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**AMERICAN PRIDE...** Marion and Bob Roberts of Scotch Plains submitted this photo of their neighbors at 2211 Westfield Avenue, Albert, Margaret, Isabella and Dominika Blach, who crafted a flag from a piece of wooden fencing that will hang permanently in the Roberts' and Blach's common driveway. Isabella, 12, and Dominika, 8, wanted a summer project and the Roberts' suggested crafting a flag. With their parents' help, the girls helped with the design and painting. The Blachs emigrated from Poland in 1994 and became United States citizens over the last two years. According to Mr. Roberts, the Blachs are "very proud to be citizens of this great country and we are proud to have them as friends and neighbors."

## Police Contracts Compared In WF, SP and Mountainside

By LAUREN S. PASS  
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Policeman's Benevolent Association (PBA) agreed to a three-year contract with the township in June, while Westfield is still in negotiations for its contract, which expired on December 31, 2001. Mountainside's contract does not expire until December 31, 2002.

Each of the towns is significantly different in size and population. The Township of Scotch Plains measures 9.6 square miles, with a population 22,780 according to the 2000 census. The Town of Westfield measures 6.29 square miles and has a population of 29,460 according to the 2000 census. The Borough of Mountainside tallies 4.1 square miles and has a population of 6,657, according to the 1990 census.

Unlike Scotch Plains and Mountainside, Westfield has a paid fire department; which has a budget of nearly \$2.9 million. Both Scotch Plains and Mountainside have volunteer departments.

Scotch Plains Police are paid the most of the three towns, and Westfield is paid the least, with differences of

\$2,000 at the bottom of the pay scale to \$8,000 at the top.

The Scotch Plains Police contract has salary ranges for the year 2002 from \$30,221 for officers in the police academy, to \$87,414 for a police captain. Officers assigned to the detective and computer bureaus receive an additional \$600 for the year 2002.

Officers receive increases for longevity; 2 percent from the completion of 5 to 10 years of service, 4 percent from completion of 10 to 15 years, 6 percent from completion of 15 to 20 years, 8 percent after 20 years and 10 percent after 23 years.

Scotch Plains officers receive their medical coverage from Oxford. Any employee hired after January 1, 2002 will be provided with the "point of service" coverage, but can pay the difference if they choose other available coverage. They also receive full family dental plan including orthodontic coverage, and a prescription plan, which allows for \$10 co-pays on brand name drugs and \$2 co-pays for generic drugs.

In Mountainside police salaries range from \$28,000 a year for a first year officer on probation to \$81,727 for a captain for the year 2002. On January 1, 2002 all unit employees received a 4 percent across-the-board increase. The base salary for regular police officers' reaches its peak in their sixth year at \$68,971.

Officers also receive a longevity pay increase. This increase is based on years of service, and depends on when they were hired. Those who were hired prior to June 18, 1996 are given increases on completion of 5, 10, 15, 20 and 24 years in 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 percent increments respectively. Those officers hired on or after June 18, 1996 receive increases at 10, 15, 20 and 24 years in 2, 4, 6 and 8 percent increments.

Additionally, all officers who are Emergency Medical Technicians receive an extra \$500 annually, and any officer assigned to the Detective Bureau receives a 2 percent annual prorated stipend above their base salary.

Along with the State Health Benefits program the Borough will reimburse for dental and vision, \$1,400 for a family and \$650 for a single person in the year 2002.

In Westfield, the salaries range from \$27,020 for police officers for the first year from the date of employment to \$79,681 for 2001. Westfield officers reach the maximum base salary after 7 years at \$60,600.

The town has provided for health insurance consisting of hospital, medical, surgical and major medi-

cal; with a \$200 deductible for an individual and \$300 for a family. The town also provides dental with orthodontia on a 50/50 basis to a maximum of \$1,000.

Westfield officers hired before January 1, 1996 receive a 1 percent increase after 5 years of service, 3 percent after 10 years, 5 percent after 15 years, 7 percent after 20 years, and 9 percent after 24 years. Employees hired after January 1, 1996 are not entitled to the longevity program.

Westfield Police Chief Bernard Tracy was unavailable for comment on the resolution of the contract.

Officer Robert Weiss, president of the Westfield PBA declined to comment on the current negotiations, as he has just taken over the Presidency from Officer Scott Rodger, who is still handling the negotiations. Officer Rodger did not return any of the phone calls made by *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*.

Westfield Town Administrator James Gildea stated, "We're still in negotiations."

According to Mr. Gildea he is currently working with the Town's Labor Attorney Frederick Danser so that they can be prepared for the next meeting in September.

The full contracts for all three municipalities police department and the Westfield Fire Department are available at [www.goleader.com/features](http://www.goleader.com/features).

## New SPBPA President Steve Goldberg Details Upcoming Upgrades, Projects for Downtown

By FRED ROSSI  
Specially Written for The Times

With much of the aesthetic improvements in downtown Scotch Plains now in place, what's next for the area and for the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association (SPBPA), the primary voice behind promoting the central business district as a place for businesses to locate and shoppers to visit?

New SPBPA President, Steve

Goldberg, has headed the group since April, when he succeeded the organization's first and only President, Ray Pardon, who founded SPBPA in 1994. "The center of town looks pretty good," he told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* this week, referring to the new thematic lighting, benches, trash receptacles, planters and red brick-appearing walkways at crosswalks in the downtown area. With these improvements in

place, it's time to move on to the next phases.

An immediate item on SPBPA's plate, Mr. Goldberg said, has been the brick paver project in front of downtown businesses. The township government is anxious to proceed with the program, and Mr. Goldberg said the township is sending letters to property owners who have been less than enthusiastic about taking part and informing them that delaying their participation in the initial installation could end up costing them more at a later date.

"We're trying to firm up support," from those unenthusiastic owners, Mr. Goldberg said. SPBPA has been working on the program with the Towne Center Task Force, an advisory group of local business owners and government officials, on the paver project.

While the Township Council had expressed some hope last month that the project could possibly start this fall, Mr. Goldberg feels it's unlikely and said if it were undertaken next spring, "we'd all be very, very happy."



Steve Goldberg

As for the hoped-for sale of the hedge property adjacent to the Municipal Building on Park Avenue and development of a mixed-use building, Mr. Goldberg admitted that nothing much has happened in recent months.

Before the township-owned land can be sold to a private developer, it must be subdivided, and he said that, "the parking situation has to be addressed."

The municipal parking lot between Park Avenue and East Second Street

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**NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY...**The Berwyck versus Chase kids water balloon battle was part of the festivities during an annual block party in Fanwood. Scotch Plains' police officer Shawn Johnson addressed the children on the importance of neighborhood safety.

## Whitaker, Fellow GOPs Challenge 9-0 Democratic Freeholder Board

By FRED ROSSI  
Specially Written for The Times

Three seats on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be at stake this November as Republicans try to gain a foothold on a governing body that has been in Democratic hands since the mid-1990s.

One local GOP candidate, Joel Whitaker, President of the Fanwood Borough Council, said that the, "overriding question to be addressed (in the coming campaign) is whether the county is well-served by having a 9-0 Freeholder Board. There is some doubt that it is."

Mr. Whitaker, along with fellow Republicans Anira Clericuzio of Cranford and Elyse Bochicchio Medved of Rahway, will be seeking the seats currently held by Freeholders Angel Estrada and Nicholas

Scutari, both of whom are seeking re-election, and Freeholder Rick Proctor, who was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Assemblywoman Linda Stender and is seeking election in his own right.

Mr. Whitaker told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that, "it might be a good idea to have a person to ask questions," of a heavily-Democratic Freeholder Board. He said the fact that there have been few if any "no" votes cast by the Freeholders in recent times, "raises a lot of questions."

He said he is disturbed about the significant increase in the county

portion of local property taxes expected this year as well as the use of county open space funds to buy property and then "build a building" in the Watchung Reservation.

Mr. Whitaker also spoke of the Freeholder Board's more recent admission that there may be plans to develop part of Summit property purchased with open space funds.

Mr. Whitaker, who was elected to the Fanwood Council in 1998 and also owns a business newsletter publishing company in Fanwood, said he continues, "to have deep reservations about the so-called trash train. Why should New York City be dumping its garbage in Union County?" He said he found it, "amazing that the Freeholders acquiesced," in the plan.



Joel Whitaker



Anira Clericuzio



Elyse Bochicchio Medved



**HEALING UP...**Martin Milewits of Fanwood gave blood at the YMCA in Scotch Plains during the New York Blood Center's Blood Drive on July 11.

## BOE Talks Busing and Construction

By JENNIFER PINTO  
Specially Written for The Times

On July 11, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education held a short special meeting, awarding some last minute bids predominately dealing with busing and construction.

A contract was awarded to AmTran of Carlstadt for a total of \$153,700 toward the purchase of three new district buses. These buses will replace ones that have reportedly experienced a tremendous amount of mechanical failure in the past.

On July 2, bids for bus routes were reviewed and as of July 11 a contract has been awarded to Vogel Bus of Roselle. The bus routes will cover routes 1 through 8, costing the district a total amount of \$239,990.

A contract for lease purchasing financing of computer technology equipment and school buses was awarded to Sun Trust Leasing Corporation.

Computer technology equipment is priced at \$535,303.40 and school buses cost a total of \$180,000. Sun Trust Leasing will finance the total amount for five years at a 3.71 percent interest rate. The lease will be effective on Saturday, August 10.

The final bid reviewed was for renovations to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) parking lot.

According to Business Administrator and Board Secretary Anthony Del Sordi, "the parking lot will be extended over about four feet."

The extension of parking is due to the construction of the high school bridge. The additional construction will be done by Carter Contracting in the amount of \$52,948.

In other business, Mr. Del Sordi announced that the DiFrancesco Grant that was awarded to SPFHS for renovations to athletic fields does not cover the lowest bid received by the district. There is currently a gap of about \$260,000 and the district has not yet made any formal decisions about how they plan on filling this gap.

The next meeting of the school board will be held at the administration building on Thursday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m.

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## Distinguished and Regular Honor Roll Students For Final Marking Quarter Reported at Park Middle School in SP

SCOTCH PLAINS - Park Middle School in Scotch Plains has issued the Distinguished Honor Roll and Regular Honor Roll for the final marking quarter of the 2001-2002 academic term.

### DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

**GRADE 6 - 36 Students**  
 Deborah Albert Ming Lu  
 Izabela Blach Brianna Mahoney  
 Avery Boettcher Brian Many  
 Ryan Bridge Elizabeth Minski  
 Daniel Buckley Christina Olsson  
 Katelyn Cavanaugh Ryan Pinkowski  
 Bridget Cornwell Neil Pratt  
 Robert Cunningham Nyanna Quoi  
 John DeMaio Margaret Keilly  
 Stephanie Goines Alice Ren  
 Lindsay Hauptman Hillary Roberts  
 Jessica Impelizzeri Travis Rosado  
 Alec Jacobs Marc Rosenberg  
 Samantha Knierim Michael Scannell  
 Marc L'Heureux Adam Silverman  
 Jacob Lavenhar Alex Soloway  
 Caitlin Leist Krilyn Soriano  
 Alexa Lindenberg Kristen Thompson

### REGULAR HONOR ROLL

**GRADE 6 - 70 Students**  
 Courtney Adamczyk Robert Leeper  
 Andrea Apuzzio Mary MacDonald  
 Courtney Baines Valerie Madison  
 Casandra Berwick Brian Many  
 Jason Boff Maggie McLaughlin  
 Rebecca Bush Kyle Mihansky  
 Ciana Caicedo Ryan Mullen  
 Lisa Campbell Nicholas Murray  
 Julia Capodicasa Emily Nering  
 Nicole Colimari Kevin O'Connell  
 Kristan Conlan Robert O'Connor  
 Dauna DeMarsico Taylor Paraboschi  
 Patrick Doliber Stacia Piesch  
 Joseph Dunn Brandon Reddington  
 Marcus Dynn Maria Pia Rivero  
 George Elmer Molly Rodino  
 Rebecca Fox Christine Roser  
 Alexandra Fragna Dennis Ruiz  
 Nicholas Fung Jessica Santos  
 Nicole Fusco Daniel Schwahl  
 Andrea Guzman Grace Sigona  
 Adrian Hall Gabriella Sosnowski  
 Christian Halma Kendra Spady  
 Wendy Harris James Strobel  
 Melissa Helock Melissa Swanton  
 Thomas Herchel Matthew Tenzer

Kenneth Hessemmer  
 Thomas Holt  
 William Hubbard  
 William Jacobs  
 Alyssa Karis  
 Nicholas Kauchak  
 Steven Klehm  
 Allison Kodan  
 Jaclyn Lazarus

### DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

**GRADE 7 - 20 Students**  
 John Acito Kristen Mandala  
 Alison Baier Stacy Marr  
 Joseph Bianco Lauren Messina  
 Kendall Boyda Christopher Rodriguez  
 Allison Brown Heather Rodriguez  
 Cathleen Carr Alana Rosato  
 Karina DeMair Melissa Rupnarain  
 Laurel Levin Sean Scott  
 Daisy Fung Stacey Tanguy  
 Matthew Huether Caleb Zimmerman

### REGULAR HONOR ROLL

**GRADE 7 - 56 Students**  
 Jessica Abrantes Rachel Levy  
 Lauryn Adams Christopher Luby  
 Yeershati Ahati Joy Lucy  
 Kimberlee Appezzato Kathryn Magalhaes  
 Victoria Bauman Lauren Mains  
 Amanda Bobyack Laura Marvelli  
 Sarah Boruch Patrick McGuinness  
 Gregory Brand Brennan McTernan  
 Colin Campbell Martin Njoroge  
 Ana Castillo Stephanie Oh  
 Michelle Chan Thomas Pennella  
 Nikolai Chowdhury Adam Perez  
 Andrew Cohen Rudyard Plesmid  
 Alex Cvetovich Jeffrey Pober  
 Jenna Delle-Donne Portia Price  
 Jessica Estriplet Andrea Rosko  
 Linda Evins James Sensor  
 Kelly Frazee Ryan Sharkey  
 Kristan Fuller Andrew Smith  
 Alexandra Garber James Spaeth  
 Shanik Gilmore Katherine Stamler  
 Andrew Hagan Danielle Vena  
 Elizabeth Halpin Vincent Vicari  
 Ashley Jacobi Erin Voelker  
 Catherine Kaiserman Tiffany Wong  
 Shirley Kim Leigh Zebleckas  
 Maggie Kosciolk Jason Zelesnik  
 Katherine Lauricella Jennifer Zimmerman

### DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

**GRADE 8 - 22 Students**

Colleen Baines Elizabeth Jacobs  
 Justine Brown Elizabeth Katz  
 Courtney Burke Jessica Levine  
 Yvonne Chen Rebecca McGuire  
 Cleo Chou Ian McNally  
 Deirdre Clark Hallie Mintz  
 Briana Falco Jeffrey Mullen  
 Andrew Goldberg Raunaq Palejwala  
 Joshua Green Danielle Porter  
 Thurston Hamlette Katherine VanHaasteren  
 Matthew Hirschhorn Joshua Zinman

### REGULAR HONOR ROLL

**GRADE 8 - 44 Students**  
 Anthony Baliano Matthew Fleissner  
 Candace Barnes Michael Fragna  
 Jasmine Bartee Shemane Fritz  
 Jennifer Bauer Brian Glassett

## Goldberg, Downtown

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might need to be expanded and revamped, with access opened directly to East Second Street, but all of this, "depends on the property owners on that block."

"We're meeting with the Task Force and meeting with the property owners," Mr. Goldberg said, in an effort to get some movement behind the hedge property sale.

Other matters that SPBPA will be involved in the coming months will be the possible option for downtown property owners to add second- and third-story condominiums above street-level businesses, something Mr. Goldberg termed, "an intriguing possibility. The more people we can bring into downtown, the better it will be for businesses there."

On another matter, he said his group will be doing "whatever we can" to get the jitney service running through Scotch Plains and Fanwood up and running. Originally slated to commence in the spring, there are still a number of outstanding details to finalize, and Mr. Goldberg doesn't see the service becoming operational until next spring.

In the meantime, he said SPBPA is, "trying to make the Farmer's Market a nice event on Saturday mornings," and is also planning for both Scotch Plains Day on September 28 and the Holiday Celebration on December 8.

For the latter event, the Township Recreation Department will be more involved than it has in recent years, and Mr. Goldberg is hoping to expand the event and hopefully close off Park Avenue for part of that day, much the same way it is for the annual Car Show and Street Fair in June.

### Joseph, Jennifer Ascolese

#### Named to Dean's Listing

FANWOOD - Joseph Ascolese and Jennifer Ascolese, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ascolese of Fanwood, were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2002 semester at Rowan University in Glassboro. Joseph is majoring in health and exercise science, while Jennifer is a psychology major with a minor in business.

use of hair and scalp conditioning treatments, the art of finger-waving, setting and styling of hair with sculpture curls and the use of thermal irons.

The class also includes instruction on selecting hairstyles to suit physical features of patrons and how to adapt current styling trends for individual customers.

Additionally, training will cover shaping hair with scissors and razors, quick-service styling with blow dryers and curling irons, application of temporary and permanent colors, and a variety of other beauty techniques which are critical to achieving success in the field.

Financial aid is available to qualified students and job placement services and apprenticeships are available to all graduates.

For more information on the cosmetology course, please contact the Day Admissions Office at UCVTS at (908) 889-8288, extension no. 340 or 341.

## Full-Time Cosmetology Classes Slated at UCVTS

SCOTCH PLAINS - Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS) in Scotch Plains will offer a full-time course in cosmetology this fall for students interested in entering the field.

The course will run from September to June and will prepare students for the licensing examination administered by the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology.

Classes begin on Wednesday, September 4, and are held Monday through Friday, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the school campus on Raritan Road.

An art and science involving the study of skin, hair, scalp and nails, the UCVTS course on cosmetology includes state-of-the-art classroom training, which uses mannequins, demonstrations and live models in clinical service.

Students will learn how to conduct hair analysis, the physical and chemical effects of shampoos and rinses, the

## Grant Winners Honored By Fanwood Lions Club

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Lions Club introduced and honored its scholarship winners during a Ladies Night at Pantagis Renaissance on June 5.

Scholarship winners included Andrew Pavoni, Christine Perrotta and Ian Wehrle. Each student received \$1,000 scholarships to the colleges they plan to attend in the fall.

The organization also installed its officers for the year 2002-2003. Paul Barlow was named President, First Vice President is Pat Lindsey, Second Vice President is Mike Venezia, Third Vice President is Marion Menzer, Recording Secretary is Shielia Barton, Corresponding Secretary is Robert Harris, Chuck Hoeckle is Treasurer, Jim Grover is Lion Tamer, Tail Twister is Tom Klem, and Membership Director is Chet Lindsey.

District Governor Frank Magnolia and his wife, Adele Magnolia, were in attendance. Mr. Magnolia installed the new officers.

Past President Phyllis Fischer was honored as Lion of the Year.

The club has donated over \$9,000 to various charities, including the scholarships. These monies were

raised through the communities' support of the club's Christmas tree sale, the major fundraiser.

## Community Groups Work to Assist Needy Woman In Town of Westfield

By JENNIFER PINTO

Specially Written for The Times

Lillian Corsi, Westfield's Director of Human Services, first heard about Rose Grumet Barnet through local people in town.

According to Ms. Corsi, Ms. Barnet was approaching local businesses and residents asking for help with shelter after being legally evicted from her apartment on Sussex Street in Westfield.

Ms. Corsi met with Ms. Barnet on Monday, July 1, and evaluated her situation. Due to the fact that she was over 65 and had no young children, she was not eligible for Public Assistance Programs or for Temporary Assistance for Needy

Families.

Ms. Corsi sought temporary housing for Ms. Barnet; "I made calls to various organizations for help and I told her that I would look to solve the immediate problem by finding her a temporary place to stay."

"I contacted the Salvation Army in Elizabeth and had made accommodations for one week at a cost of \$42 a night for Ms. Barnet."

That same afternoon, a Steven Barnet visited Ms. Corsi. He is Ms. Barnet's son. "I contacted the Salvation Army for the second time and arranged the same accommodations for Steven," Ms. Corsi explained.

Through the Caring Neighbor Fund of Westfield, Ms. Barnet and her son received \$558 in funds to stay at the Salvation Army in Elizabeth for one week.

"The Caring Neighbor Fund is the only source of revenue that I can tap into without any additional burden to taxpayers. Every other option for seeking funds would involve the state," said Ms. Corsi.

"The Caring Neighbor Fund is a fund that was established by my predecessors over 40 years ago. We formally named it the Caring Neighbor Fund in 1979."

According to Ms. Corsi, the fund is for emergency use only. It is meant to solve initial problems, not long-term problems. The fund doesn't have the financial capacity to deal with long-term problems.

Ms. Corsi stated that she uses the fund for problems that can be immediately solved, and then she makes the best possible effort to find help for people who need further assistance. Ms. Barnet's case

needed further assistance. Therefore, Ms. Corsi contacted other organizations.

Karen Howell, Vice President of the Board of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County said, "we received a call about Ms. Barnet from the Westfield Police. Though we wanted to help, our shelter was full. We couldn't accommodate Ms. Barnet."

Linda Maggio, Executive Director of the United Fund of Westfield stated, "I can not reveal any details about Ms. Barnet or any client for that matter, but I can say that we offered assistance."

Rabbi Zamore of Temple Emanuel said, "I had spoken to Ms. Barnet when she was looking for help and I referred her to social service agencies that could further help her. She is in our thoughts and prayers."

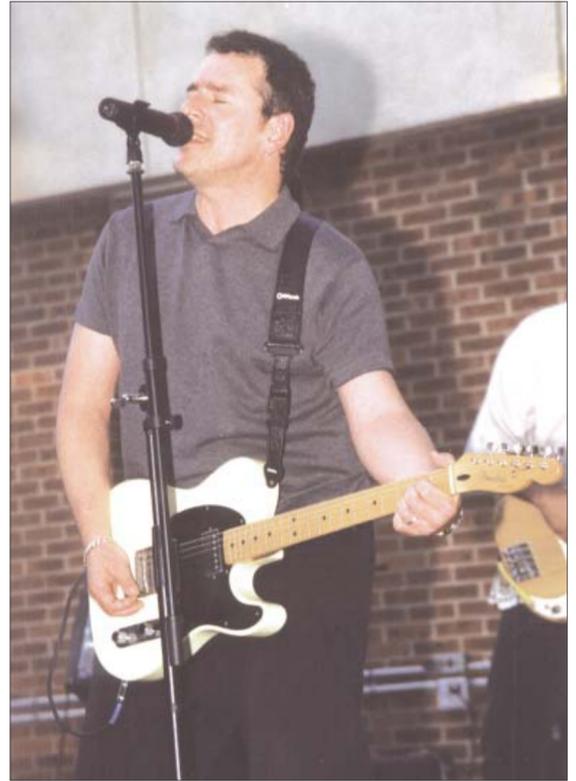
According to Ms. Corsi, Ms. Barnet is spending the next three weeks with her son at a motel in Raritan in Somerset County until they find an affordable apartment. It is not clear what organization is aiding her with these accommodations.

Ms. Barnet was not available for comment.

### Emily Scherb Accepts

#### Collegiate Membership

SCOTCH PLAINS - Emily Sarah Scherb of Scotch Plains has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Washington University in St. Louis, Miss.



Cheri Rogowsky for The Times

## Fairfield Univ. Presents Degree to Justine Mosko

FANWOOD - Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. granted a degree to Justine Ann Mosko of Fanwood during its 52nd commencement exercises on May 19.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mosko, Justine majored in international business and minored in German. She was also active as a member of the Fairfield University Women's Varsity Soccer Team.

Justine studied abroad in Germany during the spring semester of 2001. She received the German Consulate Award from the Consul General of Germany.

A graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in Scotch Plains, Justine plans a career in international business and public relations.

## WHS Construction Is In Full Gear; Projects to Continue Into April 2003

By STEVEN KRAKAUER

Specially Written for The Times

The sight of large cranes carrying steel beams and the sound of hammering and heavy machinery has become a constant at Westfield High School (WHS) since construction began on a series of editions and redevelopments last year.

According to School Board Secretary and Business Administrator Robert Berman, everything is going according to plan.

Three major parts of the construction are expected to be completed by the time school resumes in September.

The main Cafeteria will be expanded on the first floor, and the art room on the second floor will be renovated. These are located on one side of the central courtyard.

Across the opposite side of the courtyard will be an expansion of the guidance office on the first floor, and a renovated faculty room on the second floor.

In the front of the school, on Dorian Road, the gym storage area expansion is expected to be complete by the beginning of the school year as well.

Although a minor project, the foods room at WHS will be completely renovated and be ready for use when school commences in

September. Dr. Robert Petix, WHS Principal, said, "I'm pleased so far, but I remain cautiously optimistic that we'll continue on schedule. It's always a concern that any one aspect can hold up the remaining parts of construction."

The diminishing parking situation at the high school has been a major concern. Mr. Berman noted that the driveway off Trinity Place leading to the main parking lot has been demolished, and plans for a new driveway are taking into account the need for getting more spaces.

The touted new science wing will be worked on throughout the summer and into the school year. WHS will add a third floor and expand the first and second floors to incorporate new labs and science rooms. The expected completion date for the new wing is April, 2003 and, according to Mr. Berman, "everything is running on time."

Although the wing will continue to be constructed during the school year, Mr. Berman doesn't think noise will be a problem.

"It was probably more of a distraction last year, with the work in the courtyard. Most of the cinderblock will already be up and some brick will be laid, so the work is mostly interior with very little noise," Mr. Berman said.



Steven Krakauer for The Times

INSIDE LOOKING OUT... Construction is ongoing throughout the summer at Westfield High School. The skeleton of the new three-story science wing is up on the side of the school near Trinity Place.

## Gail Iammatteo Participates In School Finance Panel

SCOTCH PLAINS - Gail Iammatteo, a member of the Union County Vocational-Technical Board of Education, is serving on a statewide panel that studies issues related to New Jersey's system of funding the public schools.

Glenn B. Dawn, New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) President, reappointed Ms. Iammatteo to the organization's School Finance Committee last month.

The panel monitors the school funding law in the state and its

impact on school districts, and, as necessary, makes recommendations to the NJSBA's semi-annual meetings concerning association policy on school finance.

The NJSBA first established the School Finance Committee in 1992. The panel has issued reports concerning the state's use of property taxes to fund the schools, the need for greater financial aid to support special education and other required services, the school budgeting process, and other issues related to school funding.

## Mount St. Mary Academy Tells Honor Roll for Final Trimester

WATCHUNG - Directress Sister Lisa Gambacorto, Principal of Mount St. Mary Academy in Watchung, has announced that the following area students have achieved honor roll status for the final trimester of the 2001-2002 academic year.

**Principal's Honor Roll (straight A's):**  
 Scotch Plains: Kathleen Donovan and Christine Feury, both

12th graders; Rachel Schwartz, grade 11; and Elizabeth Yanosey, grade 10.

**Honor Roll (overall B average):**  
 Scotch Plains: 12th graders Paulina Irigary, Tina-Marie Rosenberger, Heather Saunders, and Renee Souris; 11th graders Cristina Dyogi and Danielle Morris; 10th graders Nicole Cannone and Christine Marino; and ninth graders Hyacinth Dyogi, Diane Fitzpatrick, Mariela Lemus and Nathalie Rodriguez.

Fanwood: 11th graders Kate Gousman and Emily Walker and 10th grader Laura Marino.

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