



GIVING BACK...Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th, Union) presents Jaelyn Kirna of Westfield with a Congressional Youth Service Award in recognition of her extensive volunteer activities throughout Union County. Ms. Kirna, a sophomore at Bucknell University and the daughter of Oliver and Robin Kirna, gave over 100 hours as a volunteer at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and also building a house for a needy family in El Triunfo, Guatemala. She also taught swim lessons as a lifeguard and worked as a soccer referee.

GOP Oppose Corzine's Budget; Will Offer Reform

TRENTON — Republican Leaders Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (LD-21, Westfield) and Assemblyman Alex DeCroce (LD-26, Morris Plains) stated this week that the state Senate and Assembly Republican caucuses were united in their opposition to Governor Jon Corzine's fiscal 2010 budget and members would not be supporting the spending plan.

They were joined at a press conference by budget committee members, Senator Anthony Bucco (LD-25, Morris Plains) and Assemblyman Joe Malone (LD-30, Bordentown).

"Governor Corzine's budget shows why New Jersey desperately needs change," Mr. Kean said. "Republicans are brimming with new ideas for getting more value from the dollars citizens spend on their government, so that a budget like this one is never seen again. Adoption of the best of these reforms would make Trenton more accountable and New Jersey more affordable to middle-class families."

"This budget will take a fiscal crisis and transform it into a monumental catastrophe for taxpayers," Mr. DeCroce said. "If this is the road Corzine and the Democrats want to take, we are not going along for the ride. Only their fingerprints will appear on this budget, which will inflict more pain and misery on taxpayers." Mr. Kean and Mr. DeCroce pre-

sented the official Republican response to the budget that details a comprehensive proposal for structural reforms to state government in order to foster economic development, create jobs, and fulfill the promise of property tax relief to homeowners.

"New Jersey state government will face the worst, most devastating fiscal crisis in its modern history starting next year," Mr. Bucco said. "We desperately need ideas for reforms that will start us down the long road to fiscal recovery and positive change."

"This budget is a prime example of the same failed policies that taxpayers have seen for the last seven years," Mr. Malone said. "The truth is that New Jersey is on the verge of financial collapse, and instead of recognizing that drastic sustained reform is required, the Democrats are content to worry about today and deny there will be a tomorrow."

Republicans said that over the last five years they have proposed \$6 billion in reduced state spending.

"We didn't have to be in the position we are in today," Mr. DeCroce said. "But we are not giving up. The reforms we are offering will restore honesty and accountability to the budget process. Our proposal outlines ways to right New Jersey's fiscal ship and the misguided way state government operates."

New Jersey Reports Five Deaths from H1N1 Flu

TRENTON — The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has announced that five state residents have died from novel H1N1 influenza, better known as the Swine Flu, including the first Union County death associated with the illness.

The latest victim was a 79-year-old Hudson County female, who died June 19 at Bayonne Medical Center after being hospitalized with a cough and fever.

Union County reported its first H1N1 death, a 36-year-old man, who died June 3 in Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth. Officials said he was hospitalized on June 1 with a cough and fever.

"We continue to stress the seriousness of influenza — an illness that can unfortunately lead to death. The department emphasizes that all New Jersey residents should remain vigilant and take proper precautions to protect themselves and their families," Health and Senior Services Commissioner Heather Howard said.

As of Tuesday, New Jersey had 568 confirmed cases of H1N1 influenza in 19 counties. There are also 275 probable cases pending confirmatory testing in the state lab. Nationally, there are 21,449 confirmed and probable cases in 50 states. There

including 87 deaths in the United States. Approximately 88 countries worldwide have confirmed cases of H1N1 influenza.

The other New Jersey H1N1 deaths were a 10-year-old Sussex County boy, who died June 17 in Morristown Memorial Hospital, and a 15-year-old Somerset County male, who died at home on June 8.

The first New Jersey death linked to H1N1 was that of a 49-year-old Essex County man, who died in Mountainside Hospital in Montclair on June 13. He became ill with a fever and respiratory symptoms on May 30, and was hospitalized on June 2 with pneumonia and his illness worsened.

Commissioner Howard said three of the four victims had "underlying medical conditions."

"The department will continue to monitor the H1N1 outbreak," Commissioner Howard said. "We have also posted guidance for summer residential camps to help decrease the spread of H1N1 influenza and other infectious diseases."

The department will continue to update its website, www.nj.gov/health, with information to help all New Jersey residents stay apprised of the latest information regarding the H1N1 outbreak.



BUSTED...United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers from Newark Liberty International Airport discovered 45 pounds of cocaine in a duffel bag on a flight from the Dominican Republic. The evidence was turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for further investigation.

Forty-Five Pounds of Cocaine Found in Baggage

NEWARK — United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers from Newark Liberty International Airport, while conducting baggage inspections on a flight arriving from the Dominican Republic, discovered more than 45 pounds of cocaine in a duffel bag valued at over \$2 million, according to authorities.

During a routine X-Ray inspection of bags arriving internationally, an anomaly was detected on a large red and blue duffel bag. Further examination of the bag revealed 35 brick-shaped objects wrapped in gray tape, authorities said. Probing and testing of the contents of the brick field-tested positive for cocaine. In addition, authorities said the bag,

which arrived from Santo Domingo, had no tags to identify passenger ownership.

"CBP is committed to interdicting narcotics at our ports of entry and identifying the complex methods perpetrators utilize to illegally import dangerous drugs into the U.S.," stated Robert Perez, director of field operations for CBP in New York.

Authorities said CBP officers at Newark Airport routinely screen and conduct inspections in the international baggage area in order to detect and prevent smuggling attempts such as these. The duffel bag and drugs were turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for further investigation.

Scutari Calls for End To Traffic Light Cameras

TRENTON — Citing a Middlesex County municipality's recent decision to withdraw from a pilot program that uses traffic signal surveillance cameras to catch people who run red lights, State Senator Nicholas Scutari (LD-22, Linden) has called for an end to the program.

Mr. Scutari said though the program purports to be focused on increasing traffic safety, it is really a revenue-raiser for towns and, in fact, could compromise safety for motorists and pedestrians.

"With the best of intentions, we enacted a law last year to allow towns to participate in a five-year pilot program to see if the use of these cameras at high-volume intersections helps reduce accidents," Mr. Scutari said. "Everyone can agree that drivers need to respect the rules of the road and proceed with caution through intersections at all times. But it does no good to try and address accidents caused by drivers running red lights if all we do is increase the number of rear-end collisions because of drivers who stop short for fear of getting caught on camera."

Another problem, Mr. Scutari said, is that the cameras only take a photo of the license plate of the vehicle as it proceeds through the intersection.

"With the license plate as the only means of identification, the summons is going to be sent to the owner of the car, regardless of who was driving," he said. "If the owner was not behind the wheel, it is then up to them to try and prove they weren't driving. This is fundamentally unfair."

Mr. Scutari said that as the economy continues to struggle and towns search for ways to bring in more revenue, it would be too tempting to resort to something like traffic surveillance cameras as an easy fix.

"It's just too easy to use this as a cash cow to bring in money to local coffers," Mr. Scutari said. "Just because this is an easy way for towns to raise money doesn't make it the right thing to do. Our focus should be on public safety, not on generating revenue from fines. If there is a particularly dangerous intersection in a town, there are better ways to improve safety."

The program was enabled by legislation enacted early last year. About a dozen towns were accepted into the program, which began last fall.

Westfield's Susan Salmond New Nursing School Dean

WESTFIELD — Susan Salmond of Westfield has been appointed dean of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) — School of Nursing. The appointment follows a national search for a dean to lead the nursing school, which has campuses in Newark and Stratford.

Ms. Salmond has served as interim dean of the nursing school since January 2007.

Prior to her appointment as interim dean, Ms. Salmond was vice-dean for academic affairs at the nursing school. Since coming to UMDNJ in 2005, she also has held posts as associate dean for graduate studies and associate dean for administration and planning.

She is the research editor for the journal *Orthopaedic Nursing*, past president of the National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses, co-editor of the text *Orthopaedic Nursing*, and co-editor of the first three editions of *Core Curriculum for Orthopaedic Nursing*.

Prior to joining the UMDNJ — School of Nursing, Salmond was a professor at Kean University where she was director of graduate programs and then chairwoman of the university's nursing department. She has also served on the faculty at Teachers College, Columbia University.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Villanova University, her Master of Science degree in Nursing from Seton Hall University and her Doctor of Education degree (Ed.D.) from the Nurse Executive Program at Teachers College, Columbia University.



Susan Salmond

TEA Parties Include Summit, Morristown

AREA — More Taxed Enough (TEA) parties are planned throughout the nation this July 4, including one in Summit. The first of the parties were held on Tax Day, April 15.

The TEA Parties will be held Friday, July 3, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on The Village Green. The rest of New Jersey TEA Parties are on Saturday, July 4, as follows:

Margate (time to be announced) at Washington and Amherst Avenues; Jackson, noon to 3 p.m., at John F. Johnson Park on Kierych Memorial Drive just south of South Cooks Bridge Road; Morristown, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Green at 10 Park Place.

WF's Scott Davis Joins Bergen CPA Firm

WESTFIELD — Scott Davis of Westfield has joined the Bergen County-based certified public accounting firm Hunter Group as a principal in the firm, effective June 1. Most recently, he was the director of property tax services for PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

Mr. Davis earned his Judicial Doctorate degree in 1990 from the Seton Hall University School of Law. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Taxation from Seton Hall University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Bridgeport.



NEW BANK PRESIDENT... William Taylor of Westfield has been named president and chief operating officer of Somerset Savings Bank. He is also the bank's chief financial officer.

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