of electricity produced at the facility.

Rahway also will benefit from the contract extension, as Covanta will increase the annual host fee to the city from the \$850,000 it currently pays to \$1 million.

"The total economic benefit (for the new lease) to the UCUA and ratepayers will be in excess of \$300 million," said Mr. Enright, saying these savings will be generated from lower solid waste disposal fees, higher lease payments and revenue sharing of profits from

the sale of electricity.

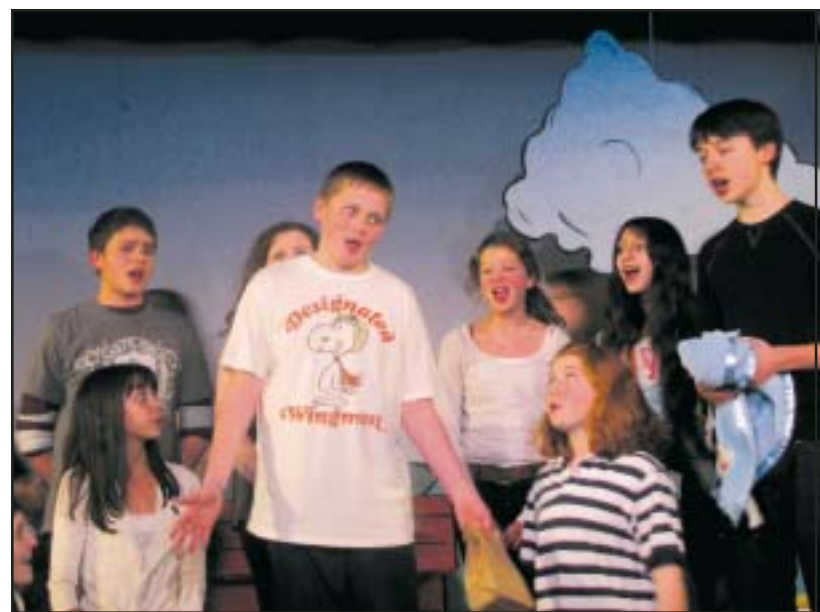
Those towns that sign contract extensions with the UCUA will see a \$12-per-ton tipping fee reduction.

"We think this is a very strong economic package," Mr. Enright told the freeholders.

Steve Gable of Gable Associates, an independent analyst hired to review the proposal, said the \$302 million in estimated economic benefits for the county and towns equals \$121 million in 2011 dollars when inflation is calculated.

As part of the agreement, 430,000

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**FIND HAPPINESS HERE...**Students at Roosevelt Intermediate School rehearse for their performance of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* being presented this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. See story on page 20.

## Mtsd. BOE Reviews \$15-Mil. Budget, Revenue Sources

By DOMINIC A. LAGANO  
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MOUNTAINSIDE - The Mountainside Board of Education (BOE) held a public meeting Thursday night to present a preliminary budget projection of \$15 million for the district for the 2011-2012 school year.

The BOE has the responsibility to bridge the gap between moneys taken into the school district in the form of taxes and other sources of revenue, such as state aid, and the day-to-day costs of running a school district in New Jersey.

The preliminary budget was presented to the public by Acting Business Administrator Daniel Saragnese. Mr. Saragnese stressed that the current budget was a "work in progress."

According to Mr. Saragnese, more deliberation would be necessary before the board could "take the document to the executive county superintendent (Joseph Passiment), get his approval, [and] get the final information for the budget."

A key aspect of the BOE budget

plan is the implementation of numerous cost-cutting techniques with some already initiated by Mr. Saragnese. One such example involved the district's municipal bonds.

"We successfully sold or refinanced the district's bonds [February 24]...the present value savings on the bonds will result in 6.779 percent saving and in gross dollars...\$21,803 a year in debt service interest reduction."

Several other ideas are currently being considered by the board to reduce costs. One such proposal is "the possibility of switching our courtesy busing to a subscription program," according to Mr. Saragnese. Such a move could save the district "up to \$195,000," he said. All students preferring district transportation would be required to pay between \$650 and \$720 per student per year to cover the cost.

Another key aspect of the plan is to raise additional revenue without relying on raising additional taxes in Mountainside, he said.

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**SCHOOL NEWS...**At last Thursday's Mountainside Board of Education meeting, Chief School Administrator Jeanette Baubles, pictured left, Acting Business Administrator Daniel Saragnese, center, and Board Member Carolyn Williams discuss the proposed school budget.

## DWC Discusses Promotions, Grants for Downtown Stores

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WESTFIELD - The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) held its monthly board of directors meeting this past Monday to address further enhancement of Westfield's downtown area.

The DWC is planning several projects to accomplish its goal. Some of the promotions mentioned by members of the board included Restaurant Week, which continues today until Saturday, March 5; Girls Night Out, a shopping event that is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, and Sidewalk Sale Days, tentatively scheduled for April 7 to 10.

One current project the board discussed was a grant that may be awarded to Cosimo's Restaurant, located at 120 East Broad Street. The restaurant is in the midst of an expansion after taking over the office space left vacant by Little Treasures.

According to Sherry Cronin, DWC executive director, the neighboring

business of the American Shoe Repair, located at 126 East Broad Street, also became involved in Cosimo's renovation because "their doorway shares the historic foyer that was discovered behind the facade."

"It (the renovation project) will enhance not only the building, but also where you enter his store and the complementary doorway of the new Cosimo's dining area. All of the finish details will be consistent and will include a portion of the American Shoe Repair facade," Mrs. Cronin said.

A second grant also under review by the board involves The Liquor Basket, a liquor store located at 115 Quimby Street. The Liquor Basket recently replaced its signage, giving it a "new look" designed to the business more appealing to potential customers.

The DWC provides assessments to businesses on design improvements and how well a new design may blend

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**100 CANS OF CARING...**On February 17 the kindergartners at School One Elementary School in Scotch Plains collected over 100 cans of food to celebrate their 100th day of school. All canned items were donated to a local Union County food pantry.



**AROUND THE WORLD...**Melanie Jackson of Westfield and her friend, Jan Graverson of Denmark, read *The Westfield Leader* in front of the Domm Cathedral in Cologne, Germany. Melanie is studying at the Univ. of Denmark for a semester.

## Freeholders

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tons of solid waste must be processed annually at the incinerator. Mr. Gable said the average annual tonnage processed last year was 549,000 tons.

Bruce Paterson of Garwood asked the freeholders to vote against the contract extension. "Why are we looking at this now? It doesn't make any sense.... We are talking of [extending the contract] at least 10 years ahead of time," Mr. Paterson said.

In response, Mr. Williams said the agreement is needed now because it "offers relief to those participating municipalities" in 2011 and is "available to any municipality that wants to participate."

Mr. Paterson asked if there was an escape clause in the agreement to let the utilities authority out of the contract, to which Mr. Williams said there was not. In addition, Mr. Paterson asked about a \$3-per-ton recycling tax implemented by the state in 1997. Mr. Williams said the incinerator was exempt from the tax because it was built prior to the tax and also because the facility produces "a form of renewable energy." The attorney said he believes the facility will remain grandfathered from the tax, but if not, "the amount of savings would be reduced."

Mr. Enright, in response to a question from John Bury of Kenilworth, said the remaining debt from the construction of the incinerator would increase by \$5 to \$10 million from the current \$138 million. Mr. Williams added that Covanta is responsible for paying off that debt, not taxpayers, and that Covanta's annual debt payments would be lowered.

Mr. Bury said in a review of its financial statements, Covanta listed profits of \$17 million of which \$7 million was paid in federal taxes. "There looks like a huge profit that was being made on this over the years. Is this a way (contract extension) to dodge federal taxes that you're going through now?"

Mr. Enright said Covanta would

provide the \$4 million annually to the county "out of what would have been their profit."

Freeholder Dan Sullivan said the agreement was needed to help towns now. "When you talk about no-brainers, this is a great no-brainer."

"It's interesting that some people are against everything. But that doesn't surprise me," Freeholder Vice-Chairman Al Mirabella commented.

In other business, the board approved a \$3.5-million contract with Suffern, N.Y.-based Turco Golf, Inc., for development of a park at the former Ponderosa Farm on Cooper Road in Scotch Plains. The park will include two natural grass soccer fields, a paved driveway and parking lot, restroom building, water spray park, planted landscape berms, paved walkways and a pedestrian bridge, and a maintenance building. Although construction will be completed by late fall, the soccer fields are not expected to be ready for play until the spring of 2012. Finance Director Larry Caroselli said \$500,000 of the expense would be paid out of the capital budget with the remainder out of the open space fund.

Also approved by the freeholders was a \$55,000 contract to Mad Dog Presents, LLC, Jersey City, for professional planning production and promotion services for the 2011 Summer Arts Festival.

The board also passed a resolution to support the Coalition for New Jersey Jobs and Economic Health and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union 863 in their efforts to urge C&S Wholesale Grocers to negotiate with A&P "in order to keep 1,300 New Jersey workers employed."

C&S is the grocery distributor for A&P and Pathmark supermarkets. A&P, which owns Pathmark, filed for Chapter 11-bankruptcy protection in December. C&S has announced plans to move its New Jersey operations, including warehouses in Woodbridge, to Pennsylvania in an effort to cut costs.

## BOE Budget Proposed; Taxes Rise in SP, Drop in FW

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Nancy Bauer echoed the sentiments of Ms. Woerner; she said some board members, at the time of the fees' passing, had stated their desire to try and make the fees a short-term solution.

"The community takes advantage of football, plays and the band," she said. "Parents are paying for many things benefitting the whole community."

Mr. Whitehouse said when the user fees were being crafted into law, he "struggled" with passing such a measure. He said he believed "these types of basic services should be rolled into

the taxes as a whole. I was one of those people who hoped it would be short-term." He said the board needed to remember that the increase of \$770,000 in aid was "20 cents on the dollar of what was taken away" last year in aid.

Board member David Gorbunoff said families who are paying the fees are assuming a larger share of the burden. He said he wanted to give those monies back and feels "strongly about doing away with the fee."

Although the board did not pass the motion that he supported, Mr. Parisi stated his full intention to support the budget, which ended up being passed in unanimous fashion.

Mr. Parisi maintained that the school district is lowering the overall tax levy from year to year; last year's levy, which was defeated by 56 percent of voters, was \$74,107,662, and this year's stands at \$73,596,374.

"This is the second year in a row that the levy was less than the prior year," Mr. Parisi said. "I'm extremely proud...We've built a solid foundation [in Scotch Plains-Fanwood]. We didn't get lucky. The entire staff does a nice job."

Mr. Parisi said the proposed budget was "about value."

"People will vote for value...this budget has to pass," he said.

He called it "so frustrating" that Scotch Plains residents will still see an increase in their school taxes.

"There has to be an equalized evaluation. We don't have a consolidated municipality, but we have a consolidated school system," Mr. Parisi said. According to the state formula, Scotch Plains' relative value has gone up.

Ms. Woerner touted the position that the district was in, which is far better than last year.

"This is the best news we've seen in a while. To be able to lower Fanwood's numbers and keep the change in Scotch Plains to a minimum...it's important to keep that in our sights," Ms. Woerner said.

Scotch Plains Councilman Michael Marcus thanked the board for its thoughtfulness and commitment.

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One revenue-generating proposal was to have students pay a fee for participation in sports activities provided by the district. Neighboring districts Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood, both K-12 districts, have implemented activity fees.

A third proposal considered and passed by the board on Thursday evening was a contract with the Westfield Area "Y" to manage the district's before and aftercare programs, as well as the summer camp program for the 2011-2012 school year.

"By doing that, we would eliminate our risk of any loss, collect rent from the 'Y'...a guaranteed rent of \$15,760," Mr. Saragnese stated. It was unclear what the cost would be to those participating in the program.

A final proposal offered by Mr. Saragnese was the eventual "phasing out" of Mr. Saragnese's own position as interim school business administrator for the district.

Mr. Saragnese further stated that the preliminary budget was just that - preliminary. Unforeseen factors such as incorrect budget estimates or additional aid to Mountainside through the recently proposed state budget could help to defray the cost to the tax-paying citizen in the district, he said.

The next BOE meetings open to the public are scheduled for Tuesdays, March 8 and 22.



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in with the rest of the businesses on a given block. The DWC can suggest and recommend design details to stores and provide grants based on the owner's decisions, as is the case with The Liquor Basket.

Another goal of the DWC is to have all the buildings in the Special Improvement District (SID) area occupied with vibrant and booming businesses. Currently, less than 5 percent of the available store space in the SID is unoccupied, Mrs. Cronin said.

The DWC continually pursues potential businesses for downtown va-

cancies. For example, Mr. Good Lube, located at 200 South Avenue, West, recently closed. According to Mrs. Cronin, the DWC has so far "just noticed that it is vacant and available for sale," a first step in the process.

"The (DWC) Economic Development Committee is not actively courting any specific companies, but works most often with brokers and property owners to find a replacement," Mrs. Cronin said.

The next board of directors meeting for the DWC is scheduled for Monday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m.

## WHS Graduate, Daughter Found Deceased at Home

SOMERVILLE - The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office is investigating the deaths of Westfield native Patricia A. Graham-Hawthorne, 45, and her 4-year-old daughter, Allison Graham-Hawthorne, in their Bernardsville home, according to a press release from the prosecutor's office.

Patricia Graham-Hawthorne is a 1984 graduate of Westfield High School and her daughter was to start kindergarten in the fall, according to her obituary, which appears on page 8.

According to Somerset County Prosecutor Geoffrey Soriano, the Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Squad and Bernardsville Police Department are conducting the investigation into the deaths of the mother and child, who authorities said were discovered deceased inside their residence on Thursday evening, February 24.

Mr. Soriano stated that Bernardsville police officers responded to a 9-1-1 call to a residence located on Roundtop Road in Bernardsville, for a report of a deceased child. Upon arrival officers observed that the mother and child were deceased in an upstairs bathroom.

According to the prosecutor, the officers were advised by the father that he arrived home from work at approximately 6:35 p.m. and discovered his wife and child unresponsive in the bathroom, and immediately dialed 9-1-1. Officers who responded to the scene began to perform lifesaving measures on the child along with

emergency medical personnel from Morristown Memorial Hospital, but were not able to revive the victim, authorities said.

Mr. Soriano said detectives from the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Squad and Forensic and Crime Scene Unit in conjunction with detectives from the Bernardsville Police Department and investigators from the Regional Medical Examiner's Office conducted the investigation.

"Although the circumstances of both deaths are the subject of an ongoing investigation, the preliminary investigation has led to the belief that no other individuals were with the decedents at the time of death," according to the prosecutor's office release.

An autopsy was conducted February 25 at the Regional Medical Examiner's office to determine the cause and manner of death. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Bernardsville Police Department at (908) 766-0037, the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Squad at (908) 231-7100, or the Somerset County Crime Stoppers' Tip Line at (888) 577-TIPS (8477) or online at 888577tips.org or scpo.net and click on either "Crime Stoppers" or "TIPS HOTLINE." All calls will be kept confidential.

Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield, handled funeral arrangements.

## Garwood to Unveil \$7-Mil. Budget; Non-Union Wage Freeze Is Proposed

GARWOOD - The finance committee of the Garwood Borough Council will unveil a \$7-million municipal budget at a special meeting at 7 p.m. this Monday, March 7 at Borough Hall.

According to Councilman Jim Mathieu, finance committee chairman, the budget includes \$1.9 million for the 16-officer police department, including overtime costs, and \$90,000 to \$100,000 for miscellaneous expenses.

The public works department's proposed budget is \$600,000, a half million dollars of which is for payroll. When healthcare, pension and other benefits are factored in the number is "closer to \$800,000," Mr. Mathieu said.

"The police department is by far Garwood's largest expense. Add in the pension, healthcare, Social Security, workers' compensation, disability/life insurance and unemployment insurance and our department...costs us well above \$2 million and probably more than one-third of our total 2011 budget," Mr. Mathieu said in a statement released in the Garwood forum section of nj.com.

The projected 2011 costs for healthcare for active and retired borough employees, dental insurance, and disability and life insurance is \$800,000. Mr. Mathieu said healthcare costs for the borough have increased \$64,000 from 2010. He said none of the borough employees is currently paying the newly state-mandated 1.5-percent healthcare payroll contribution. Another \$500,000 is projected in 2011 pension costs, an increase of \$90,000 from 2010.

"These pension contributions have increased approximately 250 percent from 2009," Mr. Mathieu said. "Healthcare premiums and pension contributions together will represent nearly one out of every five dollars of our 2011 budget and represents one out of every four dollars in municipal property taxes paid by our borough residents."

The finance chairman said contractual union raises for 2011 will total \$54,000. Mr. Mathieu said the finance committee's recommended wage freeze for non-union municipal employees would save the borough \$30,000.

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PANCAKES FOR A PURPOSE...President of the Scotch Plains rescue squad, Jennifer Speth, left, and Sandy Neilson serve pancakes and sausages at the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad and Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast held February 27. Proceeds from the breakfast will go towards recruiting volunteers.



Photo courtesy of Jeannine Viscardi  
100 CANS OF CARING...On February 17, kindergarteners at School One Elementary in Scotch Plains collected over 100 cans of food to celebrate their 100th day of school. All canned items were donated to a local Union County food pantry.

## SP Council Approves Designation Of Shackamaxon, Muni Properties

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

SCOTCH PLAINS – The township council on Tuesday approved a resolution labeling the Shackamaxon Country Club property as well as several municipal properties as Areas in Need of Rehabilitation, a designation that Mayor Nancy Malool said allows the municipal government to control what gets built on the 145-acre country club property in future years.

Shackamaxon is in the process of being sold to RDC Golf Group, a New Jersey-based golf management firm that plans to continue to operate the 95-year-old facility as a golf course. But concerns that the property could be sold at some point to developers who would build as many as 100 single-family homes led the

council to enact the resolution. The township’s newly-hired planner, Maser Consulting, will work to develop a comprehensive plan for the Shackamaxon property should it ever be put up for sale.

The thrust of that plan is expected to include relocating the municipal building, the township library and the public works department at the Shackamaxon site, thus freeing up property in the downtown business district that could be developed into commercial properties.

At the council’s conference meeting this week, which was attended by several dozen Shackamaxon members and neighborhood residents, Mayor Malool emphasized that the forthcoming plan for Shackamaxon “may never be implemented” if the facility continues to operate as a golf course. “There is no negative” resulting from the council’s action, she said, adding that Shackamaxon is not being blocked from continuing to operate as a golf course.

Prior to the council’s consideration of the resolution, Larry Goldman, a member of the club’s board of trustees, read a statement urging the council to reject the designation, calling it “flawed” because Shackamaxon “is not in need of rehabilitation.” Instead, he said, the property is “in better condition today than it’s been in recent years.” Mr. Goldman, a former Westfield Town Council member, lamented what he said was the Scotch Plains council’s “breakneck speed” in passing the resolution, saying an “open arms policy” of discussions with Shackamaxon would have

been preferable.

Mayor Malool said the council faced time constraints to formally designate the properties since on May 11 a state law goes into effect that forbids towns from rezoning property once a development plan for that property has been filed with local authorities.

Christopher Schiavone, president of RDC, spoke briefly at Tuesday’s meeting, saying his firm has “never replaced a golf course with homes” and said RDC “intends to continue to operate this great country club.”

Nevertheless, prior to the council’s 4-1 vote to approve the resolution, a majority of its members said they saw the designation as a hedge against a future scenario in which the property could potentially be sold to a developer. “If it remains a golf course for 100 years, so be it,” the mayor said. “But the possibility exists that in two, three, five, 10 or 20 years from now,” RDC could decide to sell the property. She added that, “just as Shackamaxon is a fiduciary for its membership, we are fiduciaries for 23,000 taxpayers.”

Deputy Mayor Mary DePaola agreed, saying, “our primary responsibility is to our residents and taxpayers,” and calling the designation an “insurance policy” against overdevelopment.

Councilman Kevin Glover called the council’s move “in the best interests of those who live around Shackamaxon and of Scotch Plains residents.” Councilman William Vastine said the council had a “fidu-

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Betsy Burgdorf for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times  
MOVING ON...Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) sits with a group of protesters affiliated with MoveOn.org on February 24 to discuss unemployment, health care and other issues at his Westfield office. The group was protesting \$61 billion in cuts proposed by the House Republican majority to the record high federal budget of \$3.73-trillion presented by President Barack Obama.

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## Work on Martine/South Corner to Begin in Spring

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

SCOTCH PLAINS — During Tuesday’s agenda session, the Fanwood Borough Council addressed the vacant lot at the corner of South and Martine Avenues, the rumor of the Post Office’s shutdown and an ordinance that raises fees related to signs and fences.

Responding to a question from resident Michael Lewis concerning a “timeline to build something” at the intersection of Martine and South Avenues, Mayor Colleen Mahr noted that last Wednesday night, the planning board met and gave preliminary approval for a plan. The structure will be a mixed-use building, with retail on the ground floor and apartments above.

According to the mayor, workers should break ground in the spring.

“It’s a nice-looking project. It’s a good project. It received unanimous approval, and we will be showing a picture of it in the next *Fanwoodian*,” she said.

Mr. Lewis also asked about the

potential closure of the borough’s Post Office.

“I’ve heard the rumblings of a closing,” noted the mayor, who said she has spoken with the postmaster. “At this point, it is a rumor. They have a lease that runs through late summer/early fall. They are negotiating with the property owner. As far as a decision, there has been no decision. There have only been rumblings.”

Borough Attorney Dennis Estis encouraged the mayor to contact Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) for further assistance.

At the next regular meeting on Tuesday, March 8, the borough will craft a resolution, similar to the Township of Cranford, to state its support for Assembly Bill A-881.

According to the language in the bill, it establishes the “Court Security Enhancement Fund,” financed by increasing court fees, assessments and penalties, to “provide a continuous source of funding to assist counties and municipalities in providing and maintaining safe and secure court

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Michael J. Pollack for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times  
BOROUGH BUSINESS...The Fanwood Council has a light-hearted moment at Tuesday night’s council meeting. Pictured, left to right, are: Councilman Anthony Parenti, Councilwoman Joan Wheeler, and Mayor Colleen Mahr.

## Freeholders Extend Trash Pact 22-yrs; Seek State OK

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

ELIZABETH – Union County Freeholders voted 9-0 to adopt an ordinance, last Thursday, to approve a 22-year extension through 2045 on the county’s lease with Covanta Energy for operation of the county’s garbage incinerator in Rahway.

The agreement must be approved by the state’s Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Department of Community Affairs (DCA) as well as the Office of the Ratepayer Advocate. Officials hope to have the state sign off on the deal by April. The current contract runs through 2023, according to Jonathan Williams, special counsel to the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA).

He said 11 of the 14 towns that have existing long-term contracts with the UCUA to dump at the incinerator have signed contract extensions.

Dennis Enright of NW Financial Group, LLC, the authority’s financial advisor, said Covanta will pay the county \$4 million out of its revenues in increased lease payments annually as well as \$125,000 per year to enforce waste flow at the incinerator.

In addition, Mr. Enright said tipping fees charged to towns as well as private haulers using the facility, will be reduced by \$3.44 per ton “on all waste we process through the plant over the term of the contract.” In 2029 Covanta will be required to share 10 percent of revenues with the county from the sale of electricity produced at the facility.

Rahway also will benefit from the contract extension, as Covanta will

increase the annual host fee to the city from the \$850,000 it currently pays to \$1 million.

“The total economic benefit (for the new lease) to the UCUA and ratepayers will be in excess of \$300 million,” said Mr. Enright, saying these savings will be generated from lower solid waste disposal fees, higher lease payments and revenue sharing of profits from the sale of electricity.

Those towns that sign contract extensions with the UCUA will see a \$12-per-ton tipping fee reduction. “We think this is a very strong economic package,” Mr. Enright told the freeholders.

Steve Gable of Gable Associates, an independent analyst hired to review the proposal, said the \$302 million in estimated economic benefits for the county and towns equals \$121 million in 2011 dollars.

As part of the agreement, 430,000 tons of solid waste must be processed annually at the incinerator. Mr. Gable said the average annual tonnage processed last year was 549,000 tons.

Bruce Paterson of Garwood asked the freeholders to vote against the contract extension. “Why are we looking at this now? It doesn’t make any sense.... We are talking of [extending the contract] at least 10 years ahead of time,” Mr. Paterson said.

Mr. Williams said the agreement is needed now because it “offers relief to those participating municipalities” in 2011 and is “available to any municipality that wants to participate.”

Mr. Paterson asked if there was an escape clause in the agreement to let the utilities authority out of the con-

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## Freeholder Trash Pact

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tract, to which Mr. Williams said there was not. In addition, Mr. Paterson asked about a \$3-per-ton recycling tax implemented by the state in 1997. Mr. Williams said the incinerator was exempt from the tax because it was built prior to the tax and also because the facility produces "a form of renewable energy." The attorney said he believes the facility will remain grandfathered from the tax, but if not, "the amount of savings would be reduced."

Mr. Enright, in response to a question from John Bury of Kenilworth, said the remaining debt from the construction of the incinerator would increase by \$5 to \$10 million from the current \$138 million. Mr. Williams added that Covanta is responsible for paying off that debt, not taxpayers, and that Covanta's annual debt payments would be lowered.

Mr. Bury said in a review of its financial statements, Covanta listed profits of \$17 million, of which \$7 million was paid in federal taxes. "There looks like a huge profit that was being made on this over the years. Is this a way (contract extension) to dodge federal taxes that you're going through now?"

Mr. Enright said Covanta would provide the \$4 million annually to the county "out of what would have been their profit."

Freeholder Dan Sullivan said the agreement was needed to help towns now. "When you talk about no-brainers, this is a great no-brainer."

"It's interesting that some people are against everything. But that doesn't surprise me," Freeholder Vice-Chair-

man Al Mirabella commented.

In other business, the board approved a \$3.5-million contract with Suffern, N.Y.-based Turco Golf, Inc., for development of a park at the former Ponderosa Farm on Cooper Road in Scotch Plains. The park will include two natural grass soccer fields, a paved driveway and parking lot, restroom building, water spray park, planted landscape berms, paved walkways and a pedestrian bridge, and a maintenance building. Although construction will be completed by late fall, the soccer fields are not expected to be ready for play until the spring of 2012. Finance Director Larry Caroselli said \$500,000 of the expense will be paid out of the capital budget, with the rest from the county's open space fund.

Also approved by the freeholders was a \$55,000 contract to Mad Dog Presents, LLC, Jersey City, for professional planning production and promotion services for the 2011 Summer Arts Festival.

The board also passed a resolution to support Coalition for New Jersey Jobs and Economic Health and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union 863 in their efforts to urge C&S Wholesale Grocers to negotiate with A&P "in order to keep 1,300 New Jersey workers employed."

C&S is the grocery distributor for A&P and Pathmark supermarkets. A&P, which owns Pathmark, filed for Chapter 11-bankruptcy protection in December. C&S has announced plans to move its New Jersey operations, including warehouses in Woodbridge, to Pennsylvania in an effort to cut costs.



Thomas S. Fortunato for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times  
BREAKFAST MEETING...Residents came out to support the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, enjoy a pancake breakfast and chat with friends at the second annual Scotch Plains Rescue Squad and Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast held this past Sunday.

## SPF \$80.26 Mil. Budget

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of Ms. Woerner; she said some board members, at the time of the fees' passing, had stated their desire to try and make the fees a short-term solution.

"The community takes advantage of football, plays and the band," she said. "Parents are paying for many things benefitting the whole community."

Mr. Whitehouse said when the user fees were being crafted into law, he "struggled" with passing such a measure. He said he believed "these types of basic services should be rolled into the taxes as a whole. I was one of those people who hoped it would be short-term." He said the board needed to remember that the increase of \$770,000 in aid was "20 cents on the dollar of what was taken away" last year in aid.

Board member David Gorbunoff said families who are paying the fees are assuming a larger share of the burden. He said he wanted to give those monies back and feels "strongly about doing away with the fee."

Although the board did not pass the motion that he supported, Mr. Parisi stated his full intention to support the budget, which ended up being passed in unanimous fashion.

Mr. Parisi maintained that the school district is lowering the overall tax levy from year to year; last year's

levy, which was defeated by 56 percent of voters, was \$74,107,662, and this year's stands at \$73,596,374.

"This is the second year in a row that the levy was less than the prior year," Mr. Parisi said. "I'm extremely proud...We've built a solid foundation [in Scotch Plains-Fanwood]. We didn't get lucky. The entire staff does a nice job."

Mr. Parisi said the proposed budget was "about value."

"People will vote for value...this budget has to pass," he said.

He called it "so frustrating" that Scotch Plains residents will still see an increase in their school taxes.

"There has to be an equalized evaluation. We don't have a consolidated municipality, but we have a consolidated school system," Mr. Parisi said. According to the state formula, Scotch Plains' relative value has gone up.

Ms. Woerner touted the position that the district was in, which is far better than last year.

"This is the best news we've seen in a while. To be able to lower Fanwood's numbers and keep the change in Scotch Plains to a minimum...it's important to keep that in our sights," Ms. Woerner said.

Scotch Plains Councilman Michael Marcus thanked the board for its thoughtfulness and commitment.

## Shackamaxon

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ciary obligation to residents of Scotch Plains, not the members of Shackamaxon."

But Councilman Michael Marcus, prior to casting the lone vote against the resolution, said of the Shackamaxon property and the municipal properties that, "one has nothing to do with the other" and that the council should not be tying downtown revitalization to the Shackamaxon property.

Last month, Mr. Marcus spoke in opposition to the designation of the

properties, saying the impending sale of Shackamaxon removed any urgency for the township government to take action.

"It's private property. Let the process play out," he said on Tuesday. He also felt the council would still be able to take any necessary action at a later date despite the new state law on rezoning restrictions that takes effect in May. Mr. Marcus made a motion to table the resolution, but since none of his colleagues seconded his motion, it died without a vote.

## Work on Martine / South

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facilities to the citizens of this state." A-881 delineates that "moneys in the fund shall be used for supplementing local government funding to enhance court security. The bill specifically allocates the increase in court fees, predominantly \$5, to the fund."

Prior to the agenda session, the board held a special meeting to award a contract for the demolition of 193 Terrill Road; this currently vacant site was home to Rocco's Tavern, on the corner of Midway and Terrill Avenues. SCC Contractors of Woodland Park, coming in with a bid of \$38,750, will handle the demolition. Once the demolition is completed, a lien will be placed on the property; the council passed an ordinance, Tuesday, amending Chapter 137, related to placement of liens against "unfit and abandoned properties."

In separate business, Zoning Officer Ray Sullivan, in an effort to produce additional "revenue generators" for the borough, provided the background for an ordinance, up for second reading next week, that would raise the fees related to erecting signs, sheds, fences and driveways.

Mr. Sullivan said the "moderate increases" that he proposed were done to make Fanwood "in line" with surrounding communities such as Scotch Plains, New Providence and Berkeley Heights. All told, he estimated that raising the rates could see an increase of \$4,000 in 2011. For example, it will now cost \$100 (from \$50) to advertise a commercial-property sign in the borough and \$50 (previously \$25) for erecting a shed

or fence. Councilman Mike Szuch again wanted to confirm that Fanwood was "in line with its neighbors," not going beyond.

Mr. Sullivan believed that the ordinance "does not go overboard" and that the fees are "appropriate" for the borough.

Former Councilwoman Donna Dolce, who will be honored next week for her appointment to the Union County Commission on Women, spoke to the council and voiced an "objection" to the fee increases.

When talking about being "comparable" to it neighbors, she wished to point out that in the borough, "most properties are non-conforming...We don't have the same type of property dimensions." She said she supported the concept of revenue generation; however, while it is "good to adhere" to what others are doing, one "does not have to be equal to" them. She said, for instance, perhaps the borough could raise shed fees to \$40 instead of matching others at \$50.

On Thursday, March 10 at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education office in the Evergreen School, residents of both municipalities have the opportunity to voice their opinions on the shared-services report produced by a panel of members of Scotch Plains and Fanwood councils. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

This is the public's opportunity to "weigh in," the mayor said. "We should be good listeners." No official action will be taken that night.



Photo courtesy of Dave Williams  
AROUND THE WORLD...Melanie Jackson of Westfield and her boyfriend, Jan Graverson of Denmark, read The Westfield Leader in front of the Domm Cathedral in Cologne, Germany. Melanie is studying at the University of Denmark for a semester.

## SPF BOE Votes, 6-2, to Keep Activity Fee Intact

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL  
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

SCOTCH PLAINS – During the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education meeting last Thursday evening, members discussed options for the 2011-2012 school budget.

Business Administrator Anthony Del Sordi gave a brief overview noting that the state aid for the new budget has increased from the 2010-2011 amount of \$618,480 to \$1,429,442 for 2011-2012, an increase of \$770,000. Mr. Del Sordi said that the total increase for state and other aid for the district added to an overall increase of \$840,422.

Board member Donald Parisi, finance committee chairman, told board members that the committee came up with two scenarios on how to utilize the increase. The first he said was using approximately \$150,000 to purchase modular equipment for Park Middle School to increase needed classroom space. The rest of the \$600,000 would then be used as revenues to lessen the impact of tax increases.

Also, Mr. Parisi recommended the termination of an activity fee for students. The fee was implemented last year by the board following a slashing of state aid to the district by \$3.9 million. Mr. Parisi said the ending that fee would save \$423,000 for homeowners that paid the fee their children's activities in the current school year.

Board member Nancy Bauer stated she was very much in favor of bringing tax relief to both municipalities and that she also felt an obligation to bring relief to parents from the activity fee.

Board member Warren McFall said the activity fee should remain in place. "We need to give as much relief as we can (to taxpayers). Our homeowners are not out of the woods yet. [They are] paying more for their houses than they are worth less than they used to be," Mr. McFall said.

Board member Karen Kulikowski said that she agreed with Mr. McFall.

Board President Trip Whitehouse said he did not want to stop a return revenue stream, noting that he would hate to take it away and then have to

re-impose the activity fee in the future. "If that happened, how many people would support that?" Mr. Whitehouse asked.

Mr. Parisi echoed Mr. Whitehouse's sentiments saying, "I would loathe taking it away only to have to re-instate it."

In a 6-2 vote board members decided to keep the activity fee in tact. Mr. Parisi, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. McFall, Ms. Kulikowski, Rob O'Connor and Amy Winkler voted to keep the activity intact while Ms. Bauer and David Gorbunoff voted to eliminate the fee. Betty Anne Woerner was absent from the meeting.

Scotch Plains resident, Cindy Clancy Warren said she felt the entire \$770,000 in state aid should be returned to taxpayers.

Superintendent of Schools Margaret Hayes responded that, "Park is quite crowded with over 900 students at this time." She said the modular classrooms were needed to provide additional space for "increasing capacity."

The superintendent also stated that the modulars would be used to create more special education programs, which, in turn, could bring more students back to the district and ultimately bring more money back to the district in aid dollars.

Ms. Hayes said the modulars could be used for another future use if needed.

In other business, Mr. Whitehouse told audience members that there was only about one week left for citizens to run for the upcoming school board election. He stated that any Scotch Plains or Fanwood resident interested in becoming a candidate for the Scotch Plains Fanwood Board of Education can obtain a nominating petition at the board of education office.

Nominating petitions need to be signed and delivered to Mr. Del Sordi by 4 p.m. on Tuesday March 8. The annual school election will be held this year on Wednesday, April 27.

Board members with expiring terms include Mr. McFall and Mr. Parisi of Scotch Plains and Mr. O'Connor of Fanwood.



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## WHS Graduate, Daughter Found Deceased at Home

SOMERVILLE – The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office is investigating the deaths of Westfield native Patricia A. Graham-Hawthorne, 45, and her 4-year-old daughter, Allison Graham-Hawthorne, in their Bernardsville home, according to a press release from the prosecutor's office.

Patricia Graham-Hawthorne is a 1984 graduate of Westfield High School and her daughter was to start kindergarten in the fall, according to her obituary, which appears on page 8.

According to Somerset County Prosecutor Geoffrey Soriano, the Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Squad and Bernardsville Police Department are conducting the investigation into the deaths of the mother and child, who authorities said were discovered deceased inside their residence on Thursday evening, February 24.

Mr. Soriano stated that Bernardsville police officers responded to a 9-1-1 call to a residence located on Roundtop Road in Bernardsville, for a report of a deceased child. Upon arrival officers observed that the mother and child were deceased in an upstairs bathroom.

According to the prosecutor, the officers were advised by the father that he arrived home from work at approximately 6:35 p.m. and discovered his wife and child unresponsive in the bathroom, and immediately dialed 9-1-1. Officers who responded to the scene began to perform lifesaving measures on the child along with

emergency medical personnel from Morristown Memorial Hospital, but were not able to revive the victim, authorities said.

Mr. Soriano said detectives from the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Squad and Forensic and Crime Scene Unit in conjunction with detectives from the Bernardsville Police Department and investigators from the Regional Medical Examiner's Office conducted the investigation.

"Although the circumstances of both deaths are the subject of an ongoing investigation, the preliminary investigation has led to the belief that no other individuals were with the decedents at the time of death," according to the prosecutor's office release.

An autopsy was conducted February 25 at the Regional Medical Examiner's office to determine the cause and manner of death. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Bernardsville Police Department at (908) 766-0037, the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Squad at (908) 231-7100, or the Somerset County Crime Stoppers' Tip Line at (888) 577-TIPS (8477) or online at 888577tips.org or scpo.net and click on either "Crime Stoppers" or "TIPS HOTLINE." All calls will be kept confidential.

Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield, handled funeral arrangements.

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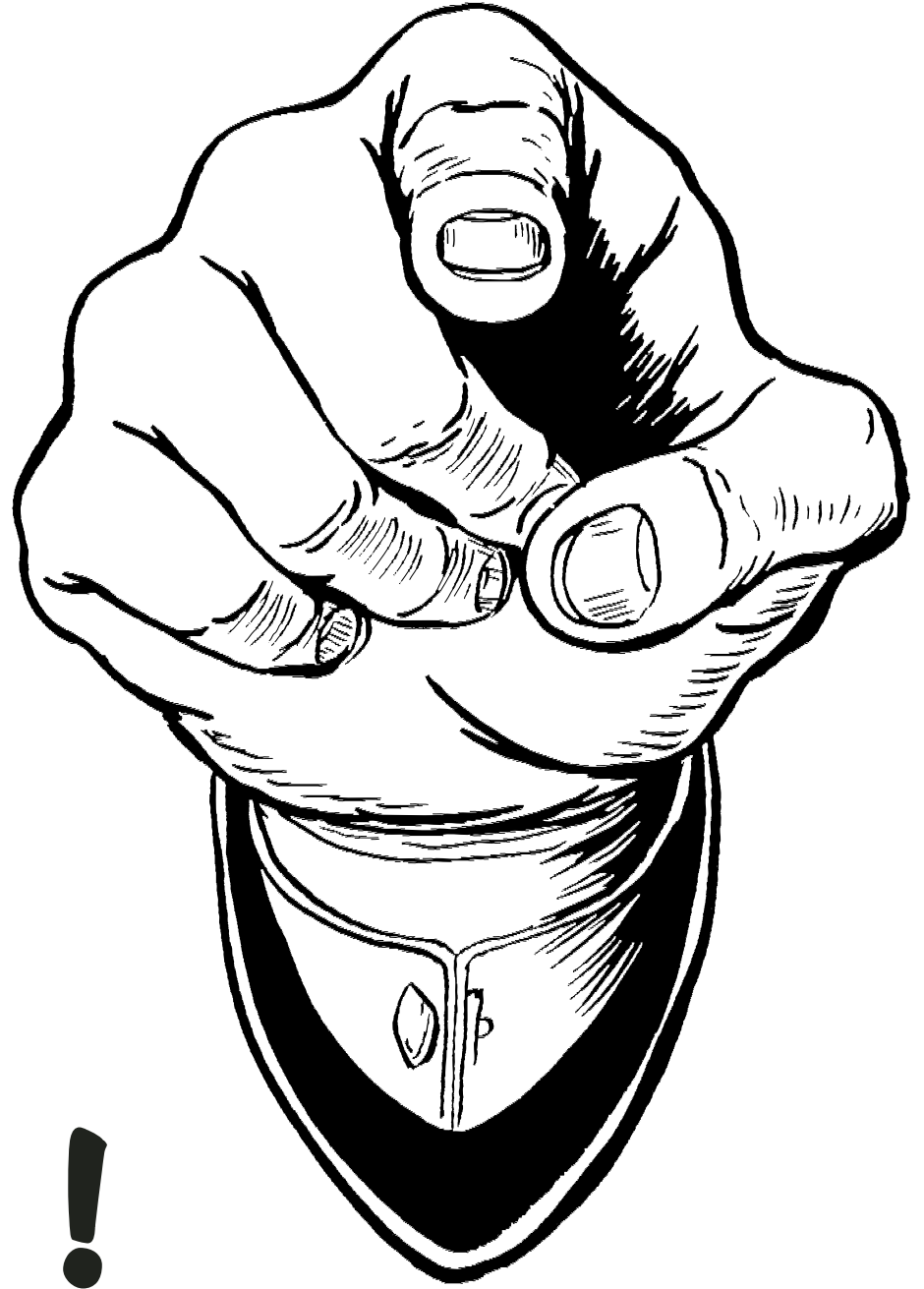
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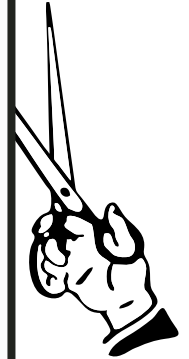
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**TOP ENGINEER...**Union County Engineer Thomas Mineo, center, received a certificate of appreciation for his public service from the New Jersey Alliance for Action at their recent "Salute the County Engineers" breakfast at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel. Also pictured are Philip Beecham, left, president of New Jersey Alliance for Action, and George Laufenberg, Alliance chairman and administrative manager of the New Jersey Carpenters Fund.

## Kean Says Reforms Will Yield Property Tax Relief

WESTFIELD — Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21, Westfield) has praised Governor Chris Christie's proposed \$29.4-billion state budget proposal for addressing major drivers of local property taxes: healthcare and pension costs for public employees.

"Pension and health benefits reform for public employees does not just impact the state's budget," Mr. Kean said. "The conveniently overlooked story by the Governor's critics is that reforming these overly generous benefits systems will yield substantial and, in the case of health reform, immediate savings to local government. The Governor's budget featured sustainable property tax relief by demanding swift enactment of meaningful pension and benefits reform, which are major drivers of municipal, county, and school district budgets.

"Property tax payers should not be asked to pay for a system of benefits more generous than they themselves receive," Sen. Kean said that in addition to swift enactment of pension and healthcare reform, the Legislature must renew consideration of the Governor's property tax toolkit. "By gutting, as they did with civil service reform, or ignoring the remainder of the Governor's toolkit, Democrats are inexplicably holding property tax

payors hostage."

Sen. Kean also called for the Governor's critics to engage in a more productive debate in the new legislative session. "The overheated, class warfare rhetoric will do nothing to help a single taxpayer," Mr. Kean stated. "Instead of blaming the Governor for events happening in Wisconsin some inaccurately claim he endorsed, the Majority (Democrats) ought to attend to the affairs of the most highly taxed people in America right here in New Jersey."

### WF Pool Members Can Sign Up Until April 14

WESTFIELD — Registration information has been mailed to all 2010 Westfield Memorial Pool members. Members can register online, through the mail, or in person through 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14.

Once pre-registration of current 2010 members closes, the recreation department will start filling any openings by contacting those on the wait list. Those who are interested in joining the pool, and who were not a 2010 member or presently on the wait list can obtain a wait list application online at westfieldnj.gov/recreation, or pick up one up at the recreation department.

## Christie \$29.4-Bill. Budget Told; Lawmakers Comment

TRENTON —Gov. Chris Christie has presented a \$29.4-billion budget for Fiscal Year 2012 that, he said, cuts spending for a second consecutive year.

The Governor said his budget proposal includes \$200 million in tax cuts, provides additional property tax relief, increases school aid by \$250 million and funds a reformed state pension system.

The Governor said spending, which was cut by 2.6 percent from the current fiscal year, must be "reality-based and zero-based" in the future.

"The old way of budgeting and thinking must be stricken from our collective minds if we are to successfully emerge from this fiscal crisis with permanently reformed budgeting and spending habits," Governor Christie said. "This is a new paradigm for state government — a new normal — that cuts and spends responsibly, incentives to our local governments to do better with what our taxpayers entrust to them, and causes businesses to feel welcome and want to stay and expand or relocate to our state."

The budget proposal increases education aid to every school district in New Jersey by a total of \$250 million; makes a \$506 million payment to a reformed state pension fund, the first funding to the defined benefit plans since Fiscal Year 2009; provides \$200 million in strategic tax cuts that are responsible and sustainable; doubles funding for the Homestead Rebate to provide direct property tax relief in the form of a property tax credit under the newly named Homestead Benefit program; keeps municipal aid funding at Fiscal Year 2011 levels; decreases by 10 percent special transitional aid to cities; increases New Jersey hospital funding, and student financial aid by the \$20 million each and provides \$15 million for capital improvements at community colleges.

The budget also funds Fiscal Year 2011 increases to the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) and Senior Gold Prescription Assistance Programs without increases in co-pays or eligibility and allocates \$20.4 million to help the developmentally disabled through new community placement and services, and expands funding for the requirement that the state expand the number of residential and community settings for New Jersey's mentally ill.

In response, Senate President

Stephen Sweeney (D-3, Gloucester) said the Governor's budget is "more of the same Christie policies that push property tax burdens onto middle-class families and seniors already struggling with the Governor's property tax hikes."

"There is no additional municipal funding and he has again short changed educational funding. Those add up to higher property taxes. The Governor continues to solve his budget woes by picking the pockets of working class families, while giving solace to the wealthy. When he says everyone needs to sacrifice, he should mean everyone. Not hard-working families and seniors at the expense of the wealthy."

Sen. Sweeney said municipal state aid is down \$460 million from when the Governor took office while educational state aid is short \$2 billion "from where the state funding formula says it needs to be."

Assemblyman Joseph Cryan (D-20, Union) said Governor Christie's budget "simply takes money from everyone and provides little in return, while creating divisiveness throughout our state."

"To pit neighbor against neighbor-teachers vs. senior citizens - is absolutely wrong. While we're fighting for the working class, this governor has presented a budget that will crush the middle class and poor with property tax hikes, reduce access to vital health care services and provide tax breaks to dead millionaires," Asm. Cryan said.

Assemblyman Joseph Mallone (R-30, Bordentown), GOP budget officer, responded that, "New Jersey's financial crisis did not come from a lightning bolt out of the blue, but was woven from eight years of irresponsible and reckless spending."

### District 21 Aid Jumps \$7.1 Million for '10-11

TRENTON — Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21, Westfield) Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-21, Westfield) and Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz (R-21, Summit) have announced that Governor Chris Christie's budget will give an additional \$7.1 million in state aid to Legislative District 21 schools.

"I am committed to helping our schools receive a fair share of state education dollars," Senator Kean said. "The current funding scheme mandated by the (state) Supreme Court is



**FOCUS ON RARE DISEASES...**John Crowley (at podium), chairman and chief executive officer of Amicus Therapeutics, is flanked, from left to right, by U.S. Reps. Bob Dold (R-Ill.), Rep. Leonard Lance (R-N.J., 7th) and Joe Crowley (D-N.Y.) as they announce establishment of the Rare Disease Congressional Caucus. The caucus will focus on bringing attention to the nearly 7,000 known rare diseases that currently have no approved therapies, to ensure sufficient funding for research and orphan product development, explore ways to incentivize companies to create new drugs, biologics and humanitarian use devices, and provide an opportunity for members of Congress, families, and advocacy groups to exchange ideas and policy concerns.

## County School Districts to See Jump of \$13.7 Mil. In Aid

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

AREA — School aid to Union County's 21 municipalities increased \$13.7 million to \$502.1 million for the 2011-2012 school year. The state restored \$250 million of the \$800 million it slashed last year statewide.

Locally, Westfield's aid jumped \$845,448 to \$1.3 million after the district's aid plummeted \$4.2 million in 2010. Scotch Plains-Fanwood received an increase of \$769,352 to \$1.4 million after its state funding was cut \$3.9 million last year.

Westfield Superintendent Marga-

ret Dolan said she was happy to see an increase in aid.

"This increase will help minimize the fiscal challenge we face as a district to maintain the tradition of excellence in the Westfield Public Schools," she said in an e-mail to the newspaper. "Our taxpayers pay millions of dollars in income tax to Trenton and deserve considerable relief in local property tax, the main source of funding for our schools. This increase in state aid will assist in this area."

Mountainside and Garwood will garner \$202,718 and \$311,904, respectively, increases of \$144,651 and \$82,194. Neighboring Cranford received an increase of \$519,472 to \$1.3 million while Berkeley Heights saw a bump of \$426,204. Berkeley Heights did not receive any aid last year, a drop of \$2 million from 2009. Likewise, Summit, which also had all of its \$2.6 million in aid cut last year, will receive \$597,562 in 2011.

The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, located in Scotch Plains, received a \$194,973 increase to \$5,087,562. The bulk of state aid in the county will be distributed to Elizabeth, \$274.2 million, up \$3.4 million over 2010; Plainfield, \$95.6 million, an increase of \$1.2 million, and Union Township, \$27.4 million, up \$1.2 million. Roselle, Linden and Rahway will receive total aid of between \$18.6 million and \$21.8 million Rahway and Roselle will see aid increases of over half a million dollars each, while Linden will see a \$1 million jump to \$19 million.



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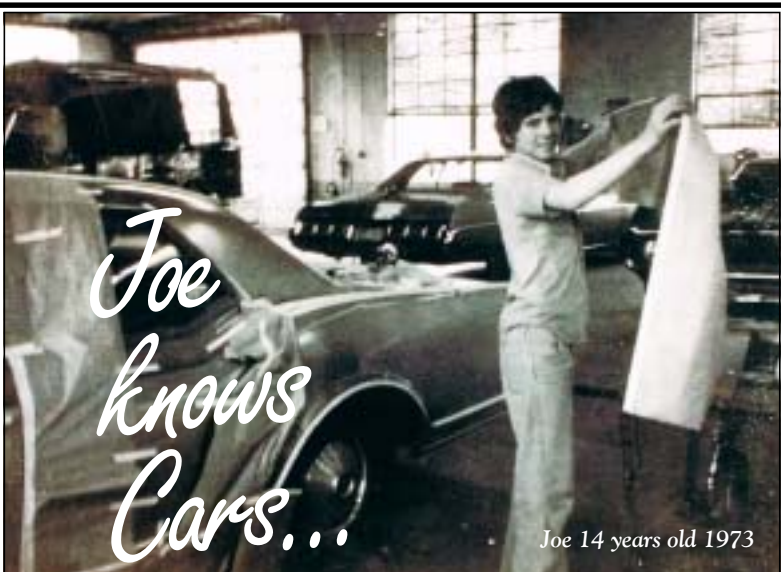
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## Christie Vetoes Job Bills; Wisniewski Responds

TRENTON — Governor Chris Christie vetoed 14 bills last month that, he said, would reduce revenues by at least \$600 million in the first year and billions of dollars over time without providing a funding source or corresponding budget reduction to pay for them.

"This is the old way of Trenton politics, which always ends with the taxpayers footing the bill and has created the fiscal crisis we have spent the last year beginning to turn around," Governor Christie said in his veto message on each of the bills. "Now is not the time for a return to the way business was done in Trenton in the past."

"Job-creating tax cuts and incentives must be paid for and made a priority as part of a long-term, fiscally responsible budget plan for the state. Real reform needs to be more than just a one-shot effort that sounds good in a press release. If we are truly going to re-establish New Jersey as a premier state for economic growth in order to attract new businesses and jobs, we must truly demonstrate a real commitment to fiscal responsibility," the Governor stated.

In response to the vetoes Assemblyman John Wisniewski (D-Sayreville), the state Democratic chairman, said, "The best way to help solve many of the problems facing New Jersey is by growing the economy and putting people back to work. This Governor defends giving money away to millionaires saying that it will create jobs, but then when he has bills to directly help put people back to work he vetoes them."

The bills vetoed are as follows: A-3596/S-2556, authorizes a local public contract set-aside program for employers who hire former prisoners; S-1216/A3589, permits small, women or minority-owned businesses located in designated regional centers to qualify for loans from EDA as if located in design-

nated urban center;

S-1540/A3535, consolidates certain business-related categories of gross income and provides a 20-year carry forward of certain net losses under gross income tax; S-2345/A-3398, expands gross income tax exclusion for pensions, annuities and other retirement income for certain taxpayers;

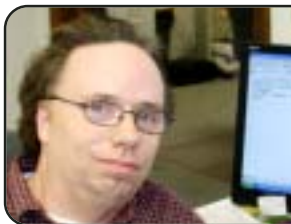
S-2373/A-3418, allows corporation business tax credit and gross income tax credit for certain wages paid to qualified interns in tax years 2012 and 2013; S-2394/A-3531, dedicates revenues derived from certain sales and use subject to sales and use tax to provide enhanced incentives for breeding and development of certain racehorses in the state.

S-2454/A-3592, "New Jersey Angel Investor Tax Credit Act," provides credits against corporation business and gross income taxes for investing in New Jersey emerging technology businesses;

A-1676/S-1646, provides single sales fraction for corporation business tax income allocation formula and establishes airline-specific sales fraction.

A-1851/S-659, "Historic Property Reinvestment Act," provides credits against certain taxes for certain costs of rehabilitating historic properties; A-2215/SCS for S-2558, S-2567, permits developer to qualify for low-interest loan from EDA when building a high performance green building; A-3353/S-2545, establishes a closing fund to provide financial resources for certain economic development projects.

A-3513/S-2544, establishes the Workforce Shortage Loan Redemption Program; A-3584/S-2496, creates "Back to Work NJ Program;" makes an appropriation, and S-690/A-2905, "Garden State Film and Digital Media Jobs Act," expands existing film and digital media production tax credit programs.



## Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of *The Leader/Times*

### State Looking at Largest Retirement Class in Decade

More than 20,000 police officers, firefighters, teachers and other public employees filed their retirement papers last year as sweeping health and pension reforms were moving through the Statehouse, nj.com has reported. That represents a 60 percent jump from 2009 retirements and the highest in at least a decade.

### Christie Demands Info. From NJDWSC on Hiring Practices

The Christie Administration has sent letters to the each of the seven commissioners of the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, demanding that they produce all relevant information relating to the hiring practices at the NJDWSC, as well as compensation awarded to individuals or companies in connection with NJDWSC.

NJDWSC Executive Director Michael Restaino was also told to explain "inappropriate hiring, promotion and salary practices" and to explain salary increases in their 2011 budget that are contrary to Governor Christie's stated opposition to the increases.

### Appellate Court Throws Out Affordable Housing Guidelines

A state appellate court Thursday threw out a new set of agency guidelines and ordered a full rewrite. The guidelines detail how 181 municipalities can transfer their affordable-housing obligations to other local governmental bodies. Legislation, which was conditionally vetoed by Governor Chris Christie, is being reworked, but will still abolish the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH).

### Menendez Rips House GOP For Cutting Pell Grants

More than 180,000 New Jersey college students will see education

grants disappear under the budget proposed by the House Republicans, according to new analysis released by Senator Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), Polickernj.com has reported. Sen. Menendez was critical of Republicans for slashing college Pell grants, awarded to undergraduate students from low- and middle-class families of up to \$5,550 per year.

While President Barack Obama's proposed budget keeps the maximum award at \$5,550, the Republican budget cuts the award by \$845 — an 11 percent reduction — and then continues to cut Pell Grants by \$56 billion over the next 10 years, polickernj.com reported.

### Workers Rally in Trenton; Lonegan Leads Counter Protest

At a rally of 3,000 unionized state workers Friday outside the Trenton Statehouse, New Jersey Education Association President Barbara Keshishian accused Gov. Chris Christie of trying to start a civil war within the middle class.

"All of New Jersey's middle-class is hurting, but this governor and his right-wing supporters are trying to start a middle-class civil war," Ms. Keshishian said, according to anj.com report.

The rally, organized by the state AFL-CIO, was both aimed at benefit concessions demanded by Governor Christie as well as supporting Wisconsin public unions, who are fighting Governor Scott Walker's attempt to roll back collective bargaining rights in that state.

Americans for Prosperity New Jersey Director Steve Lonegan, a former candidate for governor, led a counter-protest in Trenton. "Here's our message to our friends down the block: Go back to work. We're paying you. The battle that you're seeing today is a war against the taxpayers."



GETTING READY FOR PARADE...Union County Freeholder Chairman Deborah Scanlon, second from right, and Freeholders Nancy Ward, right, and Daniel Sullivan, left, present resolutions to Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade General Chairwoman Marylou Lenahan, third from left, Parade Adjutant Kathryn Noonan-Rotando and Grand Marshal David Bell of Fanwood congratulating them on the 15th annual parade. The parade will start at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 on Morris Avenue in Union.

## Asm. Jon Bramnick Sponsors Food Drive

WESTFIELD — Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-7th) is again sponsoring a food drive at his legislative office to benefit local food pantries. Donations of non-perishable food, such as cereals and canned goods, can be dropped off at the District 21 office at 251 North Avenue in Westfield.

Asm. Bramnick explained that local pantries provide food to many emergency shelters and needy residents. Often during the winter months

### Inheritance Tax

### Waivers Now Accepted

WESTFIELD — Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has announced that the clerk's office in Westfield now accepts inheritance tax waivers for recording. Waiver forms and detailed instructions are available at [state.nj.us/treasury/taxation](http://state.nj.us/treasury/taxation). The clerk's office is located at 300 North Avenue, East. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

the food pantries run out of supplies, he said. Along with cereals and canned goods, other items needed by the pantries are: rice, pasta, coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, meals in a can, and powdered milk. Last year, residents from throughout the district contributed more than 600 pounds of food to the drive.

Donations will be accepted through Friday, March 25, at the office, which is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call (908) 232-2073 or e-mail [asmbramnick@njleg.org](mailto:asmbramnick@njleg.org).

### Did You Know?

TRENTON — Assemblywoman Annette Quijano (D-20, Union) has introduced a state employee wellness incentive program.

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**Letters to the Editor**  
**All Residents Need to Pay More Attention to Shackamaxon Matter**  
*Editor's Note: See The Westfield Leader, March 18, 1948 on this page.*  
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 Thank you to *The Scotch-Plains-Fanwood Times* and reporter Michael Pollack for its coverage of the Scotch Plains council's plan to declare Shackamaxon and other town-owned properties an area in need of rehabilitation. It is unfortunate that not many of Scotch Plains residents are paying attention to what is happening. That was evidenced by the turnout to last Monday night's special meeting of the planning board of only four to five people.  
 By the way, when has a planning board meeting ever been held on a holiday?  
 I hope your continuing coverage will generate more interest in this very interesting plan. It is being rushed through to meet a May 11 deadline and, as my mother

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**Diction Deception**  
 Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions — only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?  
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**All words and correct definitions come from the board game Diction Deception.**  
**Answers to last week's arcane words.**  
 1. Zaptiah — A Turkish policeman  
 2. Apraxia — Loss or impairment of power to perform purposeful movements  
 3. Zander — The European pike  
 4. Tatouayo — A large South American armadillo  
**PLATYHERIC**  
 1. Having a flat or broad sacrum  
 2. A ridge having a flat top; plateau, mesa  
 3. Consisting of many ethnic cultures  
 4. Universal wisdom  
**HAEMATOPHILINA**  
 1. The transformation of blood in the lungs from venous blood to arterial blood  
 2. Excessive interest in butterflies and moths  
 3. Blood-sucking vampire bats  
 4. In botany, a sickle-shaped cyme  
**HAKEEM**  
 1. A revered Moslem scholar  
 2. A Moslem doctor  
 3. A Moslem prince  
 4. An Arabic nomadic leader  
**BEKAH**  
 1. The prickly pear  
 2. A marsh at a river's mouth  
 3. A given site or location  
 4. One half a shekel

# Is Governor Christie's Shock and Awe Style Having an Impact?

Governor Chris Christie last year made substantial reductions in state aid to local school systems to deal with the budget crisis. In our area, school boards were caught by surprise as they felt they had the inside track on the expected aid figures from meetings with then, and newly appointed Commissioner of Education, Bret Schundler. Mr. Schundler's figures weren't the case and the local boards were caught a few million dollars short in their planning when the actual numbers arrived.  
 The Governor wasn't happy with Mr. Schundler and he was fired a few months later. The public wasn't happy with school boards either, as 60 percent of the budgets became rejected during statewide voting.  
 This year, the state aid figures locally are a little higher than the doomsday figures of last year. This provides a small sigh of relief for the local school boards as they budget to meet the law of a maximum 2-percent property tax increase.  
 Another major factor in helping the school boards with budgets this year is the large number of highly-paid senior staff choosing to retire. The Governor has his sights on fixing the out of control retirement system — so many got out while the getting was good.  
 Many of those that retired have taken positions at other schools are now collecting retirement pay while having a

second public job (perhaps labeled as a consultant).  
 This week, Senators Jennifer Beck (R-Monmouth) and Steve Oroho (R-Hunterdon) proposed legislation aimed at ending abuse of the state's pension system. The bill, S-2716, would prohibit retired public employees that return to government service from collecting pension payments while on the payroll.  
 Senator Beck said, "Public employees who game the system by collecting a paycheck and a pension check simultaneously commit the worst kind of double dipping. New Jersey's taxpayers are tapped out, our pension system woefully underfunded, and neither can tolerate this sort of abuse. Nobody should be able to line their pockets in this manner at public expense."  
 All the problems with the state's finances and how the system is abused are not solved. Though some protest the necessary corrections, the corrections nevertheless are inevitable. The Governor has been called a bully and a mean man by those deep in the public trough, such as New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) President Barbara Keshishian. They hope to discredit the Governor's efforts in the eyes of the public.  
 Well, the Governor isn't perfect and he'll make blunders along the way. Perhaps, though, his shock and awe style is starting to have an impact.

# Transparency in Government; Unions And Local Boards of Education

*Editor's Note: This letter was sent to Sen. Tom Kean, Asm. Jon Bramnick and William Palatucci and copied to this newspaper.*  
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 I recently paid a visit to Horace Corbin, publisher of *The Westfield Leader*. The purpose of the visit was to follow up on a discussion I had with one their contributing editor, Paul Peyton.  
 To wit: Having served on the Westfield Board of Education during the mid 1990's, and being selected to represent the board, and by extension the residents of Westfield, on virtually all of the negotiating committees for contract negotiations with the unions, the following thought occurred to me.  
 Amend the Open Public Meetings Act (Laws of 1975, Title 10, Chapter 231, Section 7) to allow all contract negotiations to be *Sun-Shined*, and fully discussed in front of the public. After all, the discussions are held behind closed doors with only a few of the board members,

representing the whole board, versus a professional union negotiator, and a number of representatives from that particular group. (teachers, administrators, custodians, etc.)  
 All of the requests by the union and counter proposals by the board are made in private, yet once there is an agreement reached, 30,000 people (in the case of Westfield) are bound by these terms. Let the unions continue their collective bargaining (i.e. Wisconsin), but let those discussions be held publicly so the residents and the press are able to submit their input before the contract is signed.  
 There is absolutely no reason to hold these hearings behind closed doors — especially when the result is nine people deciding for 30,000.  
 For another view, please read *The Westfield Leader*, February 24, editorial page 4, *Commentary*.

# If Workers Can Get Benefits for Free In Union Cty., Why Pay Union Dues?

Why pay union dues when you can get the benefits for free?  
 Union County recently gave non-unionized county workers — upwards of 600 of them — life-time health benefits upon retirement. At the time of passage, the finance director didn't know how many employees this affected or what the cost would be.  
 This decision was made out of view of the public. We don't know who asked for this, an ordinance just appeared on the agenda and it was passed with no discussion. Noticeably missing from the meeting were the hordes of affected employees thanking the freeholders for their philanthropy. Questions asked by the public about the cost and who it would cover have gone unanswered to date except for an explanation that an actuarial study is under way to determine the cost, despite the fact that it's already been implemented.  
 Union County "full-time Finance Director Lawrence Caroselli, who also finds the time to work part-time for Linden as the chief financial officer, made a statement at the last freeholder meeting which should be included in the national debate that is happening regarding those bad boy

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# Westfield Regional Health Example of How to Successfully Share Services

There has been increasing discussion lately about the need for and benefits of sharing services among municipalities. On behalf of the Westfield Board of Health, I want to clarify how we have addressed this.  
 Currently, seven neighbor communities — including Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Springfield and Summit — have joined Westfield to fund and maintain the

Westfield Regional Health Department. This arrangement has been in place for years. Jointly, we share staff and services to assist each of us to meet the public health needs of our residents and the requirements of the state.  
 The Westfield Board of Health is the lead board; for example, we propose the budget for the department and hire the health officer. However, each of the other Boards of Health provides critical sup-

# Private Pension Plans Are Vulnerable Without Assured Funding - Just Like Public Pension Funds

The anger and fear exhibited by public employees in Wisconsin about their pensions resembles the fear retirees in private pension plans have experienced for many years. Pensions — public and private — could once be counted on by retirees. Today, they fear the rug will be pulled out from under them. The resemblance stops there, because there is a stark difference between public and private plans.  
 Private sector retirees and older workers have seen companies steadily renege on promises for earned retiree health and pension benefits — with the government

doing little to stop the trend. Millions of retirees in private plans have already had the rug pulled out from under them by companies using pension assets for restructuring purposes at the expense of retirees, all with the full knowledge of the courts and the federal government. These "back door reversions" leave private pension assets vulnerable to market downturns, and leave taxpayers vulnerable to pick up the tab at the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.  
 Unlike public plans, once a company goes bankrupt, there are no revenue-raising options such as taxation that can help

# Thanks to All Who Supported Resolve Fundraiser Dinner

Resolve's Board of Directors sincerely thank The Stage House Inn in Scotch Plains and Two River Bank in Fanwood for, once again, partnering with us to make our recent fundraising dinner a success. In particular, John Crisafulli, assistant vice-president/branch manager at Two River Bank, and the management of The Stage House Inn, gave a huge amount of time and energy in helping to facilitate this event.  
 And to all the guests who attended, many thanks for your support. It was an evening spent with great friends, great food for a great cause.  
**Barbara Roskin, President**  
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# Urges County To Buy Shack Country Club

Two hundred and 70 residents petitioned Scotch Plains Township Committee last week to request that the Union County Park Commission be urged to acquire title to the Shackamaxon Country Club property. An accompanying letter from William M. Garbe of Old Raritan road asked the local governing body to "use its best endeavors and adopt a resolution" urging the park commission to acquire the property.

# Dr. Lambertsen Chosen For Research Work

Dr. Christian J. Lambertsen, son of Christian Lambertsen of Edwin place, who is now a staff member of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in Philadelphia, has been chosen as one of a number of scientists in this country to continue research and studies under the \$400,000 grant being designated by the Joan and Mary R. Markle Foundation in New York City on the five-year program.  
 Dr. Lambertsen, 32, is a graduate of Scotch Plains High School, Rutgers University and of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. He married Miss Naomi Hill of Chambersburg, Pa., who is a graduate nurse in February, 1944, and they reside in Marlton, N. J.  
 The grant of money has been established to assist medical schools retaining their scientists standing high in the fields. The plan calls for allocation of \$25,000 for each researcher and is to be paid over at the rate of \$6000 a year to the schools where the various scientists are on the staffs.

# Resident Appalled by Out-of-State Contract by County for Ponderosa

Shame on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to award a \$3.5-million contract (for the Ponderosa Project in Scotch Plains) to a New York-based company. I am appalled that my hard earned money is being spent out of state. Any government projects in New Jersey

# SCUBA Inventor, Born in Westfield, SPSHS Grad Christian Lambertsen

*Editor's Note: From www.telegraph.co.uk, Feb. 23, 2011; see The Westfield Leader, March 18, 1948 on this page.*  
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 "Christian James Lambertsen was born on May 15, 1917 at Westfield, New Jersey. After taking a science degree from Rutgers University, he enrolled as a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania.  
 "A keen amateur diver, Lambertsen was convinced that he could design a more flexible device than the heavy metal helmets tethered by hoses to boats on the surface that were standard issue before the war. He began working on his breathing apparatus during his vacations from Rutgers, making contraptions rigged with hoses and a bicycle pump.  
 "His breakthrough came at medical school when he incorporated carbon dioxide filters from anaesthesia equipment. The Laru let divers swim freely and invisibly, and consisted of a mask, breathing tubes, a canister for absorption of exhaled carbon dioxide, a breathing bag and a controllable oxygen supply, all mounted on a canvas vest. The carbon dioxide filters enabled the diver to re-breathe the air he exhaled while underwater, which meant there were no telltale bubbles.  
 "Lambertsen joined the medical faculty at the University of Pennsylvania in 1946 and became a professor of pharmacology in 1952. In the 1950s and 1960s he developed an advanced version of his underwater breathing system which was used by U.S. Navy special operations units until the 1980s. In 1968 he established the Institute for Environmental Medicine, which studies diving-related diseases and explores how human beings can survive in hostile environments. In 1992 he patented inergen, a commercial fire-suppressant.  
 "His wife, Naomi, predeceased him and he is survived by four sons."



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## BOE Candidate: More State Aid for Westfield Schools is Still Not Enough

On February 24, the State of New Jersey announced the amount of aid that they would be providing to school districts for the 2011-2012 school year. Westfield received a total of almost \$1.3 million — an increase of roughly \$845,000 over last year. The state formula gave 1 percent of the 2009-2010 budget as additional aid for the coming year.

I am happy that we received more money, but it is still way below the \$4.5 million we had been receiving just two years ago. Also, the flat 1 percent offered by the state to all towns, did nothing to reward Westfield for its performance by our kids.

I am running in the April 27 school board election because I believe that my career experiences will continue to drive the board to manage the school district as a business. I have worked in small, start-up companies, and larger multi-divisional, multi-national organizations.

For sure, one thing was the same regardless of the size. We needed to manage our finances so that we stayed within our means. We had to prioritize our needs, we had to manage for the future and we had to be creative. I am looking to bring this rigor and creativity to the school board. The current board has done a good job, but I believe that I can offer a perspective that is not currently being represented.

Our budget for the schools is in the \$85-million range annually. I wonder how many people know that. This is not a small business and with it, comes many

## Lance Voted to Block Cleanup of Coal-Fired Power Plants

Union County voters voted for many things last November, but they certainly did not vote for more asthma attacks and more contaminated drinking water.

Unfortunately, that is exactly what Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7) supported by voting for the outrageously anti-environmental House funding bill (HR 1).

Passed under cover of night on Saturday, this bill endangers the health of our children, elderly citizens and other vulnerable populations by blocking the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from cleaning up coal-fired power plants and other large sources of dangerous carbon dioxide pollution.

It also cuts EPA's overall budget by the largest percentage in 30 years, severely threatens the agency's ability to ensure that we all have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink.

To his credit, Rep. Lance voted to oppose efforts to block cleanup of industrial facilities that poison our air and water with toxic mercury pollution. Nevertheless, I am disappointed that Rep. Lance voted to let dirty fossil fuel companies off the hook and, ultimately, supported a final bill that eviscerates our core environmental and public health programs.

It is now up to Senators Lautenberg and Menendez to help defeat the biggest assault on our air and water in recent history.

Doug O'Malley  
Environment New Jersey



challenges. We are looking at a thriving town with significant increases in enrollment at the middle schools and the high school coming very soon. We must deal with this issue now, and not before we have to make hasty decisions. We need community input — so let me know what you think. Did you even know that this was an issue?

Over the last two weeks since I announced that I was running, I have received phone calls and e-mails from friends and people around town who I do not even know. After I finished answering the obvious question of "Why on earth would you want to do this," I heard a similar theme from most people. Communication is poor and fiscal responsibility needs to be improved.

I have offered to do my part on each topic, but this is not a one-way street. If you want good communication, you need to listen and be involved. For most of my term, I will be a resident without kids in the school district as they will be off in college. That will make my wife and I part of the more than 60 percent of the residents in town without kids in the schools. Everyone has a stake in our success!

School board elections get a 20 percent voter turnout, but 100 percent of the eligible voters have an opinion. Get your voice heard, vote on April 27 for Mark Friedman and I pledge to provide my best efforts to the school board.

Let me know what issues are important to you. You can reach me at voteforfriedman@gmail.com. Also, follow my Facebook page at VoteForFriedman-Westfield School Board.

And while we are talking about Facebook, it would benefit all involved if the school board moved quickly in the development of their own Facebook page. Many other school districts have done this already. This is a no cost way to better communicate and seek input from residents.

Mark Friedman  
Westfield

## Letters to the Editor

### The Governor Is Winning With Divide and Conquer Strategy

Divide and conquer — Figure out a way to divide an enemy that may be too great if it sticks together, but can be beaten if split apart. That strategy is what our bellicose general — New Jersey Governor Chris Christie — has developed to advance his plan — balance the state's budget on the backs of the middle class and make us want to pay it — while those families earning his family's salary and more pay nothing extra.

Gov. Christie and his wife make \$650,000 a year. How, he realized early on, could he protect that income from further taxes, and force the state's low, moderate and middle income taxpayers to pay increased taxes to balance the budget of a state that previous Governors and legislatures have made broke, when it is obvious that those of us making less than the Christies outnumber those who make as much and more? His war room's answer was quick — divide and conquer.

The Governor has played his game beautifully — pit one sector of society making less than \$75,000 a year against another sector of society also making less than \$75,000 a year. Let them think that one of the sectors (the public sector) is getting more than they should, and they are doing so to the detriment of the other (the private sector), and the state as a whole. Let them fight each other so that they forget that their governor, and others as rich as he, are paying far less than their fair share. Let them stage public protests and blame each other for the state's financial woes.

Let them believe that by laying off policemen, firemen, state and municipal workers, and especially teachers, and re-

ducing their negotiated retirement benefits, the state budget's woes can be resolved. Let them think that somehow those workers milk the state, and are second-class citizens who aren't part of the true working (and voting) class of New Jersey.

Oh, and "let them eat cake" when the protest is over.

I urge my fellow New Jersey citizens to recognize how we are being played. We are not the cause of our financial plight. Previous governors of both parties have failed to pay the state's share to public workers' pension accounts. One governor agreed to increase workers' benefits 9 percent. One governor — a millionaire herself — used state workers' dollars as credit against future debt. Our elected officials — many of them millionaires — have created our problem. And now they want us — everyday low-, moderate- and middle-income workers — to bail them out while they get tax breaks. As always, we are willing to help pay our fair share, but it must be an equal share.

Gov. Christie may be overweight. He may be an arrogant bully. But one thing he is not stupid. He has pitted us against each other for his benefit, and those of his campaign contributors. He is winning. If we continue to fight each other, we are [stupid].

Bill Nierstedt  
Garwood



PLANS...Fanwood held a planning exercise last Saturday for potential emergencies. See story below. Pictured, from left to right, are: Fanwood CERT team members Maria Lichtenstein, Elizabeth Silver, Dennis Lee, and Anita Bowser and Fanwood Rescue Squad members Bruce Blakeslee and Bob Hoyer.

## Fanwood Emergency Exercise

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) coordinated a tabletop exercise on Saturday, February 26, with the borough's police department and the rescue squad. This exercise allows team leaders to plan actions during a disaster. In this case, it was a major flood simulation. "Flooding in and around Fanwood is still a possibility, given the right weather conditions," Fanwood Police Chief Richard Trigo said.

The Fanwood CERT regularly participates in both tabletop and live action drills throughout the year. In 2009 they

hosted a multi-community CERT and Red Cross drill in Fanwood that simulated a building evacuation and emergency shelter being established.

See www.FanwoodCERT.org for more details on what they do for the community. Their website also has information individuals can use to prepare their families for disasters like flooding and other emergencies.

For more information about volunteering with the Fanwood CERT, go to their website or call Chief Trigo at (908) 322-5000.

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## Library Schedules MothUp, Creativity Workshop Dates

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Memorial Library will present another MothUp session on Wednesday, March 9, and a Creativity Workshop on Thursday, March 10, both starting at 7 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street in Westfield.

MothUp is a type of storytelling event in which people tell true, five-minute stories based on a particular theme. All stories are told in front of an audience, without notes, scripts or cheat sheets. The names of 10 individuals from the audience, who have prepared stories, are randomly picked from a hat. The theme for the March 9 program will be "Celebrate Spring: What do you love to do when the snow melts?"

"I have MothUps on a quarterly basis," said Jen Schulze, head of adult services at the library, "because people really like to have a chance to talk about the memorable events in their lives. We're getting a good following of storytellers."

Westfield resident and expressive

arts teacher Wendy Rosenberg will present the creativity workshop. This hands-on workshop will incorporate words, art and some music. "No writing or art experience is necessary," said Ms. Rosenberg, "just the desire to have some creative fun."

Ms. Rosenberg is a teacher with 21 years of experience and a poet. She became a Certified Applied Poetry Facilitator through the National Federation of Biblio/Poetry Therapy and is a member of The National Association for Poetry Therapy. She attended the Expressive Arts Institute at Salve Regina University, where she received training as an Expressive Arts Educational Facilitator.

Both programs are open to MURAL and Westfield Memorial Library cardholders. The creativity workshop is open to only 12 participants, so interested persons are asked to register by visiting wmlnj.org and clicking on Online Calendar, or calling (908) 789-4090 and pressing 0.



**YEAR OF THE RABBIT...**The Passport Class at Wesley Hall School for Early Childhood in Westfield is celebrating the Year of the Rabbit. The youngsters are learning about the 12 animals of the Chinese calendar and the symbols that represent them, with such activities as performing a dragon dance and enjoying Chinese food. Here, the class shows off their Rabbit banners on the first day of their celebration.

## JCC Kids' Fun Fest Event To Offer Varied Activities

SCOTCH PLAINS – Families are invited to Kids' Fun Fest 2011 at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey on Sunday, March 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids' Fun Fest 2011 is an indoor event that will feature interactive entertainment and unique programs and performances for children ages 2 to 11.

Youngsters will be able to do fun science experiments, play the latest video games and get up close and personal with snakes and reptiles. There will be huge inflatables for the children to romp in, carnival games, arts and crafts and dance parties. Dora, Sponge Bob, Disney Princesses and Spider Man are just some of the many theme characters who will entertain the children.

Proceeds for Kids' Fun Fest 2011 will help support the JCC's efforts to keep children healthy. Funds raised will go toward fitness and wellness programming for children.

All are welcome. For more information about this event, contact Jodi Hotra, program director, at jhotra@jccnj.org or (908) 889-8800, extension no. 235. The snow date for Kids' Fun Fest is Sunday, March 20.

The JCC of Central New Jersey is located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. It is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey, United Way of Greater Union County and the United Fund of Westfield. Financial assistance is available for membership and various programs.

## Golden Agers Club Reveals Various Upcoming Activities

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Golden Agers Club has announced that planned club activities for the upcoming months include speakers, luncheons, bingo, crafts, cards and trips, among other offerings.

On Thursday, March 10, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students will entertain and serve senior citizens during the high school's annual Senior Day.

The club's first trip this year will be a visit to The Brownstone in Paterson on Wednesday, March 16, to celebrate St. Joseph's Festival. The Chessmen will entertain. On Thursday, March 17, the club will provide a catered St. Patrick's Day luncheon of traditional corned beef and cabbage plus accompaniments at the Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains.

During the club's Thursday, April 14 meeting, a guest speaker will explain the inner workings of the New Jersey Lottery and where the money

goes. The program the following Thursday, April 21, will showcase the seniors' creative decorations with eggs.

On Wednesday, April 27, club members will travel to Hunt's Landing, Matamoras, Pa., for an all-day Polka Fest celebration featuring John Stanky and the Coal Miners. The \$60 cost covers the bus ride, luncheon, open bar, music and dancing, bingo, movie and shopping, desserts and all gratuities. The bus will leave from the Scotch Hills Country Club at 8 a.m. that morning.

The Scotch Plains Golden Agers Club meets weekly on Thursdays, September through June, at 10 a.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club.

Membership, theater, musical reviews and fun activity trips are available to everyone. For trip details, contact Jean DeTore at (908) 889-4121 or Mary De Jesso at (908) 654-4512. Membership information is available from Marge Van Duyne at (908) 889-4631.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Westfield

Tuesday, February 22, Tyler D. Warren, 19, of Westfield was arrested during a traffic stop in the area of Westfield Avenue and First Street on an outstanding Westfield traffic warrant in the amount of \$500. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Tuesday, February 22, James T. Anderson, 41, of Westfield was arrested on the 700 block of Central Avenue on an outstanding Fanwood warrant in the amount of \$2,500. He was processed and turned over to the Fanwood Police Department.

Tuesday, February 22, Damian Washington, 34, of Princeton was arrested at South and Windsor Avenues on a Cranford warrant in the amount of \$1,190. He was processed and turned over to the Cranford Police Department.

Tuesday, February 22, police responded to a report of a physical altercation between two female 17-year-old Westfield residents that occurred at a residence on the 200 block of Sunset Avenue. Authorities said the incident involved pushing and shoving. No charges had been filed and neither individual required medical attention, according to police.

Tuesday, February 22, Claiston Smith, 41, of Newark was arrested at Union police headquarters on outstanding warrants from Westfield, for \$500, and Irvington, for \$200. He was processed and turned over to the Union County jail in lieu of bail.

Tuesday, February 22, Sara Reed, 50, of Plainfield was arrested after responding to Westfield police headquarters to satisfy an active Westfield traffic warrant in the amount of \$106. She was processed and released after posting bail.

Wednesday, February 23, after being stopped for a motor vehicle violation, Brenda Schultz-Smith, 57, of Cranford was arrested on New Providence Road near Hillside Avenue on an outstanding Clark warrant. Schultz-Smith was processed and released after posting bail of \$215.

Friday, February 25, Ian Stabenow, 18, of Westfield was arrested on an outstanding Union Township warrant in the amount of \$1,000 after turning himself in at Westfield police headquarters. He was unable to post bail and was held pending transfer to Union police custody.

Saturday, February 26, Miguel Colon, 23, of Philadelphia, Pa. was arrested and charged with shoplifting in connection with a theft that occurred at a store on the 600 block of North Avenue, West. Police responded to the area of the Westfield train station and traffic circle on a report that store security had chased a suspect outside after witnessing him steal seven watches. The suspect was located on Central Avenue. Four of the watches, valued at \$870, were recovered near a dumpster on the 400 block of South Avenue, West. Colon was released on his own recognizance with a summons pending an appearance in Superior Court.

Saturday, February 26, Ralph Rotundo, 19, of Westfield was arrested on a Westfield warrant after turning himself in at Westfield police headquarters. He was released after posting \$145 bail.

### Scotch Plains

Monday, February 21, a resident of Cooper Road reported that she had received a package from a former relative against who she has a restraining order.

Tuesday, February 22, a resident of Willow Avenue reported that, sometime overnight, someone slashed three of the tires on her motor vehicle, which was parked in front of her residence.

Wednesday, February 23, a resident of Coles Avenue reported that, sometime during the day, someone attempted to enter her residence by cutting a screen on the basement window. According to police, entry was not gained.

Wednesday, February 23, a resident of Balmoral Lane reported that he has been receiving phone calls and e-mails from an individual with who he is involved in a court case.

Thursday, February 24, a resident of Lyde Place reported that while he was walking home from school, someone got out of a Black Nissan Altima and demanded personal property from him. According to police, the suspect took two items from the victim before getting back into the vehicle and driving away. The victim was not physically injured and no weapon was shown, police said.

Friday, February 25, the manager of a Route 22 gas station reported that an unknown suspect ordered \$20 worth of gas and, after receiving the gas, only paid \$10 before driving off.

Saturday, February 26, a resident of Mountain Avenue reported that, sometime overnight, someone removed his bicycle that had been left on the front porch. The bicycle is valued at approximately \$800.

Saturday, February 26, Isaih Abdullah, 18, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with hindering apprehension after a motor vehicle stop on Martine Avenue. According to police, Abdullah provided several different names and a fake driver's license. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, February 27, Marlon Rojas, 26, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with hindering apprehension of prosecution after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road, at which time Rojas gave several different names, police said. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Monday, February 28, Melissa Martinez, 27, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22, West. According to police, while speaking with her, the officer smelled the strong odor of marijuana and, after further investigation, the suspected marijuana was discovered in her possession. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

### Mountainside

Thursday, February 24, Paul A. Dealmeida, 41, of Ringoes was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a suspected controlled dangerous substance (CDS) in a vehicle, driving with a suspended license and obstruction of justice. The arrest occurred after an officer noticed Dealmeida's motor vehicle swerving from lane to lane on Route 22. According to police, the suspect pulled into a gas station that was closed and when the officer attempted to speak to him, he appeared nervous and extremely jittery and gave the officer a false name. The officer observed the paraphernalia and suspected CDS in the vehicle and called for backup and a K-9 unit. The suspect was found to be in possession of suspected crack cocaine, cocaine, heroin and a crack pipe, police said. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, February 25, John Scally, 41, of Jersey City was picked up at the Hudson County jail and charged with an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside in the amount of \$800.

Saturday, February 26, the manager of a convenience store informed an officer on routine patrol that an individual had used his foot to open the door and in doing so, broke the glass. According to police, when an officer contacted the individual who broke the glass, he stated that he had every intention of paying for the repair and was told to come back on Monday.

Sunday, February 27, a resident of Wood Valley Road reported that someone damaged his motor vehicle while it was parked in his garage by scratching the hood, roof and trunk. According to police, the victim thinks that his soon-to-be-evicted roommate might have caused the damage.

### Fanwood

Thursday, February 24, Seymour Wallace, 40, of Plainfield was arrested on a no-bail warrant out of Somerset County after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road. He was processed and turned over to the Somerset County Sheriff's Department.

Thursday, February 24, a resident reported that she was assaulted as she crossed Midway Avenue at the intersection of Farley Avenue after exiting a NJ Transit bus. The victim heard someone coming up behind her and was knocked down from behind, according to police. The suspect was described as a black male, approximately 6 feet tall, with short black hair and wearing dark clothing, who then ran to a waiting dark-colored SUV-style motor vehicle and fled the scene. Anyone with any information on this incident is asked to call Fanwood Detective Eugene Chin at (908) 322-5000, extension no. 119.

Saturday, February 26, a 17-year-old female employee of a business on the 100 block of South Avenue was arrested and charged with theft after allegedly removing approximately \$104 worth of merchandise from the store without paying for it. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released pending a family court date.

Sunday, February 27, Paul Head, 23, of Scotch Plains was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue at Terrill Road on an outstanding warrant out of Scotch Plains. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

**Area Man Is Arrested In Rahway Homicide**

COUNTY – The Union County Homicide Task Force has arrested a man in connection with a homicide that occurred in Rahway last week, announced Prosecutor Theodore J. Romankow.

Miguel M. Floyd, 24, of Rahway was arrested and charged in the shooting death of Pierrelious Betchly, 40, also of Rahway. The victim was discovered at a Wilson Avenue residence just after 5 a.m. on February 21, although neither the suspect nor victim live at that address, said a spokesman for the prosecutor's office.

Mr. Betchly was transported to University Hospital in Newark, where he died from his injuries around 2:50 p.m. on Monday, said Mr. Romankow.

Floyd was arrested around 4 p.m. on Monday afternoon, following an investigation by the Homicide Task Force and the Rahway Police Department. He currently is being held at the Union County jail on \$500,000 bail.

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## St. Paul's Reveals Events In Preparation For Lent

WESTFIELD - Pancakes and children's activities will highlight the Shrove Tuesday celebration on March 8 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The following day, Ash Wednesday, March 9, will begin the season of Lent leading up to the Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Day. Ash Wednesday will be observed with four services of the Holy Eucharist, which will take place at 7 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 3:30 p.m. (for children and their families), and 7:30 p.m. with full choir. Distribution of ashes will be offered at all services.

During the Lenten season, the Stations of the Cross will be offered at

### Mandevilles Welcome Daughter, Abigail Rose

Brian and Terry Mandeville of Brighton, Mass. have announced the birth of their daughter, Abigail Rose Mandeville, on Saturday, November 27, 2010, at 9 a.m. at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Mass.

Abigail weighed 7 pounds and 13.5 ounces and measured 20½ inches in length at birth.

She joins her brother, Remy, age 21 months.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Rudy and Marian Caprario of Westfield.

James and Donna Mandeville of Gales Ferry, Conn. are her paternal grandparents.

Abigail's maternal great-grandmother is Gladys Caprario of Newton, N.J. and her paternal great-grandparents are William and Dorothy Mandeville of Florida.

### Caregivers Meeting To Be Held Monday

WESTFIELD - A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones will meet on Monday, March 7. Meetings are held on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1214.

## BootCampWF Will Get You In Top Shape By Summer

WESTFIELD - BootCampWF, Westfield's premiere, healthy-living outdoor fitness training program, is heading back outside, and will get you in tip-top shape before summer! The next session runs March 14 to May 2, and the schedule includes evening and weekend workouts!

BootCampWF is a specially designed fitness program held for one hour three days a week for six weeks. BootCampWF will meet in Tamaques Park by the basketball courts on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6 and 9:15 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. BCWF Lite, a gentler version, meets twice a

week over the six weeks, on Tuesday and Thursday, at 9:15 a.m.

Throughout Lent, Morning Prayer will be said at 9:10 a.m., Monday through Saturday, in the chapel, and the Eucharist will be celebrated at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays and 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays.

The Reverend Andrew C. Hamersley, rector, will lead special programs on Wednesday evenings during Lent, preceded by a simple Eucharist at 6 p.m. followed by a light supper. The programs, beginning at 7 p.m., will focus on the concept of "the beauty of holiness." On March 16, the topic will be "Beauty as a Natural Sacrament." On March 23, the focus will be on considering "The Beauty of the Cross." Finally, on March 30, a special evensong led by clergy and choir will celebrate "The Beauty of Worship."

The public is invited to these Lenten services and events. St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 414 East Broad Street in Westfield. For additional information, call (908) 232-8506 or visit [stpaulswestfield.org](http://stpaulswestfield.org).

### CHILD to Welcome Neuro-psychologist

SCOTCH PLAINS - The CHILD Organization will welcome Dr. Ilyse O'Desky, a pediatric neuro-psychologist, on Wednesday, March 9, at 7:15 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, located at 430 Park Avenue.

Dr. O'Desky will present "A Comparative Study on ADD, ADHD, Asperger's and Non Verbal Learning Disabilities." Her talk will explore this multi-faceted topic and provide help, resources and strategies for parents and teachers with their struggling children.

This free program is part of the regular monthly programming sponsored by The CHILD Organization of Scotch Plains-Fanwood and will be open to all. Interested persons are asked to respond by calling (908) 322-4020, as seating may be limited, or if one needs Professional Development Hours. For directions or more information, visit [childorgspf.org](http://childorgspf.org).

week over the six weeks, on Tuesday and Thursday, at 9:15 a.m.

BootCampWF starts off with an assessment of all recruits. On the first (and last!) day we see how many sit-ups you can do in 60 seconds, how many pushups you can do without stopping, and how long it takes for you to walk/run a half mile. These measurements allow participants and instructors to measure progress over the course of the session.

To enlist in BootCampWF or for more information, please visit our website at [www.BootCampWF.com](http://www.BootCampWF.com).

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**A WORLD TO EXPLORE...** About 100 fourth- and fifth-grade Girl Scouts from Fanwood-Scotch Plains made "virtual visits" to Japan, Peru, Greece and six other countries at a January 28 event celebrating "sisterhood" with Girl Scouts and Girl Scouts all over the world. Each of the nine participating troops had researched a country and prepared an exhibit including that country's traditional food, clothing, language and landmarks.

## Garden Club to Hear Talk On Dried Flower Arranging

WESTFIELD - The Garden Club of Westfield will host "Planting Flowers for Dried Flower Arranging" with Jessica Dryer on Tuesday, March 8, in Assembly Hall at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Roll call will be at 1 p.m. Prospective members from Westfield and other communities are welcome to attend. The church is located at 140 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

A Cranford resident, Ms. Dryer will show participants how they can enjoy the abundance of flower gardens all year long. Ms. Dryer is a fourth-generation member of the Dryer Farms family in Cranford. She holds a degree in plant and soil sciences from the University of Massachusetts and currently is president of the Union County Board of Agriculture.

### Memory Workshop On Tap at Library

GARWOOD - Mark Zacharia will lead a one-hour workshop entitled "Supersize Your Memory" on Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Garwood Public Library. This program is designed to help participants increase their powers of observation and retention.

Attendees will be reminded of methods they have used and be introduced to methods that may be new to them to help them effortlessly remember shopping lists, names and faces, and where they left their keys.

A university-trained educator, Mr. Zacharia presents this memory workshop at corporations, in classrooms and in libraries throughout the country. His DVD, "Supersize Your Memory," will be available for purchase after the program.

The Garwood Public Library is located at the corner of Walnut Street and Third Avenue, behind the Lincoln School complex. Registration for this event is required and may be done in person at the library, by calling (908) 789-1670 or via the library's interactive calendar page found on its website, [youseemore.com/garwood](http://youseemore.com/garwood). Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## All Saints' to Hold Supper; Ash Wednesday Services

SCOTCH PLAINS - The All Saints' Episcopal Church will present a traditional Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 8, and observe the start of Lent with worship services on Ash Wednesday, March 9.

Besides fresh-made pancakes with butter and syrup, the Shrove Tuesday Supper will feature sausages, applesauce and beverages, including coffee, tea and soft drinks. There will be a charge of \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 10 and under - with a \$15 maximum for a family. Participants may come any time between 6:30 and 8 p.m.

All Saints' will offer two worship services for Ash Wednesday, at 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Both services will follow the Ash Wednesday Liturgy, which includes Holy Communion, a homily from the rector and imposition of ashes. The All Saints' Choir will sing at the evening service. This penitential season is a time of personal reflection, in preparation for the great celebration of Easter.

### Chelsea Ladies' Night To Be Held Monday

FANWOOD - The Chelsea at Fanwood will once again present "Ladies' Night" on Monday, March 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. It will take place at The Chelsea, located at 295 South Avenue in Fanwood.

The evening will feature martinis and hors d'oeuvres; Gina's Jewelry; complimentary massages and individual beauty consultations by Suite Salon of Cranford.

Meaghan Jarensky, Mrs. New York America 2010, will be the special guest. She will speak about healthy living and yoga.

There is a suggested donation of \$10. This event will raise money for the National Council of Jewish Women's New Jersey Women's Center, a non-sectarian, non-profit agency that provides cost-free job counseling, job training, placement and multiple other support services for women in all stages of life. For more information about this event, call (908) 654-5200.

The Reverend Jane Rockman is rector of All Saints' Church; Andrew Kilkenny is organist and choirmaster. All Saints' is located at 559 Park Avenue, across from Park Middle School, in Scotch Plains. Parking is available behind the church, accessed via School Place. To make reservations for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper or for more information about any of the events, call (908) 322-8047.

### Local Knights Reveal Date For Fish Fry

GARWOOD - The Garwood Knights of Columbus will hold their semi-annual Fish Fry at their council hall on Friday, March 18, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Catered by Thistles of Kearny, the dinner will include French fries, coleslaw, dessert and coffee. Advance tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Tickets at the door will be \$15. Dine-in or takeout meals will be available.

Tickets can be purchased weekdays after 4 p.m. at the Knights council hall, located at 37 South Avenue in Garwood, opposite PathMark. On weekends, interested persons are asked to call after 2:30 p.m. Parking is available behind the hall off of Willow Avenue. Advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended. For information, call (908) 789-9809 after 4 p.m.

### Free Extension Class To Look at Coffee

WESTFIELD - Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County will present a free class entitled "Coffee - Should It Be Your Mug of Choice?" on Thursday, March 10. It was originally scheduled for January 26 but postponed due to the weather.

The class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Extension offices at 300 North Avenue, East, in Westfield. Registration in advance is required. To register, contact Digna Torres at the Extension at (908) 654-9854 or [dtorres@ucnj.org](mailto:dtorres@ucnj.org).

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## Sheila O'Brien, 74, Lived In Westfield; Loved Family, Reading, Travel, History

Sheila Bridget O'Brien (née Kennedy) passed away in Santa Rosa, Calif. on January 11, 2011 at the age of 74.

Sheila was born in Perth Amboy, N.J. on July 26, 1936. After graduating from high school in Edison, N.J., she earned a graduate degree from the New Jersey State Teachers College at Trenton and later obtained a certificate from the Montclair State University Paralegal Studies Program.



Sheila O'Brien

Before moving to Santa Rosa in 1997 to be nearer to her children, she lived in Westfield, N.J. for 29 years. There, she was active in the local community with the PTA, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. She worked for the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross, as well as at *The Westfield Leader*. In Santa Rosa, Sheila enjoyed her friendships in the Red Hat Society and book clubs.

Sheila dedicated her life to her beloved family. She had a big heart and, being a skilled researcher, was always ready to help her children and

grandchildren gather information relating to their interests to help them become the very best they could be.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Francis (Frank) Pirrong of Morgantown, W. Va.; her four children and their spouses, Kathleen and James Fox of Monte Rio, Calif., Kristen and Alain Neymarc of Paris, France, Ken O'Brien of Boulder, Colo. and Kevin and Véronique O'Brien of Villennes sur Seine, France, and her nine grandchildren, Andrew, Valerie, Remy, Elizabeth, Clément, Addie, Elliott, Erin and Noé.

A memorial celebration of Sheila's life will be held on July 26, 2011 - her 75th birthday - at her daughter's home in Monte Rio, where a pear tree will be planted in Sheila's honor, as she wished.

Donations may be made to the American Stroke Association: [www.strokeassociation.org](http://www.strokeassociation.org). Kindly contact Kay at the following e-mail address for information: [jk.fox@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jk.fox@sbcglobal.net).

March 3, 2011

## Luigi Spiridigliozzi, 80, Was the Owner Of Sorrento's Pizzeria and Restaurant

Luigi Spiridigliozzi, 80, of Westfield passed away at his home on Saturday, February 26.

Born in Pontecorvo, Italy, Luigi came to America with his young family in 1961 and settled in Westfield. He owned and operated Sorrento's Pizzeria and Restaurant in Westfield with his wife and sons from 1966 to 2004.

After retiring, Luigi enjoyed spending many hours in his large garden and visiting with many family and friends.

He was predeceased by four brothers and is survived by his wife of 53 years, Maria (Parente); three sons, Alberto and his wife, Liz, Americo and his wife, Karen, and John and his

wife, Susan. He also will be deeply missed by his eight grandchildren, Diana, Julia and Olivia; Danielle, John and Anthony; Peter and Allison, and his sister, Antonietta.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, March 1, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Entombment followed at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad or the American Kidney Fund.

March 3, 2011

## Angell A. 'Andy' Bavosa, Executive; Was Deputy Chief Probation Officer

Angell A. "Andy" Bavosa of Westfield passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at Overlook Hospital in Summit, with his son at his bedside.

A lifelong resident of Westfield, Mr. Bavosa graduated from Westfield High School and later received his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps weather services during World War II.

Andy retired from the Union County Probation Department as the Deputy Chief Probation Officer in charge of the criminal division. He also was one of the founders and

president of Bavint Corporation, a commercial real estate investment company in Westfield. Earlier, he had been the president of Highway Disposal, located in Garwood.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Rosemary, and his sister, Rena Ruffini.

Surviving are his loving son, Brian, and his siblings, Frank, Patrick, Ceasar, Anthony, Theresa Gonella and Mary Bush.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 28, at the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

March 3, 2011

# Obituaries

## Theodore Nelson, 96, Mobil Executive; Church and Westfield Area 'Y' Trustee

Theodore W. Nelson, 96, died Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network in Westfield.

Born in Missoula, Mont. and raised in Casper, Wyo., he graduated valedictorian of both his high school and college classes. His GPA upon graduating from the Colorado School of Mines at 19 was the highest in the school's history, a record that has never been surpassed.

One of two petroleum engineering grads in 1934 to get a job in the depths of The Depression, he went to work for the White Eagle Oil Co. in Augusta, Kan., a subsidiary of Socony Vacuum, later to become Socony Mobil and finally the Mobil Oil Corp. Before moving to New Jersey in 1937 to become manager of the Paulsboro Refinery for Socony Vacuum, he married Elizabeth Wiley, a Kansas native, who would be his devoted helpmate for 60 years.

While in Paulsboro, he helped to perfect the Houdry Process for catalytic cracking of gasoline to achieve higher octane, and during World War II was Mobil's representative on the Aviation Gasoline Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C. He held a captaincy in the U.S. Army Reserves (Engineers) but was deemed too valuable to the war effort at home to be sent overseas.

In 1947 Mr. Nelson became director of Field Research Laboratories for the Magnolia Petroleum Co., another subsidiary of Mobil Oil, in Dallas, Tex., and five years later was promoted to director of Research and Development Labs for Socony Mobil Oil Corp., with offices in New York City, moving with his wife and four children to Westfield in 1952. By 1964 he was a senior vice-president for Exploration and Production with Mobil Oil, and that year was honored by his alma mater with the Silver Distinguished Medal, and appointed a member of the board of directors of the Colorado School of Mines. He also took courses at Harvard Business School during this time. In 1967,

he was made president of the Mobil Chemical Division.

For the last 10 years of his 43-year career with Mobil, Mr. Nelson served as executive vice-president and a member of the board of directors of

Mobil Oil Corp., retiring in 1977, with the company honoring him by naming its newest geophysical ship after him. Having traveled widely in his work looking for oil and gas, including finding one of the largest gas fields in Northern Sumatra, he relished the opportunity in retirement to stay home more and give back to his community. He served for many years on the boards of the Westfield Area "Y" and Westfield Foundation, earning the "Y"'s Golden Volunteer Award in 1997, notably for his work chairing their investment company and raising over five million dollars for the "Y." He also served as a trustee and treasurer for The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, and as House Manager at Echo Lake Country Club.

He spent his leisure time pursuing his passion for golf, bridge, puzzles and cruises with his wife, Elizabeth, until her death in 1997, when he continued cruising with his daughter, Barbara.

Surviving are his son, the Reverend Dr. John W. Nelson, and his wife, Terese, of Provincetown, Mass.; two daughters, Barbara E. Nelson of Westfield and Susan N. Elliott and her husband, Ray, of Crystal Lake, Ill.; his daughter-in-law, Jacky Farley Nelson of Manchester Center, Vt.; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield on Friday, March 11, at 2 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray Funeral Directors, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Westfield Area "Y," 220 Clark Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

March 3, 2011



Theodore W. Nelson

## Patricia A. Graham-Hawthorne, 45; Allison Graham-Hawthorne, 4

Patricia A. Graham-Hawthorne, 45, and Allison Graham-Hawthorne, 4, both of Bernardsville, N.J., passed from this life on Thursday, February 24, 2011.

Patty was a 1984 graduate of Westfield High School. Allie was to start kindergarten in the fall of this year. Patty was a homemaker and wonderful mother. Allison was the love of Patty's life and a very active little girl, attending swimming, language and most recently karate classes. Patty was a loving daughter, mother, sister, cousin and friend.

Patty and Allison were predeceased by their father and grandfather, Richard Sr., and brother and uncle, Thomas, respectively. They are survived by their loving husband and father, Robert Hawthorne, and stepchildren, Bobby and his spouse, James, Christopher and Danielle. They also are survived by Uncle Jim and Susan

Hawthorne of North Carolina. They are further survived by their mother and grandmother, Antoinette Graham of Westfield, N.J.; brothers and uncle and aunt, Richard and his wife, Valerie, of Middletown, N.J. and James and his son, Tyler, of Westfield. They also will be deeply missed by their aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many dear friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered yesterday, Wednesday, March 2, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

For further information or to leave a condolence, please visit [www.dooleycolonialfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleycolonialfuneralhome.com).

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## HUNG UP!!

### Family Should Not Suffer Grandfather's Criticism

By Milt Faith, Executive Director Youth and Family Counseling Service



A Grandchild Writes: Several months ago, during a bad winter storm, my grandfather listened to no one and decided to shovel the eight feet of snow. He is 79 years old and has arthritis. While shoveling, he took a bad spill and broke his hip and knee. Surgery has been difficult, and he is still recuperating. My grandmother cares for him, but he has been difficult with other family members, saying we are to blame because we "let him" shovel. He has never accepted responsibility for anything. My question is: is my grandmother frail and has a heart condition. Should we insist that he go into a rehab center or assisted living residence? None of us can care for him, and we are tired of his criticism (of us).

Answer: There is no reason for anyone to accept your grandfather's difficult personality. It would be good if your grandmother were strong enough to take a stand before she physically (and emotionally) collapses. Encourage her and any of his children who are around to talk to the doctor involved and to your family's minister (if you have one) to convince your grandfather that he needs a more appropriate and medically advisable living arrangement. I would avoid direct confrontations with him. You don't deserve it!

A Confused Mother Writes: My 27-year-old son has told me that he has fallen in love with a 37-year-old woman. My husband and I were shocked. It's a 10-year difference. Isn't this called a cougar situation? We wanted to meet her and so we had her over for dinner. She is very nice, very pretty and likeable. However, I find this difficult. Maybe she wants a younger man thinking this will keep her young. Now I'll never have grandchildren. How strongly should we fight this? I do not want them to marry.

Answer: Forgive me for being blunt, but the decision to marry is your son's, not yours. You have met the girlfriend and say she is very nice, very pretty and likeable. Give the couple a chance. You can inquire more about your son's plans, future thoughts, etc., but make no judgment. If the couple is content with the age difference, then that is all that matters. What is your basis to think that this woman is too old to have children? Women are having children at older ages. Please stay clear of this situation. An old saying is, "If you can't say

anything nice, don't say anything." Or take the Beatles' advice, which is the title of one of their songs: "Let It Be."

A Questioning Mom Writes: My 16-year-old son loves music, acting, directing school plays, plays three instruments, and is terrible in most sports like baseball and soccer. He has friends, boys and girls, does well in school, and enjoys life. I am very content with him. On the other hand, my husband, who is a coach for the school's football team, is concerned re "Roy's" (disguised name) musical and theatrical interests and lack of sports activities. He feels Roy is gay and wants to push him into all kinds of sports. I don't want my husband to push my son into a situation that will cause anxiety and self-doubts. How should I approach it?

Answer: There is no connection between having an interest in music and theater and being gay. Your husband will create a great deal of anxiety in Roy if he forces him to play sports if Roy is disinterested. He will do further psychological damage if he obsesses about Roy being gay - ultimately he will send these signals to Roy, which will cause insecurity and possible self-doubts within your son. It is your husband, not Roy, who needs to examine himself and to accept Roy as he is, a well-functioning teen with specific talents. If your husband cannot accept this, have him see a counselor who will help clarify the situation and, hopefully, will result in greater comfort, and less doubts, within himself.

## FCC Series to Look At Miracles In Bible

WESTFIELD - The First Congregational Church will continue its ongoing adult education series this Monday, March 7, with a look at the many and varied miracles that occur throughout the Bible. All classes will be free and open to the public.

Over four weeks, "Truly Miraculous!" will examine miracles as experienced by Old and New Testament figures from Moses and Elijah to Paul and Jesus. Participants will look at what happened as related in the scriptures and how it affected those who experienced it, as well as discuss what makes a miracle and how people can see them in their own lives. The class will continue on Mondays, March 14, April 4 and April 11, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge.

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 [fccowestfield.org](http://fccowestfield.org).

## Prayer to The Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me! Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x).


Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I may attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank You as I confirm once again that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Amen.

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SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-11000485  
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CHANCERY DIVISION  
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DOCKET NO. F-24812-09  
Plaintiff: RWPO III, LLC  
V.  
Defendant: HAYAN S. SHAALAN; SHERIEN ADIE SHAALAN AND DANIEL SHAALAN, HER HUSBAND; RAMER ADIE SHAALAN; SHARIF ADIE SHAALAN; HOSAM ADIE ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Four Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Two and 51/100\*\*\* \$437,982.51.

The property to be sold is located in the Borough of Fanwood in the County of Union, and the State of New Jersey.

Tax Lot 18, Block 92  
Commonly known as 97 Beech Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023  
Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 135' 10 feet wide by 49.24 feet long.  
Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the Center line of LaGrande Avenue, 62.32 feet from the Center line side of Beech Avenue.

The sale is subject to unpaid taxes and assessments, tax, water and sewer liens and other municipal assessments. The amount due can be obtained from the local taxing authority. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 46:2B-21 the sale may also be subject to the limited lien priority of any condominium/homeowner association liens which may exist.

Total Upset: \*\*\*Four Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty Seven and 82/100\*\*\* \$479,347.82 together with lawful interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.  
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

Ralph Froehlich  
Sheriff

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# TERRILL MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

## 2nd Marking Period

### 8th Grade High Honor Roll

Francesca Arvizzigno, Jordan Banker, Celina Beattie, Erica Berkowitz, Alexandra Bord, Alexandra Boyarsky, Eric Calvo, Elizabeth Casserly, John Cavaliere, Henry Chang, Morgan Chemidlin, Julia Cirincione, Caroline Cooke, Caitlyn Dayton, Dean Debonis, Ali Dom, Allison Duret, Alex Eckert, Abigail Fontana, Lauren Frazier, Jessica Fugett, Christopher Geissler, Alyssa Gilman, Alexander Gugliotta, Jeremy Haas, Matthew Haas, Paige Heiden, Karina Hernandez, Sarah Iannaccone, Emily Isola, Matthew Itzkowitz, Emma Jaczko, Amar Jain, Alexander Karakis, Brendan Kelly, Ashwin Kishen, Emma Klein, Michael Lange, Rachel Lavelle, Devin Loh, Samantha Loop, Caitlin Mahoney, Alexa Marcazzo, Arielle Margulies, Kevin Maxwell, John McCall, Samantha McCallion, Madeline McNichol, Claire Nguyen, Rachel Noone, Derek Offitzer, Diana Pak, Talia Paradiso, Evan Pasternak, Mykala Porter, Ryan Romaine, Madeleine Ryan, Jacob Salem, Elizabeth Scacifero, Cobi Silverstein, Ashley Smith, Orrian Sner, Emma Sobel, Jonathan Tam, Nicole VanEtten, Alexander Wang, Katherine Westerlund, Leah White, Lauren Wong, Lizette Zambri, Garrett Zito

### 7th Grade High Honor Roll

Rebecca Ames, Joshua Axelrod, Emma Bagat, Madison Banker, Sarah Barash, Rachel Braun, Samantha Broders, Nancy Canevari, Celeste Cappadocia, Joseph Ciandotta, Shannon Costello, Paige Crandall, Sarah Davis, Richard Dazzo, Catherine Depaola, Madison Dieu, Jacqueline Fahrenholz, Kevin Fleck, Abigail Fossaceca, Alexander Frier, Matthew Garber, Rachel Gerstenfeld, Ani Hsu Obrock, Shona Jain, Cooper Jones, Elizabeth Kaminoff, Megan Lau, Benjamin Liang, Kelly Magnino, Alexander Malao, Rebecca Mehorter, Rebecca Miller, Emily Morris, Nithya Narayanan, Erin O'Connor, Nicholas Paiva, Harry Randazzo, Neelan Sivani, Kevin Sonpar, Olivia Tumsuden, Jessica Vilarino, Mariah Weigel, Mariel Weigel, Benjamin Weiss, Alice Zhou, Vivian Zhuang

### 6th Grade High Honor Roll

Nivedita Anjaria, Mia Blundo, Christopher Bondarowicz, Samantha Brand, Sophia Brand, Elizabeth Bui, Jake Canavan, Eric Chang, Ethan Cheung, Chelsie Edwards, Lexi Garber, Joshua Goldberg, Robert Gordon, Justin Greenman, Julia Guarnieri, Erin Hayes, Cassidy Hoose, Humphrey Huang, Alecia Jensen, Kathryn Kalagian, Isha Kamdar, Kyle Kelly, Ryan Kessler, Christina Lamagna, Cara Lamstra, Henry Lewand, James Maguire, Isabella Mancene, Maxine Manville, Alexis Marta, Joshua Martin, Shannon McDermott, Jessica McGloin, Melissa McGloin, William McGloin, Caroline McNichol, Sydney Mills, Gregory Oross, Simon Oster, Skanda Rao, Maxwell Ross, Tomas Russo, Madelyn Sassoon, Alexandra Shapiro, Jonathan Shih, Katherine Stroz, Colin Sullivan, Chelsea Tavares, Sophia Tumsuden, Micaela Valli, Ashley Veglia, Toby Waldman, David Walker, Emily Wang, Peter Warren, Kelsey Werkheiser, Jordyn Wheeler, Jordan Wolman, Isabelle Zacharia, Michael Zucker, Taylor Zucosky

### 8th Grade Honor Roll

Karly Abraham, Jaclyn Anglin, Daniel Babis, Rebecca Beauvais, Corin Bell, Anastasia Bellisari, Alexandra Burns, Andrew Buzzanca, David Cappadocia, Adam Cohen, Ryan Connors, Arianna Correa-Gomez, Nicole Cusmano, Olivia Dalessandro, Auva Dariani, Haley DeMaria, Daniel Dill, Emily Driscoll, Rachel Freeman, Alyssa Gardner, Tyler Geissel, Christopher Gibbons, Joseph Haverlock, Steven Haverlock, Christine Holloway, Kian Hoover, Michael Illanovsky, Doriane Kasper, Kevin Kerby, Jacob Klapper, Tyler Kovacs, Jessica Kramer, Kyle Krutis, Paul Laki, David Lange, Brian Lapham, Rachel Lee, Christian Lisojo, Sam Mahler, Vasilios Makris, Justin Maluassena, Jake McNamara, Samantha Miccio, Sean Patrick Monteverde, Joshua Okoro, Hailey Rachko, Leonardo Ramos, Tamera Rembert, Brian Scharf, Ashley Schoss, Nicole Skickova, Alexander Skoog, Jordan Stein, Jonathan Stroz, Thomas Tsuchiya, Christopher Turso, Samuel Ullery, Marcus Valdez, Kevin Westerlund, Kyle Westerlund, Andrew Whitehouse, William Wilkins, Tyler Zeile

### Local Residents

#### Named to Dean's List

CARLISLE, PA. - The following students have been named to the Dickinson College Dean's List. All students earning a position on the Dean's List, a recognition of academic excellence, must have a grade point average of 3.7 or above on a 4.0 GPA scale for the semester. Katie Lynn Ramire, a first-year physics major, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester. A graduate of Westfield High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ramire of Westfield. Amy T. Rosenfeld, a first-year undeclared major, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester. A graduate of Westfield High School, she is the daughter of Barry and Randy Rosenfeld of Westfield.

#### Gettysburg College

#### Announces Dean's List

GETTYSBURG, PA. - Gettysburg College students with a quality point average of 3.33 or higher for a semester's work are placed on the Dean's Commendation List. The following students have been placed on the Fall 2010 list: Alexandra Annis, a junior, from Westfield; Matthew Blutfield, a junior, from Westfield; Caroline Murphy, a first-year student, from Berkeley Heights, and Dana Ragonese, a senior, from Berkeley Heights.

### 7th Grade Honor Roll

Brianna Acosta, Gabriel Alvarez, Caroline Babis, Amanda Banasiak, Lucas Bannon, Molly Becker, Noah Bernstein, Michael Besson, Justin Boozer, Emily Boyle, August Bratti, Giovanna Carlino, Lingxiao Chen, Ashley Christian, Madeline Chrystal, Jordan Cimring, Zachary Cimring, David Clancy, James Clarke, Peter Coronato, Christopher Debelak, Darby Debonis, Jack Defouw, Edward Depaola, Margaret Desantis, Kayla Diggs, Connor Dombrowski, Ally Flynn, Kara Foley, Giulia Frias, Zackary Fuimo, Fallon Goldberg, Ira Gotliboy, Brian Grimaldi, Tyler Guensch, Joseph Guidi, Matthew Halpin, Patrick Henkels, Isabella Iacona, Sofia Jimenez, Camille Johnson, Lisa Kline, Kristen Koederitz, Julian Korduba, Liza Kussner, Jillian Lapudis, Aaron Lee, Tyler Litwin, Jake Longo, Charlotte Meanulty, Brian Mcmanus, Erin Mecca, Nina Mineo-Pankiewicz, Sarika Mujumdar, Scott Nizolak, Dillon Noone, Amanda O'Hara, Anniston Pagano, Nimit Patel, Sagar Patel, Christina Peluso, Felicia Petherway, Hannah Postlewait, Ryan Radice, Stephen Radice, Petra Reiserova, Kaleb Rembert, Andrew Rimpici, Allison Roden, Ari Rosenzweig, Tori Sciarra, Stav Shadmi, Hannah Simon, Paul Sinclair, Lauren Sjonell, Abby Spector, Kimberly Spitzer, Rebecca Stein, Maia Thomas, Isaiah Thompson, Vincent Verdramo, Devin Voorhees, Melanie Walker, Grace Wayman, Melody Weigel, Jason Wendel, Griffin Whitmer, Leah Womelsdorf, Michael Wright, Kaitlyn Yip, Jenni Zakarin, Emily Zaller, Carly Zogg

### 6th Grade Honor Roll

Adel Abdella, Avital Abraham, Sebastian Angulo, Aaron Arkin, Sara Begalman, Ron Ben-michael, Hope Bennett, Christine Bernard, Cori Bernstein, Andrew Borik, Alexis Brunetto, Christian Buren, Kendall Calefati, Erin Chiappi, Riley Chin, Zoe Choi, Kiara Cruz, Colin Demaria, Jessica Desai, Ravi Desai, Louis Dibella, Alyssa Difrancesco, Patrick Dill, Anthony Donatelli, Aaya Dunchus, Parker Dvorin, Patrick Ellman, Matthew Fox, Olivia Gelling, Michael Giuliani, Daniel Grodberg, Erin Hernandez, Daniel Hopkins, Andrew Jiang, Ewan Jones, Katherine Keiser, Abigail Kennedy, Eliza Kuperschmid, Andrea Leitner, Matthew Lettieri, Emily Levitt, Max Lusk, Kyle Magee, Tyler Maluassena, Daniella Marcazzo, Gabriella Marino, Max Mazursky, Katherine McGowan, Jacob Melville, Adam Miller, Max More, Sean Murray, Anthony Negri, Joseph Nelson, Nikitha Nirmal, Robert Nugent, Brendan O'connor, Sean O'connor, Matthew Olin, Gloria Pimenta, Tracy Prusik, Arren Puri, Corina Regan, Ryan Reilly, Molly Rouder, Thomas Saba, Abigail Sadel, Evan Scharf, Taylor Sirchio, Devon Smith, Sean Sobel, Sarah Spitzer, Gabriel Sta Rosa, Ava Steele, Alexis Thiemann, Isaac Velasquez, Robert Viglione, John Vinci, Juliana Wagner, Madeline Weber, Joshua Wiener, Jade Williams, Alison Zimmerman, Molly Zucker

### Harpur College

#### Announces Dean's List

BINGHAMPTON, N.Y. - Six local students are on the Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievement for the Fall 2010 semester at Harpur College of Arts and Sciences at Binghamton University, State University of New York. The criteria for the Dean's Honors list is a minimum grade point average of 3.5. Local students include Daniel Erik Petersen of Cranford; Ilana J. Solomon of Cranford; Jie Mei of Fanwood; Rachel E. Kreutzer of Westfield; Ross Pohling of Westfield and Jordyn L. Zucker of Westfield.

#### United for a Cause

#### 5K Run Set for April 16

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD - Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School teachers Janette Birkett and Robert Stevens are organizing a 5k run in support of Diane McGovern, who was diagnosed with cancer in 2009. United for a Cause 5k 2011 will be held Saturday, April 16, at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA.

#### St. John Gift Auction

To Benefit School  
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**GOLD MEDAL...** Pictured above are students who are among this year's *Hi's Eye* team at Westfield High School, shown here at work on one of the weekly newspapers.

## WHS' Hi's Eye Earns Columbia Press Award

WESTFIELD - *Hi's Eye*, the student produced weekly newspaper at Westfield High School, received a gold medal from the Columbia Press Association for the overall design and content created by the 2009-2010 staff. The Columbia Press Association "sponsor[s] annual contests to seek out and publicize the best practices in student writing, editing and

publishing," according to [cspa.columbia.edu](http://cspa.columbia.edu).

As stated by the Columbia Press Association judges, "the frequency of your issues is amazing for a high school newspaper."

"I'm very proud of the dedication and professionalism of the *Hi's Eye* staff," said adviser Rosemary DiBattista.

## Registration Now Open for SP-F Summer Workshops

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD - Registration is now open for the 29th season of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Creative Summer Workshops, which are scheduled to run this year from Monday, June 27, through Friday, July 29.

The Workshops, sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education for children entering kindergarten through grade 12, will feature 50 enrichment programs, including an Instrumental Music School. The Instrumental Music School will offer group lessons and participation in a band session daily for students in grades 4 to 8. An evening performance is set for Thursday, July 28, at Park Middle School and will be open to the public.

For students in grades 1 through 8, courses such as acrobatics, arts and crafts, ceramics, creative tales, drawing and sketching, fantasy illustration, forensics, folktales, games, magic, math, microwave cooking, writing, puppetry, soda bottle rockets and yoga

are just a sampling of the courses being offered.

In addition, reinforcement classes for grades 1 to 3 will be available, along with a "Kindergarten Express" program open to children who will start school in September.

"Driver Theory and Training" will be offered for high-school students, who have the option of taking one or both of the classroom and "behind the wheel" sections. This course will run from July 11 to 22 from 9 a.m. to noon.

All registrations for the 2011 Creative Summer Workshops, which are by mail only, are on a "first-come, first-served basis" and are ongoing until classes are filled.

To receive a booklet of this year's workshop offerings, call the Creative Summer Workshops Office at (908) 232-6161, extension no. 43, Monday through Friday, or check the district website, [spfk12.org](http://spfk12.org). Program booklets also are available at area schools and libraries.

# DEERFIELD SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

## 2nd Marking Period

Deerfield School of Mountainside has announced the following students as members of the high honor roll. Students receiving this honor earned no grade lower than an A- in all subjects.

### High Honor Roll 8th Grade

Allison Alexander, Kyle Bandics, Ryan Bonk, Morgan Kelleher, Avery Lau, Isha Mehrotra, Shree Mehrotra, Claire Mirvis, Bryan Shum, Joseph Sichel, Max Sichel, Dina Xie, Christopher Yang

### 7th Grade

Bruno Avritzer, Jeremy Berlinski, Christina Celona, Michelle Ciepiela, Margaret DenBleyker, John Felitto, Austin Fong, Jacqueline Goldbeck, Frances Hisgen, Jakob Janiak, Emma Nordstrom, Daniel Pattathil, Lia Sartorio, Anna Song, Caitlyn Splaine, Taylor Tango, Judy Wong, Jack Young

### 6th Grade

Jenna Attanasio, Emma Bearison, John Colendenski, Charles DeAngelis, Alec Duswalt, Abby Erasmus, Zachary Goldman, Olivia Jennings, Eileen Li, Isabelle Matlin, Jessica Perrotta, Trevor Rittman, Cole Schneider, Jake Schneider, Hailey Senkarik, Matthew Sylvester, Nicole Trezza, Jason Wong, Alexander Woo

### Honor Roll 8th Grade

Matthew Bacho, Frank Barone, Connor Briggs, Beatrice Collins, Megan Compton, Morgan DiPalma, Evan DiPietro, Aidan Donadio, Alexandra Foley, Jasmine Fong, Vincent Guerrizio, Claire Hulburt

### Villanova Announces

#### Fall Dean's List

VILLANOVA, PA. - Local residents are on the Dean's List in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova University for the 2010 fall semester. To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, one must be a matriculated full-time student and earn a semester grade point average of 3.5.

The local students, all from Westfield, include Kevin Clancy, a freshman; Andrew Gately, a junior; Meredith Kender, a senior; Kelly Leahy, a freshman; Mary Anna McCabe, a senior; Christopher Sheehan, a sophomore, and Caroline Steller, a senior.

# THE STUDENT VIEW

The weekly column written by local high school students

## Egypt Fights for Rights Most Americans Take for Granted

By Abbie Goldring  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The world watched for 18 days before Hosni Mubarak's 30-year regime came to a close when he stepped down from power on February 11.

The revolutionaries? Egypt's youth. Though citizens of all ages participated in the revolution, the majority of the protests came from younger generations. Through violent clashes with the police and oppositionists, Egypt's youth was attempting to overthrow Mubarak's authoritarian rule and replace it with the democracy they have never known. In thinking about the events that took place in Egypt over the past few weeks, I have been considering not only America's fate in the years to come, but also the differences in the ideals of American youth compared to Egyptian youth.

It is pretty clear that most of the younger generations in America are not politically active. The main indicator of this is consistently low voter turnout in the decades since the voting age was lowered to 18. In the 2008 election, 51 percent of people ages 18-29 voted, compared to 70 percent of people 65 and older, according to [civicyouth.org](http://civicyouth.org). Some may argue that young people take part in government by participating in rallies, but the rallies they participate in address issues that are relevant to them, such as civil rights.

But what if much of the governmental controversy and corruption in the United States relates to bank bailouts and taxes? I know I'm not of voting age yet, but I am much less inclined to protest against health care laws than university tuition increases. But in Egypt, it's different. Mubarak's regime was corrupt because of his implementation of emergency laws, which suspended the people's constitutional rights, in addition to the powerful businessmen and government officials hoarding the nation's money. These problems directly relate to the youth there because their future depends on these types of governmental actions. Yes, our futures in America depend on health care reform with respect to how much tax money we'll pay 20 years down the road, but youth in America do not think that far ahead. However, in Egypt, a college education is not guaranteed, like it is for most citizens here, let alone a successful job after college.

Therefore, it seems as though we in America take our rights for granted. Under Mubarak's repressive and dictator-like rule, citizens were punished for speaking out against the government. However, they realized that they were being robbed of their futures, and it was time to speak out.

In America, however, we have always had the right to free speech and right to assemble under the First Amendment. However, it seems that few problems in America today are as detrimental and threatening to our

people as they are for the Egyptians. It took the Egyptians 30 years to muster up the courage to speak out against their government, and it took hundreds of thousands of people to do so.

So as Egyptian citizens saw Tunisia as inspiration, the young citizens of the United States should see Egypt as inspiration. While Tunisian revolts inspired an Egyptian revolution, the Egyptian revolution should inspire an American revolution.

Just because we have these unalienable rights doesn't mean that we shouldn't pay attention to the decisions the American government makes. In Egypt, citizens' rights were taken away, and they acted on it; they are able to see the effects of the Mubarak administration's poor decisions on a day-to-day basis, from giving bribes to the police to high unemployment. Here, citizens, especially younger generations, don't see the immediate impact of the government's decisions. And as a result, we are relatively uninformed and unconcerned about American politics. The truth is, these decisions will affect us down the road, even if we don't see their consequences today. The more we participate in politics now, the better off we'll be in the future.

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Abbie is a junior at Westfield High School.

## More Education News On Pages 16 and 17

### Worcester Polytechnic Announces Dean's List

WORCESTER, MASS. - Jack Starnal of Westfield, a senior majoring in biology and biotechnology, was among 1,004 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2010 semester.

### Annie Peyton Named To Tulane Dean's List

NEW ORLEANS, LA. - Annie Peyton of Westfield has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Tulane University.

She is pursuing her master's degree in architecture and is anticipating graduation in May. Annie is a 2006 graduate of Westfield High School and the daughter of Robert and Carole Peyton of Westfield.

### Bloomfield College Announces Dean's List

BLOOMFIELD - Bloomfield College President Richard Levao has announced the fall 2010 semester Dean's List. Brian G. Flood of Scotch Plains, a sophomore majoring in animation, was among those named to the Dean's List. To achieve Dean's List status, a student must have a GPA of 3.5 or above.

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## DeLaFUENTE WINS 200-FREESTYLE, 500-FREESTYLE

# No. 1 Blue Devil Girls Swamp Vineland for Public A Crown

By J.B. RAYMOND  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

EWING – Vineland girls swim coach Mike Schneider has been up against Westfield before, as a swimmer and as a coach. And he has seen a lot of the best teams to ever come through South Jersey. But what he saw Sunday (February 27) at the College of New Jersey, in the state Public A championship meet, was something special.

“That’s one of the best teams I’ve ever seen,” he said, after WHS’s 118-52 rout of his Fighting Clan. “It was clear early on that Westfield was go-

ing to win the meet. I just watched more in admiration, than in shock of just how good they really were.”

Indeed, it could seriously be said that the 2011 WHS team is the greatest girls team in state history, and ranks right up there with the St. Joseph teams of the mid-2000s, the WHS boys team of 1992 and the WHS boys teams of the mid-1960s, as the best of either gender.

Before this year, no girls team had ever power-pointed over 5,000; in fact, a power-point of over 4,000 was great and over 4,500 was unbelievable. The WHS girls went over 5,000

against Bridgewater-Raritan in the sectional final, then went 5,168 on Sunday (and it would have been over 5,200 but for a disqualified B relay ... and WHS’s C relay still got third place!).

“Sunday certainly put an exclamation point on the season,” first-year girls coach Jeff Knight said. “This was a special team. They were focused on a common goal and they worked hard all year to achieve it. They care about the team and the teammates they practice with every day.

“It’s an amazing group, and I

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WRESTLING A TOUGH CUSTOMER...Blue Devil Mike Kalimtzis, right, wrestled Seton Hall Prep's Brenden Calas, ranked second in the state at 103 lbs., in the Region 3 Tournament finals. Kalimtzis placed second.

## COUGARS DiGIOVANNI, CHRISTIANO CAPTURE TITLES

# Barber, Kalimtzis Get Second At Region 3 Mat Tournament

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

Nineteen Union County wrestlers initially qualified for the trip to the NJSIAA Championships at Atlantic City (AC) on March 4-6, and six of them won titles at the Region 3 Tournament in Union on February 26.

Westfield High School Blue Devils Mike Kalimtzis and Christian Barber placed second in their respective weight classes. Cranford Cougars Matt DiGiovanni (145 lbs.) and JP Christiano (160 lbs.) won titles, while teammates Joe Giaccio (119 lbs.) placed second and Kyle Markovitch (130 lbs.) placed third.

Barber, top seeded at 152 lbs. and ranked second in the state, pinned Andrew Narduzzi (Seton Hall Prep – [SHP]) in 59 seconds with an arm bar/half nelson, then put on a clinic with five takedowns, including a Russian and a pair of single-leg back trips, a two-on-one tilt, a reversal and an escape to grab a 15-4, majority decision over Simon Levin (Millburn – [MI]) to reach the finals.

“Once I got my first couple of takedowns, I felt there was no stopping me. There was no way he would win this. The singles were pretty nice. That felt good,” Barber said.

Barber’s next step would be a fourth showdown with Brearley’s (B) Devin Geoghegan (ranked sixth in the state), whom he had defeated in all three previous bouts by close margins.

“It is going to be a tough one, no

matter what. I will just try to do what I was doing before. Maybe try to win it more decisively. I don’t want it to come down to overtime again,” Barber said.

Everything seemed to be going according to plan as Barber recorded a takedown in the first period and a reversal in the third to take a 4-3 lead with 20 seconds remaining, but Geoghegan scored a late takedown and added two more points when Barber attempted a desperation move.

At 103 lbs., Kalimtzis began with a 7-1 decision over Anthony Arce (Hanover Park – [HP]), then knocked off Delbarton’s (Del) Christian Innarella, 4-2, to reach the finals.

“All that work paid off. It’s not over yet, but I am looking forward to

taking the right steps to do what I have to do to reach my goals, Kalimtzis said.

Kalimtzis took a 2-0 lead with a wild takedown in the first period. He added an escape and a penalty point in the second period to grab a 4-0 lead.

“I felt that I had to be offensive. If I could set the tone of the match and build up a lead, then keep trying to build on it the whole match,” Kalimtzis said.

In the third period, Kalimtzis was working on a Merkel takedown maneuver but missed and Innarella got the takedown.

“I knew either I was going to get two or he was going to get two. I had

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MAKING A DRIVE TO THE BASKET...Raider Anthony Byers drives to the basket to make a lay-up in the regular-season finale against the Elizabeth Minutemen in Elizabeth.

## JEGEDE NETS 11 PTS, 9 RBS; DOUGHER SINKS WINNER

# Raiders Snatch, 44-43, Victory From Elizabeth Basketballers

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
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Ian Johnson and Tim Bonacum provided a thievery spree, and Tom Bonacum sank a pair of free throws in the final minute, then Pat Dougher sank a free throw with six seconds remaining to give the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys basketball team a 44-43 victory over the Elizabeth Minutemen in the last regular-season game in Elizabeth on February 24.

The 18-8 Raiders juggled their lineup throughout the game to give some of their starters a little rest before their state sectional game, which was scheduled for Tuesday, March 1. Additionally, Raider Head Coach Dan Doherty wanted to test alternative combinations of defensive and offensive setups.

“We were going through the motions, so we tried to shuffle the lineup to see if we could get something. Then we got something and made a good run at the end,” Coach Doherty said. “It’s always a tough game right before the states. We were just very lethargic. They had kids who were playing hard. We weren’t playing hard.”

Senior forward Matt Jegede led the Raiders with 11 points, three blocked shots and nine rebounds. Nine of Jegede’s points came in the second half. Dougher finished with three points, two assists and two steals. Forward Tom Bonacum had a pair of steals and a pair of assists, to go with his four points. Johnson finished with six points and four rebounds. Anthony Byers had two points and two rebounds. Tim Bonacum added seven points and three rebounds. Brandon Langston had two rebounds, and Darrell Brown added two points.

Senior Chuck Oliver, who played sparingly and sat out the entire fourth quarter, finished with nine points, including a three-pointer, and added a pair of rebounds and an assist. Eight of his points came in the first half. Starting point guard Dom Martinez sat out the entire game.

“They are alright, and they will play Tuesday. We are going to be healthy and ready to go,” Coach Doherty assured.

PJ Walker led the Minutemen with 12 points, while Jermaine West sank 10 points, Malik Wineglass poured in nine points, and Jahad Thomas put in

eight points.

The Minutemen got the drop on the sluggish Raiders and won the battle of the offensive rebounds in first quarter to take a 10-5 lead. The Raiders tightened up their man defense, prevented the Minutemen from getting second and third chances under the

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# No. 1 Blue Devil Girls Swamp Vineland for Public A Crown

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couldn't be happier for them." For WHS, it was state championship No. 13 and ended a run of five straight losses to Vineland in the Public A final (1996, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005). It also was Vineland's first loss in a state final, after six wins (they also won in 2004). The average margin of Vineland's five victories over WHS was 53 points.

"We knew Vineland was talented and had a lot of success against Westfield in past finals," Knight said. "We wanted to exact a little payback for those teams, and show we were the best team in the state."

Mission accomplished on both counts!

WHS broke three school records on Sunday, and just missed on a half-dozen others.

The outcome of the meet might have been foretold in the opening event, where Vineland's unbeaten 200-medley relay team broke its school record with a 1:48.50, but finished second to WHS's school record-breaking Jess Cronin, Meg Kaveny, Anna Fetter and Caroline Baldwin, who clocked in at 1:48.05 - a surreal 2½ seconds faster than the old school mark!

Becky DeLaFuerce capped her sensational career with wins in the 200- (1:52.65) and 500- (5:02.56) freestyles, just off the school marks held by Alexi Kuska. The Yale-bound Dee-Lah also swam on the winning 200- and 400-relays that just missed school records.

Fetter swam the second fastest IM in school history (2:08.66, and her 2:08.24 is the fastest), then took more than a second off DeLaFuerce's school record in the 100-fly with a 57.34.

The other record came in the 100-backstroke, where Cronin touched out Kylie Bangs, 59.88 to 1.04. They had both broken the old mark of 1.60 by Kylie Fraser in the sectional final. And consider that Cronin had just swum a personal best 5:22.61 to take fourth in the 500-free less than 10 minutes earlier, and Bangs swam the

11th-best IM, while finishing fourth in 2:13.83.

As far as ridiculous performances, top honors could go to sophomore Ellie Reinhardt, who clocked the third fastest 200 (1:54.60) and seventh-best 500 (5:12.97) in WHS history, getting a pair of seconds.

Kaveny was at the top of her game, with great swims in the 50-free (24.63, No. 5) and 100-fly (1:01.14, No. 14).

Freshmen Baldwin, Sarah Cronin, Erika Daniel and Audrey Bangs did their thing, too. Baldwin's 23.77 in the 50-free was No. 2 all-time and might have been the single most spectacular swim in a day of spectacular swims. She also was second in the 100-free to Cronin's 53.16, and Cronin also had a 2:11.13 in the 200-IM, which is No. 4 all-time at WHS.

Daniel was a couple hundredths of a second off her best in the fly, but went 59.94 and ranks No. 6 all-time. The younger Bangs did a 2:01.46 for a key fourth in the 200.

Even the team's "weak" link, the breaststroke, saw three Top 15 List performances, with Becky Zhang (No. 9, 1:10.59), Meg Myers (1:11.66) and Krysta Huber (1:12.32). And they finished 2-3-5, to earn WHS an 8-8 split in the scoring.

WHS's performance was so staggering that its B medley relay of Ally Rose, Zhang, Daniel and Allie McBrearty went 1:53.29, which cracked the Top 15 List at No. 12!

"What separates us from the competition are our second and third girls," DeLaFuerce said. "You can get all the first places you want, but if you don't have that depth, you're not going to win."

Fetter, who didn't start swimming until her sophomore year (she was a synchro swimmer), was giddy after the meet. And who could blame her? WHS had just gone 1-3 in all three relays, 1-2-3 in the backstroke, 1-2-4 in the 200-free, 100-fly, 100-free and 500-free, and 1-3-4 in the 50-free.

"The seniors wanted to go out with a bang," Fetter said, "and the biggest bang we could provide just happened."



# Devil's Den When All You Can Do Is All You Can Do

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

Boys Swim Team  
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OK, it is now 14 days since your season ended in the sectional final against a very talented Bridgewater-Raritan team. I know they pounded you by 40 in December, and you took them to the last relay this time. And that's why I'm writing you. As someone who swam at WHS, attended almost every major meet for over 30 years, coached the team 13 years and is now back to being an alum/fan, I wanted to tell you that you—somehow—ended up one of the most talented teams in the long tradition of WHS swimming. You guys were like the "Tubthumping" song by Chumbawamba back in 1997: "We'll be singing, when we're winning, we'll be singing... I get knocked, but I get up again, and you're never gonna keep me down..."

Timing and luck count for a lot, and your timing wasn't so good, because you, the 2011 team, had to deal with the best teams in the history of both Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Bridgewater, both state champions. But although they both put a hurtin' on you in December, you scared the bejesus out of them at the county meet and sectional finals, respectively. I thought the county meet effort was unbelievable, and it really was. But the performance against Bridgewater was even better, and made me really proud to be a part of the WHS swimming family/tradition. You guys could've fallen apart after the first event, getting 1-2'd in the medley relay, and then falling behind 23-7 after two races. But instead you just kept stepping up on the blocks and pumping out great times and eventually got within 64-60 with three events left before falling 93-77 (a heckuva lot better than December's 115½-54½ loss).

This isn't something you want to know, guys, but this will be the first

WHS team since 1956 to not bring home any trophies—county, sectional or state titles. But the funny thing is, your 4,586 power points against Bridgewater were the third best WHS total in the past 19 years, and was better than most of our recent state champion teams! So my hat's off to you guys. And guess what happened after that trophy-less 1956? The next 10 years WHS became one of the two or three most dominant teams in the country. From 1957-1966, the boys posted a record of 120 wins and four losses! There were winning streaks of 59 and 45, against a schedule that included all the top high schools in the state, plus Pingry, Lawrenceville, and the freshman teams from Princeton, Penn, Yale, Army and Columbia.

OK, that type of record next winter is unrealistic. But there is no reason WHS shouldn't remain among the state's elite programs, despite graduating three outstanding guys in Nick Boyle, Jack Lorentzen and Larry Zhang. I seriously can't wait to see Brennan Haley's and Matt Daniel's times next winter. And I'm likewise excited about having Alex Bond, Matt Trinkle, Kevin Oster, Ryan Hobson, Max Shin, Connor Moore, Tim Walsh, Tyler Lessner, Luke McGrory and Dan

Myers coming back. Haley, Daniel, Shin, Walsh and Lessner have already made the Top 15 List, an awesome accomplishment, and several of the other guys should join them next year. Add Steve Husch and a couple of top newcomers and WHS will continue as a team to be "feared in February."

Leaving the Raritan Valley Y on Feb. 17, co-captain Nick Boyle said, "I can't believe my senior year is over. The four years went by so fast, but especially this year. And now, it's done." That's a good lesson to be learned. Senior year in high school is one of the last best times of many people's lives. It's there, and then it's gone... forever.

Anyhow guys, speaking for all the WHS swimming alums across the country who followed your exploits this winter via the Internet, we are very proud of the way you ended your season... not from a win-lose standpoint, and not just from an improvement-over-the-season standpoint, but from a competitor standpoint. If nothing else, life is all about competing and you guys are competitors in every sense of the word. Good luck and never forget... win or not, WHS4ever!

Sincerely,  
Bruce Johnson ('63)

### OH BROTHER!

Has a WHS brother combo ever put up more points in a single game than the 44 combined by Ryan (27) and Keegan (17) Hess in WHS's 59-54 UCT loss to SP-F? If it happened—and the guess here is that it probably did—it could only have been Mike and Matt Comandini, back in 1992 or '93. The sharp-shooting twins combined for 654 points in '92 and 590 in '93.

### GRAY TO MONMOUTH

Pat Gray ('10), who spent a semester at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Va., has accepted a scholarship to play football at Monmouth University in West Long Branch. The 6-foot-3, 210-pounder, a second team all-state receiver at WHS, set school

### Chiefs Ice Blue Devil In Boys Hoops, 52-43

The Piscataway Chiefs eliminated the Westfield High School boys basketball team from the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 playoffs with a 52-43 victory in Piscataway on February 28. Scott Tresco scored 12 points, and Joe Greenspan netted 11 points for the 12-12 Blue Devils. Ryan Hess and Keegan Hess each scored seven points, while Tim Younger scored four points and Andrew Garfinkel scored two points.

Westfield	11	10	13	9	43
Piscataway	10	16	13	13	52

### Devils of the Month Kylie Bangs, Jess Cronin Ryan Hess, C.J. Meyer

records as a senior with 32 receptions and 609 receiving yards. He is No. 2 all-time in career receptions. He played safety at Hargrave until late in the season, when he was switched to offense and caught two touchdown passes in the final game. Gray also was a basketball and track standout at WHS.

### THIS AND THAT

+ Congratulations to Jeff Perrella ('06), who recently earned Division I All-Academic honors in cross-country. He is a senior at Yale after coming from William and Mary. At WHS, as a senior he was county, sectional and state Group 4 champion in cross-country, and then repeated the trifecta in the spring in both the 1,600 and 3,200 runs.

+ You have to love the boys basketball team going on the road last week and winning over North Brunswick (18-5) and then Jersey City Dickinson (14-11) in double overtime. Unfortunately, they weren't able to win at Piscataway (21-7) on Monday in their state opener. So WHS still hasn't had a road win in states since March 8, 1974 over Union, at neutral-site Irvington.

+ Congratulations to junior Mike Kalimtzis and senior Christian Barber for winning District 11 wrestling titles, and finishing second at Region 3. Six of WHS's seven region qualifiers are underclassmen. Is a fifth match between Barber (36-1) and Kenilworth's Devin Geoghegan (26-5, three losses to Barber) in the works for the 152-lb. state final? Sure hope so!

### JUST PATCH IT UP

The Den has tried to avoid comment on the situation with our ice hockey/girls lacrosse coach and his arrest for suspected marijuana use/possession. But let me say that it's beyond ironic that Brendan Hickey, a quiet, unassuming, Clark Kent-kind of guy, has become the center of a maelstrom.

Typically, the morons lined up with their anonymous comments, mostly keeping in line with their political leanings: the lefties wanting a second chance and no life-changing termination for the good-guy coach; the right-wing living in their glass houses on the hill, tossing bombs at the bleeding hearts and saying hang the &%#@%#%. (The political portion is strictly Johnson's opinion with a questionable gathering of the facts.)

Let's just hope all those who made this into such a cause celeb have lived perfect lives themselves, never driving home after one, or two, too many, or with a can of beer between their legs; never going one token over the line; never taking a walk on the wild side or straying from their spouse; always listening to the minister's words and singing proudly during Mass on Sunday, and always saying the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

If there had been such vigilance by the local gendarmes in the '60s and '70s—especially around the Goethals Bridge and Outerbridge Crossing, when the drinking age on Staten Island was just 18—it's quite possible WHS might not have had the amazing football record it had... especially the 7-1-1 team in 1966!

Personally, I'm glad none of the WHS swim parents from 1994-2007 seemed to mind that their son's coach liked to unwind after a big meet with a Yuengling or two (dozen), which is every bit as dangerous as a joint, but just not as illegal, for whatever reason.

Can't we all just get along, say a HM (Hail Mary) or two and patch things up?

### DEN'S TOP FIVE

Because of space limitations, the Den's Top Five list of best football stadiums that WHS has played at over the last 50 years (1960-2010) will appear on March 17.

### DEVILS OF THE MONTH

The February winners of a free sub from Ryan (The) Mann at Hershey's Subs on South Avenue are: Jess Cronin, Kylie Bangs, Ryan Hess and C.J. Meyer.

Cronin and Bangs, a junior and senior, had been chasing Kylie Fraser's school 100-yard backstroke record (1.60) for years before finally getting both breaking it in the sectional semifinal win over Montgomery, at 1.16 and 1.44, respectively. They both rebroke that record in Sunday's state final victory.

Hess scored seven points in Monday's state playoff loss to Piscataway, putting him at 860 for his career. That makes him No. 10 all-time at WHS, having recently passed Eric Hayes ('04), Scott Novacek ('73), Hall of Famer Sam Mitchell ('49), Jan Coccoziello ('04), Tom Scott ('69), Chris Rupp ('84) and former No. 10 Jeff Suto ('91) at 857.

Meyer, a senior, was named Most Valuable Player of the Union County Conference, helping the ice hockey team enjoy one of the best seasons in school history. Despite a 4-3 loss to Summit in the UCT finals on Saturday night, the Devils figure to play deep into the state tournament, which began on Tuesday against Monroe.

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](mailto:bj1019@aol.com). And remember, win or not, WHS4ever!

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DRIVING A COUGAR TO THE MAT...Blue Devil Nick Rotondo, top, drives Cranford Cougar Kyle Markovitch to the mat in the 130-lb. wrestleback semifinals. Markovitch did, however, win. David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

## Barber, Kalimtzis Place 2nd at Region Tourney

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to bail out on it at the edge. Had I not, I might have gone to my back, but I decided to play it safe," Kalimtzis explained.

DiGiovanni, seeded second, defeated Jon Acosta (Roselle Park - [RP]), 3-1, then picked up his 100th career win when he pinned Desmond Town (Morristown - [Mo]) to reach the finals.

"I knew I would give it my all. This match could put me into AC. If I won here, it would secure my position. I had to go 100 percent, keep driving, never give up and get my points," DiGiovanni said.

DiGiovanni added emphasis in that bout, when he finished a single-leg takedown after dragging Towns back inside the outer circle.

"I knew I should capitalize on every advantage I had. When I got that leg, I knew it would be a momentum swing. It was only a 1-0 match, so I knew I couldn't let that go," DiGiovanni said.

Next came the pin. "I liked going to that 'claw.' He came up. I went in. Turked [Turk ride maneuver] it and put him to his back to seal the deal," DiGiovanni explained.

In order to win the Region 3 crown, DiGiovanni had to defeat top-seeded and NJSIAA fifth-ranked Dan Ries (B), whom he had defeated for the first time last week at the District 11 Tournament with a 4-2, overtime victory.

Ries carried a 7-4 lead deep into the third period, and DiGiovanni set up a Peterson roll from a neutral position and caught Ries for a two-point tilt call to seize an 8-7 victory and the 145-lb title.

"I actually worked on it a couple of weeks ago. I thought I might be down. I might need a big move. What am I going to do? I knew I had to go for it. I had nothing to lose," DiGiovanni said. "It's really great to go out there a second week in a row and beat this kid. It mattered now! I worked hard. I studied tapes and came through when it mattered. Looking at states, I am ready to go out there and stand on that podium. I am going down there with three other great guys, and we are ready to make some noise for Cranford."

In a show of poor sportsmanship, Ries head-butted DiGiovanni as they were about to shake hands. That cost him dearly as he was disqualified and denied advancement to AC.

Christiano, seeded third, worked his way to the final and ensured a trip to AC with an 8-0, majority decision over Mike Alessandra (Parsippany Hills - [Par H]), then by pinning Brandon Santos (Johnson - [ALJ]) in 2:59 in the semifinals. Christiano recorded a double-leg takedown and Santos escaped in the first period. Christiano escaped in the second period then added another takedown and took Santos to his back.

"When I got that escape. I got in on that shot. I worked my 'Whizzer,' took him to his back and stuck him," Christiano explained. "I am happy to make it [AC]. Joe [Giaccio] and Matt [DiGiovanni] already made it. I am hoping Kyle [Markovitch] can make it too."

In the championship bout, Christiano recorded a takedown and an escape to carry a 3-0 lead over Pat Eichner (Governor Livingston - [GL]) into the third period where he demon-

strated his top-control ability for the entire two minutes to earn the title.

"Eichner is a tough kid, so unfortunately I couldn't turn him, but I was able to ride him out the whole period," said Christiano, who explained his takedown. "I always like trying to get to a lift. He tried to counter me when I got his leg in the air, so it turned into a scramble and luckily I got on top."

Markovitch, seeded third, won a 6-0 decision over Nick Abbott (Summit - [Su]), then dropped a 1-0 decision to Tyler Hunt (South Plainfield - [SoP]) to be thrown into the wrestlebacks where he grabbed a 16-0, technical fall over Blue Devil Nick Rotondo. He then faced Abbott again to decide who would advance to AC. This time Markovitch won, 8-0.

"I wish I would have been in the finals, so I wouldn't have to have that little scare of not going [to AC]. I wrestled him a couple of times before, and I know what he does, so I took it to him. AC is the big picture. That is what I have been working for my whole career," Markovitch said.

In that bout, Abbott attempted a last-minute headlock, but Markovitch read it and rolled through to gain the takedown.

"He pinned the Seton Hall kid with a headlock in the district finals, so I knew he was going to pull it out. I really feel comfortable rolling through the headlock, so I was not afraid at all," Markovitch said.

Earlier, Rotondo pinned Anthony Joe of Colonia in 4:54 in the pre-quarterfinals. Next, Rotondo was trailing top-seeded Jorge Lopez (Del.), 6-1, before he got caught late in the

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## BALIKO TOUCHES FIRST IN 200-IM, 100-YD BREAST

# Raider Boys Sink Princeton For Public B Swim Crown

By J.B.RAYMOND  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

EWING - This one was for Bill Brennan and Jeff Greim, and Norm Swenson, Dave Morgan, Wayne Whitty and Dave Butler, and Wayne and Warren Hoffman, Scott Morris, and Dave Hobart, Mark Butler, and Geoff and Doug Ramsden, Marc Morgan, Mike Fleck and Fred Bonner.

And it was for John Gatti, Brian Dunn, Peter Carlsson, Craig Hafer and Steve Warrington, members of the first Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School varsity team in 1983. And it was for so many other SPF swimmers from the long-ago past, who toiled for years in the shadows of neighboring swim giant Westfield.

But mostly this one was for the 2011 SPF boys swim team, who were the ones who went into the water on February 27 and captured the school's first state championship with a 90-80 victory over a solid Princeton team in the Public B championship at The College of New Jersey.

You could make a solid argument

for this year's Raiders as the best public school team in the state. Their lone loss was to private school Pingry, the state Non-Public B champion; and SPF also handed state Public A champion Bridgewater-Raritan its only loss. The two teams have pretty similar power point totals, but comparative times from the state final would give a slight edge to the Raiders. And, not to be forgotten, of course, were the dual-meet win over WHS and the down-to-the-wire win over the Devils for SPF's first Union County championship.

Despite having the best team in school history, the Raiders could not look past Princeton, which came into the meet unbeaten, and also with the strongest team in its history.

"People have been asking me, how long has it been since you won state? And I kept telling them, we haven't won yet," said Mike Napolitano, an SPF senior who took key seconds to a teammate in the 200-individual medley and 500-freestyle. "To finally win state means everything to us."

Junior Greg Baliko won the 200-IM (1:55.78) and 100-breaststroke (59.93) and also swam on the winning sprint relay with Dan Napolitano (200-free winner, second in the 100-free), Ryan Gajdzisz (200-runner-up, 500-winner) and Joe Dunn (second in 50-free, 100-fly). Baliko's breaststroke win clinched the victory, and ended SP-F's frustration of six losses in the state final - the last being in 2001 - including a heart-breaking 86-84 loss to Shawnee in 1999, the year the Raiders ended Westfield's streak of 42 straight county titles.

(Interestingly, Chris Swenson, a standout on that 1999 team, was on deck helping veteran coach Jess Hulnik, because assistant coach Judy Sharkey was at her daughter's college championships.)

"Really? Finally?" Baliko said. "That's what I thought when I hit the wall. We just got the monkey off our backs. It feels amazing... surreal... totally awesome."

But it wasn't just the Naps, Baliko

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## Raider Icemen End Season With Loss in U.C. Playoffs

The fourth-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Raider icemen were looking for their first-ever county playoff win on February 21, taking on fifth seeded Arthur L. Johnson at Warinanco Rink in Roselle. The Raiders were 1-2 against the Crusaders this year, but had broken through with their first victory against their county rival in their last meeting.

The hockey gods were not on the

### Group Indoor Track Local H.S. Results:

Westfield Blue Devil Jon Henry crossed fourth in the 400 meters with a time of 51.04, and Andrew Kirma finished sixth in the 3,200 meters with a time of 9:30.29 at the Group 4 Indoor Track championships at the Bennett Center in Toms River on February 18. Westfield finished 26th with five points.

Cranford High School senior Natalie Englese finished second in the 400 meters with a time of 57.49 at the Group 2 championship on February 19. Englese, Rebecca Shiminov, Megan Schetelich and Kate Evans finished fifth in the 4x400 with a time of 4:05.52. Cranford placed ninth with 10 points. In Group 3, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raider Kathleen Leeper finished fifth in the 3,200 meters with a time of 11:31.75.

On February 26, Cougar Englese placed fourth in the 400 meters with a time of 57.4 at the Meet of Champions at the Bennett Center in Toms River.

Raiders' side though as the Crusaders scored the first three goals on the way to a 4-1 first-period lead. Freshman Eric Hogan scored the lone goal for the Raiders on a tip-in of four-year letterman and two-year captain, Terrance White's slap shot. The Crusaders scored three unanswered goals in the second period to end any comeback hopes, but Raider Ed Logie topped off a great four-year varsity career with his goal in the third period, making the final score 7-2.

The Raider hockey program made great strides this year as they had their best county record at 5-6-1 and a very respectable overall record at 9-13-1. Next year looks promising as the Raiders had a large freshman class of 12 players. The Raiders will sorely miss seniors White, Logie, John Foti and Kyle Douglas, but the strong play of juniors Andrew Skoog, Kevin Lewis, Alex Markovits, John Tomasulo and Jim Healy, along with a class of eight, eighth-graders bode well for another step up in fourth year coach Matt Gualtieri's developing program.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ice Hockey Association had a successful year-end fundraising gala last week. A lot of money was raised to help the Raiders continue to improve their hockey program. The Association will again sponsor spring league teams for both high school and middle school. Those interested should call John Tomasulo at (908) 889-1986 (high school) or Pat Hogan at (908) 301-1626 (middle school).



**TOURNAMENT WINNERS...**The Cranford Hockey Club recently became the Pond President's Cup Tournament in Newark, Del. Mite B Division Champions. Pictured, left to right, are: center bottom, Harry Devenny, first row; Luke Jacobello\*, Luke Pachkowski, Jack Devaney, Brendan Hiltz\*, Brenden Smith and Mason Miller\*; middle row, Jake Anderson, Aidan Plick, Patrick Rigby\*, Declan Kennedy, Paul DeBole\* and Jeremy Thompson\* (missing from picture); back row, Assistant Coach Craig Miller\* and Coach George Kennedy. \*Indicates from Westfield.

## Raiders Win Public B Crown

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and Dunn who provided this win. It was Dan Pesin (second in back, third in IM), Mike Rizzo (third in back) and Ryan Henkels (third 100-free).

"It's great to see our guys finally win," Hulnik said. "Both teams swam so well. Almost every boy today was at or close to a best time."

Imagine Princeton freshman Will Stange, who swam 1:47.12 in the 200-free and 4:48 in the 500-free and took a pair of thirds. The Little Tigers, who are now 0-3 in state finals, had some studs of their own, all of whom will be back next year, like

junior Victor Honore, who won the fly and back, junior Derek Colaizzo (50-free) and freshman Matt Kuhlik (100-free).

SPF loses the Napolitano brothers, Rizzo and Jason Schaub from its regular lineup, so you might want to start planning for a probably Princeton-Scotch Plains title match-up again in 2012.

"All we wanted was to have our best meet on the last day, and we did that," Princeton coach Greg Hand said. "We went as fast as we have all year. Scotch Plains is as fast as we heard they were. They're a great team."

## Raiders Snatch 44-43, Victory From Elizabeth Basketballers

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board and won the second quarter, 13-4, to take an 18-14 lead at the half. After the Minutemen scored the first two points, the Raiders answered with a 13-0 run in that quarter, which included Oliver's three-pointer followed by Dougher's steal and his pass to Oliver, who rolled in a lay-up.

The Raiders stepped up their use of bench players in the third quarter, which gave Coach Doherty the opportunity to see how they would respond to the pressure.

"That was good! That helped us see the guys who could help us at times in the state tournament," he said.

Some missed easy lay-ups and bad inside passes gave the Minutemen an opportunity to take a 24-22 lead with 3:00 remaining in the quarter. Both teams added six points to make the score, 30-28.

Elizabeth extended its lead to 33-28 less than a minute into the final quarter then seized a 43-37 lead with a minute remaining. Tom Bonacum was fouled and sank both free throws. Johnson followed with a steal and converted it to a lay-up then Tim Bonacum swiped a ball and rolled in the lay-up to tie the score. With 12.7 seconds remaining, Dougher brought the ball down court and was fouled with six seconds on the clock. He sank his first shot, which held up for the win.

"We did a good job at the end, turning the young kids over and getting the ball. If we play like that Tuesday, it's not going to be a long time in the states," Coach Doherty warned.

Sc. Pl.-Fanwood 5 13 10 16 44  
Elizabeth 10 4 16 13 43

## Heat Sizzles, Bulldogs Snarl In FSPY 30+ Hoops League

The Heat continued to turn up the thermostat with a 46-36 victory over the Grizzlies, but the Bulldogs continued to nip at their heels with a 54-49 calming of the Hurricanes.

The Heat was cool early as the Grizzlies growled to a 27-21, half-time lead. But, league reigning MVP Jamal Berry made a late appearance and warmed up the Heat in the second half with 12 points. The Grizzlies legs fatigued and they only managed nine second-half points.

Ian Brown (13 points) and Steven Lee (eight points) balanced the Heat's effort. Steve Filler had 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Grizzlies, but the bears sluggish second half woes continue. The Heat improved to 6-1, while the Grizzlies slipped to 2-5.

The Bulldogs appeared to be the quickest team in the league and got up-and-down the court, but 16 rebounds for Joe Negley was the difference maker. Add 21 and 19 points for

Jerry Baglien and Marlon Brown, respectively, and the 'Dogs bullied their way to a win. Negley and Gene Tavera added seven points each as the 'Dogs improved to 6-2.

The Hurricanes tried to run with the 'Dogs but could not reign them in. 'Cane Jason Shann had the leash for awhile, posting 17 points, and Dennis Glynn added seven, but they needed a bigger collar, falling to 3-4 on the season.

For more information about the league, call the Fanwood-Scotch Plains "Y" at (908) 889-8880.

Next Games - Sunday, March 6 - 10 a.m. (H) Hurricanes vs Heat (A), 11 a.m. (H) Grizzlies vs Slams (A).

**FSPY 30+ STANDINGS:**

TEAM	W	L
Heat	6	1
Bulldogs	6	2
Hurricanes	3	4
Grizzlies	2	5
Slam	1	6

## FSPY Men's Basketball Runs First Annual All-Star Game

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains "Y" (FSPY) Men's Basketball League ran its First Annual 40+ All Star Game on February 27. Derisively dubbed the "Geriatric Classic" by some, the FSPY Men's League's more senior members played a spirited, competitive game that was decided by a free throw attempt with no time remaining.

A tight score throughout, the game was tied after one quarter, 9-9, and the home team took a two-point lead into halftime, 20-18. Greg Boozer and Peter Chemidlin led the way with seven and six points, respectively, in the half.

The visitors clawed to within one point after three quarters and later sent David Berger to the free throw

line, down two, 39-37, with no time on the clock to try and force overtime. The officials cleared the lane but Berger missed the front end of the bonus and the home team won.

Berger finished with 18 points to lead all scorers and the league's most experienced All Star, Marc Rogoff, added seven points in a plucky effort as the visitors shot a respectable four-for-eight from the free throw line.

The home team's balanced attack, however, was the difference with six of eight players in the scoring column. Boozer finished with 13 points, Steve Filler added nine points (six in the second half) and Chemidlin tallied eight points for the home guys, who went seven-for-11 from the charity stripe.

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# Barber, Kalimtzis Place Second at Region 3 Tourney; Cougars DiGiovanni, Christiano Take First

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**CAPTURING THE LEG...**Blue Devil Christian Barber captures the leg of Millburn's Simon Levin in his 152-lb. semifinal bout. Barber won, 15-4.

third period with a stack fall. Rotondo regrouped and scored a takedown in overtime to defeat Tom Morelli (Middlesex - Mx), 6-4, and to advance to the wrestling semifinals to face Markovitch.

"Last year, I really didn't think I would go this far. This year, I felt I could achieve this. You have to get tough on that mat. If you are not, you are losing it," Rotondo said.

Giaccio pinned Anthony DiRosa (WH) in 3:29 with an arm bar stack, then recorded three takedowns, two nearfalls, two reversals and an escape to claim an 18-6, majority decision over Brearley's Anthony Madonia in

## Blue Devil Boys Beat No. Brunswick, 50-45

The Westfield High School boys basketball team evened its record to 11-11 with a 50-45 victory over hosting North Brunswick on February 24. Senior Ryan Hess put in 22 points, including a three-pointer and nine free throws to lead the Blue Devils. Andrew Garfinkel scored eight points, and Tim Younger netted five, while Ozan Yucetepe and Matt Androconis each sank four points.

Chance Gadsden scored 12 points and Shaliek Short netted 11 points for 18-5 North Brunswick.

Westfield	12	18	10	10	50
No. Brunswick	13	10	13	9	45

the semis for his 127th career win, just one shy of the all-time Cranford record set by Greg Donofrio (2002). Madonia did put in an extra effort to get an advantage on Giaccio, but it did not work.

"Yes! But the score was 18-6, so I really wasn't too concerned. I wrestled my way. He got in with some shots, but that was it," Giaccio said.

"It looked like they both went after each other. It was a good match, but Joe was just way too aggressive. Technically, he is looking great right now," Cougar Head Coach Darren Torsone said.

Giaccio used his flexibility and mat sense to record those creative takedowns.

"He has got an unbelievable mat sense, going after everybody. He is wrestling his matches. That is what he is doing," Coach Torsone said.

See more photos of the Region 3 Wrestling Tournament on the Cranford Online Sports section of *The Westfield Leader* - [goleader.com](http://goleader.com)

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"I was just having fun," Giaccio answered.

In his title bout, Giaccio dropped a 9-4 decision to third-ranked Troy Heilmann (SoP).

At 135 lbs., Blue Devil Ellis Opoku won a 4-3, tiebreaker over Andrew Regan (Boonton - Bo). After losing to the eventual champion, Lou Mascola (SHP), Opoku got some sweet revenge when he recorded a 7-5 decision over D'Ondre Floyd (Elizabeth), who had defeated him in overtime during the District 11 Tournament.

"I was out for revenge. The last match was a really close match, so I had to leave everything out on the mat," Opoku said.

Floyd held a 3-1 lead in the second period, but Opoku delivered a smooth arm-drag takedown, which seemed to turn the tide of the bout.

"I have been working it a lot, so it was really helpful," Opoku said.

Opoku then dropped a 10-0 decision to GL's Mike Stepien in the wrestling semis. Blue Devil Troy Skibitsky pinned Matt Allen (Madison - [Mad]) in 5:03 at 140 lbs. but had to forfeit his next bout due to a knee injury. Colin Barber won a bout at 145 lbs. with a 4-1 decision over

Rob Faugno (SHP). Kieran Cline claimed a 13-1, majority decision over Nicholas D'Uva (Par H) at 189 lbs. Scotch Plains-Fanwood heavyweight Anthony Tufaro pinned Tony Manganiello (GL) in 3:45 and added an 8-7 victory over Greg DeLade (Chatham) before losing, 4-2, to Linden's Austin Frank in the wrestling semis. Raider Mike Steinfeld dropped a 5-1 decision to Mike DeVito (Watchung Hills - [WH]) at 140 lbs.

Cougar Ian Henry dropped a 4-2 decision to Columbia's Andre Adams at 125 lbs. Corey Markovich lost, 10-4, to Plainfield's Tajir Hurdle at 171 lbs. Andrew Yamakaitis (Colonia) pinned Ray El-Khoury in 5:24 at 215 lbs.

### CHAMPIONSHIPS:

189: — Dawud Hicks (Plainfield) d Frank Bozzomo (Mx), 7-2  
 215: — Darren Dungee (Mo) d Dean Sullivan (Del), 5-2  
 Hwt: — Zach Troutman (NP) p Mike Boardman (Mad), 2-42  
 103: — Brendan Calas (SHP) md Mike Kalimtzis (W), 14-1  
 112: — Anthony Ashnault (SoP) p Mike Magaldo (WH), 1-47  
 119: — Troy Heilmann (SoP) d Joe Giaccio (C), 9-4  
 125: — Eamonn Gaffney (SHP) d Anthony Rice (B), 10-9  
 130: — Jorge Lopez (Del) d Tyler Hunt (SoP), 4-2  
 135: — Lou Mascola (HP) d Jeff Canfora

(Del), 6-3  
 140: — Devon Gobbo (Del) d Eric Fajardo (Bo), 3-0  
 145: — Matt DiGiovanni (C) d Ries (B), 8-7  
 152: — Devin Geoghegan (B) d Christian Barber (W), 7-4  
 160: — JP Christiano (C) d Pat Eichner (GL), 3-0  
 171: — Vic Pozsonyi (RP) d Marlon Duque (Bo), 4-3

### THIRD PLACE:

103: — Christian Innarella (Del) d Jon Mele (GL), 11-5  
 112: — Max Rogers (Del) p Anthony Canfora (HP), 5-52  
 119: — Nick Anderson (Del) d Anthony DeFranco (GL), 7-3  
 125: — Matt Coppola (WH) p Matt Adams (Del), 1-49  
 130: — Kyle Markovitch (C) md Nick Abbott (Sum), 8-0  
 135: — Scott DelVecchio (SoP) md Mike Stepien (GL), 10-3  
 140: — Corey Strassenko (SoP) d Nick Longo (RP), 7-4  
 145: — Desmond Towns (Mo) d Josef Johnson (Del), 3-2 \*Johnson qualified for A.C. because of Ries' disqualification.  
 152: — Diego Chavez (Rahway) tf Simon Levin (Mill), 15-0, 3:07  
 160: — Travis Foster (L) d Rich Barnish (Bo), 10-8  
 171: — Dillon Geoghegan (B) d Shane Haddad (GL), 5-1  
 189: — Connor Gabriel (RP) d Maurice McCullers (E), 5-2, 3:07  
 215: — Urayoan Garcia (Rahway) d Frank Schaafsma (SHP), 2-1  
 Hwt: — Austin Frank (L) d Nick Mellilo (HP), 9-5



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WORKING HIS WAY TO A REGIONS 3 CROWN...Senior Matt DiGiovanni, top, entwines himself around fifth-ranked Dan Ries of Brearley in the 145-lb Region 3 championship bout. DiGiovanni pulled off a slick four-point Peterson roll from the takedown position to claim an 8-7 victory.



ALSO WORKING HIS WAY TO A REGIONS 3 CROWN...Cougar junior JP Christiano, left, fends off Governor Livingston Highlander Pat Eichner's takedown attempt in the 160-lb championship bout in the Region 3 Tournament in Union on February 26. Christiano seized the crown with a 3-0 victory.

## GIACCIO PLACES SECOND, MARKOVITCH GETS THIRD; BLUE DEVILS BARBER, KALIMTZIS PLACE SECOND

# DiGiovanni, Christiano Win at Region 3 Mat Tournament

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

Nineteen Union County wrestlers initially qualified for the trip to the NJSIAA Championships at Atlantic City (AC) on March 4-6, and six of them won titles at the Region 3 Tournament in Union on February 26.

Westfield High School Blue Devils Mike Kalimtzis and Christian Barber placed second in their respective weight classes. Cranford Cougars Matt DiGiovanni (145-lbs) and JP Christiano (160-lbs) won titles, while teammates Joe Giaccio (119-lbs) placed second and Kyle Markovitch (130-lbs) placed third.

Barber, top seeded at 152-lbs and ranked second in the state, pinned Andrew Narduzzi (Seton Hall Prep - [SHP]) in 59 seconds with an arm bar/half nelson, then put on a clinic

with five takedowns, including a Russian and a pair of single-leg back trips, a two-on-one tilt, a reversal and an escape to grab a 15-4, majority decision over Simon Levin (Millburn - [MI]) to reach the finals.

"Once I got my first couple of takedowns, I felt there was no stopping me. There was no way he would win this. The singles were pretty nice. That felt good," Barber said.

Barber's next step would be a fourth showdown with Brearley's (B) Devin Geoghegan (ranked sixth in the state), whom he had defeated in all three previous bouts by close margins.

"It is going to be a tough one, no matter what. I will just try to do what I was doing before. Maybe try to win it more decisively. I don't want it to come down to overtime again," Barber said.

Everything seemed to be going according to plan as Barber recorded a takedown in the first period and a reversal in the third to take a 4-3 lead with 20 seconds remaining, but Geoghegan scored a late takedown and added two more points when Barber attempted a desperation move.

At 103-lbs, Kalimtzis began with a 7-1 decision over Anthony Arce (Hanover Park - [HP]), then knocked off Delbarton's (Del) Christian Innarella, 4-2, to reach the finals.

"All that work paid off. It's not over yet, but I am looking forward to taking the right steps to do what I have to do to reach my goals, Kalimtzis said.

Kalimtzis took a 2-0 lead with a wild takedown in the first period. He added an escape and a penalty point in the second period to grab a 4-0 lead.

"I felt that I had to be offensive. If I could set the tone of the match and build up a lead, then keep trying to build on it the whole match," Kalimtzis said.

In the third period, Kalimtzis was working on a Merkel takedown maneuver but missed and Innarella got the takedown.

"I knew either I was going to get two or he was going to get two. I had to bail out on it at the edge. Had I not, I might have gone to my back, but I decided to play it safe," Kalimtzis explained.

DiGiovanni, seeded second, defeated Jon Acosta (Roselle Park - [RP]), 3-1, then picked up his 100th career win when he pinned Desmond Town (Morristown - [Mo]) to reach the finals.

"I knew I would give it my all. This match could put me into AC. If I won here, it would secure my position. I had to go 100 percent, keep driving, never give up and get my points," DiGiovanni said.

DiGiovanni added emphasis in that bout, when he finished a single-leg takedown after dragging Towns back inside the outer circle.

"I knew I should capitalize on every advantage I had. When I got that leg, I knew it would be a momentum swing. It was only a 1-0 match, so I knew I couldn't let that go," DiGiovanni said.

Next came the pin.

"I liked going to that 'claw'. He came up. I went in. Turked [Turk ride maneuver] it and put him to his back to seal the deal," DiGiovanni explained.

In order to win the Region 3 crown, DiGiovanni had to defeat top-seeded and NJSIAA fifth-ranked Dan Ries (B), whom he had defeated for the first time last week at the District 11 Tournament with a 4-2, overtime victory.

Ries carried a 7-4 lead deep into the third period, and DiGiovanni set up a Peterson roll from a neutral position and caught Ries for a two-point tilt call to seize an 8-7 victory and the title.

"I actually worked on it a couple of weeks ago. I thought I might be down. I might need a big move. What am I going to do? I knew I had to go for it. I had nothing to lose," DiGiovanni said. "It's really great to go out there a second week in a row and beat this kid. It mattered now! I worked hard. I studied tapes and came through when it mattered. Looking at states, I am ready to go out there and stand on that podium. I am going down there with three other great guys, and we are ready to

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COUGAR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24...Senior Matt DiGiovanni and sophomore Mike Helmstetter both recently captured District 11 wrestling titles. DiGiovanni won his second District title with a 4-2, overtime win over fifth-ranked Dan Ries of Brearley at 145-lbs. Helmstetter avenged his loss to Isaac Valentin from Rahway to capture the 112-lb title. These wrestlers, along with three other District Champions (Joe Giaccio, Kyle Markovitch and JP Christiano) led the Cougars to a tie with Brearley for the Team Championship.

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

### Group Indoor Track Local H.S. Results:

Westfield Blue Devil Jon Henry crossed fourth in the 400 meters with a time of 51.04, and Andrew Kirna finished sixth in the 3,200 meters with a time of 9:30.29 at the Group 4 Indoor Track championships at the Bennett Center in Toms River on February 18. Westfield finished 26th with five points.

Cranford High School senior Natalie Englese finished second in the 400 meters with a time of 57.49 at the Group 2 championship on February 19. Englese, Rebecca Shiminov, Megan Schetelich and Kate Evans finished fifth in the 4x400 with a time of 4:05.52. Cranford placed ninth with 10 points. In Group 3, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raider Kathleen Leeper finished fifth in the 3,200 meters with a time of 11:31.75.

### Englese Finishes 4th In 400 at Indoor MOC

Cougar Natalie Englese finished fourth in the 400 meters with a time of 57.4 at the indoor track Meet of Champions at the Bennett Center in Toms River on February 26.

### Lady Cougars Defeat Metuchen Girls, 53-37

The Cranford High School girls basketball team upped its record to 19-5 with a 53-37 victory over Metuchen in Metuchen on February 25. Sophomore Jess McCoy bucketed 22 points. Carly Mauchione and Sara Gugliucci each sank eight points. Morgan Miller scored seven points. Aaron Wilchens put in six points, and Jenna Goeller had two points.

Cranford  
Metuchen

11	14	14	53
10	9	7	37

### Cougar Cagers Top Metuchen, 67-56

Senior guard Sean Trotter banged in six 3-pointers and finished with 29 points to lead the Cranford High School boys basketball team to a 67-56 victory over Metuchen in Cranford on February 25. Sophomore forward Reggie Green rolled in 23 points. Sean Babos scored nine points, Kurt Rutmayer sank four points and Eric Gargullo scored two points.

Metuchen	15	12	13	16	56
Cranford	6	20	20	21	67

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**TRYING TO SLIP OUT THE BACK DOOR...**Cougar senior Joe Giaccio, left, attempts to slip out of an entanglement in his 119-lb title bout with South Plainfield's Troy Heilmann in the Region 3 Tournament in Union on February 26. Heilmann pulled out a 9-4 victory.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**EARNING HIS WAY TO A.C....**Senior Kyle Markovitch, front, attempts to reverse Summit's Nicholas Abbott in the 130-lb third-place consolation bout at the Region 3 Tournament. Markovitch did record a second-period reversal to go with his two takedowns and nearfall to earn an 8-0 victory and a trip to Atlantic City.

## DiGiovanni, Christiano Win at Region 3 Mat Tourney; Giaccio Second, Markovitch Third

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make some noise for Cranford." In a show of poor sportsmanship, Ries head-butted DiGiovanni as they were about to shake hands. That cost him dearly as he was disqualified and denied advancement to AC. Christiano, seeded third, worked his way to the final and ensured a trip to AC with an 8-0, majority decision over Mike Alessandra (Parsippany Hills - [Par H]), then by pinning Brandon Santos (Johnson - [ALJ]) in 2:59 in the semifinals. Christiano recorded a double-leg takedown and Santos escaped in the first period. Christiano escaped in the second period then added another takedown and took Santos to his back. "When I got that escape, I got in on that shot. I worked my 'Whizzer', took him to his back and stuck him," Christiano explained. "I am happy to make it [AC]. Joe [Giaccio] and Matt [DiGiovanni] already made it. I am

hoping Kyle [Markovitch] can make it too." In the championship bout, Christiano recorded a takedown and an escape to carry a 3-0 lead over Pat Eichner (Governor Livingston - [GL]) into the third period where he demonstrated his top-control ability for the entire two minutes to earn the title. "Eichner is a tough kid, so unfortunately I couldn't turn him, but I was able to ride him out the whole period," said Christiano, who explained his takedown. "I always like trying to get to a lift. He tried to counter me when I got his leg in the air, so it turned into a scramble and luckily I got on top." Markovitch, seeded third, won a 6-0 decision over Nick Abbott (Summit - [Su]), then dropped a 1-0 decision to Tyler Hunt (South Plainfield - [SoP]) to be thrown into the wrestlebacks where he grabbed a 16-0, technical fall over Blue Devil Nick

Rotondo. He then faced Abbott again to decide who would advance to AC. This time Markovitch won, 8-0. "I wish I would have been in the finals, so I wouldn't have to have that little scare of not going [to AC]. I wrestled him a couple of times before, and I know what he does, so I took it to him. AC is the big picture. That is what I have been working for my whole career," Markovitch said. In that bout, Abbott attempted a last-minute headlock, but Markovitch read it and rolled through to gain the takedown. "He pinned the Seton Hall kid with a headlock in the district finals, so I knew he was going to pull it out. I really feel comfortable rolling through the headlock, so I was not afraid at all," Markovitch said. Earlier, Rotondo pinned Anthony Joe of Colonia in 4:54 in the pre-quarterfinals. Next, Rotondo was

trailing top-seeded Jorge Lopez (Del), 6-1, before he got caught late in the third period with a stack fall. Rotondo regrouped and scored a takedown in overtime to defeat Tom Morelli (Middlesex - Mx), 6-4, and to advance to the wrestleback semifinals to face Markovitch. "Last year, I really didn't think I would go this far. This year, I felt I could achieve this. You have to get tough on that mat. If you are not, you are losing it," Rotondo said. Giaccio pinned Anthony DiRosa (WH) in 3:29 with an arm bar stack, then recorded three takedowns, two nearfalls, two reversals and an escape to claim an 18-6, majority decision over Brearley's Anthony Madonia in the semis for his 127th career win, just one shy of the all-time Cranford record set by Greg Donofrio (2002). Madonia did put in an extra effort to get an advantage on Giaccio, but it did not work. "Yes! But the score was 18-6, so I really wasn't too concerned. I wrestled my way. He got in with some shots, but that was it," Giaccio said. "It looked like they both went after each other. It was a good match, but Joe was just way too aggressive. Technically, he is looking great right now," Cougar Head Coach Darren Torsone said. Giaccio used his flexibility and mat sense to record those creative takedowns. "He has got an unbelievable mat sense, going after everybody. He is wrestling his matches. That is what he is doing," Coach Torsone said. "I was just having fun," Giaccio

match was a really close match, so I had to leave everything out on the mat," Opoku said. Floyd held a 3-1 lead in the second period, but Opoku delivered a smooth arm-drag takedown, which seemed to turn the tide of the bout. "I have been working it a lot, so it was really helpful," Opoku said. Opoku then dropped a 10-0 decision to GL's Mike Stepien in the wrestleback semis. Blue Devil Troy Skibitsky pinned Matt Allen (Madison - [Mad]) in 5:03 at 140-lbs but had to forfeit his next bout due to a knee injury. Colin Barber won a bout at 145-lbs with a 4-1 decision over Rob Faugno (SHP). Kieran Cline claimed a 13-1, majority decision over Nicholas D'Uva (Par H) at 189-lbs. Scotch Plains-Fanwood heavyweight Anthony Tufaro pinned Tony Manganiello (GL) in 3:45 and added an 8-7 victory over Greg DeLade (Chatham) before losing, 4-2, to Linden's Austin Frank in the wrestleback semis. Raider Mike Steinfeld dropped a 5-1 decision to Mike DeVito (Watchung Hills - [WH]) at 140-lbs. Cougar Ian Henry dropped a 4-2 decision to Columbia's Andre Adams at 125-lbs. Corey Markovitch lost, 10-4, to Plainfield's Tajir Hurdle at 171-lbs. Andrew Yamakaitis (Colonia) pinned Ray El-Khoury in 5:24 at 215-lbs.

- 103:** — Brendan Calas (SHP) md Mike Kalimtzis (W), 14-1  
**112:** — Anthony Ashnault (SoP) p Mike Magaldo (WH), 1:47  
**119:** — Troy Heilmann (SoP) d Joe Giaccio (C), 9-4  
**125:** — Eamonn Gaffney (SHP) d Anthony Rice (B), 10-9  
**130:** — Jorge Lopez (Del) d Tyler Hunt (SoP), 4-2  
**135:** — Lou Mascola (HP) d Jeff Canfora (Del), 6-3  
**140:** — Devon Gobbo (Del) d Eric Fajardo (Bo), 3-0  
**145:** — Matt DiGiovanni (C) d Ries (B), 6-7  
**152:** — Devin Geoghegan (B) d Christian Barber (W), 7-4  
**160:** — JP Christiano (C) d Pat Eichner (GL), 3-0  
**171:** — Vic Pozsonyi (RP) d Marlon Duque (Bo), 4-3
- THIRD PLACE:**  
**103:** — Christian Innarella (Del) d Jon Mele (GL), 11-5  
**112:** — Max Rogers (Del) p Anthony Canfora (HP), 5:52  
**119:** — Nick Anderson (Del) d Anthony DeFranco (GL), 7-3  
**125:** — Matt Coppola (WH) p Matt Adams (Del), 1:49  
**130:** — Kyle Markovitch (C) md Nick Abbott (Sum), 8-0  
**135:** — Scott DelVecchio (SoP) md Mike Stepien (GL), 10-3  
**140:** — Corey Strassenko (SoP) d Nick Longo (RP), 7-4  
**145:** — Desmond Towns (Mo) d Josef Johnson (Del), 3-2 \*Johnson qualified for A.C. because of Ries' disqualification.  
**152:** — Diego Chavez (Rahway) tf Simon Levin (Mill), 15-0, 3:07  
**160:** — Travis Foster (L) d Rich Barnish (Bo), 10-8  
**171:** — Dillon Geoghegan (B) d Shane Haddad (GL), 5-1  
**189:** — Connor Gabriel (RP) d Maurice McCullers (E), 5-2, 3 OT  
**215:** — Urayoan Garcia (Rahway) d Frank Schaafsma (SHP), 2-1  
**Hwt:** — Austin Frank (L) d Nick Mellilo (HP), 9-5



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**ABOUT TO TURN THE TABLES...**Blue Devil junior Ellis Opoku, top, prepares a reversal on Minuteman D'Ondre Floyd in the 135-lb wrestlebacks. Opoku, who lost in overtime to Floyd at the District 11 Tournament, got revenge with a 7-5 victory.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**COUGAR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK...**Matt DiGiovanni and JP Christiano won their respective weight classes at the Region 3 Wrestling Tournament this past weekend (February 26). Matt at 145-lbs defeated Brearley's Dan Ries, 8-7, and JP at 160-lbs defeated Pat Eichner of Governor Livingston, 3-0, in their championship bouts. Matt and JP, along with Joe Giaccio and Kyle Markovitch, all qualified to wrestle in the NJSIAA Tournament this weekend at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**ANOTHER BATTLE OF THE BRUISERS...**Scotch Plains-Fanwood heavyweight Anthony Tufaro, top, tries to control Linden Tiger Austin Frank in the wrestleback semifinal bout. Frank pulled out a 4-2 decision and placed third to earn his ticket to Atlantic City.

answered. In his title bout, Giaccio dropped a 9-4 decision to third-ranked Troy Heilmann (SoP). At 135-lbs, Blue Devil Ellis Opoku won a 4-3, tiebreaker over Andrew Regan (Boonton - Bo). After losing to the eventual champion, Lou Mascola (SHP), Opoku got some sweet revenge when he recorded a 7-5 decision over D'Ondre Floyd (Elizabeth), who had defeated him in overtime during the District 11 Tournament. "I was out for revenge. The last

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**TOURNAMENT WINNERS...**The Cranford Hockey Club recently became the Pond President's Cup Tournament in Newark, Del, Mite B Division Champions. Pictured, left to right, are: center bottom; Harry Devenny, first row; Luke Jacobello\*, Luke Pachkowski, Jack Devaney, Brendan Hiltz\*, Brenden Smith and Mason Miller\*; middle row, Jake Anderson, Aidan Plick, Patrick Rigby\*, Declan Kennedy, Paul DeBole\* and Jeremy Thompson\* (missing from picture); back row, Assistant Coach Craig Miller\* and Coach George Kennedy. \*indicates from Westfield.

**Cranford Community, Education & Youth**

**UCC Program Receives Bar Association Approval**

Cranford - Union County College would like to announce that the Paralegal Studies Program, which offers an Associate in Applied Science degree and a certificate program, was granted approval by the American Bar Association (ABA) at its mid-year meeting in February. Following an extensive review process, the ABA found that the Paralegal Studies Program provides a quality paralegal education and also satisfies the stringent requirements set forth by the ABA's Standing Committee on Paralegals.

"This is exciting news," said Elizabeth A. Joyce, J.D., Coordinator of Paralegal Studies. "Our faculty, administration, and advisory committee members have worked tirelessly to create an excellent program for our students, and receiving approval from the ABA says that we are in-

deed offering a quality program."

During the approval process, every facet of the College's Paralegal Studies program underwent rigorous scrutiny. The American Bar Association examined the curriculum, faculty, advisory committee, admission practices, library and computer resources, and student services inherent in the program. The ABA team also interviewed students and graduates of the program.

The College's Associate in Applied Science degree curriculum is designed to prepare students to become paralegals or legal assistants working under the supervision of an attorney or to continue their studies. Courses offered include Introduction to Paralegal Studies, Legal Research, Legal Writing, Litigation, Contract Law, and Law Office Management.

These courses are taught on the College's Cranford campus. Additionally, the College offers a 27-credit post-degree Certificate of Achievement in Paralegal Studies.

The ABA approval is also great news for current students in the Paralegal Studies program. "I am hopeful that this will expand job opportunities for our students and enhance the value of their education," added Joyce.

This week, the ABA installed a live link to the College's program on the ABA website at [apps.americanbar.org/legal-services/paralegals/directory/nj.html](http://apps.americanbar.org/legal-services/paralegals/directory/nj.html).

For more information on the Paralegal Studies program at Union County College contact the Program Coordinator at (908) 709-7171 or visit [www.ucc.edu](http://www.ucc.edu).

**County School Districts to See Jump of \$13.7 Mil. in Aid**

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

AREA — School aid to Union County's 21 municipalities increased \$13.7 million to \$502.1 million for the 2011-2012 school year. The state restored \$250 million of the \$800 million it slashed last year statewide.

Locally, Westfield's aid jumped \$845,448 to \$1.3 million after the district's aid plummeted \$4.2 million in 2010. Scotch Plains-Fanwood received an increase of \$769,352 to \$1.4 million after its state funding was cut \$3.9 million last year.

Westfield Superintendent Margaret Dolan said she was happy to see an increase in aid.

"This increase will help minimize the fiscal challenge we face as a district to maintain the tradition of excellence in the Westfield Public Schools," she said in an e-mail to this newspaper. "Our taxpayers pay millions of dollars in income tax to Trenton and deserve considerable relief in local property tax, the main source of funding for our schools. This increase

in state aid will assist in this area."

Mountainside and Garwood will garner \$202,718 and \$311,904, respectively, increases of \$144,651 and \$82,194. Neighboring Cranford received an increase of \$519,472 to \$1.3 million while Berkeley Heights saw a bump of \$426,204. Berkeley Heights did not receive any aid last year, a drop of \$2 million from 2009. Likewise, Summit, which also had all of its \$2.6 million in aid cut last year, will receive \$597,562 in 2011.

The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, located in Scotch Plains, received a \$194,973 increase to \$5,087,562. The bulk of state aid in the county will be distributed to Elizabeth, \$274.2 million, up \$3.4 million over 2010; Plainfield, \$95.6 million, an increase of \$1.2 million, and Union Township, \$27.4 million, up \$1.2 million. Roselle, Linden and Rahway will receive total aid of between \$18.6 million and \$21.8 million. Rahway and Roselle will see aid increases of over half a million dollars each, while Linden will see a \$1 million jump to \$19 million.

**Villanova Announces Fall Dean's List**

VILLANOVA, PA — The following local residents are on the Dean's List in the School of Business for the 2010 fall semester: Massimo Arpino, a senior from Mountainside; Robert McHale, a senior from Berkeley Heights; Julie Shelman, a senior from Westfield; Derek Glynn, a senior from Berkeley Heights; Laura Roberts, a senior from Cranford; Michelle Ball a sophomore from Westfield; Aileen Grogan a sophomore from Westfield; Erin Hille a sophomore from Berkeley Heights.

**Harpur College Announces Dean's List**

BINGHAMPTON, N.Y. — Six local students are on the Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievement for the Fall 2010 semester at Harpur College of Arts and Sciences at Binghamton University, State University of New York. The criteria for the Dean's Honors list is a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

Local students include Daniel Erik Petersen of Cranford; Ilana J. Solomon of Cranford; Jie Mei of Fanwood; Rachel E. Kreutzer of Westfield; Ross Pohling of Westfield and Jordyn L. Zucker of Westfield.

**UCC to Host Author, Ghost Investigator March 13**

Cranford — On Sunday, March 13, Craig McManus, author of the books "The Ghosts of Cape May" Book 1, Book 2, and Book 3, as well as 400 "Years of the Ghosts of Cape May," and renowned ghost investigator will speak at the Roy Smith Theater on the College's Cranford campus, as part of the Union County College Alumni Association Authors Series.

McManus will discuss New Jersey hauntings, his investigations into historical homes in Cape May and locally, and his experiences with the spirit world. The lecture will be followed by a reception with the author.

McManus has been featured in the *New York Daily News*, the *New York Times*, the *Press of Atlantic City*, the

*Star Ledger*, the *Record*, (201) *Magazine*, *New Jersey Monthly* and *Martha Stewart Living Magazine*. He has also appeared on various television segments to discuss his books and his investigations.

This event is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited, so please call (908) 709-7066 or email [guerin@ucc.edu](mailto:guerin@ucc.edu) to reserve your seat. The College's Cranford campus is located at 1033 Springfield Avenue.

The Alumni Association Author Series is made possible by a grant from the Roy W. Smith Public Affairs and Cultural Endowment Fund.

For more information about Union County College, or for directions, go to [www.ucc.edu](http://www.ucc.edu).



**SWEET SOLO, SURE SHOT...**Senior Ian English of Cranford plays a special trumpet solo of the Star-Spangled Banner prior to the Wardlaw-Hartridge boys' basketball home victory over Warren County Tech on February 10. English followed his pre-game performance with a 25-point effort to lead the Rams on Senior Day. He is the team captain for the boys' varsity soccer and basketball teams and a member of the track and field team.

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Series to Address Questions Surrounding Christianity

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church has announced that it will offer a six-week discussion series on Christianity, based on the Alpha course.

The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, opposite the Scotch Plains southside firehouse and near the corner of South Martine Avenue.

Groups will meet on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. from March 13 to April 17; Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. from March 16 to April 20; Thursdays at 10 a.m. from March 17 to April 21, and Thursdays for young mothers at 3:30 p.m. from March 17 to April 21.

All discussions will take place in a room on the second floor at the church. Childcare can be provided if requested in advance. Each session will last about one hour, including time for questions or issues anyone wishes to discuss.

The series will explore the questions: "Is Christianity boring, untrue, and irrelevant?" "Who is Jesus?" "Why did Jesus die?" "How Can We Have Faith?" "Why and How Do I Pray?" and "Why and How Should I Read the Bible?"

For further information, call course administrator August Ruggiero at (908) 889-5948 or e-mail him at augstar@verizon.net.

Clinic to Take Place For Blood Pressure

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Health Department will offer a Blood Pressure Screening Clinic on Tuesday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Scotch Plains Public Library, located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.

While these monthly hypertension clinics are open to all residents, those persons who are over the age of 30 and smoke, or have a family history of heart disease or diabetes, and who have not had their blood pressure checked recently are particularly urged to partake of this free service.

Township Nurse Susan Higgins is available to answer any questions, and can be reached in her Rahway office at (732) 827-2158.

More Education News

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STAND-OUT STUDENTS...Students proudly display trophies from the Regional Competition at the Annual DECA Regional Competition. Pictured, left to right, are: Olivia Nelson, Chris Stone, Alicia Fungafat, Allison Geissler.

SP-FHS Students Excel at Regional DECA Competition

SCOTCH PLAINS - Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) high students from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District converged on Middlesex County College to compete in the Annual DECA Regional Competition held January 11.

In order to qualify for States, students must place in a variety of areas that include role-plays (job interview type scenarios) and written tests consisting of 100 questions. Business

leaders/entrepreneurs and business educators evaluate these students.

An additional 25 slots at the State Competition were awarded to SP-FHS for various student projects.

Accordingly, 82 individuals representing SP-FHS will be invited to move on to the statewide competition. The NJ State Competition will take place March 9 - 11, in Cherry Hill.

DECA is an international association of high school and college students that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

Appraiser Plans Visit To AARP Meeting

WESTFIELD - Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will meet on Monday, March 7, at 1 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club. Ample parking is available at this venue, located at the intersection of Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

Program Chairwoman Ilse Heinemeyer has arranged for Douglas DeFreitas, a local experienced appraiser, to share his expertise with attendees. Each person may bring in one or two pieces. These items should be either an antique or an old collectible in good condition.

The chapter always welcomes new members. Dues are \$5 per year, payable at the door. Additionally, members are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting to be given to the Westfield Food Pantry; toiletries and paper goods also are sorely needed.

Training Available for Home Health Aides

COUNTY - The Union County Department of Human Services, Division on Aging, has announced that its next training program for home health aides will begin May 2 and end June 2. Classes will be held at Jewish Family Services, 655 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

When training is completed, students will have the knowledge and skills required by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing to become certified home health aides. Space in the class is limited. Student interviews will be conducted beginning March 29.

The \$75 registration fee includes textbook and workbook costs. There also is a \$65 application fee payable to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing. A passport photo is required to be attached to the application.

For more information about home health aide training, call Donna Farrell, Union County Division on Aging, at (908) 527-4858, or visit www.ucnj.org.

Mother Seton HS Receives Middle States Accreditation

CLARK - Sister Regina Martin, Principal of Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, has received official notification of Middle States Accreditation. The announcement came with several accolades for the Mother Seton community.

The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, a prestigious accrediting organization, voted to award accreditation to Mother Seton Regional High School. The accreditation report states:

Mother Seton Regional High School has demonstrated that it is effectively advancing the quality of educational experiences it offers its students and meets its responsibilities to the public and the profession of education and complies with standards for accreditation that are established by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The term of accreditation is for seven years, which is the maximum number of years available in the present protocol. The Commission's policy defines Accreditation as: An "Ac-

credited" institution is an educational organization that meets all MSA Standards for Accreditation, adheres to applicable MSA policies, and meets the requirements of the self-study protocol used.

Members of the Mother Seton Community were most impressed with the overall Validation Team's report. The team indicated that Mother Seton's vision looks to the future, so that the students are well prepared to meet the challenges that society presents. The school also stresses the Catholic identity, which enables the young women to make decisions based upon Catholic values.

Sister Regina is most grateful to the entire Mother Seton community for such an outstanding measure of untiring support and sustained enthusiasm. "Heartfelt appreciation is extended to everyone who is a part of our school," states Sister Regina. "Special congratulations to each parent, student and staff member. Your faith, spirit and success are the foundation of Mother Seton."



PROUD MOMENT...Sister Regina Martin, Principal of Mother Seton Regional High School and the Consultative Board proudly display the Certificate of Accreditation presented by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Pictured, left to right, are: standing: William Erhardt, Barbara Telleri, Colleen Frost, Diane Power; sitting: Anne Cascone, Sister Regina Martin, Jeannine Guenther.

UCC Program Receives Bar Association Approval

CRANFORD - Union County College would like to announce that the Paralegal Studies Program, which offers an Associate in Applied Science degree and a certificate program, was granted approval by the American Bar Association (ABA) at its mid-year meeting in February.

Following an extensive review process, the ABA found that the Paralegal Studies Program provides a quality paralegal education and also satisfies the stringent requirements set forth by the ABA's Standing Committee on Paralegals.

"This is exciting news," said Elizabeth A. Joyce, J.D., Coordinator of Paralegal Studies. "Our faculty, administration, and advisory committee members have worked tirelessly to create an excellent program for our students, and receiving approval from the ABA says that we are indeed offering a quality program."

During the approval process, every facet of the College's Paralegal Studies program underwent rigorous scrutiny. The American Bar Association examined the curriculum, faculty, advisory committee, admission practices, library and computer resources, and student services in-

ent in the program. The ABA team also interviewed students and graduates of the program.

The College's Associate in Applied Science degree curriculum is designed to prepare students to become paralegals or legal assistants working under the supervision of an attorney or to continue their studies. Courses offered include Introduction to Paralegal Studies, Legal Research, Legal Writing, Litigation, Contract Law, and Law Office Management. These courses are taught on the College's Cranford campus. Additionally, the College offers a 27-credit post-degree Certificate of Achievement in Paralegal Studies.

The ABA approval is also great news for current students in the Paralegal Studies program. "I am hopeful that this will expand job opportunities for our students and enhance the value of their education," added Joyce.

This week, the ABA installed a live link to the College's program on the ABA website at apps.americanbar.org/legal-services/paralegals/directory/nj.html.

For more information on the Paralegal Studies program at Union County College contact the Program Coordinator at (908) 709-7171 or visit www.ucc.edu.

College Club Fashion Show To Feature Paris Theme

SCOTCH PLAINS - The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will hold its annual Luncheon and Fashion Show on Sunday, April 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year, the event will be

held at the Plainfield Country Club, located at 1591 Woodland Avenue in Edison.

Entitled "Springtime in Paris," the event will feature a silent auction and Select-a-Gift basket raffles. A 50/50 cash raffle with three prizes also will be part of the festivities. Fashions will be displayed courtesy of Lord & Taylor. A special, surprise guest entertainer also is scheduled.

Silent auction items up for bid will include one week in Carmarthen, Wales; a stay at the Manhattan Club in New York City; Sunday tea for six; lodging at a restored farmhouse in Vermont; two tickets to a Rutgers University football game plus transportation and a tailgate meal, and a five-course Italian meal with drinks at the chef's home.

This event is the club's biggest fundraiser, with all proceeds going directly to the College Club Scholarship Fund, which helps young women from the local communities attend college. Tickets are \$40. To obtain tickets, call Marie Leppert at (908) 233-3829.



SPRINGTIME IN PARIS...Local pianist Skip Ungar will provide appropriate tunes for models traversing "Parisian locales" during the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains' upcoming Fashion Show and Luncheon.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2011-216 amending (Resolution No. 2010-975) AWARDED TO: Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey SERVICES: special counsel in the matter entitled Edward Henderson v. UC, et als COSTS: for an additional sum of \$20,000 in an amount not to exceed \$55,000

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 3/3/11, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

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RESOLUTION NO: 2011-214 amending (Resolution No. 2011-67) AWARDED TO: Appraisal Associates, Inc., Cranford, New Jersey SERVICES: to increase the appropriation COSTS: for an additional sum of \$10,000 in an amount not to exceed \$35,000

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RESOLUTION NO: 2011-200 AWARDED TO: Hartford Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut SERVICES: Public Official Bonds, George Devanney, County Manager PERIOD: March 16, 2011- March 15, 2012 COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$200. (No increase)

RESOLUTION NO: 2011-179 AWARDED TO: PMA Insurance Group, Mount Laurel, New Jersey SERVICES: Worker's Compensation Third Party Claim Administrations Services PERIOD: March 1, 2011- February 29, 2012 COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$270,500. (No increase)

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RESOLUTION NO: 2011-213 AWARDED TO: Remington & Vernick Engineers, Secaucus, New Jersey SERVICES: for the purpose of re-warding within the County COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$50,000

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RESOLUTION NO: 2011-198 AWARDED TO: Great American Insurance Company, Cincinnati, Ohio SERVICES: Horse Accident Death Policy PERIOD: February 8, 2011- February 7, 2012 COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$1,426. (increase of \$130)

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RESOLUTION NO: 2011-183 AWARDED TO: Millennium Strategies, Caldwell, New Jersey SERVICES: for the purpose of providing grant procurement services evaluating the current inventory of existing grants and funding sources, creating and implementing new funding opportunities as well as managing and administering grants and grant funded projects PERIOD: March 1, 2011- December 31, 2011 COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$36,000

RESOLUTION NO: 2011-197 AWARDED TO: PMA Insurance Group, Mount Laurel, New Jersey SERVICES: Worker's Compensation Third Party Claim Administrations Services PERIOD: March 1, 2011- February 29, 2012 COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$270,500. (No increase)

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RESOLUTION NO: 2011-215 amending (Resolution No. 2011-68) AWARDED TO: ARD Appraisers, Clark, New Jersey SERVICES: to increase the appropriation COSTS: for an additional sum of \$10,000 in an amount not to exceed \$35,000

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RESOLUTION NO: 2011-193 AWARDED TO: Catherine Kinney, RN, FN-CSA, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey SERVICES: to serve as Acting SANE Coordinator in Union County PERIOD: March 15, 2011, until such time as services are no longer needed, but not to exceed March 14, 2012 COSTS: in the amount of \$21,000, funded through the SART/SANE Grant Program.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2011-202 AWARDED TO: Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey SERVICES: Hospital General/Professional Liability Policy PERIOD: March 1, 2011- February 29, 2012 COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$318,166. (No increase)

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RESOLUTION NO: 2011-196 AWARDED TO: Intervention Strategies International, Inc., Paramus, New Jersey SERVICES: to provide a comprehensive employee assistance program (EAP) To County employees and their families PERIOD: March 1, 2011- December 31, 2011 COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$47,600.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2011-202 AWARDED TO: Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey SERVICES: Hospital General/Professional Liability Policy PERIOD: March 1, 2011- February 29, 2012 COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$318,166. (No increase)

RESOLUTION NO: 2011-179 AWARDED TO: Jewish Family Services, Elizabeth, New Jersey SERVICES: for the purpose of providing ongoing care management services to eligible senior and disabled clients for the Global Options Program PERIOD: January 1, 2011-December 31, 2011 COSTS: in the amount of \$145,920.

RESOLUTION NO: 2011-192 AWARDED TO: Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey SERVICES: to provide individual therapy sessions to victims of sexual assault as well as non-offending parents, non-offending stepparents and non-offending caregivers of child sexual abuse victims in Union County PERIOD: January 1, 2011-December 31, 2011 COSTS: in the amount of \$9,000

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RESOLUTION NO: 2011-199 AWARDED TO: Dietz and Hammer, D & H Alternative Risk Solutions, Newton, New Jersey SERVICES: General Liability Third Party Claims Administration PERIOD: March 1, 2011- February 29, 2012 COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$97,480. (No increase)

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**MERIT FINALISTS...**Three Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students were named finalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Competition. The three finalists, pictured, left to right, are: Ben Parisi, Laura Bruce, and William Shore.

### Three SP-FHS Students Named Merit Scholarship Finalists

SCOTCH PLAINS - Dr. David Heisey, principal of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SP-FHS) announced recently that students Laura Bruce, Ben Parisi and Will Shore were named finalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Competition (NMSC).

All winners of the Merit Scholarship awards are chosen from the finalist group based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference. A variety of information is available for NMSC selectors to evaluate including the finalist's academic record, information about the

school's curricula and grading system, two sets of test scores, school official's written recommendation, information about the student's activities and leadership, and the finalist's own essay.

Beginning in March and continuing through mid-June, NMSC notifies approximately 8,400 finalists that they have been selected to receive a Merit Scholarship award. Every Finalist competes for these single \$2,500 payment scholarships, which are awarded on a state representational basis. Winners are selected without consideration of family financial circumstances, college choice, or major and career plans.



**ORGAN DONOR EDUCATION...**Representatives from NJ Sharing Network recently spoke to driver's education students at Westfield High School (WHS) about organ donation awareness. Pictured, left to right, are: Zoe Greenburg, Morgan Johnson, Whitney Downer, and WHS driver education teacher Beverly Torok.

### NJ Sharing Networks Discusses Organ Donation at Westfield High School

WESTFIELD - On February 15, Westfield High School junior Zoe Greenburg along with Morgan Johnson and Whitney Downer, representatives from the NJ Sharing Network, spoke to students in Driver Education classes about organ donation awareness.

Zoe arranged the special presentation in honor of her cousin, Jennifer Boehle, who was a junior at Toms River High School North when she passed away in 2007 due to injuries sustained in a car accident. Jennifer was an organ donor.

Jim Rhatican, a recent liver recipient and Ms. Johnson, a kidney recipient, shared with the class how the donation saved their life. Ms. Johnson shared with the class how her best friend donated one of her kidneys to her when she was 21.

The purpose of the presentations was to raise awareness about organ donation and to educate students about this issue.

### Villanova Announces Fall Dean's List

VILLANOVA, PA -The following local residents are on the Dean's List in the School of Business for the 2010 fall semester: Massimo Arpino, a senior from Mountainside; Robert McHale, a senior from Berkeley Heights; Julie Shelman, a senior from Westfield; Derek Glynn, a senior from Berkeley Heights; Laura Roberts, a senior from Cranford; Michelle Ball a sophomore from Westfield; Aileen Grogan a sophomore from Westfield; Erin Hille a sophomore from Berkeley Heights.



**STUDYING ROCKS AND MINERALS...**Eighth grade students in Noreen Jafri's Earth Science class at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in North Edison recently investigated the identity of unknown materials and rocks using the National Audubon Society Guide. The students compared samples in rock and mineral sets, and they conducted experiments on their samples including streak, hardness and acid reactivity tests. Next, they recorded their results in Microsoft Excel. Pictured, left to right, are: Nicholas D'Amore of Scotch Plains, Areeb Zaidi of Carteret, and Jack Schildge of Westfield.

### Optimist Nominations Now Being Accepted

WESTFIELD - Each year, the Optimist Club of Westfield presents The Karyn Oros Youth Volunteer Award to a high school student who has distinguished herself or himself through outstanding volunteer service to the community.

The award is available to any high school junior or senior who is a resident of Westfield.

If you would like to nominate an individual for this award, please call (908) 654-0825 or email [trudysilverman@verizon.net](mailto:trudysilverman@verizon.net) and a nomination form will be sent to you.

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BOROUGH OF FANWOOD  
Notice is hereby given that **ORDINANCE NO. 11-05-R**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 137 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD RELATING TO PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTY DEEMED UNFIT OR ABANDONED**  
was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on March 1, 2011.  
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### Westfield BOE Filing Deadline March 8

WESTFIELD -Westfield residents interested in becoming a candidate for the Westfield Board of Education can obtain nominating petitions at the Board Secretary's office located at 302 Elm Street. Petitions need to be signed and delivered to the Board Secretary, Robert Berman, by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" at the board office. In addition to the nominating petition form, the School Board Candidacy Kit includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy, campaign procedures, and the role of the school board member. Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process, and frequently asked questions are also included in the kit.

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F/T STUDIO COORD, PA, and P/T PROD ACCOUNTANT positions available for a CG animation studio in Westfield, NJ.  
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### WHS Toiletry Drive Ends Tomorrow

WESTFIELD -The Westfield High School Community Service Club is currently running a toiletry drive to assist homeless and other low-income individuals in New York City, Irvington and Newark through a Summit-based organization called Bridges Outreach. The drive runs through tomorrow Friday, March 4.

There is a collection box in the high school's main foyer as well as a collection bag in each homeroom. Bridges prefers new and travel-size items, including the following: soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lip balm, diapers and baby wipes.

The homeroom that collects the most toiletries will win a free breakfast. If anyone has additional questions, they can contact Warren Hynes, the service club's advisor, at [whynes@westfieldnj.k12.org](mailto:whynes@westfieldnj.k12.org).

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**SWEET SOLO, SURE SHOT...**Senior Ian English of Cranford plays a special trumpet solo of the Star-Spangled Banner prior to the Wardlaw-Hartridge boys' basketball home victory over Warren County Tech on February 10. English followed his pre-game performance with a 25-point effort to lead the Rams on Senior Day. He is the team captain for the boys' varsity soccer and basketball teams and a member of the track and field team.

## UC Vo-Tech to Compete in Robotics Challenge

UNION COUNTY - Thirty high school students from Union County's award winning Vocational Technical Schools are up against a ticking clock in a global competition to build two fully functional, specially designed robots from scratch. The robots must be built within six weeks and they must be able to perform specific tasks. They will be put to the test at the upcoming FIRST Robotics Challenge on March 12 in New York City.

Named "Parallel Universe," the Vo-Tech team is number 1,257 in a field of more than 2,000 worldwide.

FIRST stands for "For Inspiration

and Recognition of Science and Technology." It is a not-for-profit public charity organization founded in 1989, with the goal of inspiring young people to pursue an interest in science and technology.

The FIRST Robotics Challenge, also known as the "varsity sport of the mind," involves rigorous requirements for raising funds and establishing a team "brand" as well as building specialized robots within a strict deadline. In this year's challenge, the teams must design a primary robot with an articulated arm that can lift tubes and place them on a horizontal pole. The robot must also be able to deploy a minobot that can race up a vertical pole.

Parallel Universe is meeting every day after school in order to complete its robots in time for the competition, and fundraising is ongoing. Those wishing to make a contribution can contact Lloyd Harris, Vo-Tech faculty advisor at [lharris@ucvts.nj.us](mailto:lharris@ucvts.nj.us).

For more information about Union County Vo-Tech Schools, visit [ucvts.tec.nj.us/ucvts](http://ucvts.tec.nj.us/ucvts).



**READING IS FUNDAMENTAL...**Fifth-graders Emma Escaldi (left) and Madelyne Rinaldo were among the Early Act students at Westfield's McKinley Elementary School who volunteered their time to sort through and package books targeted for McKinley's sister school in Harlem, the East Harlem Head Start Program. Through this effort, close to 400 books donated by the McKinley community for the school's Gently Used Book Sale are being provided to the East Harlem Head Start Program. McKinley's Early Act program, sponsored by the Westfield Rotary Club, is a school-wide service organization comprised of 3rd, 4th and 5th-graders. Additionally, half of the proceeds from the Gently Used Book Sale are being donated to the Karyn Fund for children's cancer research.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a hearing on March 14, 2011, at 7:30 pm, in Council Chambers, Scotch Plains, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue to hear a modification of resolution for the previously approved minor subdivision plan for Jena McCredie, 1460 Terrill Road, Block 14801, Lot 16, R-1 Zone whereby a condition of the resolution read as follows:  
"The proposed two-story dwelling on Lot 16 shall not exceed a total living area of 3,407 square feet and the proposed two-story dwelling on Lot 16.01 shall not exceed a total living area of 3,462 square feet."  
The Applicant is requesting the change to "not exceed a total living area of 3,600 square feet."  
The Applicant is also requesting to retain the existing home on Lot 16 while the new home is being constructed on Lot 16.01.  
All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Planning Board and available for public inspection during regular office hours.  
Barbara Horev, Secretary  
1 T - 3/3/11, The Times Fee: \$28.56

### PUBLIC NOTICE

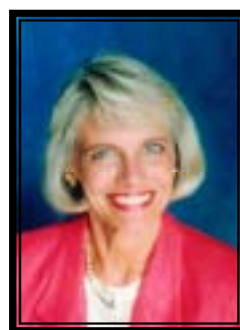
**TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on **March 14, 2011** in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and decide upon applications for relief from the following requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance.  
**Andrew and Heather Altobelli, 1060 Wyandotte Trail:** Applicant is seeking permission to demolish an existing ranch house and garage and to construct a new single family house with a 2 car garage and a raised deck contrary to Sections 11.05E8 and 11.05E11 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance allows a building height of 33.5 feet. Proposed is 38.67 feet at the rear wall / 34.75 feet average mean. Ordinance allows an all improvement coverage of 30%. Proposed is 33.9%.  
**Capital One N.A., 138 Central Avenue,** Applicant is seeking approval to install one (1) 36 inch x 15 feet 2 inch non-illuminated blue pan sign on the east elevation of the building contrary to Sections 16.04E1a and 16.04E1d of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance allows a sign to be located on the wall or awning at the main public entrance. The proposed location on the east elevation is not the main entrance. Ordinance requires that the vertical dimension of the sign not exceed two and one-half (2½) feet (30 inches). Proposed vertical dimension is 36 inches.  
Variances, waivers or exceptions from certain site plan details or relief from requirements may be sought as appropriate.  
Plans and application are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Kathleen A. Nemeth  
Secretary, Board of Adjustment  
1 T - 3/3/11, The Leader Fee: \$41.31

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# Oratorio Singers to Present Program of Mixed Selections

WESTFIELD - Now in their 31st performing year, the Oratorio Singers of Westfield with soloists Jeffery Mandelbaum, countertenor, and Bruce Negron, bass-baritone, and members of the New Jersey Symphony all under the baton of Music Director Trent Johnson, will present a program of serious and humorous music on Sunday, March 6, at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church located at One East Broad Street in Westfield.

The works on the program will include Dietrich Buxtehude's obscure, but beautiful, *Magnificat Anima Mea*, and Handel's rarely performed *Te Deum in D Major (Dettingen)*. Rounding out the program will be the *Missa Hilarious*, Schickele No. S.N20, for Bargain Counter Tenor, Basso Blotto, SATB Chorus and Orchestra by P. D. Q. Bach, (1807-1742).

Buxtehude's approximately 130 surviving vocal works, usually called cantatas, can instead be classified as concertos, chorale settings, and arias. All are imbued with a devout simplicity that contrasts strongly with the elaborations of their Bachian successors. He also composed almost 100 works for organ, some 20 keyboard suites, and more than 20 chamber sonatas. However, no *Magnificat* has been authenticated. There is a strong presumption, however, that he did set the text to *Magnificat Anima Mea* although the manuscript does not bear his name. Without doubt, all the stylistic characteristics indicate no other than the Lübeck master was the composer. The version sung in this concert is faithful to the original.

The inspiration for Handel's *Dettingen Te Deum* was the victory in 1743 of the combined British, Austrian, and Hanoverian armies at the battle of Dettingen in southwestern Germany. King George himself had led the British troops in routing the numerically superior French forces of Louis XV. George's enthusiasm for arms was equaled only by his love of music. Handel, who had composed the anthems for the monarch's coronation in 1727, once again rose to the occasion, producing a suitably festive setting of the hymn traditionally associated with military triumphs and public thanksgivings. It had been just three decades since he wrote his first *Te Deum* to celebrate the Peace of Utrecht. The "Dettingen" *Te Deum* would soon supplant that work in the British public's favor, becoming a perennial staple of state ceremonies.

The existence of P. D. Q. Bach (1807-1742) the 21st, youngest and oddest of J. S. Bach's 20 some children is the "discovery" of composer

and musicologist Peter Schickele. The *Missa Hilarious* represents a period of time in which P.D.Q. Bach spent the least amount of time...namely the church. Until recently, it appeared that all of P.D.Q. Bach's religious music had been destroyed. In 1975, Professor Schickele, following a hunch, traveled to Rome, Italy, where he discovered the *Missa* manuscript in the archives which also contained documents pertaining to P.D.Q.'s excommunication. With this work, P.D.Q. apparently decided to have fun with the musical mass form in both the music and text. Music scholars know all too well that P.D.Q. Bach's work also pokes fun at music including Baroque, Romantic, modern, country music (*Oedipus Tex* and *Blaues Gras*), and rap (*Classical Rap*). The "Schickele" or "S." numbers whimsically assigned to P.D.Q. Bach's works parody musicologists' catalogues of famous composers, such as the Köchel catalogue of Mozart's works.

Tickets for this concert will be \$20 at the door, \$15 for seniors and students. Parking can be found in the church lot off Ferris Place and on nearby streets. For information call the church office at 908-233-4211 between the hours of 12 noon and 4:30 p.m.

Funding for this concert has been made possible in part by a grant from the Westfield Foundation and by the New Jersey Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment of the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.



Photo courtesy of Vanguard Photo  
**MULTI TASKING...Professor Peter Schickele plays P.D.Q. Bach's instruments including the slide windbreaker, and, at his feet, the windbreaker, car horns, balloons, Lasso' Amore, and slide whistle in concert.**



**CHANGING OF THE GUARD...The Musical Club of Westfield recently installed new officers. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Barbara Krause of Cranford, president; Evelyn Bleke of Westfield, membership chair; Beverly Shea of Scotch Plains, member-at-large; Betsy Vaden of Westfield, Recording Secretary; and Mauren Monroe of Cranford, assistant recording secretary. Pictured, standing, left to right, are: Edna Borchers, Music Week chair; Merrilyn Crane, corresponding secretary; Past-President Drude Roessler; Vice-president Kay Macrae; member-at-large, Virginia Toenes; Hospitality Co-Chair Maryann Dolling; Scholarship Chair, Marianne Kriman, all of Westfield; Mary Beth McFall of Roselle, program chair; Cindy Brogan, hospitality co-chair and Jenny Cline, operating treasurer, both of Westfield. Membership is open to anyone interested in music, including non-performing associate members. For more information on performances or membership call (908) 232-2173 or visit westfieldnj.com/mcw.**

## Plainfield Symphony to Host Piano Prodigy Seth Blumer March 5

PLAINFIELD - The Plainfield Symphony will be hosting the orchestral debut of 11-year old pianist Seth Blumer on Saturday, March 5, at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

The Plainfield Symphony is New Jersey's oldest community symphony. It is supported by the community and encourages the growth and development of young musicians.

This is an exciting time for symphony president, James Roland and conductor Charles Prince. Especially exciting for the young pianist, Seth, as this is his first time playing with an orchestra.

The 2010 Concerto Division Gold Prize-winner of Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey, Seth has won numerous competitions, awards, and prizes and has already performed at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Steinway Hall (New York City), as well as many other prestigious concert venues.

Many of his awards include the 2009 Schubert Club of Fairfield County Chopin Primary (First Prize), the 2009 Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey Young Artist Division (Second Prize), the 2010 American Protégé International Competition (First Prize), the 2010 Audrey Thayer Piano Competition (First Prize), the 2010 Connecticut Music Teachers Association (First Prize), the 2010 Schubert Club of Fairfield County (First Prize), the 2010 Young Pianist

Competition of New Jersey Two-Piano Ensemble Division (Gold Prize). He was also the winner of the 2010 Honors Recital held by the Piano Teachers Congress of New York and received a Gold Prize from the 2010 Young Musicians Festival.

Seth was invited to participate at the Crescendo Festival International Students Exchange Program, held in Montreal, Canada at the Historique du Bon Pasteur. He also received invitations to perform for the first time in Steinway Hall, for a second time at Carnegie Hall and at the US Department of State in Washington, DC.

Seth collaborated with his alma mater, Northeast Elementary, and hosted a benefit recital to raise money where he grossed over \$6,000. He has been featured on the cover of the *Stamford Times*, *The Stamford Advocate*, *The Norwalk Hour*, *The Greenwich Times* and surrounding newspapers. He was interviewed on Greenwich radio WGCH and was featured in *Stamford Magazine*.

Seth is a 6th grade student of the Turn of River Middle School public school in Stamford, CT. He also studies Hebrew, French and Shotokan martial arts. He likes reading, swimming, snowboarding and sleepovers with friends. His favorite composer is Johann Sebastian Bach.



Seth Blumer

## One Night Only Production of The Music Man at UCPAC April 28

RAHWAY - The Music Man, winner of five Tony awards including Best Musical, is bringing its small town charm and famous songs to Union County Performing Arts Center (UCPAC) for one performance only on Thursday, April 28, at 8 p.m.

This national touring production features a live orchestra. This splendid full-length production of the Broadway favorite follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa into buying musical instruments and uniforms for a boy's band he vows to organize - despite the fact he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef! When he falls for Marian, the

town librarian, chaos ensues as the townsfolk get wind of his scheme.

"The musical show glows with excitement," raved the *New York Times*. "The beat is rousing and the tunes are full of gusto. The Music Man is as American as apple pie!"

Filled with classical musical fun, tender romance and favorites including "Ya Got Trouble," "Seventy-Six Trombones," "Goodnight My Someone," "Gary, Indiana" and "Till There Was You," THE MUSIC MAN is the perfect All-American Musical!

Tickets, ranging from \$32 - \$60, are on sale now; call the UCPAC box office at 732-499-8226, or visit ucpac.org to purchase.

### PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

**BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, UNION COUNTY**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-13, the Borough of Fanwood will offer the following unclaimed vehicles for sale at public auction. Auction to take place on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 10:00 AM (preview 9:00 AM) at Church Auto Body, 183 South Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023.

Year	Make	Identification Number	Minimum Bid
2002	KAW Motorcycle	JKAZK4J192A051473	28,488.75
1997	Toyota Camry	4T1BG22K7VU089107	11,246.50
2005	Ford Crown Vic	2FAPF71W15X156385	17,506.00
1995	Honda Accord	1HGCD56555A138522	41,955.00
1998	Buick Century	2G4WS52M3W1438361	21,946.50

- Said sale shall be conducted by the Borough Clerk or by any person so designated by her.
- Said property is being sold "as is".
- Payment is to be made in cash or certified check.
- All prospective purchasers are put on notice to personally inspect the property at the Church Auto Body, 183 South Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023 on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 9:00 AM.
- At the Time of said sale, the purchaser shall deposit the entire purchase price with the Borough Clerk. If the purchaser fails to take title and possession within ten (10) days of the date of purchase, the governing body of the Borough of Fanwood may declare the contract of sale to be terminated and may retain all monies paid there under as liquidated damages, and the Borough may resell said property or pursue such other and further legal and equitable remedies as it may have. If the purchaser fails to take title or possession within said ten (10) days, purchaser will be liable for reasonable storage fees.
- If the title to this property shall prove to be unmarketable, the liability of the Borough shall be limited to the repayment of the amount of any sums paid by said purchaser to the Borough without any further costs, expense, damage, claim against or liability upon the Borough.
- The Borough of Fanwood reserves the right to reject all bids and shall not be obligated to accept any bids.
- All prospective purchasers are put on notice that no employee, agent, officer, body or subordinate body has any authority to waive, modify or amend any of the within conditions of sale.

Pat Hoynes, Purchasing Agent  
Fee: \$126.48

2 T - 2/24/11 & 3/3/11, The Times

### PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

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

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

Corporate bidders are required by law (Chapter 33, Laws of 1977) to submit a list of names and addresses of all stockholders owning 10% or more of their stock. A Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor Questionnaire/Certification also must be filed with the bid. The bid package will also include other documents that must be completed and returned with the bid. Failure to comply with Instructions to Bidders and to complete and submit all required forms, may be cause for disqualification and rejection of the bid.

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

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

By order of the Town of Westfield Board of Education, Union County, New Jersey.  
Robert A. Berman  
Board Secretary  
1 T - 3/3/11, The Leader Fee: \$72.42

### PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-52895-10 FILE NO. 11841-10**

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: DEBORAH CULLEN; CSC INSURANCE SERVICES AS SUBROGEE OF JOHANNA ARGAN; SHIRLINE LUNDY;**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon PELLEGRINO & FELDSTEIN, LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 290 ROUTE 46 WEST, DENVER NEW JERSEY 07054, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which FT PROPERTIES, LLC is the plaintiff and PATRICIA D. WITHERSPOON, AS SUCCESSOR EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF PETER LUNDY, ET ALS; are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-52895-10 within thirty-five (35) days after March 3, 2011 exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4:4-6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

You are further advised that if you are unable to obtain an attorney you may communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of Venue and that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue. The telephone number of such agencies are as follows: Lawyer Referral Service 908-353-4715 - Legal Services Office 908-354-4340.

THE ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the following tax sale certificate:

1. A certain tax certificate no. 06-013, sold on 06/14/2006, dated 06/23/2006, and was recorded on 07/17/2006 in Book 11772 at Page 848, made by MARY L.

### PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-52752-10 FILE NO. 11843-10**

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: MARIA LAOS; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF MARIA LAOS, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS;**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon PELLEGRINO & FELDSTEIN, LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 290 ROUTE 46 WEST, DENVER NEW JERSEY 07054, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which FT PROPERTIES, LLC is the plaintiff and MARIA LAOS, ET ALS; are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-52752-10 within thirty-five (35) days after March 3, 2011 exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4:4-6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

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YOU, JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF MARIA LAOS, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because you are the owner of a property which is the subject of the above entitled action.

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By order of the Superior Court of New Jersey PELLEGRINO & FELDSTEIN, L.L.C.  
Denise Law Center  
290 Route 46 West  
Denver, New Jersey 07834  
1 T - 3/3/11, The Leader Fee: \$92.31

# Mid-Day Musicales Concerts To Resume March 9

WESTFIELD - The First Congregational Church of Westfield located at 125 Elmer Street, announces the resumption of its Mid-Day Musicales concerts for the season of Lent, on Wednesday, March 9.

These half-hour noon concerts are free to the public, and present noted musicians from the metropolitan area and beyond. They are followed by a soup-and-sandwich luncheon available in the church social hall for \$7.

The schedule for this season is: March 9 - The Westfield High School Chamber Orchestra, Raymond Wojcik, director; March 16; Anton Miller, violin and Rita Porfiris, viola;

March 23 - Roger Verdi, trombone and Matha Locker, piano; March 30 William Shadel, clarinet and Barbara Thomson, piano; April 6 - Ron Levy, piano; April 13 - Meredith Hoffmann-Thomson, soprano and Barbara Thomson, piano.

For more information, or to make optional luncheon reservations, call the church office at (908) 233-2494.

Funding for these concerts has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

## UCC to Host Author, Ghost Investigator March 13

CRANFORD - On Sunday, March 13, Craig McManus, author of the books "The Ghosts of Cape May" Book 1, Book 2, and Book 3, as well as 400 "Years of the Ghosts of Cape May," and renowned ghost investigator will speak at the Roy Smith Theater on the College's Cranford campus, as part of the Union County College Alumni Association Authors Series.

McManus will discuss New Jersey hauntings, his investigations into historical homes in Cape May and locally, and his experiences with the spirit world. The lecture will be followed by a reception with the author.

McManus has been featured in the *New York Daily News*, the *New York Times*, the *Press of Atlantic City*, the

*Star Ledger*, the *Record*, (201) *Magazine*, *New Jersey Monthly* and *Martha Stewart Living Magazine*. He has also appeared on various television segments to discuss his books and his investigations.

This event is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited, so please call (908) 709-7066 or email guerin@ucc.edu to reserve your seat. The College's Cranford campus is located at 1033 Springfield Avenue.

The Alumni Association Author Series is made possible by a grant from the Roy W. Smith Public Affairs and Cultural Endowment Fund.

For more information about Union County College, or for directions, go to www.ucc.edu.

## The Carriage House Series to Feature Author and Poet

FANWOOD - The Carriage House Poetry Series will present acclaimed author and poet John Wareham on Tuesday, March 15. The free performance will begin promptly at 8 p.m. in the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center on Watson Road, off Martine Avenue, adjacent to Fanwood Borough Hall. (GPS use 75 North Martine Avenue.)

John Wareham is a leadership psychologist, lecturer, writer and poet whose work transcends genre. His latest work, "Sonnets for Sinners," published on Valentine's Day 2010, examines the inner lives of sinning lovers. His previous work, a bestselling psycho-political thriller, "The President's Therapist," explored the troubled psyche of the 43rd President of the United States, George W. Bush.

Earlier works include "Secrets of a Corporate Headhunter," a popular business bestseller; "The Anatomy of a Great Executive," a 13-language reference classic; "Chancey On Top," a critically acclaimed novel that explores themes of leadership, love and enlightenment; and "How to Break Out of Prison," a life-changing course that shows how individuals from all

walks of life become trapped in mental prisons.

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The Carriage House Poetry Series is in its 13th year at the Patricia Kuran Arts Center, an historic Gothic Revival structure that was once a 19th century carriage house, hence the name of the series.

The March 15 reading is free and open to the public. An open mic will follow the featured performance. For more information call (908) 889-7223 or (908) 889-5298.

For online directions and information, visit the website at carriagehousepoetryseries.blogspot.com.

## Library Friends to Accept Donations For Book Sale

WESTFIELD - Plans are underway for the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library's 38th Annual Book Sale. The Friends will accept book donations beginning on Thursday and Friday, March 31 and April 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the library. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The Friends will accept adult and children's hardcover and paperback books, CDs, DVDs, videos and recorded books. Donations need to be in resalable condition. Records, encyclopedias, magazines, textbooks, condensed books, out-of-date travel,

health or business books, or damaged, stained or mildewed books, will not be accepted. Donations of books are tax-deductible.

The sale will begin on Wednesday, April 6, with a Friends members-only sale from 9 a.m. to noon. Memberships will be available at the door.

The sale dates for the public are as follows: Wednesday, April 6, from 2 to 8 p.m.; Thursday, April 7, and Friday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. A half-price sale will be held on April 8. Bag Day will take place on Saturday, April 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. On that day, customers will be able to buy a bag and fill it up with books for \$5.

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-52752-10 FILE NO. 11843-10**

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: MARIA LAOS; JOHN DOE HUSBAND OF MARIA LAOS, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS;**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon PELLEGRINO & FELDSTEIN, LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 290 ROUTE 46 WEST, DENVER NEW JERSEY 07054, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which FT PROPERTIES, LLC is the plaintiff and MARIA LAOS, ET ALS; are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-52752-10 within thirty-five (35) days after March 3, 2011 exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4:4-6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

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## Musical Club of Westfield to Host Soprano, Violin and FLUTATIOUS!

WESTFIELD - The March program of the Musical Club of Westfield will be held on Wednesday, March 9, at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church located at 170 Elm Street in Westfield, and will feature a set of songs with the theme of "Home," a Beethoven violin sonata, and the flute ensemble, FLUTATIOUS!

Soprano Elsa Gail Hahn has put together a collection of songs which all relate to the theme "Home." Accompanied by pianist Beverly Thomson Shea, Ms. Hahn will perform "Home, Sweet Home" by Henry Bishop, "My Old Kentucky Home" by Stephen Foster, "Far From the Home I Love," from *Fiddler on the Roof*, by Jerry Bock, "Little Town in the Old County Down" by Carlo and Sanders, "The Home Road" by John Carpenter, "Come Home" from *Allegro* by Richard Rodgers, and "The Girl in 14G" by Jeanine Tesori.

Violinist Debra Biderman, accompanied by pianist Carole-Anne Mochernuk, will perform Beethoven's Sonata No 5 in F Major, Op. 24. Nicknamed the "Spring" Sonata, the movements are filled with simple, fresh, joyful melodies which make it one of Beethoven's most popular chamber works.

Professional flute ensemble FLUTATIOUS! will round out the evening with a program designed to showcase their versatility. Commencing with "Praise the Lord With Flutes" by 20th-century composer Sigfrid Karg-Elert, they will also play the Presto movement from a new work entitled "Contraptions" by Zach Sheets, a young composer who is currently a student at Harvard University. The program will also include Bartok's "Roumanian Folk Dances" and Piazzola's "Libertango". The ensemble includes flutists Flora Alexander, Jenny Cline, Cathy Garrison, Bill Hoff, Bill Hutzel and Nancy Evans

Shearer, performing on several different sizes of flutes, from piccolo to bass flute.

The chairman for the program is Ms. Hahn, and hospitality will be provided by the club's hospitality committee.

The performance is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served after the program, to give those in attendance the opportunity to meet the performers.

The Musical Club of Westfield, now in its 95th season, offers scholarships to promising young musicians who are pursuing a musical education. Membership in the club is open to anyone who is interested in music.

Those wishing information about membership in the Musical Club of Westfield as a performer or an associate member may call the membership chairman at (908) 232-2173.



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## SP-FHS Production of Hairspray Special Group Ticket Rate Thursday, March 17, Performance

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD - Community groups of 10 or more can take advantage of a special ticket price of \$8, for the Thursday, March 17, 7 p.m. performance of *Hairspray*.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Repertory Theatre production will take place at the Manya Ungar Memorial Auditorium at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, 667 Westfield Road in Scotch Plains.

Tickets can be purchased by emailing reptix@verizon.net.

Payment by cash or check made out to Scotch Plains-Fanwood Repertory Theatre. Payment may be mailed with ticket order, or paid for at the time of ticket pick-up, in the front lobby of high school on Monday or Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8 p.m.

For questions, call Randi Traiman at (908) 322-6533.



A CUT ABOVE...Befriended by the twisted and wicked baker Mrs. Lovett, Sweeney Todd embarks upon a rampage of evil deeds, which involves murdering unsuspecting customers in the barber chair and turning them into the tastiest meat pies in London. Pictured, left to right, are Peter Surace (Sweeney Todd) Peter Carmo (Pirelli), Matt Lynn (Tobias) and Catalina Gaglioti (Mrs. Lovett.)

## WHS Theatre Department to Present Sweeney Todd

WESTFIELD - Westfield High School (WHS) undertakes its most ambitious musical theater production yet with a retelling of Stephen Sondheim's macabre, Tony award-winning musical thriller, *Sweeney Todd - The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*.

More humorous, and less bloody than the film version starring Johnny Depp, the WHS production of this classic tale of revenge and love tells the infamous, razor-sharp story of barber Benjamin Barker (aka Sweeney Todd), who returns to grimy 19th-century London vowing to extract revenge for his false imprisonment. When his thirst for blood expands to include his unfortunate customers, Mrs. Lovett, the resourceful proprietress of the pie shop downstairs, soon has the people of London lining up in droves with her mysterious meat pie recipe.

The WHS production features Peter Surace as Sweeney Todd; Catalina Gaglioti as Mrs. Lovett; Chris Morrissey as Anthony; Olivia Ryan as Johanna; Garrett Verdone as Judge Turpin; Peter Carmo as Pirelli; Rebecca Skowron as Beggar Woman/Lucy; Michael Kirkland as Beadle Bamford; Matt Lynn as Tobias; Adam Ziering as Jonas Fogg; and Travis Przybylski as the birdseller. Chorus members include Meghan Ariola, Mary Barber, William Cary, Dan Connolly, Isabel Do Campo, Claire Dorwart, Allie Hecht, Asher Horowitz, Chris Ick, Taylor Jackson, JD Kelly, Geoff Ko, Jaime Lara, Hannah Margolin, Colleen McCabe, Chris Mench, Amelia Morabito, Kevin Morris, Megan Mulrooney, Jack Mustard, Annie Oldakowski, Molly Przybylski, Kim Roth, Kyra Sagal, Jessica Sipe, Izzy Smelkinson, Meghan Sullivan, Haley Tanella,

Maggie Tanji, Stephanie Tepper, Michaela Tropeano, Jack Venezia, Fraser Weist, Madison Weist, Nicole Zimmermann.

The exciting and innovative production is supported by a backstage crew of over 30 and is accompanied by an orchestra pit of 20 experienced student musicians. "I am thrilled to be working with such a talented group of students who strive for excellence at all times," said WHS drama teacher Daniel Devlin. "*Sweeney Todd* is an extremely demanding production, vocally, musically, dramatically and technically, but I am completely confident that the cast, technicians and musicians have the ability to meet the challenges head on and deliver outstanding performances. It is a tribute to the fantastic support, which exists within the Westfield community for the fine arts both in the schools and in our everyday lives. This is not a show that could be produced successfully in very many high schools."

Daniel Devlin directs the production, with musical direction by John Brozowski, choreography by Samantha Hahn, set design by Roy Chambers, sound design by Kevin Johnson and lighting design by Lisa and Michael Kimmel. Senior Tzvetlina Garneva is the stage manager in what will be her fourth and final WHS musical.

Guaranteed to thrill, chill and scare audiences to the edge of their seats, *Sweeney Todd* premieres in the Westfield High School auditorium Thursday through Saturday, March 10 - 12 at 7:30 p.m.

All tickets are \$10 and are available in advance at the high school box office on (908) 928 0992 or via email at WHStickets@westfieldnj12.org.

## WF Symphony Orchestra Gala Set for March 26

WESTFIELD - The Board of Westfield Symphony Orchestra and its Friends' group will be celebrating the role of the Arts in the community with its annual gala under the theme, "Spring Serenade" on the evening of March 26 at 6:30 pm at Plainfield Country Club.

Events management expert Alice Golemba has agreed to help the WSO Board plan and execute this year's activities, which will include a cocktail reception, gourmet dinner and dancing to a 10 piece band, as well as auctions and live entertainment.

"I am thrilled and honored to assist the Symphony Board with such a crucial fundraising event," remarked Ms. Golemba. "There are very few suburban towns across America that can boast an orchestra of this caliber. I have been constantly dazzled over the years by its performances and I am delighted to help ensure that Westfield and the surrounding community will have access to this fine music for many years to come."

Ms. Golemba has extensive experience in fundraising for the arts. She worked with the NJ Symphony Orchestra for 10 years as Director of Individual Giving and Special Events prior to joining The Acting Company in NYC as their associate director of development. Ms. Golemba's background includes acting on Broadway, off-Broadway and regional theaters, and she has created starring roles for several Israeli television series. Ms. Golemba and her husband have been Westfield residents for over 30 years where they raised a son and daughter.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the live auction conducted by acclaimed charity auctioneer and New Jersey Assemblyman Jon Bramnick. Items to be auctioned include get-aways to exotic resorts and locations, tickets to Broadway shows, golf packages, a piano soiree with professional pianist, a day cruise aboard a private yacht, eclectic New York dining, and, of course, the traditional opportunity to take WSO Maestro David Wroe's baton and conduct the Westfield Symphony.



GORGEOUS GOWN...Westfield Symphony Friends' co-president Lee Corcoran models a duplicate of a Michelle Obama dress to be auctioned at the upcoming Westfield Symphony fundraising Gala.

Ms. Golemba has organized a silent auction of items, donated by over 50 local retailers, restaurants and businesses. "We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the local community," continued Ms. Golemba. "The continued support and goodwill of the local businesses will significantly contribute to the success of the evening. The silent auction will run throughout the evening, which will culminate in the drawing of the winners for the 50-50 cash raffle. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the Symphony office and winners need not be present to claim a prize.

To learn more about Westfield Symphony Orchestra, or to purchase gala tickets (\$185 per person,) obtained on a first-come first-served basis, the public is invited to call the WSO office at (908) 232-9400 on weekdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For further information visit WSO on Facebook, or go to westfieldsymphony.org.

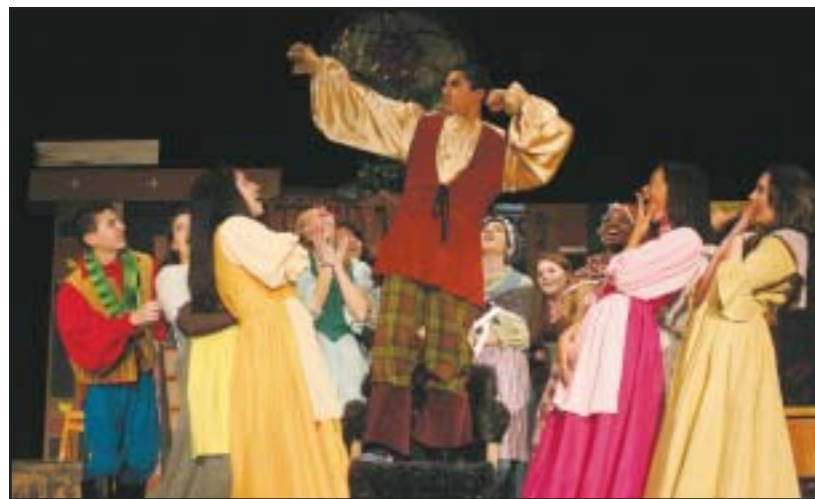
## Wardlaw-Hartridge to Present Beauty and the Beast March 4 - 6

EDISON - The Wardlaw-Hartridge School will present Disney's Tony award winning, *Beauty and the Beast*, this Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the door and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School is located at 1295 Inman Avenue in Edison.

For more information, please call (908) 754-1882, ext. 186.



READY FOR THE CURTAIN...The cast rehearses a scene during Tech Week in preparation for this weekend's production of *Beauty and the Beast* at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School.



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# Arts & Entertainment

## WHS Junior Ross Workman Teams Up With New York Times Best Seller to Pen 'Kick'

By BETSEY BURGDORF  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD – Ross Workman, a 17-year-old junior at Westfield High School (WHS), can now add published author to his list of accomplishments. His first book, "Kick," co-authored with *New York Times* bestselling author Walter Dean Myers, was published in February.

The collaboration began with a simple fan e-mail Ross sent to Mr. Myers, who has written more than 100 books, which prompted the author to suggest the two write a book together. It was the summer before Ross was to enter eighth grade when the idea gained momentum.

"Kick," about 13-year-old Kevin Johnson, a soccer star and all-around good kid who unexpectedly finds himself in trouble and headed for a juvenile (juvie) detention center, was the result after Mr. Myers suggested an 80-page book written in alternating chapters. He would write a 10-page chapter in the voice of Sergeant Jerry Brown, who in the book takes Kevin under his wing, and Ross would follow with a chapter written in the voice of Kevin.

Mr. Myers stated this was the first time he considered a project like this. Regarding his decision to co-author the book with Ross, Mr. Myers told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*, "He [Ross] seemed very interested in the process. I've gotten e-mails from kids before asking me to read their stuff and praise it. Ross was different."

"Kick" had unfamiliar elements for both Ross and Mr. Myers. Ross knew nothing about "juvie" and Mr. Myers, on the other hand, knew nothing about soccer.

Ross played soccer for years and was on the WHS soccer team until a recent back injury made it impossible to continue with the physical sport. He admitted that it was a challenge to write the chapters relating to

jail and "juvie." He did research on the subject and sought the advice of a family friend who is a lawyer, but found the soccer scenes very easy to write, stating, "A lot of the team stuff was shaped from actual experience."

Mr. Myers, who currently lives in Jersey City, grew up in Harlem. Although he got his start by writing sports articles, he wrote about basketball, not soccer. He admitted that he bought the book "Soccer for Dummies" to learn more about the sport. "Ross would get on my case," he said, regarding his chapters that involved a soccer scene if Ross did not think it rang true.

Ross said that writing his chapter would take approximately two or three weeks. "He trusted me," he said, regarding the fact that Mr. Myers gave him leeway to take his chapter in the direction he wanted. "He gave me a lot of freedom." After reading Chapter 2, which Ross had penned, Mr. Myers remembered thinking, "This is good."

The author admitted that in the beginning, he wasn't sure the project would make it to print. "I didn't think it would be published," he said, because of the fact that kids don't usually have the time to commit to such a long process. "He [Ross] stuck with it. If I suggested a re-write, he didn't mind – not that he didn't mind, he understood."

After about a year of back and forth e-mail correspondence, the first draft was complete. Mr. Myers, based on his experience, remembers thinking, "You know, this is going to be a book." The book was presented to an editor who let them know there was still a substantial amount of work to be done. "I could tell Ross, from my own experience, that this was encouraging," Mr. Myers said, referring to the fact that the editor "didn't rip up the pages and throw them in the air."

Mr. Myers told *The Leader* and

*The Times* about a student who was moved to tears over the amount of changes an editor can suggest. "I remember taking a manuscript to a school [where he was making a presentation] with the editor's blue sticky notes and comments all over it, and one girl cried because she said, 'you're famous, you shouldn't have to go through that.'"

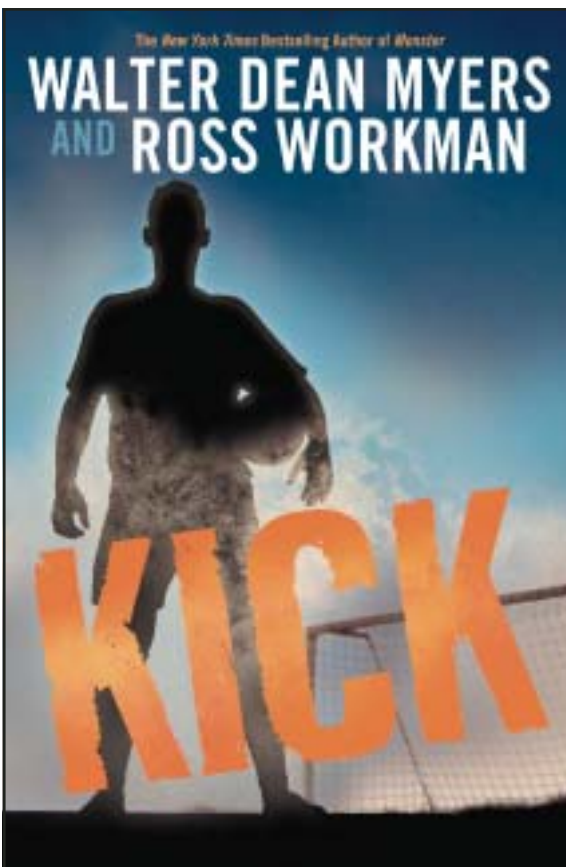
The first draft went to the editor the summer before Ross started high school. That also was the first time Ross and Mr. Myers would meet in person. According to Mr. Myers, editing is the longest part of the book writing process.

The finished product was well worth the wait. Although geared towards a junior high school audience, "Kick" is engaging from the start. After reading several chapters, it was difficult to determine between novice and seasoned pro when it came to writing. The chapters flowed with fluidity, attesting to Ross' undeniable talent.

"My writing has improved since I've written the book," Ross said. "I learned a lot. So hopefully, my next book will be better."

Ross admitted that he has not written much lately outside of schoolwork. "I have been writing a little bit. But with the junior year research paper, it's been hard," he said, referring to what is now the JRP.

Because of a confidentiality agreement, Ross stated that while writing "Kick" he was unable to seek advice from his Roosevelt English teacher, Glen Kurz, although he does acknowl-



edge him in the book. "I have known Ross as a student and as an athlete. While he certainly has talent in both areas, his success comes from his strong work ethic," Mr. Kurz told *The Leader* and *The Times*.

"As a teacher, it is always great to see one of your students succeed as a writer. Ross was able to take two things that he is passionate about, writing and soccer, and turn it into something productive and creative. I could not be more proud of him and I am sure writing with an accomplished author was an experience he will never forget."

Ross is not sure what the future holds for him in terms of which college or career path he will choose. One thing is certain, if his past is any sign of his future, things are looking rather good.

## Roosevelt to Present You're a Good Man Charlie Brown

WESTFIELD – Roosevelt Intermediate School will present the classic family musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Join Snoopy and the rest of the Peanuts gang as they recreate some of the most lovable – and laughable – moments from their comic-strip adventures in the high-energy musical that the *New York Times* called "a small miracle."

Originally presented on Broadway in 1967 and revived in 1999, the show follows a day in the life of Charlie Brown as he tries to figure out what it takes to achieve "happiness" – even when there are no Valentine's Day cards in your mailbox, the little red-headed girl ignores you, and your dog thinks he's fighting the Red Baron.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 6. All shows will be performed on the main stage of the school, located at 301 Clark Street in Westfield. Refreshments will be sold before the show and during intermission.

*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* stars a cast of talented Roosevelt 6th, 7th and 8th graders, including: Blake Fallon as Charlie Brown; Jackie Daaleman as Lucy; Daniel Coelho as Schroeder; Ben Howell as Linus; Jesse Zimmermann as Sally; and Lauren Echausse as Snoopy. The performers will be accompanied by a live orchestra.

Some of the show's songs are bound to spread happiness even beyond the stage. For "My Blanket and Me," cast members and parent volunteers created 34 fleece blankets, all of which will be donated to a local homeless shelter when the show ends its run. The 36 dog bowls purchased for the song "Supper Time" will be donated to St. Hubert's Animal Rescue.

Just like on Broadway, tickets for the Roosevelt production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, are reserved seating. This popular musical is fun for kids of all ages, and sure to draw a large crowd. So, as Lucy would say, "Don't be a blockhead! Get your tickets now."



ROCKING FOR A CAUSE...Students from the Chatham School of Rock organized and performed at a fundraiser last Saturday for New Eyes for the Needy at St. John's Lutheran Church. Thirteen students performed for 90 minutes at the third annual event.

## 'Westfield' a Pictorial Ride Down Memory Lane

By MARYLOU MORANO  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD – If the saying "a picture is worth a thousand words" is indeed true, then there is no more fitting example than the book "Westfield," a recent addition to the "Images of America" series written by Jayne Book Salomon.

The well-known series published by Arcadia Publishing preserves local heritage across the country by using archival photographs to narrate the history of a location or community.

And should the author's name seem familiar, there is good reason. Ms. Salomon is *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* very own food writer whose column, "Westfield Food 4 Thought" appears frequently in the paper.

In a way, writing her food column led to her writing "Westfield." Horace [Corbin], the editor of *The Leader*, told me to incorporate Westfield history into my food columns," explained Ms. Salomon.

"While I was researching Westfield history for my column, I realized there was no pictorial history of our town among the many "Images of America" books," she continued. "We needed such a book and I wondered why there was none."

After deciding to take on the project, the author, who is a member of the Westfield Historical Society board of trustees, began researching local archives.

The more than 200 photographs that appear in the book come from *The Westfield Leader*, the Westfield Historical Society, and professional photographers, whose work appeared

in several early local histories, some written over 100 years ago. Ms. Salomon also received assistance from the Newark Public Library.

The format of "Westfield," which required Ms. Salomon to tell the history of the town via photographs, provided somewhat of a challenge. "There were plenty of photos, but they didn't always have information associated with them," she said, adding that often she encountered the opposite: she had good information, but no photograph to go along with it. "I didn't want the book to be just a collection of pictures. I wanted it to tell a story, and I wanted the story to have continuity," she explained.

"Westfield" is divided into ten chapters, each emphasizing a comprehensive and enlightening overview of days of Westfield past.

For example, in the chapter entitled "Schools" there are several late 19th century class photographs taken in front of the long ago demolished former Lincoln and Washington Schools.

In the "Landmarks and Relics" chapter there is an early photograph of Westfield's most recognizable downtown building, Arcanum Hall.

The short history accompanying the photograph reminds us that the building we see today is actually a replacement for Aeolian Hall, which was destroyed in the great fire of 1892.

"I learned so much about Westfield from writing this book and I know others will, also," Ms. Salomon said.

"Westfield" is available at all local and online bookstores. It is also available for sale at the Westfield Memorial Library.



Pink Water Lily - Photograph by Connie Pinkowski

## Arts Association to Host Digital Camera Workshop at Fanwood Library

FANWOOD - The Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center. A program entitled "Taking Control of Your Digital Camera," presented by local artist Connie Pinkowski, will follow the brief business meeting.

Ms. Pinkowski has a BFA in photography from Rochester Institute of Technology and has recently taken classes in photography and silkscreen printing at the duCret School of Art in

Plainfield, and at the LBI Foundation of Arts and Sciences on Long Beach Island. She has taught photography to teens at the Scotch Plains Library and occasionally teaches art workshops to teens and/or adults. She shows her photography throughout the tri-state area and her work is in many private collections.

This program will help take the mystery out of operating a camera. Feel free to bring your camera and instructions.

All meetings, demonstrations, and workshops are free and open to the public. The Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center is located on the grounds of Fanwood's Borough Hall, facing Watson Road in Fanwood. There is ample parking at the Carriage House Pocket Park directly across the street on Watson Road.

For more information, contact Paula Pearl at (908) 322-2590.

## Water Color Classes at FW Library

FANWOOD - Fanwood artist Jean Rosen will teach a four-week water color class at the Fanwood Memorial Library at 7 p.m. beginning Tuesday, March 15, and ending Tuesday, April 5. This class is for adults and teens and is open to the community.

Participants in the class will, by week four, have completed a water color and learned the tools and techniques of water colors. To be part of the class you must bring water color paints, water color paper (90 lb weight), a stiff board onto which your water color paper is taped to prevent warping and facilitate transport. If you have the special water color paper pad where the edges of the papers are already adhered to the sides of the pad then you do not need to bring the stiff board, a half-inch square shape wash brush, an oval shaped wash brush, and a 8 and 4 round water color brushes.

To register for this program and for more information please call the library at (908) 322-6400 or stop by the circulation desk at the library. While at the library you can pick up a "required supply sheet" for the class. Registration is limited. For information about this or other programs at the library go to [www.fanwoodlibrary.com](http://www.fanwoodlibrary.com) and check out our events calendar.



EVERYBODY GETS THAT...Robert Slaski of Westfield, starred as Brick in Saint Peter's Preparatory School's recent production of Tennessee Williams' *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. Robert is a graduate of Holy Trinity Interparochial School and is the son of Robert and Carolyn Slaski of Westfield.



Ross Workman and Walter Dean Myers

## 'Rizzo's Reptiles' Children's Show To Come to WCP on March 12

WESTFIELD - Westfield Community Players (WCP) is excited to host "Rizzo's Reptiles" Saturday, March 12, from 12:30 to 1:30.

Come see, touch and learn about live snakes, lizards, turtles and more. The intimate, 150-seat theater on North Avenue is the perfect venue to get up close and personal with "Rizzo's Reptiles."

Tickets are affordably priced at three for \$25, or \$10 each. Glow in the dark lizards and free tattoos, plus a surprise guest guarantee a fun and memorable afternoon.

For reserved, guaranteed seating, mail payment to Westfield Community Players, Attention: Reptiles, 1000 North Avenue West, Westfield, NJ, 07090. Tickets are also available at the door. And with plenty of free parking directly across the street at the American Legion, there's no reason to stay home.

Haven't visited our theater yet?

Bring your little lizard lovers on March 12. See our current adult performance, *A View From the Bridge*, this month, and find more information about WCP at [westfieldcommunityplayers.org](http://westfieldcommunityplayers.org).



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