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**Today's Focus**  
'Defying Expectations,' a look at early American women at 11 a.m. at Lockwood-Mathews Mansion.  
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**Today's Weather**  
  
Sunny, high 85, low around 62.

## Board of Ed finds surplus of \$500,000

### Tax board to vote on BOE keeping funds

By MATT COYNE  
Hour Staff Writer

NORWALK — After tonight's Board of Estimate and Taxation meeting, the Board of Education could have at least \$500,000 to work back into their budget.

Schools Chief Operating Officer Elio Longo said the Board of Education has a total of at least \$500,000 in unexpended funds in their fiscal year 2011-12 budget. That number could be

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## Marks releases budget plan to BOE members

By MATT COYNE  
Hour Staff Writer

NORWALK — Tuesday evening Superintendent Susan Marks released her budget plan in a letter to Board of Education members, should the board get any additional funds tonight.

The restoration plan assumes \$1.4 million in additional funds and restores six intervention aides, three elementary teachers, three elementary school assistant principals, middle school teams, four middle

school security guards, six library aides at reduced hours, the Norwalk High School teacher and the planetarium at half the time.

Board of Education Chairman Jack Chiamonte said the \$1.4 million was "at least" what the board was hoping for ahead of the

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Susan Marks

## HELD ON \$1 MILLION BOND



Hour photo / Erik Trautmann

Pernell McBride is held on a \$1 million bond following his arraignment on charges of murder at Norwalk Superior Court Tuesday.

## McBride arraigned on murder charges

By STEVE KOBAK  
Hour Staff Writer

NORWALK — A 48-year-old city man was arraigned Tuesday afternoon at Norwalk Superior Court and was held on \$1 million bond for allegedly shooting John "Debo" Alston to death.

Pernell McBride, of 93 Suncrest Road, is charged with first-degree murder.

His case was transferred to the Part A docket at Stamford Superior Court, and his next court date is July 17. The case will be prosecuted by State's Attorney Joseph Valdes.

McBride, a 38-year-old city man and two other men confronted Alston in the driveway at 119 South Main St. on the afternoon of May 23, because Alston

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## Albanese declines to chair Redevelopment Agency

### Cites possible conflict of interest; Serrano takes over

By ROBERT KOCH  
Hour Staff Writer

NORWALK — Citing a potential future conflict of interest, Emil Albanese on Tuesday night told fellow Redevelopment Agency

members that he had decided not to remain their chairman.

"I have decided to not remain as the chairman of the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency. The time commitment while great,

has been a pleasure. The Agency has worked hard to advance the profile of Norwalk and the way of life for its citizens," Albanese said in a prepared statement. "I am proud of what we have

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## Attorney challenges legality of plan to merge Stamford fire departments

By KARA O'CONNOR  
Hour Staff Writer

STAMFORD — After months of meetings, debate and discussion, the 17th Charter Revision Commission's recommendation to have one chief oversee a single Stamford

fire department was unanimously passed by the Board of Representatives Monday night, along with more than 150 other charter revisions.

Board of Representatives President Randy Skigen said the 150 recommendations will be

compiled into 10 questions that will be placed on the ballot in November for residents to vote on.

Currently, the city has one full-time fire department and five volunteer departments, all headed by

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## Norwalk Housing Foundation awards scholarships to 37 students



By MATT COYNE  
Hour Staff Writer

NORWALK — What started out small has grown big.

When the Norwalk Housing Foundation (NHF) started awarding scholarships 14 years ago,

it gave away two scholarships totaling \$2,000.

Tuesday night at Stepping Stones Museum for Children, the NHF awarded 37 recent high school graduates and current college students \$130,000 in awards, marking their largest award yet.

Hour photo / Matthew Vinci

Pierre Antoine and Jersson Baker attend the Norwalk Housing Foundation Scholarship Awards ceremony at the Stepping Stones Museum for Children on Tuesday.

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"It helps out a lot," said Tiahna Spencer, a sophomore physiology and neurobiology major at the University of Connecticut. "The scholarship is a great opportunity. By going to college I was able to have

experiences I would never have had otherwise."

Spencer, who hopes to enter medical school after she is done in Storrs, said she probably would not be able to go to UConn without the NHF's help.

"More is better, more support is better. We're really just interested in creating pathways to prosperity," said Candace

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