



Horace R. Corbin for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times  
**IMAGINE...**Visitors admire the artwork of the late ex-Beatle John Lennon at "Come Together," a touring exhibit. Mr. Lennon's widow Yoko Ono's West Palm Beach, FL-based production company Legacy Productions and the Downtown Westfield Corporation sponsored the event, which raised about \$3,000 for the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation. See story on page 18.

## Scotch Plains-Fanwood BOE Discusses State Proposals

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idea might be attempted in one county for evaluation. Giving county superintendents more authority over spending was also being considered.

Ms. Nelson added that there was not a lot of discussion on where the money will come from. In her opinion, there should have been a fifth task force commissioned to look at the state's spending patterns, she said.

The committees will now propose bills incorporating some of their recommendations. The complete reports of each committee can be viewed on the web at [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us).

The board approved acceptance of the annual Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant. This allows the district to accept state monies to fund various aspects of the district's special education program. The board also approved a resolution proclaiming the week of November 13 to 17 as American Education Week, honoring the im-

portance of maintaining a quality school district.

The Title I Parent Involvement Policy was approved on first reading. It will be reintroduced for second reading at the next meeting. A copy of the policy can be viewed at the board office and on their web site <http://www.spfk12.org/>. The policy is geared for parents of No Child Left Behind students who might benefit from supplemental support. The policy includes parents' rights to access to information and to meet with teachers, among other things.

The board will hear a report submitted by SP-F High School Principal David Heisey on revisions to the high school's program of studies at their next monthly meeting.

The next regular monthly meeting of the board of education will be held on Thursday, November 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the district's administration offices at the Evergreen School.



Greg Ryan for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times  
**GAME PANIC...**A line waits outside of Best Buy on Route 22 in Union last Thursday afternoon. The line started to form on Tuesday, some 60 hours prior to the Playstation 3 release that Friday at midnight.

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Westfield**  
 Tuesday, November 14, Gail D. Fialkowski, 24, of Springfield was arrested at Springfield Avenue and East Broad Street and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) after police responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident. There were no injuries. Fialkowski later was released to a responsible adult.

Wednesday, November 15, after being stopped for motor vehicle violations, Suleyman Mursaloglu, 34, of New York was arrested at Central Avenue and Virginia Street. He was charged with hindering apprehension for allegedly giving police a false name and date of birth and was released with a summons.

Wednesday, November 15, Jennifer Star, 23, of Westfield responded to Westfield police headquarters to satisfy an outstanding motor vehicle warrant from Fanwood. She was released after posting \$250 bail.

Wednesday, November 15, Cornelius Quirk, Jr., 59, of Westfield was arrested at Prospect and East Broad Streets and charged with DWI after he had been detained by other unknown motorists. He later was released to a responsible individual.

Thursday, November 16, after being stopped for motor vehicle violations, Christopher Weber, 37, of Westfield was arrested at the south side Westfield train station lot and charged with DWI and refusal to submit to an Alcotest. He was committed on default of bail.

Thursday, November 16, Charisse Y. Jones, 37, of Newark was arrested at Plainfield police headquarters and pursuant to a contempt of court criminal warrant issued by Westfield. She was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released after posting \$75 bail.

Thursday, November 16, Elaine Reeves, 23, of Elizabeth was arrested and charged with shoplifting for allegedly under-ringing merchandise for a value of approximately \$2,000 at a store in the 200 block of Elm Street. She was issued a summons and released.

Thursday, November 16, Rudy Guerrero, 25, of Woodbridge was arrested and charged with DWI and refusal to submit to an Alcotest following a motor vehicle accident at South and Central Avenues. There were no injuries. Guerrero later was released with summonses.

**Fanwood**  
 Monday, November 13, police said they recovered a vehicle on Helen Street stolen from a Manalapan resident on November 8. According to police, the vehicle was processed for prints and released to the owner.

Tuesday, November 14, Michael G. Giuliano, 31, of Edison was arrested and charged with an outstanding Ridgely Park warrant following a motor vehicle stop on Terrill

Road.  
 Wednesday, November 15, Daniel C. Batista, 27, of Elizabeth was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue, which revealed an outstanding warrant out of Hillside.

Wednesday, November 15, Chad C. Warner, 26, of West Orange was arrested at the Fanwood Post Office following a field investigation, which revealed an outstanding Milltown warrant.

Wednesday, November 15, Marcia J. Jenkins, 25, of Plainfield was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on North Avenue, which revealed outstanding warrants out of North Brunswick and Franklin Township.

Thursday, November 16, Raymond L. Parker, 28, of Linden was arrested on an outstanding Union County Sheriff's Department no-bail warrant following a motor vehicle stop on Patterson Road.

Thursday, November 16, Sherry T. Collins, 29, of Orange was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on LaGrande Avenue, which revealed an outstanding Newark warrant.

Thursday, November 16, Kristin J. Boturla, 27, of Fanwood was arrested following a field investigation on Gere Place for an active Plainfield warrant.

Thursday, November 16, Isaac L. Davis, 26, of Plainfield was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road, which revealed an outstanding South Plainfield warrant.

Friday, November 17, Steven D. Cooper, 23, of Plainfield was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on North Avenue for an outstanding Union warrant.

Saturday, November 18, Kyle D. Harvin, 30, of Westfield was arrested for numerous warrants out of the Essex County Sheriff's Department, the Union County Sheriff's Department, Scotch Plains, Plainfield and Middletown following a motor vehicle stop on Martine Avenue.

Sunday, November 19, Kathryn Connelly, 24, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) following a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road at 2:04 a.m.

Sunday, November 19, Karynn M. Simpson-Borom, 48, of Scotch Plains was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue and charged with receiving stolen property and displaying fictitious plates on her vehicle. An additional charge of hindering apprehension is pending.

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**NEXT STOP...**Northside Trattoria owner Chris Boyle and Leslie, the bartender, point to the genuine subway sign that hangs in the restaurant. New York Yankee closer Mariano Rivera autographed the sign when he was in Westfield last Monday.

## Panel Reports on Taxes

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community. He said Westfield would stand to lose all of its \$4 million in aid.

"I tell Westfield parents this could have an enormous impact on Westfield...This is fairly serious stuff," he said. "These recommendations could be enacted as early as December."

Mr. Foley said rather than changing the state funding formula, he

would support a "broad-based" state-wide property tax.

Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-21, Westfield) said the four committees failed to address what Republicans feel is the biggest problem in Trenton - spending. He told *The Leader* the state's tax system should be changed "based on public policy," not politics.

"I have very grave concerns that most of the recommendations are politically based," he said.

Mr. Bramnick said he would like to see "forensic accountants" review spending of state departments. He said New Jersey taxpayers would be more likely to understand tax increases if they felt their government was being run efficiently.

"But they (taxpayers) know it's (tax dollars) being wasted," he said.

When asked if the GOP would develop an alternative plan, Mr. Bramnick said Republicans have already unveiled a proposal that would cut spending "by billions."

"That's our plan," he said.

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gram was conducted using a private contractor for nearly two weeks in an effort to reduce the herd to about 20 deer per square mile, as opposed to the nearly 100 per square mile observed in a census taken two years ago.

According to township officials, the state government had "balked" at approving the township's application for a special deer-management permit because Trenton officials favored allowing open hunting in the reservation, much of which abuts residential neighborhoods. County and local officials protested the idea, and they eventually found a bureaucratic way around the state's desires by utilizing the private contractor who oversaw qualified professional hunters working during limited hours.

Mr. Atkins said his "gut feeling" was that the state might not approve a new deer-management permit application for this winter because Trenton's stance remains the same as a year ago. Mr. Atkins said he would continue to speak with the township council and county officials about the options as the winter months approach.

After a hiatus due to the State League of Municipalities convention last week, the council was set to meet Tuesday night after press deadline, with Police Chief Brian Mahoney expected to brief council members on some outstanding traffic issues.

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with [him] to talk about that they might expect" once they take office. The mayor said he has invited Mr. Glover and Mr. Strauss to attend the council's conference meeting as well.

Looking ahead to 2007, Mayor Marks said the big issue would be the township budget. "A lot of what we do hinges upon the discussions in Trenton on property tax reform," he said. Some of the reform proposals were released last week, but the mayor said that "the devil is in the details."

And whatever reform is ultimately enacted will have "a direct impact on taxes in Scotch Plains," especially if it results in increased state aid to the municipal government and the board of education.

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We wish everyone a happy  
 and healthy holiday season.

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