

Ms. Claire E. Cappio and David J. Atkinson

## Ms. Claire E. Cappio To Wed David J. Atkinson

Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Cappio of Scotch Plains have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Claire Elizabeth Cappio, to David John Atkinson of Ellicott City, Md. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Atkinson, also of Ellicott City.

A 2000 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, the bride-to-be graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech-Language and Audiology from Loyola College in Maryland in 2004. She earned her Master of Arts degree in Speech-Language and Hearing Sci-

ences in 2006 from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Ms. Cappio currently is a speech-language pathologist at the Clarke Auditorial/Oral Center in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Mr. Atkinson is a 2001 graduate of Loyola Blakefield High School in Towson, Md. In 2005, he graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance from Loyola College in Maryland, where he met Ms. Cappio. The future bridegroom is employed with GE Healthcare as a cardiology business manager.

An August 2009 wedding is being planned.

### St. John's Baptist Sets King Service Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS - St. John's Baptist Church invites all area residents to join congregation members in remembering Dr. Martin Luther King during the church's annual memorial service on Sunday, January 11, at 7 p.m.

The Reverend Bernadette Glover, executive pastor to Bishop Donald Hilliard of the Cathedral International in Perth Amboy, will be the guest speaker. Multiple special activities also have been planned for this service.

St. John's Baptist Church is located at 2387 Morse Avenue in Scotch Plains. For more information, call the church at (908) 232-6972.

### Summit BPW Plans February Program

SUMMIT - The Summit Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Club will host a program entitled "Get Your Health in Order" on Monday, February 9, at the Grand Summit Hotel, located at 570 Springfield Avenue in Summit.

Cocktails and networking will begin at 6:15 p.m.; dinner and the program will start at 7 p.m. All are invited.

The Summit BPW has provided thousands of dollars in scholarships to Summit High School students and women continuing their education. The cost is \$35. To respond or for more information, e-mail meetingsrsvp@summitbpw.org.

### Baby Blessings Offer A Spiritual Way To Welcome Your Newborn

Baby blessing ceremonies are becoming a popular alternative to traditional christenings, baptisms and naming rituals. Couples without formal ties to a place of worship, or who are from different religious backgrounds, increasingly are hosting such ceremonies as a way of celebrating their child's birth.

One benefit is that these ceremonies can be tailored to reflect the parents' wishes. "Rituals and spiritualism is important to many people," said Jeffrey Goldstein, an officiant in Mountainside. "Baby blessing ceremonies help fulfill that need."

A ceremony usually blends spiritual beliefs and the family's hopes and wishes for the child. Parents may ask guests to participate in the ceremony by contributing a gift of spiritual significance for the baby, such as a special wish for the child in the form of a reading, song, prayer or poem. Traditional rituals, such as anointing the child, can be included as well. Ceremonies are usually performed before the child's first birthday and can be as creative, formal or informal as the parents wish. For further information, call (908) 232-7462 or go to mybabyblessing.com.

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## Noel Brown to Give Address During Annual King Service

WESTFIELD - The Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Westfield will hold its Twenty Second Annual Interfaith Commemorative Service on Monday, January 19, at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, located at 414 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Westfield resident Noel Brown, who was born and raised in Birmingham, Ala. and witnessed one

of the most violent periods of the civil rights movement, will be the featured speaker.

In May 1963, with Martin Luther King, Jr. in jail, the Reverend James Bevel organized a protest in Birmingham with hundreds of students, among them Mr. Brown. They were met with dogs and water cannon and ultimately jailed.

Mr. Brown's address, "Forty-Five Years Later, The Dream Today," will reflect on his life in Birmingham, the dream Dr. King offered in Washington, D.C. and the work that lies ahead.

Everyone is welcome to join the march to St. Paul's Church. Marchers will assemble at the Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial on South Avenue, adjacent to the Town Bank of Westfield, at 12:15 p.m.

During the commemorative service, prizes will be awarded for the association's annual contest held in conjunction with the occasion. The contest is open to all Westfield public and private school students. This year, students were asked to consider these questions: Has America made progress toward Dr. King's vision? What do you think Dr. King would say about his dream now? The contest includes essays, art and poetry.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Association also seeks donors to support student scholarships as well as to beautify the Dr. King monument. Donations in any amount may be sent to the M.L.K. Association, P.O. Box 2501, Westfield, N.J. 07091.

## Local Library to Commence New Non-Fiction Book Club

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Memorial Library will start the year 2009 with a new non-fiction book club beginning Wednesday, January 14, at 7 p.m. The first selection will be "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream" by President-elect Barack Obama.

The second selection, scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m., is "Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution - and How It Can Renew America" by Thomas L. Friedman.

The third selection, scheduled for Thursday, May 7, at 7 p.m., is "Outliers: The Story of Success" by Maxwell Gladwell.

Additionally, the club will discuss "The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court" by Jeffrey Toobin on Wednesday, July 8, at 7 p.m.; "In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto" by Michael Pollan on Wednesday, September 16, at 7 p.m., and "The Center Cannot Hold: My Journey Through Madness" by Elyn R. Saks on Wednesday, November 18, at 7 p.m.

To learn more about the non-fiction book club or other library programs, visit the library's website, wmlnj.org, and click on the calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, extension no. 4140. Interested persons also may stop by the library for a copy of its quarterly newsletter.

The Westfield Memorial Library is located at 550 East Broad Street. It is open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

### Free Humor Program On Tap at Chelsea

FANWOOD - Chelsea Assisted Living will present a free program called "Ma'am and Other 4 Letter Words - Humor Workshop" on Thursday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Motivational speaker, minister and actor Patricia Williams will be featured during this program. The Chelsea is located at 295 South Avenue in Fanwood. To respond, call (908) 654-5200.

## Asst. Prosecutor to Address Widowed Persons Group

MOUNTAINSIDE - John Esmerado, Union County assistant prosecutor and legal supervisor of the Union County Child Advocacy Center, will speak to the Widowed Persons Activities (W.P.A.) group at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 11, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, located at 300 Central Avenue in Mountainside.

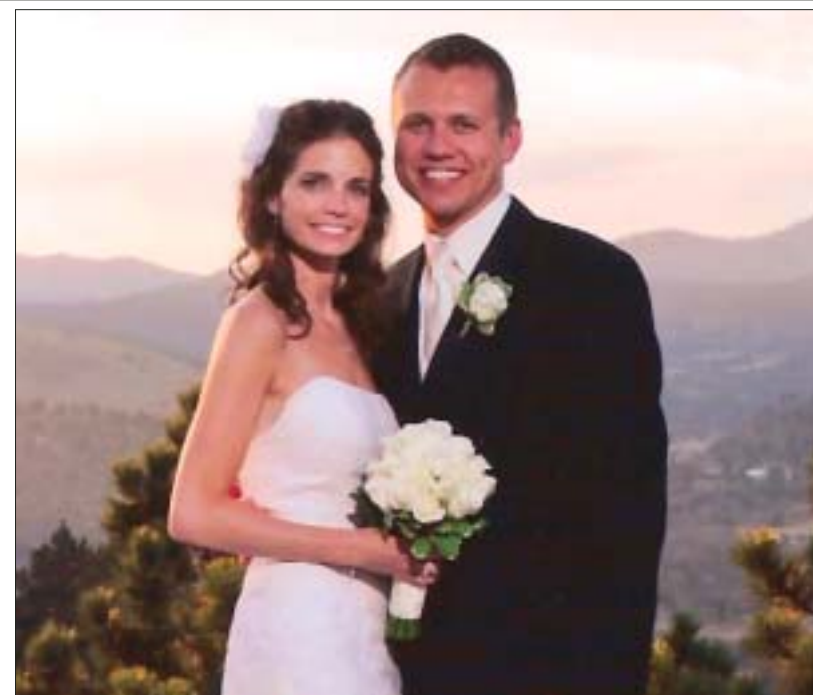
His topic will be "Until Justice and Peace Embrace: Using Social Justice as a Guide to Explore the Response of the People of God to Global Climate Change and Immigration."

Mr. Esmerado is a graduate of the Seton Hall University Law School and New York University Law School. He teaches domestic and criminal law at Kean University in

Union as an adjunct professor. Married for nine years, he and his wife are expecting their first child.

The W.P.A. is a non-denominational social organization founded in 1983. Meetings and membership are open to widows and widowers of any age. Some of the events and activities over the years have included cruises, bus trips, dinner dances, potluck suppers and trips to Spain, Portugal, France, Hawaii and Mexico.

For more information about meetings and membership, call Joseph Bruno Celkupa at (908) 654-1720, Joan Napurano at (908) 232-8814, Virginia Lucas at (908) 518-0231, Janice Orban at (908) 781-1315 or Mary Walsh at (908) 276-3576.

MR. AND MRS. MARK EDWARD LACIS  
(She is the former Miss Christine R. Giameo)

## Miss Christine R. Giameo Marries Mark E. Lacis

Miss Christine Rosemarie Giameo, the daughter of Andrew and Irene Giameo of Westfield, was married on Saturday, August 30, to Mark Edward Lacis. He is the son of Gatins and Anu Lacis of Bonita Springs, Fla.

Surrounded by the Rocky Mountains, the outdoor ceremony took place on a mountaintop in Lyons, Colo. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory, strapless, silk and lace gown with an organza flower in her hair. She carried a bouquet of white roses. A reception followed at the Lionscrest Manor in Lyons.

Mrs. Elizabeth DeMasi of Westfield was the matron of honor for her sister. The bridesmaids included Ms. Jennifer O'Brien of New York City and Ms. Annie Ruvalo of Chicopee, Mass., both friends of the bride.

Peter Lacis of Broomfield, Colo., the bridegroom's brother, served as

### WNC Benefit Event To Be Held Jan. 17

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Neighborhood Council (WNC) will hold its annual winter fundraiser on Saturday, January 17, from 6 to 11 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School, located at 800 Rahway Avenue in Westfield.

The evening will begin with a Gospel concert featuring the Heritage Show Choir (2006-2008 McDonald's Gospel Fest winners), the New Inspiration Choir of St. Luke's AME Zion Church of Westfield, and the Porter Sisters of Union. During intermission, a food court will offer rib or chicken dinner platters and beverages.

Additionally, vendors will sell colorful cultural items and other merchandise. Magician "Locobo" will perform immediately following the break. The second half of the show will be all rhythm and blues, featuring the Barry Blues Band and the Force of Attack Band. Larna Harris of the Famous Bay Top Singers will be mistress of ceremonies.

Tickets in advance are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, and will be \$12 at the door. For information or tickets, call Mary Withers at (908) 654-5192 or Rodney Bullock at (908) 313-2664.

Tickets also are available at the WNC, located at 127 Cacchiola Place in Westfield, on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon. To leave a message at the WNC, call (908) 233-2772.

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