

Westfield Introduces \$39.1 M Budget; Residents Can Expect \$181 Increase

By LAUREN S. BARR
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — On Tuesday night, after months of discussion and anticipation, the Westfield Town Council Finance Policy Committee unveiled a \$39.1-million municipal budget, which represents a tax increase of \$181 on the average home (assessed at \$185,100).

Faced with declining revenues from fees and permits and a loss of \$941,470 in state aid, Mayor Andrew Skibitsky stated, “I think everyone knows this is probably the most challenging budget year — we have a revenue problem.” He commended the committee for their work and the

employees, such as the firefighters, public works and non-union, who have agreed to pay freezes.

Committee Chairman Mark Ciarrocca said that the town is within the state-mandated 4 percent tax levy cap, and the budget is \$546,363 less than the 2009 budget. He said the committee was also trying to look to next year as there “may be significant challenges next year, and we’re not blind to that.” He added, while the town could have gone over the budget cap by passing the state aid loss on to residents in the form of a tax increase, doing so would have meant that the town would have lost an additional \$500,000 in state aid.

Salaries and wages have been decreased by \$1,119,349 or 6.5 percent over 2009. This reduction is due in part to the zero increase being taken by employees, and while the police union contract is still in negotiation, no increase has been budgeted. The town has instituted a hiring freeze, and is not replacing employees who retire, which has allowed for the elimination of 11 full-time positions. Three full-time positions are being reduced to part-time and 23 part-time/seasonal positions are being eliminated. Included in those part-time positions to be eliminated are crossing guards, tax collector employees and building department employees.

Town Administrator James Gildea and Councilman Ciarrocca told *The Westfield Leader* that no decision has yet been reached on crossing guard elimination or cuts. While \$73,000 has been cut from the \$600,000 crossing guard budget, the public safety committee is still in discussions on whether positions will be eliminated or salaries cut. Crossing guards currently earn \$20 an hour.

Included in the budget is the use of \$1.8 million in surplus and \$1.3 million from the sale of assets account. Surplus is generated from year to year because of unanticipated revenues that the town is not allowed to account for in the budget, but is estimated to be \$1.33 million at the end of 2010. The budget calls for the use of the town’s entire surplus and leaves just \$711 in the sale of town assets account, which can only be regenerated by the sale of municipal land.

The town is seeing increases for 2010 of \$617,049 in required expenses and \$96,580 in debt service. The town’s required expenses include costs such as health insurance, the library, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority and the police and state pension funds.

Health insurance costs will rise about \$600,000 for 2010, and the town will pay over \$400,000 into the pension systems.

The town will pay about \$200,000 in principal on debt service, which includes approximately \$50,000 for the Union County Improvement Authority lease for public works equipment, for which 2010 is the last year.

Councilman Ciarrocca said that the “budget process does not end with the adoption of this budget” and pledged to continue to seek new and additional sources of revenue for the town.

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SEEKING UPGRADE...Daniel McSweeney, a city planner from Sea Girt in Monmouth County, testifies on behalf of Stop & Shop at a hearing before the Westfield Board of Adjustment on May 12. The supermarket is seeking to make improvements to its parking lot as well as its Elm Street store.

Stop & Shop Plans to Expand Parking and Add Entrance

By THOMAS FORTUNATO
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WESTFIELD – Tempers flared during the three-hour Westfield Board of Adjustment meeting on May 12 concerning Stop & Shop’s expansion plans for its Elm Street supermarket.

Stop & Shop, represented by Howard Geneslaw of the Newark-based law firm Gibbons P.C., went before the board to make a determination on which approvals are required for the project and if those approvals require an application be filed with the zoning or planning boards.

Stop & Shop is seeking approval to make the following modifications to its Westfield store: razing two older buildings that formerly housed Merrill Lynch and the offices of Senator Tom Kean, Jr. as well as dentists’ offices; to relocate the store’s parking lot and to include an additional

entrance on Cowperthwaite Place.

The supermarket also is seeking permission to construct a sign out front to attract customers; to modify the store’s basement to handle food preparation; the construction of two freight elevators; the addition of two handicapped-accessible bathrooms on the first floor and to have seasonal merchandise displayed out front, similar to the “Garden Center” that ShopRite in Garwood maintains outside the front of its store during the summer months.

“The interior renovation will improve the shopping experience for our Westfield customers,” Stop & Shop Director of Real Estate Frank Maglio stated. “Our plans include creating safer and easier parking, and modest changes to the layout of the store to include wider aisles and more organic offerings, an expanded bakery, and other improvements that our customers have requested.”

Before these renovations could take place, Stop & Shop would be required to obtain a D variance from the board, which it initially was denied. Daniel McSweeney, a city planner from Sea Girt in Monmouth County, testified on behalf of Stop & Shop, citing the case of Krantz versus Hoboken in reference to Stop & Shop’s specific request to prepare food in the basement.

“The appellate division concluded that a [kitchen] for a restaurant that was located in the basement was determined to [only need] a C variance,” he said.

In addition to Mr. McSweeney and Mr. Maglio, Mr. Geneslaw called planning engineer Mike Fowler and architect Anthony Guzzo to testify on behalf of the applicant. They brought copies of blueprints and drawings with them to show the board.

Former town councilwoman Janis Weinstein, represented by attorney John Schmidt, is opposed to Stop & Shop’s plans. Ms. Weinstein, a resident of Knollwood Terrace, on the opposite side of town, feels that the changes to

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AND THEY’RE OFF...Runners surge forward at the start of Saturday’s 5K run at Tamaques Park in Westfield. The event also included a one-mile Family Run, in which kids and their parents had fun running together.

County Approves \$11-Million Hike In Health Premiums for Employees

By PAUL J. PEYTON
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ELIZABETH – Union County’s health insurance premium for its 2,800 employees (plus for another 650 retirees) will jump \$11 million, or 34 percent, to \$44.9 million come July 1 under a new, one-year contract with Cigna, the county’s insurance carrier.

Matthew Presutti of Brown & Brown, the county’s insurance broker, told the freeholders last Thursday that the increase was due to a “surprisingly high number of very high-level claims in such a short period.” He said Brown & Brown looked for lower rates but that the “renewal price with Cigna was within a few dollars of the next best offer.”

The contract includes a wellness program, which Mr. Presutti said, “will really help get the county’s hands around the emerging diseases and emerging claims, and try to limit those as the years go on.”

Cigna replaced Horizon last year after that carrier had sought increases in the county’s premiums of between 9 and 12 percent. Cigna was given a \$33 million contract in 2009.

According to county spokesman Sebastian D’Elia, the health package is for 3,493 persons, which includes employees and retirees. The county’s workforce is 2,800.

In addition, the board approved a \$9.4-million contract with Medco Rx, the county’s prescription plan, representing a 9-percent decrease from last year.

In other business, the board approved a four-year contract, retroactive to January 1, 2008, with park maintenance workers. According to Joseph Salamme, who handles labor negotiations for the county, the agreement involves 110 employees and includes salary increases of 3 percent in 2008 and 2011 and wage freezes in 2009 and 2010. In addition, current employees will contribute 1.5 percent of their salaries to health benefits, with future employees contributing 2 and 3 percent, depending on the type of coverage.

The board approved a resolution, sponsored by Freeholder Al Mirabella, seeking the restoration of state funding for municipal public libraries.

“Governor (Chris) Christie’s budget, as introduced for Fiscal Year 2011, would slash funding for statewide library programs by 100 percent,” according to the board’s resolution. “Funding for these programs has been

flat for most of the past 20 years. The loss of these funds will trigger a loss of \$4.5 million in federal funds.”

In response, Garwood resident Bruce Paterson suggested the board use the money it spends on the annual MusicFest concert instead on local libraries.

Union Fire Chief Fred Fretz, the county’s fire coordinator, supported the board’s vote to accept three Urban Area Security Initiative Grants from the federal government, totaling close to \$370,000. One of those is for \$259,000, will pay for 80 firefighters to receive advanced training for the Neptune foam system. Another grant will be used to purchase a second vessel for patrolling the county’s waterfront. He said the vessels also are equipped with firefighting apparatus, noting it would take a New York-based fireboat an hour to reach Union County.

Chief Fretz said that after 9/11, Union County became eligible for the federal security funding, given its proximity to New York City.

The freeholders will hold a hearing on Union County’s proposed \$473-million budget which, if adopted to night, would raise \$277,356,170 in taxes countywide, up 4.64 percent, or \$12.3 million, over 2009. The tax levy in-

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GRAND MARSHAL...Claire Butler, a military veteran and champion archer, will serve as grand marshal of the 2010 Westfield Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31. Following opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. at the Monument to Veterans of World War I, the parade will proceed up East Broad Street and conclude at Fairview Cemetery. See story on Page 7.

Garwood Council Approves School, Municipal Budgets

By PAUL J. PEYTON
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GARWOOD – The borough council, on May 11, agreed to minor cuts in the defeated school tax levy and also adopted its municipal budget.

The council voted 4-2 to adopt a \$7,035,666 municipal budget, with \$5,298,501 to be raised in local taxes – an increase of \$222,000 over last year. The overall spending plan is essentially flat, with an increase of around \$13,000. The district saw its state aid cut this year by \$400,000.

According to Council President Stephen Napolitano, chairman of the council’s finance committee, the adopted budget will lead to a \$118 tax increase for the average assessed borough home of \$100,000. He said the borough had initially been anticipating a \$200 hike for homeowners.

“The finance committee, along with our borough administrator (Christina Ariemma), chief financial officer and our auditors, [was] able to reduce the [increase]...without cutting personnel or major cuts in services, as our neighboring towns are preparing to move forward with,” Mr. Napolitano said in a statement to the council and copied to *The Westfield Leader*.

A total of \$2,873,950 of the budget is

for salaries and wages, \$1,768,175 of which is dedicated to the police department. Another large portion of the budget, \$656,375, is earmarked for group insurance, which Mr. Napolitano said is up 15 percent, with pensions rising another \$200,000. Sewer charges through the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority are \$602,296, down \$183,593 from last year, Mr. Napolitano said. On the revenue side, the borough is using all but \$71,314 of its \$730,314 in surplus to lower the property tax impact.

During the May 11 meeting, resident Jim Matthieu urged the council to vote down the municipal budget, saying the governing body made a “grievous error” in misjudging the mood of the public regarding the tax increase.

Mr. Matthieu said the decrease in the borough’s sewage bill more than compensated for the \$126,000 municipal aid cut from Trenton, and that the tax increase equals almost exactly the increase in pension and benefits to local workers.

“This is a direct wealth transfer from the residents of Garwood to the local workers,” Mr. Matthieu said. “I don’t think you understand exactly how upset people are.”

Resident Bruce Paterson suggested

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SOUNDS GREAT...The Elmojool Quartet from Berkeley Heights entertained guests at Lord & Taylor’s Benefit Bash on May 6. The bi-annual event raises thousands of dollars for non-profit organizations and charities. Shown, left to right, are: Jordan Hendy, Elizabeth Hendy and Justin Cha. Not shown is Oliver Hendy. All proceeds go directly to more than 140 community organizations. The next benefit is scheduled for October at the Westfield store on North Avenue.

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Westfield BOE to Honor Intermediate Teachers

WESTFIELD – The next meeting of the Westfield Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, May 25, at Lincoln School’s auditorium, located at 728 Westfield Avenue.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the Westfield Optimist Intermediate Teachers of the Year will be honored for receiving the organization’s 13th annual Outstanding Teacher Award. Michael Altmann, drama and public speaking teacher at Edison Intermediate School, and Denis McMorro, language arts teacher at Roosevelt Intermediate School, are this year’s recipients.

The business agenda will include reports on the intermediate school program and on a new grant that will support a mentoring program.

A complete agenda of the May 25 meeting will be available on the district’s website and in the board secretary’s office at 302 Elm Street on Friday, May 21.

Police Warn Seniors Of Phone Call Scam

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Police Department is currently investigating an international fraud/deception incident. The suspect would make contact via telephone with elderly individuals and request funds be transferred via a Western Union location in Canada, according to Westfield Police Detective Eric Lieberman.

The suspect would tell the victim that a family member, such as a grandchild, was involved in a car accident and was being held by Canadian police, and money was needed to get the family member an attorney and/or post bail, the detective said.

“The Westfield Police Department is therefore advising its residents to be aware of this or any similar-type scams,” Detective Lieberman said.

Any residents who feel they might have been victims of this scam are asked to call the police at (908) 789-4000 or Detective Lieberman directly at (908) 789-6078.

All board meetings are taped and televised on Blue Devils TV36 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., as well as on Saturdays and Sundays at 10 a.m.

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A formal presentation of the budget will be given to the public at next Tuesday’s public meeting.

Lincoln Road resident Jim Baker suggested to the council that they sell more parking permits in the downtown in order to increase revenue. He presented the council with parking counts for the North Avenue, Watterson Street and South Avenue parking lots, and said there are “open spaces we can capitalize on.”

Mr. Gildea said that this is an issue the finance committee is discussing, and that the Watterson lot is already oversold by 100 percent and the South Avenue lot is oversold by 50 percent. He said that because the downtown employee waiting list for the North Avenue lot is nearly exhausted, the town is considering selling commuter permits for the lot. Mr. Gildea also noted that the South Avenue lot does fill up after noon because many downtown employees take advantage of the free parking.

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cludes increases of \$1.9 million in Westfield, \$899,210 in Scotch Plains, \$341,740 in Fanwood, \$242,635 in Mountainside, \$229,457 in Garwood, and \$893,000 in Cranford.

The board will hold an agenda meeting beginning at 7 p.m. tonight, followed by the regular meeting when the budget hearing and vote will take place.

Garwood BOE Accepts Council Budget Decision

By RENNIE WOLTERS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

GARWOOD — The Garwood Board of Education (BOE) Tuesday night accepted next year’s budget approved by the borough council – action taken due to the budget defeat by voters on April 20.

BOE and borough council sub-committee members had collaborated over the last few weeks to arrive at next year’s \$8.3-million budget.

The borough council last week approved the school tax levy of \$6.5 million. They removed \$9,350 from the school tax levy requested by the BOE, which was defeated by voters last month in a 357-353 public vote. The approval means taxpayers owning a borough home assessed at \$100,000 will pay \$120 more than last year in school taxes. The \$9,350 reduction amounts to about \$5 per home.

Floor plans for Lincoln School were also discussed, Tuesday, and it was announced that a teacher resigned while another is entering maternity leave.

Superintendent of Schools Teresa Quigley publicly thanked the council members at their May 11 meeting for considering the needs of the students when making the budget decision.

Ms. Quigley discussed the revised floor plan of Lincoln School for the upcoming year, which makes room on the first floor for pre-K, kindergarten and disabled pre-K students displaced by the closure of Washington School.

Ms. Quigley held a meeting with parents of the pre-k students on May 5 and an orientation meeting for the students on Tuesday. She plans another orientation meeting for kindergarten and pre-K students in September to acclimate the children to their new classrooms.

The kindergarten and pre-k students will share bathrooms at the elementary school. Disabled pre-k students, to use the current music room, will have access to a private bathroom.

In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, the BOE will meet July 20 for goal setting.

Stop & Shop

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the store would be “disadvantageous to the town [and would] reduce the character of the town,” Mr. Schmidt said.

Ms. Weinstein, who attended the meeting with a small coalition of supporters, left the building after declining to comment.

In spite of the opposition from certain Westfield residents, the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) supports Stop & Shop’s proposed renovations. Dominick Verdic, DWC chairman, said he feels that “these changes are a considerable improvement and will enhance the customer experience. We embrace Stop & Shop’s sizable investment, particularly in this challenging economy.”

The meeting continued until about 10:15 p.m., when the board decided to adjourn without a decision. The date for continuation of the hearing is still pending and will be announced at the next scheduled board meeting on Monday, June 14.

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that the municipality’s council members “share the pain” and donate their annual stipend back to the borough.

“The public is hurting, but the government can still go on getting plenty of raises,” he said. “You can do anything you want, and we can’t do anything about it.”

Councilman Keith Sluka, who voted in favor of the budget, said that voting not to raise taxes is easy to do from a political standpoint but that the reality of voting down the budget could have led to the loss of municipal services.

“On a local level, it’s about providing services at the lowest possible cost,” he said. “It doesn’t feel good, but it, unfortunately, has to be done.”

Mr. Paterson said that Governor Chris Christie is “shaking up the establishment” with his hard cuts in municipal and school aid.

“He (Governor Christie) hit everybody hard,” said Mr. Sytko, who voted against the budget along with fellow Republican Councilman Timothy Hak. The four council Democrats, Mr. Napolitano, Councilmen Jonathan Linken, Louis Petruzzelli and Mr. Sluka, voted in favor of the municipal spending plan.

In terms of the school tax levy, the council approved the school tax levy of \$6.5 million. They removed \$9,350 from the school tax levy requested by the BOE, which was defeated by voters last month in a 357-353 public vote. The approval means taxpayers with a

borough home assessed at \$100,000 will pay \$120 over last year in school taxes. The \$9,350 reduction amounts to about \$5 per home. The total school budget is \$8.3 million.

The decision was agreed upon following private meetings between a council budget committee – consisting of Mayor Dennis McCarthy and Councilmen Sytko and Napolitano – and the board of education, represented by BOE President Adele Lewis, Barbara Greet and Sue Groning. Borough and BOE officials also participated in those meetings.

“I think they (BOE) did a really good job [given] a really difficult situation,” Borough Administrator/Borough Clerk Christine Ariemma told *The Westfield Leader*.

Mr. Sytko told *The Leader* the tiny cut was achieved by the BOE not having to budget for one teacher who will be out on sabbatical and by another staff member who will not be returning from maternity leave. He said there was “not a lot of fat in the budget,” to which he commended Superintendent Teresa Quigley.

Rennie Wolters contributed to this report.

Correction

An article in last week’s newspaper concerning the Garwood Board of Education budget incorrectly reported the amount reduced by the borough council was \$93,500. The budget was actually cut by \$9,350. We apologize for the error.

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Scotch Plains and Fanwood Officials Cut School Tax by \$860,000



SCHOOL TAX MEETING...Fanwood and Scotch Plains officials meet with school officials in a public meeting Monday night at the high school to decide on the school tax levy. Pictured, left to right, are: photo 1, Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and Fanwood Councilman Russell Huegel; photo 2, Scotch Plains Councilwoman Mary DePaola, Scotch Plains Mayor Nancy Malool and Deputy Mayor Dominick Bratti; photo 3, school business administrator Anthony Del Sordi and superintendent Margaret Hayes; photo 4, BOE president Trip Whitehouse plus citizens in photos 5 and 6.

Scotch Plains, Fanwood Councils Cut \$860,000 from School Tax

By TOM S. FORTUNATO
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

SCOTCH PLAINS – During a special joint meeting Monday of the mayors and councils of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, it was announced that \$860,000 would be cut from the 2010-2011 school budget that was defeated by voters last month.

Designed to inform members of the public of cuts that would be made from the budget, the meeting was held in the auditorium of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

On April 20, Scotch Plains and Fanwood voters defeated the \$77.3-million tax levy in support of the \$81-million budget by a tally of 3,210 to 2,512. The new school tax levy will be \$76.5 million.

Board members and the two mayors emphasized that no teachers would be laid off as a result of this decision and

that they would only cut “around the edges” without affecting what goes on in the classroom.

The middle school athletic programs, deemed unnecessary due to the fact that the municipalities themselves provide sports teams for children of that age, were terminated, saving \$100,000. Among other cuts were \$26,000 in administrative salaries, \$29,000 in social worker salaries, \$45,000 in Basic Skills, \$55,000 from the Child Study Team and delaying roof repairs to save \$200,000.

“School budgets are very different than municipal budgets, and we thought we could use some additional understanding,” Scotch Plains Mayor Nancy Malool explained, introducing Anthony Novembre, an outside consultant hired by the councils of both municipalities.

Mr. Novembre has held positions as educational auditor for the New Jersey Department of Education, business

administrator/board secretary for the Middlesex County Vocational-Technical Schools and county superintendent of Somerset County, as well as having served as the superintendent of various school districts across Middlesex and Mercer counties.

He met with both governing bodies and BOE on May 13 to decide what, if anything, would be cut from the budget.

Mr. Novembre, whose services cost each municipality \$2,000, told the audience, “We had a two-prong objective...we would not leave the room until we agreed on a dollar amount to be reduced, [and we] would not leave the room until we all agreed what would be cut.”

Without the budget reduction, Scotch Plains residents would have seen a \$299 property tax increase on a home assessed at \$122,400, and Fanwood residents would have seen a \$422 increase on a home assessed at \$84,595. The BOE said it would not appeal the cut.

Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr told *The Times* that the cut will lower the average tax increase in her borough by \$72, to a \$350 increase over 2009. Residents will pay an average school tax of \$6,403, out of a total bill of \$10,287. The municipal portion is \$2,148; the county’s is \$1,734.

“It was probably one of the most difficult processes I’ve gone through in [my] seven years [as mayor],” Mayor Mahr said.

Officials fielded heated comments from members of the audience after Mayor Mahr opened up the meeting for

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THE GATHERING...Fanwood and Scotch Plains town officials and school officials take their positions Monday night during a public meeting at the high school to decide the school tax levy.

County Approves \$11-Million Hike In Health Premiums for Employees

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

ELIZABETH – Union County’s health insurance premium for its 2,800 employees (and 650 retirees) will jump \$11 million, or 34 percent, to \$44.9 million come July 1 under a new, one-year contract with Cigna, the county’s insurance carrier.

Matthew Presutti of Brown & Brown, the county’s insurance broker, told the freeholders last Thursday that the increase was due to a “surprisingly high number of very high-level claims in such a short period.” He said Brown & Brown looked for lower rates but that the “renewal price with Cigna was within a few dollars of the next best offer.”

The contract includes a wellness program, which Mr. Presutti said, “will really help get the county’s

hands around the emerging diseases and emerging claims, and try to limit those as the years go on.”

Cigna replaced Horizon last year after that carrier had sought increases in the county’s premiums of between 9 and 12 percent. Cigna was given a \$33-million contract in 2009.

According to county spokesman Sebastian D’Elia, the health package is for 3,493 persons, which includes employees and retirees. The county’s workforce is 2,800.

In addition, the board approved a \$9.4-million contract with Medco Rx, the county’s prescription plan, representing a 9-percent decrease from last year.

In other business, the board approved a four-year contract, retroactive to January 1, 2008, with park maintenance workers. According to Joseph Salamme, who handles labor negotiations for the county, the agreement involves 110 employees and includes salary increases of 3 percent in 2008 and 2011 and wage freezes in 2009 and 2010. In addition, current employees will contribute 1.5 percent of their salaries to health benefits, with future employees contributing 2 and 3 percent, depending on the type of coverage.

The board approved a resolution, sponsored by Freeholder Al

Mirabella, seeking the restoration of state funding for municipal public libraries.

“Governor (Chris) Christie’s budget, as introduced for Fiscal Year 2011, would slash funding for statewide library programs by 100 percent,” according to the board’s resolution. “Funding for these programs has been flat for most of the past 20 years. The loss of these funds will trigger a loss of \$4.5 million in federal funds.”

In response, Garwood resident Bruce Paterson suggested the board use the money it spends on the annual MusicFest concert instead on local libraries.

Union Fire Chief Fred Fretz, the county’s fire coordinator, supported the board’s vote to accept three Urban Area Security Initiative Grants from the federal government, totaling close to \$370,000. One of those is for \$259,000, which will pay for 80 firefighters to receive advanced training for the Neptune foam system. Another grant will be used to purchase a second vessel for patrolling the county’s waterfront. He said the vessels also are equipped with firefighting apparatus, noting it would take a New York-based fireboat an hour to reach Union County.

Chief Fretz said that after 9/11,

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Township Looks At Senior Facility’s Financial Woes

By FRED T. ROSSI
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SCOTCH PLAINS — The township council is facing the question of how much financial responsibility the municipal government bears towards the southside senior citizens housing complex. At its conference meeting on Tuesday, Councilman Kevin Glover, the governing body’s liaison to the facility, noted “some financial concerns,” specifically a \$150,000 revenue shortfall.

He said the council should strive to “work in partnership” with the housing complex, adding that the facility has a “structural problem” in that it can’t raise its rental fees to too high a level without risking losing tenants to similar facilities elsewhere in the area.

The senior housing complex’s board of directors is being asked to provide solutions to not only address the immediate financial concerns but also longer-term ways to “stay afloat,” Mr. Glover said. He also said the board sees the municipal government as a “backstop” for any of the facility’s

financial woes.

Mayor Nancy Malool wondered what the township “gets from having [the facility] here,” noting that township residents do not receive preferential treatment for admittance and that the facility pays no property taxes. Noting that the complex was built with a good deal of outside financing and encouragement, she said the township government “should be looking to the state and federal governments who helped fund it to keep it afloat.”

Township manager Chris Marion said the municipal government is “trying to define what the township is responsible for” in terms of the facility’s financial difficulties.

Also at its conference meeting, the council agreed to discuss soon a revised lease for the Frazee House property at the former Terry-Lou Zoo. Mayor Malool said the original lease between the township and the entity refurbishing the house contained specific timelines for having certain matters completed, and those mile-

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FIRST-PLACE FINISH...Adam Biner of Fanwood crosses the finish line to win Saturday’s Westfield 5K race at Tamaques Park. The event also included a separate 10-miler and Family Run.

Township Council Okays SPMC’s \$67,280 Budget

By FRED T. ROSSI
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SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains township council, this week, approved the Scotch Plains Management Corporation’s (SPMC) 2010 budget, which will be earmarked primarily for marketing and advertising efforts to boost business in the commercial district.

At Tuesday’s public hearing on the \$67,280 budget, Mayor Nancy Malool admitted there had been “difficulties” and “bumps in the road” in the nearly two years since the ordinance creating the SPMC was enacted but called the adoption of the 2010 budget “the real beginning of the special improvement district.”

Addressing two local property owners who expressed outright opposition to the SPMC’s efforts, the mayor noted that a professional manager, FirstTEAM Management, had been hired earlier this spring and told the skeptical property owners that the improvement district “is here, and it’s here to stay.” She urged all business and property owners to complete a survey that FirstTEAM is distributing which asks for their ideas and input.

“The special improvement district has a new life,” the mayor said, pointing to FirstTEAM and its president, David Biagini, who spoke briefly at the public hearing and outlined some of the efforts being planned for the

remainder of this year. He said the focus would be more on direct marketing and less on special events, which he said would be handled more by the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association. SPMC plans to distribute a magazine to all township residents in the summer containing a directory of all businesses. He also said that Scotch Plains will take part in a real estate vacancy directory that will apprise businesses around the state seeking to relocate of available vacant commercial space in Scotch Plains.

Addressing those owners skeptical of the SPMC, Mr. Biagini asked that, “you give us a chance.”

Councilman Kevin Glover, who opposed the SPMC’s creation in 2008, said “an earnest effort has been made” to correct what he felt were deficiencies in its original structure, and he told doubtful property owners they “need to give it a real chance.”

SPMC has cash on hand of about \$67,000 from the \$400-per-property assessments in 2008 and 2009, a sum that will essentially cover this year’s budget. Assessments for the first half of this year have already been billed, totaling about \$32,000. As a result, the \$200-per-property billings for the second half of 2010 will be canceled, and SPMC will thus carry over about \$34,480 into next year.



CHECKING THINGS OUT...The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad kicked off Rescue Squad Week by hosting an open house at its Bartle Avenue headquarters last Sunday.

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posts have not been met, the mayor said, adding that the Frazee House group agrees on that question and on the need for a new lease, which was originally for 99 years.

The council is expected to introduce at its June 1 meeting an ordinance spelling out the details of how township employees will be indemnified by the municipal government in the event of a lawsuit. Township attorney Jeffrey Lehrer is crafting the ordinance, a draft of which he distributed to the council for their review and input. There was some discussion at the conference meeting about whether township volunteers and coaches on municipal-sponsored sports teams should also be included in the ordinance.

Councilman Glover said he was in contact with several larger local businesses to see if private funding can be secured for the weekly summer concert series that is held every July and August at Alan Augustine Village

Green. The program was not funded in this year's municipal budget, which was introduced on Tuesday and will be voted upon at the council's June 15 meeting.

The \$22.95-million budget contains a \$91.80 municipal property tax increase on a home assessed at \$122,400. The township saw its municipal aid cut \$626,000 cut this year. The municipal portion of tax bills will rise, on average, from \$1,766 last year to \$1,858.

Garwood Council Okays Budgets

By PAUL J. PEYTON

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GARWOOD – The Garwood Borough Council, on May 11, agreed to minor cuts in the defeated school tax levy and also adopted its municipal budget.

On the municipal budget, the council voted 4-2 to adopt a \$7,035,666 budget, with \$5,298,501 to be raised in local taxes – an increase of \$222,000 over last year. The overall spending plan is essentially flat, with an increase of around \$13,000. The district saw its state aid cut this year by \$400,000.

According to Council President Stephen Napolitano, the adopted budget will lead to a \$118 tax increase for the average borough homeowner. The budget was approved “without cutting personnel or major cuts in services, as our neighboring towns are preparing to move forward with,” he said.

A total of \$2,873,950 of the budget is for salaries and wages, \$1,768,175 of which is for the police department. More than \$656,000 is for group insurance, and pensions are rising \$200,000. Sewer charges are \$602,296, down \$183,593 from last year, Mr. Napolitano said. The borough is using all but \$71,314 of its \$730,314 in surplus to lower the tax impact.

On the school tax, the council approved a tax levy of \$6.5 million, as part of an overall school budget of \$8.3 million. They removed \$9,350 from the BOE's request, which was defeated by voters last month, 357 to 353. Taxpayers on average will pay \$120 over last year in school taxes.

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Westfield Introduces Town Budget

By LAUREN S. BARR

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WESTFIELD — On Tuesday night, after months of discussion and anticipation, the Westfield Town Council Finance Policy Committee unveiled a \$39.1 million municipal budget, which represents a tax increase of \$181 on the average home (assessed at \$185,100).

Faced with declining revenues from fees and permits and a loss of \$941,470 in state aid, Mayor Andrew Skibitsky stated, “I think everyone knows this is probably the most challenging budget year — we have a revenue problem.” He commended the committee for its work and the employees, such as the firefighters, public works and non-union, who have agreed to pay freezes.

Finance Committee Chairman Mark Ciarrocca said that the town is within the state-mandated 4-percent tax levy cap, and the budget is \$546,363 less than the 2009 budget. He said the committee was also trying to look to next year, as there “may be significant challenges next year, and we’re not blind to that.” He added that while the town could have gone over the budget cap by passing the state aid loss on to residents in the form of a tax increase, doing so would have meant that the town would have lost an additional \$500,000 in state aid.

Salaries and wages have decreased by \$1,119,349, or 6.5 percent, over 2009. This reduction is due in part to the 0-percent increase being taken by employees, and while the police union contract is still in negotiation, no increase has been budgeted. The town has instituted a hiring freeze and is not replacing employees who retire, which has allowed for the elimination of 11 full-time positions. Three full-time positions are being reduced to part-time, and 23 part-time/seasonal positions are being eliminated. In-

cluded in those part-time positions to be eliminated are crossing guards, tax collector employees and building department employees.

Town Administrator James Gildea and Councilman Ciarrocca told *The Times* that no decision has yet been reached on crossing-guard elimination or cuts. While \$73,000 has been cut from the \$600,000 crossing-guard budget, the Public Safety Committee is still in discussions on whether positions will be eliminated or possible salary cuts. Crossing guards currently earn \$20 an hour.

Included in the budget is the use of \$1.8 million in surplus and \$1.3 million in sale of assets. Surplus is generated from year to year because of unanticipated revenues that the town is not allowed to account for in the budget, but is estimated to be \$1.33 million at the end of 2010. The budget calls for the use of the town's entire surplus and leaves just \$711 in the sale of town assets account, which can only be regenerated by the sale of municipal land.

The town is seeing increases for 2010 of \$617,049 in required expenses and \$96,580 in debt service. The town's required expenses include costs such as health insurance, the library, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority and the police and state pension funds.

Health insurance costs will rise about \$600,000 for 2010, and the town will pay over \$400,000 into the pension systems.

The town will pay about \$200,000 in principal on debt service, which includes approximately \$50,000 for the Union County Improvement Authority lease, for which 2010 is the last year.

Councilman Ciarrocca said that the “budget process does not end with the adoption of this budget” and pledged to continue to seek new and additional sources of revenue for the town.

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public comment. Fanwood resident Henry Lubinski, one of the first residents to speak, asked Mayor Mahr for an explanation “as to why the public sector seems to be immune to the deep cuts that are affecting private businesses” in the current economy.

Mr. Lubinski cited the closure of “13 hospitals in the State of New Jersey” and the loss of thousands of jobs in retail and healthcare, in stark contrast to the hiring of additional state workers. “What makes the public sector different?” Mr. Lubinski asked.

Former Scotch Plains mayor Martin Marks also came out and addressed the audience on the subject of what he called the “political cowardice” of politicians in Trenton – regardless of party – in terms of addressing the issue of property tax reform.

“Until [legislators] show the backbone, the heart, the guts or any other part of the anatomy associated with courage to take this [property tax] issue on, head-on, we’re going to be back here year after year after year,” he said.

Another resident complained about the “meager” tax break, saying he could not even take his family out to dinner at the Scotchwood Diner with the money he would save.

However, for every resident who complained about the budget not being reduced enough, there were residents who expressed their fear that the quality of education would drop.

Scotch Plains resident Rhona Goldberg and Fanwood resident Joseph Dashell both argued that the quality of the school system is the main reason why people move to Scotch Plains or Fanwood and that they would not object to paying higher property taxes if it meant the value of their children's education would not decrease. Mayor Malool summarized, “you know you have a good compromise when both sides are angry.”

Following the meeting, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Superintendent of Schools Margaret Hayes put out an official statement: “I am grateful to the two town councils for their collaboration during this difficult process. The committee structure was helpful. We appreciate the support for our schools, demonstrated by both Mayor Malool and Mayor Mahr, as well as the town councils from both Scotch Plains and Fanwood. The board of education will now move forward with making the necessary budget adjustments. Given the ongoing status of negotiations, further budget reductions may still be needed.”

Mahr Mahr said the two towns encouraged the BOE to join the state health benefits plan, which, she said, would save the district \$1.5 million per year. She also said given that the school budget factors in no salary increases for the 2010-2011, any increase in salaries and wages that unions might seek would likely impact the classroom.

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Union County became eligible for the federal security funding, given its proximity to New York City.

The freeholders will hold a hearing on Union County's proposed \$473-million budget, which, if adopted tonight, would raise \$277,356,170 in taxes countywide, up 4.64 percent, or \$12.3 million, over 2009. The tax levy includes increases of \$1.9 million in Westfield, \$899,210 in Scotch Plains, \$341,740 in Fanwood, \$242,635 in Mountainside, \$229,457 in Garwood and \$893,000 in Cranford.

The board will hold an agenda meeting beginning at 7 p.m. tonight, followed by the regular meeting, when the budget hearing and vote will take place.



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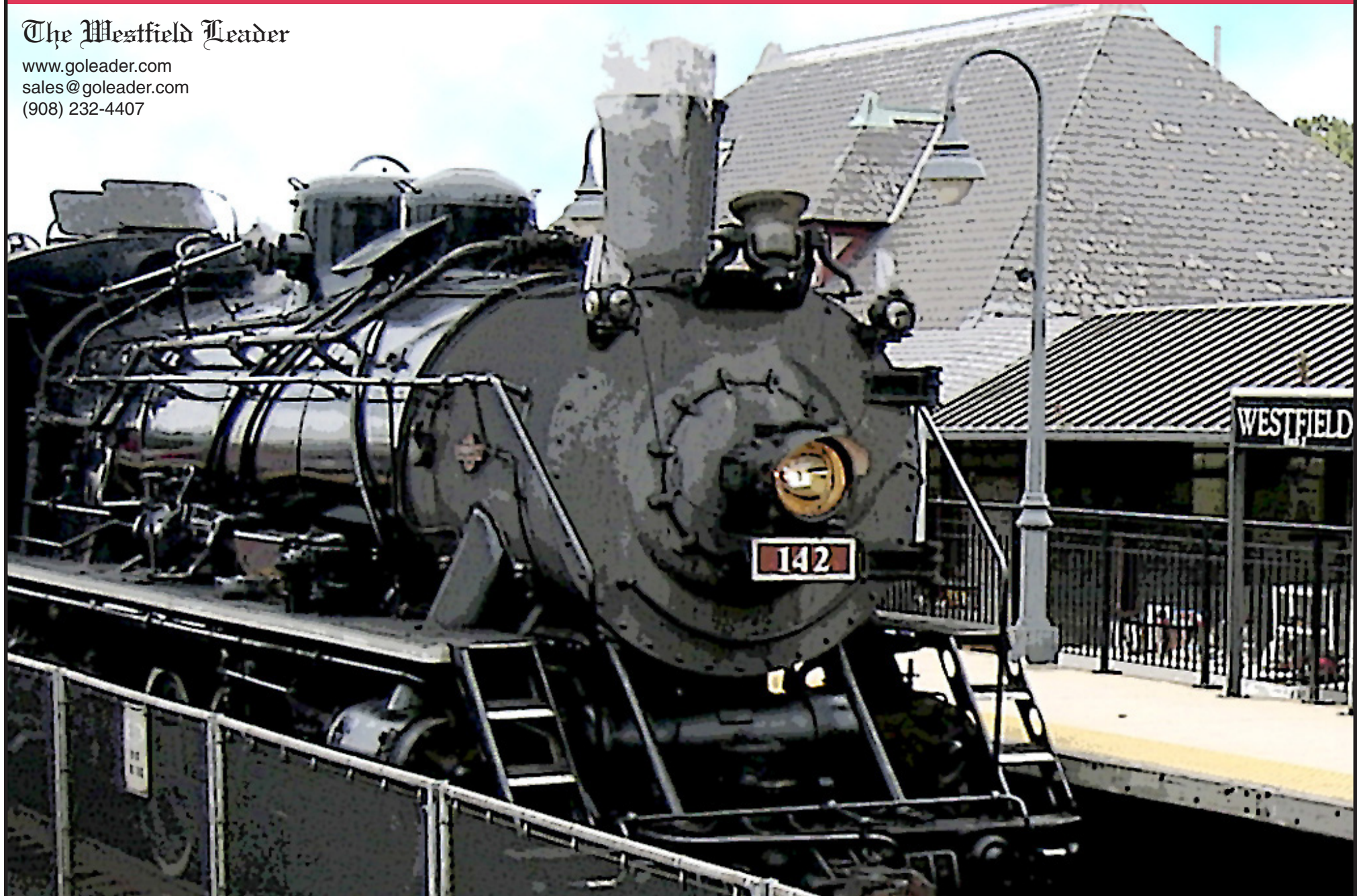

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By Paul Peyton of *The Leader/Times*

Retired Justices Urge Christie To Reappoint Judge Wallace

Eight retired New Jersey Supreme Court justices released a statement last week asking Governor Chris Christie to reconsider his decision not to reappoint Supreme Court Justice John Wallace. Judge Wallace could serve another 22 months until he reaches the state's mandatory retirement age of 70 for judges, according to northjersey.com.

"There is simply no question about the intent of the framers of our Constitution: reappointment would be denied only when a judge was deemed unfit...That standard, embraced and followed for more than 60 years, is imbued with constitutional value," according to the letter.

Retired justices Robert Clifford, James Coleman, Jr., Marie Garibaldi, Alan Handler, Stewart Pollock, Deborah Poritz, Gary Stein and James Zazzali signed the letter.

Millionaires' Tax Clears Senate Panel; Christie Promises Veto

Legislation to impose a tax on millionaires has cleared the state Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. Sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Stephen Sweeney (D-West Deptford), the bill would raise the rate of taxation for those with taxable incomes over \$1 million from 8.97 percent to 10.75 percent. "This one-year increased rate would equate to just 1.7 cents for each dollar of income over \$1 million," according to the text of the bill.

Governor Christie has said he would veto the legislation if it reaches his desk.

Towns Trim School Budgets Following Defeats at Polls

Municipal councils around the state are cutting funds from defeated school budgets. Point Pleasant Borough Council, in a 3-2 tally, reduced its \$10.64-million school tax levy by \$252,125. Freehold Township cut its local school budget by \$749,000. Scotch Plains-Fanwood's budget was slashed by \$860,000 at a hearing Monday night.

Fifty-eight percent of school tax levies state-wide were defeated in last

month's school election.

Mrs. DeCrocce Earns \$130,168 As DCA Deputy Commissioner

Updating information from a previous *Peek at the Week* column: Betty Lou DeCrocce, the wife of Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCrocce (R-Morris Plains), is paid \$130,168 in her new post as deputy commissioner in the New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs in the Christie Administration. She was making \$90,806 as Roxbury municipal clerk, according to Lisa Ryan, a DCA spokeswoman. Mrs. DeCrocce has nearly 25 years in the state pension system.

Hunterdon Sheriff, Undersheriff Indicted on Official Misconduct

Hunterdon County Sheriff Deborah Trout and Undersheriff Michael Russo, both Republicans, have been indicted on official misconduct charges, according to the *Hunterdon County Democrat*. Russo is a candidate in the June 8 Republican Primary for Warren County Sheriff. Former Sheriff's Officer John Falat, who resigned in December, was also indicted.

Trout is alleged to have allowed Russo to "supervise or oversee his own background investigation" and was charged with allowing former sheriff's investigator Greg Ezekian, Jr. to be issued a county handgun before he submitted an employment application or had completed a criminal history background check. Ezekian was later convicted of falsifying his application for employment.

Turnpike Employees Cashed In On \$7.3 Mil. in Unused Sick Time

New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) employees cashed in on more than \$7.2 million in unused sick time and vacation time over the past two years, according to *The Record*. The paper said data showed that in 2009, 630 out of 2,270 employees received \$1.83 million in unused vacation time. The NJTA paid out a total of \$7.25 million during 2008 and 2009 for unused sick and vacation time.



Courtesy of Glenn Mortimer

RAISING FUNDS...Pictured at a Union County Republican Committee dinner and comedy night fundraiser last Thursday at the Kenilworth VFW are, from left to right, Rudy Cammarota of Kenilworth, Berkeley Heights Council members Craig Pastore and Elaine Perna, and Union County Freeholder candidate Elyse Boichichio Medved of Rahway.

UCC to Host Annual Historic Pres. Conference

ELIZABETH – Historic preservation experts, architects and planners from throughout the state will travel to the campus of Union County College in Elizabeth to convene the 2010 New Jersey Historic Preservation Conference on Wednesday, June 2.

The conference is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Elizabeth Development Company, Crossroads of the American Revolution Association, New Jersey chapters of American Planning Association and American Institute of Architects, Brick City Development Corp. and more than a dozen other sponsors.

"We appreciate that the New Jersey Historic Trust chose Elizabeth – one of the oldest cities in the United States – for the site of this year's conference," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan, an Elizabeth resident. "And we're happy to have the opportunity to showcase Warinanco Park for our out-of-town visitors."

More than 300 people are expected to attend sessions at the new Union County College Elizabeth I. Kellogg Building on West Jersey Street and participate in tours of Midtown Elizabeth and Warinanco Park before a reception at the early 20th century Ritz Theater.

Under the theme "Sustainable Past = Sustainable Future," this year's educational sessions and workshops are designed for historic preservation commissioners, planners, architects, municipal officials, historians, archaeologists and landscape designers. Among the dozen offerings are sessions about heritage tourism development, cultural diversity and historic preservation, archaeology's role in architectural planning and park design, the use of transfer of development rights and interpretive tools for museums and heritage sites.

Featured speakers will include Robert Ivy, editor in chief of the *Architectural Record*; Nancy D. Kolb, former chief executive officer of the Please Touch Museum in Philadelphia, and Donovan Rypkema, from Place Economics, a Washington, D.C., economic development consulting firm.

For more information about the conference, visit njhistoricpreservationconference.org.

County's Golf Revenue Up \$132,000 From 2008 Figures

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

ELIZABETH – The opening of the new driving range at Union County's Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth appears to be paying some dividends for the county.

Armando Sanchez, director of golf operations, said total revenue for the county's two golf courses, Galloping Hill in Union and Ashbrook in Scotch Plains, was \$848,000 as of May 12, representing an increase of \$132,000 for the same period in 2008 when the county had three courses. Oak Ridge in Clark was closed last year after posting a \$400,000 deficit.

Mr. Sanchez said the new driving range at Galloping Hill is averaging \$1,200 per day, and he expects the facility to hit a revenue stream of \$60,000 to \$70,000 per month once the range is expanded from 32 to 50 stalls.

During the public portion of Thursday's Union County Freeholders meeting, Garwood resident Bruce Paterson questioned a \$58,500 increase in the contract to Harbor Consultants of Cranford for construction management for the driving range at Galloping Hill. The increase brings the total contract to \$228,500.

Mr. Paterson said the firm has "no experience in golf-course design" and that KemperSports, an Illinois-based firm hired to operate the golf courses, should be consulted on such matters. Mr. Paterson said Harbor Consultants "donates every year to the freeholders' political campaigns to the tune of \$15,000 to \$18,000 per year."

"In my humble opinion, this certainly crosses the line of impropriety into the realm of possible corruption in using taxpayer money to further the private interests of a company who, quid pro quo, donates to them. This must stop," he said.

County Manager George Devanney said the project is for "putting a second tier on the driving range."

"This is an amendment to what Harbor has already done," Mr. Devanney said.

Mr. Sanchez added that the improvements include putting in stairs and exterior lighting for the range and for the parking lot, which also will be extended.

On another parks-related matter, the board approved a \$670,258 grant to J.A. Alexander, Inc. of Bloomfield for the Lenape Park Bikeway Project. A half-million dollars of the amount is being funded through a Department of Transportation grant. The project is part of the East Coast Greenway, a 3,000-mile trail connecting Canada to Key West, Fla. and linking cities in between.

"The new path will enable bicyclists and pedestrians traveling along the greenway to avoid utilizing Kenilworth Boulevard...and instead utilize a far safer route through Lenape and Black Brook Parks," Mr. Devanney said.

He said the county also is working with Mountainside to tie "together the trail from Echo Lake Park to the New Providence Road pathway by cutting through the borough's Community Pool complex."

"The combination of the two projects, when completed, will make it possible for bicyclists and hikers to go from the southern edge of the

Watchung Reservation to the eastern edge of the Galloping Hill Golf Course traveling a route that will be almost entirely passing through county parkland," Mr. Devanney said. "We believe it is an extremely important and viable project."

The freeholders also approved a resolution to move forward with the \$495,000 acquisition of a half-acre of land, located at 112 Park Drive, that borders Nomahegan Park in Cranford. The property includes a one-level, single-family home, which will be demolished. The county plans to extend the park by closing off Park Drive, a dead-end street, where the home currently sits, so that the public does not have to walk in the street.

Cranford resident Jim Buettner, a local builder, said he feels the county is paying too much for the property.

"I know what a building lot goes for that you can build on. This is not a lot that one would want to build on. It is in [a] flood plain," Mr. Buettner said, suggesting the county "play a little bit more hardball (in negotiations), because that price (\$495,000) is for a price maybe two years ago. It's probably worth about half that amount now, for a lot that can't be built on."

Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan said the county received two appraisals on the property, which the county used to base its proposed purchase price.

Victoria Durbin Drake, director of the county's Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, said the owners, Robert and Diane Rehimbas, had originally sought as much as \$1.2 million for the property.

The Rehimbas purchased the property April 27, 2006 for \$875,000.

Bramnick Supports Removing Decals For Teenage Drivers

WESTFIELD- Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (LD-21, Westfield) is co-sponsoring legislation to remove the red decal requirement recently enacted as part of Kyleigh's Law.

"Requiring young drivers to display a red sticker on their license plate is unwise and potentially dangerous," said Mr. Bramnick, GOP Conference Leader in the Assembly.

Mr. Bramnick is working with his fellow legislators on A-2650, a bill that would amend Kyleigh's Law to remove the requirement that drivers with a learner's permit, examination permit, and probationary license display the red decal on their license plate.

Garwood Cancels Bulk Waste Pickups

GARWOOD — The Borough of Garwood has announced that bulk garbage pickups have been eliminated for the remainder of 2010 for both sides of town due to budget cuts. Pickups scheduled for June 26, July 29, September 24 and October 28 are cancelled. The borough is addressing alternate methods to provide this service.

Residents are advised not to put bulk materials out with household trash, although residents can put regular household trash out on these dates. A revised schedule will be sent to residents in the next several weeks. For more information, call (908) 789-0710.

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Eliminating Federal Education Dept. Would Decrease Deficit By \$78 Billion

By Lon Hosford
Republican Candidate for Congress

How can Congress both improve American education and reduce the federal budget? Eliminate the Federal Department of Education.

In 1976, President Jimmy Carter signed the Federal Department of Education into law, consolidating legislation back to Lyndon Johnson's 1965 Title I. It passed Congress by a narrow vote. The National Education Association (NEA) and the American Federation of Teachers lobbied Congress heavily for the legislation. Carter's promise to create the department made him the first candidate ever endorsed by the NEA.

Congress stopped President Ronald Reagan's attempt to close the Department of Education in 1982. Alarmist reports about American education's risk of poor results thwarted his attempt. Has the Department of Education mitigated those risks in 30 years?

The Department of Education's main function is redistributing tax money to K-12 schools and to higher education. Every President since Reagan has expanded this function. In 2009, the department will spend \$667 for every household, for a total of \$78 billion.

What does it do with the money? It pays 4,100 federal workers' salaries plus the cost of their offices. They enforce 2,050 pages of regulations to distribute what is left over.

Has K-12 school performance improved? Although we have increased federal subsidies every year since 1965, math and reading scores are flatlined. The National Assessment of Educational Progress scores for students near high school graduation reveal a negligible increase in math and imperceptible increase in reading.

Why is college tuition so high? Federal subsidies to higher education have artificially inflated tuition costs and created an oversupply of students not serious about attending college. We have a 56 percent graduation rate for four-year colleges and billions of dollars in student loan defaults. That is an F grade.

There are many dubious educational earmarks. These appear to provide elected officials ribbon-cutting opportunities for campaign reelection press coverage. Consider the \$1,915,934 City University of New York Charlie Rangel Center for Public Service. Other questionable educational earmarks include sports and leisure programs. College students spend

more hours each day for these functions than hours on their education.

What happens when we abolish the federal Department of Education? K-12 autonomy is returned to states, local communities and parents, where they can innovate and improve performance. Great ideas like school choice can flourish. Restrictive federal administrative overhead ends. Colleges will have to drop bloated tuition costs to compete for a smaller pool of serious students. The cheaper tuition is then paid by more efficient funding sources such as personal savings, banks and charitable organizations. The federal budget deficit is decreased by \$78 billion, and we can apply it to reducing the national debt. Earmarks and the concomitant corruption are gone.

The federal Department of Education is an expensive monopolistic middleman providing no benefit to education. Instead, it is fraught with fraud, bloats education costs and adds layers of overhead. It creates unconstitutional regulations, failed results and perpetuates its own existence through failure. It is time to abolish the federal Department of Education.

Bramnick Gets Award From Small Businesses

TRENTON – Assembly Jon Bramnick (R-21, Westfield) is among five state legislators in New Jersey who have earned 100 percent voting records and who have been presented with "Guardian of Small Business" awards by the National Federation of Independent business.



PRIMARY FIGHT...Republican Congressional candidate Bruce Baker is joined, from left to right, by his daughters Jill, Kathy and Leigh, as well as his wife, Judy, at a May 13 fundraiser at 141 South – Italian American Grille – in Union.



VISITING THE CAPITAL...Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th), bottom in center, recently met with over 70 eighth-grade students from Mountainside's Deerfield School on the steps of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., to discuss his job as a lawmaker and then answered questions from the students. The 74 Mountainside students were in Washington to learn about government and tour many historical attractions in the nation's capital. Deerfield Principal Bob Phillips helped organize the trip.

Congressional Term Limits Would Bring Accountability Back to Wash.

By Bruce Baker
Republican Candidate for Congress

"Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely." ~ Lord Acton


We are witnessing the disintegration of our republic at all levels, with legislatures that are composed primarily of a political class of career politicians whose primary interest is getting reelected, not necessarily doing what is best for our country. This was not always the case. For most of the first 200 years of our country, legislatures were comprised of "Citizen" legislators, who often spent only a few years in Congress before returning to civil

ian life. During this period, re-election rates were about 50 percent for incumbents. Since then, reelection rates have soared to over 90 percent, and in 2004, it was 99 percent.

These figures mean that it usually takes death or criminal conviction (scandal alone is insufficient to unseat most incumbents) to breathe new life into a long-held seat. Re-election rates in the high 90 percent range means that, for all intents and purposes, career politicians have achieved a degree of immortality. And immortality breeds a lack of accountability. Simply put, a member of Congress who can't be defeated is not accountable to his/her constituency. This is the primary reason why Congressional term limits are needed.

Other good reasons for term limits are: They would reduce the power of staff, bureaucracies and special interest lobbies; they would break ties to special interests; they would downgrade power of seniority and favor meritocracy; they would increase competition and bring new voices and visions to the political conversation; they would return us to a "Citizen" Congress that our Founding Fathers intended. Reasonable Term Limits would be: House of Representatives – three or four two-year terms; Senate – two six-year terms.

If elected, I pledge to pursue a Constitutional Amendment for the above term limits, and I challenge incumbent Leonard Lance to do the same.



News From the Capitol

CBO: Healthcare Will Cost Another \$115 Bil.

Rep. Leonard Lance

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New projections from the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) show that the new health care law will cost an additional \$115 billion over the next 10 years:

The new estimates from the non-partisan CBO showing an additional \$115 billion in cost confirms what many members of Congress have known all along — the new health care law was unaffordable and rushed through the legislative process under faulty pretenses.

Now, more than ever, we need to work to repeal this unaffordable measure and replace it with fiscally responsible health care solutions that lower the cost of health insurance.

I was the first member of the New Jersey congressional delegation to call for a repeal of the health care law and replace it with sensible health care reform proposals. These reforms include allowing insurance to be sold across state lines, establishing high-risk insurance pools, limiting frivolous lawsuits and prohibiting insurance companies from discriminating on the basis of pre-existing conditions.

The new CBO report comes on the heels of last month's report from President Barack Obama's chief actuary of the Centers for Medicare and Med-

icaid Services (CMS), which found that the new health care law actually increases national health care costs over the next 10 years by \$311 billion.

CMS also determined that the new law will force more than seven million seniors off their current Medicare coverage while jeopardizing employer-sponsored health care coverage.

These new estimates combined with a reckless spending agenda in Washington could put the United States on course for a Greek-type economic collapse. If we do not take immediate steps to cut out-of-control federal spending and reduce our national debt, we will run the risk of a Greek-type economic meltdown.

We are spending one-half more than we are taking in this year with a projected budget shortfall of \$1 trillion over the next 10 years. And like Greece, we are cooking the books by hiding the cost of bailout mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Barring a dramatic change in the way Washington does its business, the United States could ultimately find itself where Greece is today.

Rep. Lance represents the Seventh Congressional District, which includes parts of Union County.

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Freeholders OK \$11-million Hike In Health Care; Isn’t This Wrong?

We were astounded last week at the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting when we noticed that health care costs for county employees are rising 34 percent – from \$34 million to \$45 million – and that no action is being taken to prevent this outlandish increase. The bill is just being passed on to the property owners of the 21 towns in the county. Of course, the dollar increase was not disclosed at the meeting. We had to dig it up.

At 2,800 county employees – with retirees bringing the total to 3,493 – the cost is almost \$13,000 per employee! – And this doesn’t add in the additional cost of about \$9 million for their prescription program. Isn’t “Obama Care” only \$1,800 per person? Imagine the impact coming to property owners in the various towns. From Westfield’s perspective, as the town pays 10 percent of the county bills, the increase being passed on is \$1.1 million; the total cost to Westfield residents for county employee health care and prescriptions will be \$5.3 million. Just this alone equals the entire cost for the Town of Westfield to run its police department. Westfield property owners are to pay a total of \$28 million to the county this year – up from \$25 million.

Many residents ask, “\$28 million? For what?”

Businesses and their employees each year encounter the same problems with health care cost increases. To keep costs within reason, employers and employees make adjustments to the coverage, deductibles and co-pays while shopping around with various providers. Ultimately, adjustments are made to deal with matters in a reasonable way and at an affordable cost.

Apparently, this is not part of the “modus operandi” in county government. The same disease afflicts school systems and state government. They just open your checkbook and tell you the amount to write. There is no recourse. If you don’t pay, they foreclose, seize your home and sell it at a sheriff’s sale.

We feel there is concurrence with this morass from insurance companies and wonder about how big the commission checks are for the brokers of the insurance for the county and other government entities.

We believe the county must do much more to get itself under control and stop reaching so deep into the taxpayers’ pockets.

There are many unanswered questions. What can citizens do? We don’t know. When will it end? Isn’t this just all wrong?

What’s Governor Christie’s Vision For The State’s ‘Black Hole?’

OK, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie declared a 4-percent cap on property tax increases this year and funneled available state aid money to failed towns. State aid to responsible towns and schools was cut to nothing. The cap was a soft one that had many leaks.

He called for voters to defeat school budgets in districts in which teachers did not agree to a wage freeze. The voters defeated 58 percent of the budgets, yet town councils essentially approved the school budgets anyway with minimal cuts. Nothing has been resolved, and future planning is in chaos. Property taxes will not go down, and towns are facing infrastructure damage.

Now, Governor Christie is calling for a “hard cap of 2.5 percent” as an amendment to the state constitution. We asked for written details of this plan but were told it is not available yet in writing.

We believe the Governor’s goal to bring property taxes under control is essential, but we can’t understand his vision of where matters will end up – nor do

we think the “real ills” of the system are being addressed. As example, a failed school system, Union City, laments about not getting enough state money while they spend \$23,000 per student. Westfield spends about \$16,000 per student and has been shut off from state aid.

Income and sales taxes were invoked in New Jersey in the past to solve school funding. This has failed, and the money goes into a black hole of malfeasance and exploitation – often criminal as well. Westfield residents pay perhaps \$100 million in income tax to the state black hole and get nothing in return. Now, Westfield may be told it can’t spend its money either for town services – it seems totally destructive.

All this sounds as illogical as “Obamageddon.” Governor Christie needs to tell people in towns like Westfield and others in the area when he’s going to plug the black hole. We hope to hear of his plan – it’s just as urgent as BP plugging the black hole in the Gulf.

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Letters to the Editor

County Communications Dir. Says, ‘Let’s Go To The Videotape’

I recently read a letter in your paper [*The Westfield Leader*] that Tina Renna wrote about her public appearance before the Freeholder Board in which she launched into a temper tantrum laced with profane language and epithets.

For the record, during the meeting, Ms. Renna was asked by Freeholder [Dan] Sullivan, “Is it true you are also a candidate for public office?” Ms. Renna misstated this question in her letter, and I wanted to make sure your readers read the truth.

Not only did Ms. Renna refuse to answer this question about her candidacy and be fully transparent, but she immediately launched into the profane outburst – the highlights of which [sent to your newspaper for posting] are now available to your readers on goleader.com. Hours after the meeting, Ms. Renna also made

public a video of herself acting out in which she continued to speak profanities and make personal attacks.

While it is truly sad and pathetic to watch Ms. Renna and those of her ilk who comport themselves in such an unprofessional and self-destructive manner in public, it is sadder to note that their actions continue to poison the well of public debate in this country while drowning out the voices of those who do so in a courteous and rational manner.

Sebastian D’Elia
Communications Director
County of Union

Editor’s Note: Mr. D’Elia provided the video clip referenced, which can be viewed at www.goleader.com/ballyhoo-the latest edition.

Thanks to All Who Supported Annual Garwood K of C Fundraiser

The Garwood Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who donated to our annual fundraiser for mentally challenged citizens the weekend of May 1 and 2. Your generosity resulted in \$5,260 being collected by our members within the Borough of Garwood.

Please know that the entire amount collected is donated to the following local organizations: the Garwood Public School Pre-K Handicap Program, Union County Special Olympics, ARC of Union County, Union County Department of Human Services’ Union County Day Training Center in Scotch Plains, New Jersey State Special Olympics and Catholic Charities Special Services.

Our special thanks to the following people for their cooperation and support:

Rev. Richard A. Villanova, pastor of The Roman Catholic Church of St. Anne, and the parishioners, Kings store manager Donna Carroll, ShopRite store manager Joe Barbato, PathMark store manager Vincent Telesco, Quick Chek store managers Chris DiCapua, and Michael Montalto, and Dunkin Donuts marketing manager Evy Ronquillo.

In closing, our thanks again to all of our council members, their families and our friends of the Garwood Knights of Columbus who volunteered the many hours in collecting that made this very worthy fundraiser in helping the less fortunate a great success.

Michael Washleski,
Keith Gallagher
Garwood Knights of Columbus

Morris Knew WSO Was Good But Now Says Group is ‘World-Class’

To everyone who contributed so much to the Westfield Symphony Gala, thank you. Saturday, May 1, was truly a magical evening at the Echo Lake Country Club, where a capacity crowd of supporters turned out and joined in a collective hurrah for the cultural jewel that is the Westfield Symphony Orchestra – our fully professional, world-class local orchestra.

Particular thanks are due Mary Beth Phillips, the gala chairwoman, Debby Burslem, the auction chair, and the other members of the gala committee for planning and executing one of the most enjoyable and entertaining events in recent memory.

I found the variety, pacing and style of the evening struck an ideal balance of charms. Rather than extended speeches and auctioneering marathons, we were graced with a classical violin duo, a Broadway singer and an outstanding dance

band, along with the inimitable N.J. Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, who reprised his role as auctioneer.

The gala spirit continued into the final concert of the season, on May 8, at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. There, another full house heard rousing performances of two awe-inspiring and powerful classics: Xian’s *Yellow River Cantata* (featuring Chinese choruses from New York and New Jersey) and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9.

I knew the Westfield Symphony Orchestra was very, very good, but this season demonstrated that our local gem is world-class. I would especially urge the uninitiated to plan to experience the rare magic of the WSO at the soonest opportunity.

Maria Morris
Westfield

Testing Students More Would Have A ‘Detrimental’ Effect on Towns

In regard to the Governor’s newest suggestions for changes in the law, I would like to point out that the proposition to test our students even more than they are already tested will have a very detrimental financial effect on our towns. The cost of the tests is astronomical; it will be many millions of dollars to hire more people to construct more tests, publish the tests, ship the tests and correct and tally the results of the tests. Those people will constitute an expanded industry, which will receive tax dollars instead of giving those same tax dollars to schools or programs.

In addition, the people who construct the tests will be unlikely to have punitive accountability, and their industry will not be capped. Therefore, the expense of the

testing can rise exponentially as time goes on. A certain amount of testing is fine. However, so far, the only subjects being tested are math, science and language arts. If the state ties merit pay to test results, who will want to teach physical education, art, music, drama, forensics, journalism, basic skills, special education, ESL, computers, technology, world languages, history and other offerings?

If testing for these areas is developed, please refer to the beginning of the letter where cost of the tests is referenced. In addition, the amount of class time lost to testing also increases with every test experience.

Kathleen Zippler
Westfield

Council Should Restrict Hours of Landscapers, Eliminate Gas Blowers

Editor’s Note: The following letter was sent to the Westfield Town Council and copied to The Westfield Leader.

I write to express my dismay that lawn-maintenance services and landscaping companies have taken over our town and are destroying the quality of life in Westfield.

The first issue is that the current town ordinance allows them to turn on their noisy and boisterous machines seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the week and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. There is not one day of rest from their incessant and stress-inducing noises, gas fumes and dust storms they create. The ordinance should limit machine use to between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays and prohibit weekend services entirely.

The second issue is lax enforcement of the ordinance. Lawn-service companies frequently start at 7:15 a.m. and continue up to 9 p.m. My own attempts to ask violators to comply with the ordinance or to ask the police for support has met with complete indifference and stiff resistance.

The third issue is that the noise and gas fumes are a significant health threat to your own health and to the health of your children and friends, and you are doing nothing about it. One gas-powered leaf blower can emit more noxious fumes into the atmosphere in an hour than a Mack truck does traveling 3,000 miles across the country.

The fourth issue is that the lawn-maintenance companies act with reckless disregard for the wellbeing of others. They are resistant to and ignore simple requests for any alteration of their set schedules to accommodate a sporting event, a first communion, a bar mitzvah, a wedding, a graduation party or some other gathering with no other purpose than to enjoy the day. If asked, most of them turn up their noses with indifference and continue to mow, hack and blow on.

The fifth issue is that these service companies park their huge trucks and trailers at the corners of dangerous intersections, including in school zones at the heaviest traffic times, blocking the view of drivers trying to make safe turns. One more reason to have them start at 9 a.m. instead of 8 a.m.

The sixth issue is that most of them employ non-English-speaking workers. While there is nothing wrong with individuals who don’t speak English, it does make it difficult when one tries to point out that they are presenting danger to others, and they look back at you with complete bewilderment.

In light of the aforementioned, I request the town council take the following actions:

Begin immediately to enforce the current ordinance and fine those who do not comply.

Send a letter to all lawn-maintenance companies reminding them of their civic duty and asking them to comply with the ordinance and to respect the town, its citizens and the health of all, including their own families.

Appoint a committee to study the process and conclusions that led towns like Montclair to impose the strictest “no-noise” rules in the country and to ban the use of gas-powered blowers.

Place this issue on the town council agenda and hold public hearings on the matter.

Pass a tougher ordinance that restrict services from 9 to 5 on weekdays only.

Increase the penalties for violators of the ordinance (current or future).

Designate a point person responsible for filing charges against violators.

Initiate a 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. hotline to handle complaints.

Assess a tax on lawn services to finance all of the above, which can be passed on to the payers of lawn services.

It is time that the lawn-services companies realize that it is a *privilege* with *obligations* and not just a right to operate in our town. Further, such leadership on the part of the council will put our town squarely in the inexorable national trend toward safer and healthier ways to keep our lawns and neighborhoods pleasant and attractive. As such, I hereby request that you act boldly to improve the quality of life and health of the town’s citizens by addressing this issue now and with conviction.

Glen Macdonald
Westfield

Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions – only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?

If you can guess one correctly – good guess. If you get two – well-read individual. If you get three – word expert. If you get all four – You must have a lot of free time!

All words and correct definitions come from the board game Diction Deception.

Answers to last week’s arcane words.

1. Vanglo – The West Indian name for sesame
2. Dicastery – In ancient Athens, a court of justice
3. Vansire – A small, weasel-like animal of Madagascar
4. Rapparee – A plunderer or robber

DEAURATE

1. To put on a pedestal; adore
2. Having a golden color
3. In mining, the process of removing, filtering or separating gold from its impurities
4. To convert or change the character

GOMPHIASIS

1. Looseness of the teeth
2. Constant wateriness of the eyes
3. Inflammation of a mucous membrane; especially of the nose or throat
4. The state of being afflicted with boils

DAYSMAN

1. A doorman or valet
2. An umpire or mediator
3. A street vender; a seller of fruits and vegetables
4. A small suitcase

POCOSIN

1. A carefree person
2. A mountain retreat or resort
3. A marsh or swamp
4. A tobacco or money pouch

Letters to the Editor

Will State Govt. Follow NJ Transit’s Example?

Today, Great Britain’s new coalition government cut its own pay by 5 percent. In March, NJ Transit chief James Weinstein cut his own salary and the salaries of his executives by 5 percent.

I had never heard of Mr. Weinstein before seeing this news, but he now has my greatest admiration. His actions speak far more than calls of “sharing the pain,” while refusing to renew the marginal tax for families making more than \$400,000.

Laid-off teachers and state employees will take 100-percent pay cuts. Will our governor and his executives, the presidents of Rutgers and UMDNJ and other well-paid state administrators follow Mr. Weinstein’s good example?

Melissa Rogers
Westfield

County School Supt. Remarks ‘Outlandish’

Editor’s Note: This letter was copied to Garwood Mayor Dennis McCarthy and Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan.

In an article in the May 6, 2010 edition of *The Westfield Leader*, Carmen Centuolo, Union County Superintendent of Schools, attending the roundtable discussion at the Union County College in Cranford, is quoted as saying, “If I live in Garwood, I don’t want my students riding with someone from the eastern half of the county. And that’s the reality.” As a resident of Garwood, I was completely dismayed by Ms. Centuolo’s public remarks, and I demand a public apology on behalf of all the good citizens of Garwood. How can a county official make such a ridiculous and outlandish remark about Garwood and, by extension, any other town in the “western half of the county?”

The Garwood Town Council should also require Ms. Centuolo to attend a town council meeting and explain her remarks and demand her resignation if she does not supply a satisfactory explanation.

Gino Jannotti
Garwood

Editor’s Note: County school superintendent Ms. Centuolo works for the NJ Dept. of Education, not for the county.

South Avenue Plans Present Safety Issues

Editor’s Note: The following letter was sent to Westfield Mayor Andy Skibitsky, members of the Town Council, Town Engineer Chris McAloon and Town Administrator Jim Gildea.

Back in October of 2009, I expressed my concerns about the construction plans for South Avenue.

This morning [May 6], at about 8:20 a.m., I saw that construction was proceeding on the installation of three new crosswalks at the intersection of South Avenue and Boulevard. At that time, they had completed the removal of the asphalt from the crosswalk across Boulevard and were about halfway through the excavation of the crosswalk on the west side of the intersection.

Mr. McAloon and the [town council’s] Public Safety Committee had agreed with me that only two should be installed, eliminating the one proposed on the west side of the intersection. This crosswalk is now directly in the path of the right-turn-only exit from the lot, creating a hazardous condition.

Additionally, why was this project scheduled to begin during rush hour? I do subscribe to the town e-mail alert system, and I can assure you that I did not receive notice that this project was scheduled for today. While South Avenue is a county road, the Union County website indicates that the only construction in Westfield involves Central Avenue. These two projects occurring in the same area at the same time are not conducive to the free flow of traffic. Better coordination of future projects would be advised.

Jeffrey Messing
Westfield



What Is Gov. Christie Up Against In His Fight To Bring Education Reform?

By SAL CARUANA

According to a powerful new and disturbing documentary screened last month in Westfield called “The Cartel,” by former Bloomberg reporter Bob Bowden, teachers’ status quo in our state is protected and controlled by an unholy alliance between their union (New Jersey Education Association, NJEA), some legislators and many school boards in a three-way relationship that puts politics and self-interest above the children and education improvement.

According to Bowden, the dynamics are very clear. State legislators protect the teachers’ status quo in Trenton in return for votes and portions of the \$4.5 million in political contributions the NJEA has made in the last 5 years, including \$522,000 to Governor Jon Corzine’s failed 2009 reelection bid. With over \$100 million a year collected in union dues (a hefty \$732 per teacher), the union has a massive war chest for political muscle and currently is running a \$300,000 media campaign attacking our Governor. Sad as it is, the pay-to-play connection between the unions and the legislators is the type of interest-group politics that has become endemic in American government.

The role of some school boards in this cartel is far less transparent and just as insidious. Like other politicians, school board members are elected officials who need money, votes and good will to win. In many communities, school board candidates meet with local union officials to seek their influence among parents, and the litmus test is usually not improving our worst schools but increasing jobs and funding. School boards not only control vast budgets with minimal oversight; they control the power to hire, which is more precious than money in today’s economy. Last year, on Governor Corzine’s watch, over 11,000 new jobs in education were created while our state and its property taxpayers were in a financial free-fall. Governor Chris Christie is outraged, and who can blame him? If you were job-hunting in 2009 in New Jersey, it was a good year to know someone on a local school board.

The relationship between school boards and the teachers’ unions in some communities is so cozy it makes you worry. For example, many school boards rely on the district superintendent and/or business manager to conduct union contract talks, and do not retain professional negotiators for the task (something most municipalities often do). The obvious risk for the school board, and the taxpayer, is that contract negotiations can slip away from being at arm’s length when friendships across the table are involved. The negotiation can become far more collegial than it should be, and the adverse interests that are often at stake become blurred. Professional negotiators with expertise in teachers’ contracts not only bring less baggage, stronger skills and clearer mindsets to the process, they also bring recent experience and knowledge of emerging trends around the state that could have a significant impact on the

bargaining strategies and timing. How cozy can it get between the union and the board? Check out the school board in Bergenfield, where, according to reporter Lesley Brody, “every current trustee (board member) has a tie to the NJEA, either through family members who work in the district or their own membership in an education union elsewhere.”

Bowden uses a striking financial analysis to show why a school board would want a friendly partnership with the union, whose eyes and ears are closer to the board’s spending habits than the average taxpayer. He multiplies the average number of students per class in New Jersey by the average cost per pupil, and finds that in 2009, the taxpayers funded each classroom with almost \$313,000. Last year, the median teacher’s salary was around \$59,000, which means over \$254,000 per class was spent on other things. Sure there are fixed costs (benefits, equipment, etc.) and extra-curriculars, but good luck trying to convince me that \$254,000 in “other” expenses per class is reasonable, necessary and well spent. How many classrooms are there in your community? Multiply that by \$254,000 and then weep. Our school boards are managing financial empires with almost 65 percent of our property tax dollars. Bowden argues that the local teachers’ union is often an invaluable ally to the school board in keeping the lights turned down low when there are misjudgments or abuses in spending, cronyism in hiring or management embarrassments of all kinds that often emerge in such large and complex businesses.

Ostensibly, there should be a dynamic tension between legislators, unions and school boards in providing a system of checks and balances towards improving education. The reality is often the very opposite — they protect each other’s backs and a status quo they all benefit from. In the trust-busting era of an earlier American business age, it was competition that broke the giant oligarchies.

Ironically, it will now be Governor Christie’s competition-based reforms to tenure, accountability, seniority and merit pay that will weaken the education cartel. The knockout punch, Bowden believes, is more public charter schools. He says, “It’s the monopoly model. With no competition, waste can go on; there is no check on poor performance in terms of

Millionaires’ Tax Would Eliminate Hikes In Taxes, Prescrips. for Seniors

New Jerseyans have heard a lot of talk in recent weeks about “shared sacrifice” as we confront our state budget problems, and it’s a nice-sounding theme that paints a picture of everybody chipping in equally to carry the burden.

It’s undeniable that state spending cuts are needed and that every area of state government will be affected. But one thing quickly became clear as that phrase became Governor Chris Christie’s mantra — not every cut is equal, and not everyone shares the same definition of “shared sacrifice.”

We know that many cuts in Gov. Christie’s budget plan are painful and that spending cuts are clearly needed. Working our way through the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression will not be easy. Without question, the pain needs to be spread across the spectrum.

But some cuts are worse than others such as Gov. Christie’s plan to force senior citizens to pay more for their prescription drugs and in property taxes. If allowed to stand, they would have a devastating impact on those living on fixed incomes.

An analysis by the nonpartisan Office of Legislative Services (OLS) reported that under Christie’s plan, a retired couple living on a fixed income of \$40,000 would see a \$1,320 increase in property taxes. That analysis did not look at the Governor’s planned higher prescription drug deductible and co-pays, but the New Jersey Foundation for Aging estimates they would cost the average senior citizen an extra \$430 per year.

Essentially, the Governor’s budget would be a nearly \$1,800 tax increase on seniors. But according to the OLS study, the governor’s budget would also reward

a family making \$1.2 million with a tax cut of \$11,598.

Democrats are prepared to work with the governor to solve our state’s problems. But we will not do so at the expense of our senior citizens — especially poor and middle-class seniors who would be asked by Gov. Christie to carry a burden so heavy it could push many into poverty — while the very wealthiest get a windfall.

The Democratic plan to protect New Jersey’s most-vulnerable residents calls for a one-year income tax surcharge on the 16,000 New Jerseyans with taxable incomes of at least \$1 million. The surcharge would raise about \$630 million and eliminate Christie’s plans to force senior citizens to pay higher prescription drug costs and property taxes.

This is a compassionate approach that allows the shared sacrifice of our most fortunate 16,000 residents to help more than 600,000 senior and disabled citizens, who struggle to pay for medication and keep their homes. This plan spreads the pain and protects our most vulnerable.

Under our plan:

The income tax rate on those with taxable incomes of \$1 million and more would be temporarily restored from 8.97 percent to 10.75 percent.

Christie’s plan to charge a new \$310 deductible to 105,000 senior and disabled citizens in the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled prescription drug program and 23,000 senior citizens enrolled in the Senior Gold prescription drug program would be eliminated.

Christie’s plan to more than double prescription drug co-payments on those senior and disabled citizens would be eliminated.

Property tax rebate checks for more than 600,000 senior homeowners and tenants would be restored to last year’s levels, providing as much as \$1,295 to senior and disabled residents.

We’ve heard Gov. Christie vow over and over again that he is going to veto any tax increase because it would stifle job creation. But by limiting the surcharge only to taxable incomes of at least \$1 million, we would shield the thousands of small-business owners New Jersey will be relying upon to help rebuild our economy. If he were to make good on his veto threats, the governor would not be protecting small business, but the multi-millionaire corporate titans, bankers and hedge-fund traders whose actions led to the recent recession.

From day one, the governor’s plan to protect the rich from the pain being delivered by his budget has flown in the face of both common sense and common decency. This plan re-centers our priorities and steers us in a more caring direction for the betterment of seniors and the disabled.

NJ Senate Pres. Stephen Sweeney
NJ Asm. Speaker Sheila Oliver

Christie’s 2.5-Percent Cap Is Not Realistic Due to High Cost of Living

Governor [Chris] Christie’s proposed package of bills is labeled as a “tool kit” to help local governments, but the actual impact of many of them will be that of a jackhammer, destroying the delivery of essential services and workers’ rights.

At the heart of the package is a constitutional amendment to achieve a 2.5 percent cap on spending, including salaries and benefits for employees, as well as a 2.5 percent cap for property tax levy increases. Not only would this devastate the ability to maintain and deliver necessary local government services, it simply is not realistic when considering today’s high cost of living.

When taking into consideration inflation and the cost of health care alone, this amendment would effectively guarantee that workers would never get a raise, and it would also decimate the collective bargaining process.

For all workers, the cost of higher education for them and their children is skyrocketing; the cost of food and gas is growing dramatically; the cost of car and homeowner insurance grows, and the list goes on and on. When the everyday costs of living are increasing by well over 2.5 percent, how is this fair to effectively stop government workers from receiving a raise to keep up?

Other proposals that would negatively affect workers include revised procedures for arbitration and allowing local government to opt-out of civil service.

Civil service and arbitration for police

and firefighters are core labor standards that must be protected. Civil service ensures equal opportunity for all applicants, which in turn, rejects discrimination in hiring. It is a core labor policy that was created to ensure public jobs are not subject to politics and patronage, which often leads to waste and fraud. New Jersey’s civil service law is necessary to ensure personnel matters are done according to the applicants’ qualifications, rather than being applied inconsistently or due to political interference. Ending civil service would jeopardize these long standing practices.

Enough is enough. The governor must stop playing politics with the livelihood of people we depend on every day. These public workers staff our transportation systems and maintain our roads and provide care for the sick and needy. They are police and firefighters who keep us safe and cafeteria workers in state institutions and teachers who educate our children, as well as hundreds of other professions. We are deeply disheartened and disappointed with many of these proposals.

These men and women deserve to be respected. They must be able to work with dignity, and for many, unions help to achieve this. We call on the Legislature to “return these tools” to the governor and to protect workers and essential government services.

New Jersey State AFL-CIO
President Charles Wovkanech

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**Saturday, May 22nd
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Rotary Helps Communities With Grants to Non-Profits

WESTFIELD – The Rotary Club of Westfield presented 27 Community Service Grants to local community organizations and Rotary District projects during its regular weekly meeting on May 11.

Darielle Walsh, Rotary Club Community Service Grants chairperson, announced the recipients of the annual Rotary Community Service Grant Awards, which are funded through the Westfield Rotary Club Foundation.

The Westfield Rotary Club Foundation is a non-profit foundation of Westfield Rotary that promotes the betterment of the community by supporting local programs and projects in Westfield and surrounding communities.

Such programs and projects include counseling and emergency aid for individuals and families; health and human services; literacy education; conservation and preservation efforts; arts and entertainment, and funding for children to attend camp and participate in special programs.

In accordance with its goal of community service, the Rotary Club of Westfield is most interested in providing annual grants for pro-

grams and projects that directly address local community needs.

The Rotary Club of Westfield was chartered in 1921. Rotarians are dedicated to their local communities, as well as people throughout the world, through the organization's motto "Service Above Self." Club members fulfill this mission through various community service projects.

Rotary International has been in existence since February 23, 1905. Linked with over 30,000 other Rotary Clubs in more than 160 countries, comprised of nearly 1.2 million members, Rotarians help to build goodwill and peace worldwide through humanitarian efforts.

The Rotary Club of Westfield is a service organization comprised of business and professional women and men who either live or work in or near Westfield. The club meets every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. for lunch at the Westfield Area "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield.

Guests are always welcome to join club members at any of the weekly meetings. For further information, e-mail rotary@westfieldnj.com or visit westfieldrotary.com.

SP Officers Receive Medals As Fallen Are Remembered

SCOTCH PLAINS – Once again this year, communities across the United States joined together during National Police Week – May 9 to 15 – to honor and remember those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the family members, friends and fellow officers they left behind.

This year, the names of 324 officers killed in the line of duty are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. These 324 individuals include 116 officers who were killed during 2009, plus 208 officers who died in previous years but whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now.

Scotch Plains Police Chief Brian Mahoney said, "the 116 officers killed in the line of duty last year was the lowest number of officer deaths in five decades. Still, for the families, loved ones, colleagues and communities of these fallen heroes, the loss is devastating and the sorrow is profound. National Police Week is a time for all Americans to send a strong message that the service and sacrifice of these heroes were not in vain – that these brave men and women will always be remembered by a grate-

ful nation."

During a special ceremony to commemorate this event, Chief Mahoney awarded a number of medals to department personnel for Meritorious service and Exceptional duty.

Most notably, Officer Joseph Citarella was recognized for physically subduing an individual armed with a large hunting knife who had threatened the officer.

Lieutenants Brian Donnelly and Joseph Zito, along with Officer Matthew Mahoney, were recognized for their efforts to save a man trapped under a vehicle. Realizing time was of the essence the officers lifted the vehicle without waiting for rescue equipment to free the individual in a driving rainstorm. Officer Mahoney also received a medal for his actions on routine patrol for alerting and evacuating sleeping residents of a home that was engulfed in flames.

Several other officers received certificates of commendation for their outstanding performance. "It is an honor to serve with such a dedicated group of individuals that make up our department," Chief Mahoney said. "The efforts of all our officers go a long way at keeping the residents of this community safe and secure."



LOCAL LEGEND...Roger Bernier, president and chief operating officer of Chelsea Senior Living, far left, presents Gus Sarcona with his "Legends of Long Term Care" certificate. Next to Gus is his son, Roy Sarcona, a physics teacher at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, and Roy's wife, Mirta.

Patent Owner Gus Sarcona Earns 'Who's Who' Honor

FANWOOD – The Health Care Association of New Jersey has named Gus Sarcona, who owns a patent for the production of the antibiotic tetracycline, to the "Who's Who of New Jersey Long Term Care Communities."

A resident of The Chelsea at Fanwood since 2007, Mr. Sarcona is active in many of the Chelsea's groups involved in physical health. He is highly respected by his peers, and remains as much of a patriot at age 93

as he was when he served as a captain in the United States Army during World War II. Mr. Sarcona has always valued his military service equally with his professional life.

During his 42-year career as a chemist and consultant for the Pfizer pharmaceutical company, he was involved in developing processes for recovering antibiotics from laboratory broth and bringing them to production.

Mr. Sarcona received multiple awards and commendations for his work on these and other projects that contributed to Pfizer's growth. He and a Pfizer colleague were awarded a patent in 1962 for a process that produced large amounts of high-quality tetracycline, an antibiotic in wide use for decades to fight Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, chlamydia and other infections.

Following his military service with the 93rd Armored Field Artillery in Europe and North Africa, during which he was awarded a Bronze Star for rescuing an injured comrade during combat, Mr. Sarcona joined the New York National Guard and remained on active duty for 24 years. He achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel and commanded a field artillery unit that was held in reserve during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Mr. Sarcona has spent his life serving his country, both as a professional in the pharmaceutical industry and as a soldier who is part of those known as the "Greatest Generation."

Single Jewish Friends Plan Lunch Outing

AREA – The Circle of Single Jewish Friends 49+ will hold a Meet and Eat Lunch on Sunday, May 23, at noon. It will take place at Champs Restaurant, located at 418 Menlo Park Mall (in Menlo Park Mall) in Edison.

The cost is \$3 plus the price of a meal off the menu and tip. To respond, call Roberta at (908) 668-8450 or e-mail roger678@optonline.net.

POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Tuesday, May 11, Min Zheng, 53, of Westfield was arrested on the 600 block of West North Avenue and charged with shoplifting. She was processed and released on her own recognizance.

Tuesday, May 11, a Westfield resident turned in a Bank of America debit card to Westfield police headquarters. The card was found in the area of a Lincoln Plaza bank. The issuing bank was contacted and said it would notify the owner of the card. Westfield police headquarters held the card for safekeeping.

Tuesday, May 11, a Westfield juvenile and his parent came to Westfield police headquarters to report the theft of a BMX-style, Columbia brand bicycle from the bicycle rack at Edison Intermediate School on Rahway Avenue, along with the chain securing the bicycle to the rack. The following day, the victim contacted Westfield police to report that the bicycle had been found.

Wednesday, May 12, Damian Williamson, 33, of Elizabeth was arrested on a Scotch Plains warrant in the amount of \$296. He was turned over to Scotch Plains authorities.

Wednesday, May 12, a resident of the 400 block of Rahway Avenue reported a burglary, which is believed to have occurred between 5 p.m. on May 11 and 4:12 p.m. on May 12. The victim told authorities that she returned home and observed that her apartment had been ransacked. At the time of the report, she was unable to determine exactly what had been stolen.

Thursday, May 13, Nelson A. Condor, 34, of Orange was arrested at Westfield police headquarters, where he responded to satisfy an outstanding Westfield warrant in the amount of \$100. He posted bail and was released.

Thursday, May 13, Glen Clisham, 31, of North Plainfield was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue in Scotch Plains and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana). He was released on his own recognizance with a summons.

Saturday, May 15, Enoch Paragulla, 21, of Edison was arrested following a motor vehicle stop at Lamberts Mill Road and Raritan Road and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI). He was released on his own recognizance to a responsible adult.

Saturday, May 15, Chelsea A. Smith, 22, of South Plainfield was arrested following an investigation at Lamberts Mill Road and Raritan Road and charged with DWI. She was released on her own recognizance to a responsible adult.

Monday, May 17, Darell W. Linton, 19, of Scotch Plains was arrested at Scotch Plains police headquarters on a Westfield warrant in the amount of \$250. He posted bail and was released from Westfield police headquarters.

Monday, May 17, Akeem Noray, 19, of Westfield was arrested on the 1100 block of Rahway Avenue on a Mountainside warrant in the amount of \$600. He was processed and turned over to Mountainside authorities.

Scotch Plains

Monday, May 10, a student at the Hillcrest Academy reported that someone removed her iPod, valued at approximately \$150, from her desk.

Wednesday, May 12, a resident of Emil Place reported that someone entered her home through a window and removed multiple televisions, valued at approximately \$700.

Wednesday, May 12, a resident of Hill Road reported that his neighbor has been harassing him by leaving him telephone messages and notes complaining about different things wrong with the victim's house.

Wednesday, May 12, Damian Williamson, 33, of Elizabeth was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Thursday, May 13, Reginald Williamson, 24, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with distribution of marijuana after a motor vehicle stop, at which time the controlled dangerous substance (CDS) was found. Williamson was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Friday, May 14, a resident of East Second Street reported that someone broke the side window of her motor vehicle while it was parked in front of her house.

Friday, May 14, Scott Wojcik, 25, of Brooklyn, N.Y. was arrested and charged with distribution of marijuana and acid after a motor vehicle stop, at which time the CDS was discovered. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released after posting bail.

Friday, May 14, Innocent Anyanwu, 36, of Rochelle Park was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

Friday, May 14, Derrick Banner, 20, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, May 15, Chazz Richardson, 27, of Hillside was arrested on an out-

standing warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Monday, May 17, Darell Linton, 19, of Scotch Plains was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released.

Mountainside

Wednesday, May 12, Charles B. McCartney, 31, of Linden was arrested for a violation of a court order. According to police, he failed to appear in court on multiple occasions and was remanded to the Union County jail to serve 10 days.

Wednesday, May 12, an individual came into police headquarters to report that she lost her wallet, described as a black, leather Gucci wallet with a large G on the snap, at a Route 22 theater. According to police, the victim stated that she left the wallet on the concession stand counter and when she returned to get it, the wallet was missing and could not be located. The victim was advised to contact the proper authorities in order to get replacements for missing identification cards.

Thursday, May 13, a resident of Camelot Court reported that she was out of her residence most of the day and left the front door unlocked, and when she returned, she noticed her son's laptop, described as a Sony Vaio with multiple stickers on it, was missing. According to police, a neighbor saw an unfamiliar motor vehicle, described as a silver, VW Jetta, parked in the driveway around noon, and believes the owner of the vehicle resides in Scotch Plains.

Friday, May 14, a resident came into police headquarters to report that someone had used her credit card without her authorization to make \$320 worth of fraudulent purchases in Holly Spring, N.C. According to police, the victim canceled the credit card.

Saturday, May 15, Christopher E. Ratliff, 26, of Irvington was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on an outstanding warrant out of Irvington. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Fanwood

Wednesday, May 12, Mekeda McCoy, 20, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with providing police with false documents, and on outstanding warrants out of North Plainfield, after a motor vehicle stop on the 100 block of South Avenue. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Wednesday, May 12, Heleo Torres, 20, of Linden was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on an outstanding Rahway warrant. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Thursday, May 13, Betsy Freeman, 49, of Plainfield was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Martine Avenue on an outstanding warrant out of Mansfield Township. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Thursday, May 13, Trina Lamb, 41, of The Bronx, N.Y. was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on an outstanding warrant out of Deptford. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, May 14, Monique Porter, 47, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) and refusal to submit to a breath test after an officer on routine patrol saw her sleeping behind the wheel of her motor vehicle at a traffic light at the intersection of Terrill Road and South Avenue.

According to police, Porter failed multiple sobriety tests at the scene and was transported to police headquarters, where she refused to submit a breath sample. She was processed and released to a responsible adult pending a court date.

Friday, May 14, an employee at a South Martine Avenue store reported that a white male, in his 20s, approximately five feet, 11 inches tall, and weighing 185 pounds, attempted to make a purchase with a counterfeit \$20 bill. According to police, the employee handed the counterfeit bill back to the suspect, who then fled the scene. Authorities were unable to locate him.

Sunday, May 16, Anthony Strickland, 23, of Plainfield was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road on an outstanding warrant out of Seaside Heights. He was released after posting bail.

Curtis Stroud, 30, of Plainfield, a passenger in the vehicle, was found to have an outstanding Plainfield warrant and also was arrested. Stroud was processed and turned over to the Plainfield Police Department.

Monday, May 17, Gary Jones, 49, of Plainfield was arrested following a field investigation on an outstanding Plainfield warrant. He was processed and turned over to Plainfield police headquarters.

Monday, May 17, Mark McNelis, 50, of Garwood was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road on an outstanding Elizabeth warrant. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Monday, May 17, Aida Balladares, 31, of Plainfield was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road on an outstanding Fanwood warrant. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Plainfield Cop Convicted Of Insurance Fraud

PLAINFIELD – A 22-year veteran of the Plainfield Police Department was convicted last week on a single count of second-degree insurance fraud, according to Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow.

David Thomas, 46, faces up to 10 years in prison when he is sentenced on July 16. According to the investigation, in December of 2008 Thomas filed a \$3,300 claim with his insurance company for an Apple computer that he claimed had been stolen from the basement of his home on Madison Avenue in Plainfield.

Thomas said he purchased the laptop computer a day earlier at an electronics store in Union. The investigation revealed the store was closed by court order one month before Thomas claimed he made the purchase. Furthermore, the store in question had never sold Apple products, Mr.

Romankow said.

Thomas' insurance company passed its findings to Sergeant James Russo of the Prosecutor's Office's Insurance Fraud Unit, who launched a separate investigation. Thomas was served with a summons in June 2009 and was indicted in November 2009.

The trial, before Union County Superior Court Judge Stuart Peim, lasted just one week, and the jury deliberated for less than an hour. Assistant Prosecutor James Tansey, who prosecuted the case, said "it's always a sad day when an officer commits a crime and is found guilty."

As soon as Thomas was found guilty, Peim ordered him held on \$100,000 bail at the Union County jail pending sentencing. Thomas had been suspended from the police department without pay following his arrest.




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Claire Butler to Be Honored As Parade Grand Marshal

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Memorial Day Parade Committee has announced that Claire Butler will serve as the 2010 parade grand marshal.

Born in Metuchen, Mrs. Butler has lived in Mountainside for more than 38 years. She and her late husband, Fred, who passed away in 1988, have two sons, Fred and Gary, and one grandchild, Johnny.

Being this year’s grand marshal is the latest in a series of awards and accomplishments for this active veteran. Since early childhood, she has excelled in a variety of pursuits. She was a roller-skating dance performer/instructor and performed at Rockefeller Center. Later, she focused her efforts on archery, where she exhibited significant talent.

Among the many state and national championships and awards she earned, including a Wheaties box featuring her picture as an archer, she is particularly proud of winning the gold medal at the U.S. National Senior Olympics for field archery.

Recently, she received a certificate of appreciation with the Freedom Team Salute by the U.S. Army. She also was given the Presidential Award for Sports for archery by President Bill Clinton.

In 1943, Mrs. Butler volunteered to join the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corp. She received basic training in Daytona Beach, Fla., where she spent time broadcasting “The Army Hour” on NBC. She went on to Chanute Field in Rantoul, Ill., and from there, to officers training school in Fort Des

Moines, Iowa, becoming a lieutenant.

Mrs. Butler is a member of the American Legion and the Mountainside Active Retirees, and continues to work as a realtor associate for Century 21, Taylor & Love in Westfield. Her motto is “Keep Moving!”

The annual Westfield Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 31. Opening ceremonies will start at 9 a.m. with services at the World War I Veterans Memorial Monument, located at the plaza of East Broad Street and North Avenue in Westfield. Participants are requested to be in the Lord & Taylor West parking lot by 8 a.m.

After opening ceremonies, the parade route will be north on East Broad Street, straight up to Fairview Cemetery, where the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold closing ceremonies. Soft drinks will be available for all participants at Fairview Cemetery after the conclusion of the parade.

All Westfield and Mountainside organizations are invited to march in this year’s tribute to veterans who made the supreme sacrifice fighting for freedom.

The parade committee urges organizations or individuals to march in the parade, sponsor a wreath to be placed at the monument or make a financial contribution to the parade committee to help offset the costs of running the parade. For more information, call Stan Cuba at (908) 233-2767.

Miller-Cory to Spotlight ‘18th Century Folk Music’

WESTFIELD – The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will present “18th Century Folk Music” this Sunday, May 23, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Folk songs and ballads – some passed down for generations and brought from Europe to Colonial America, others evolving from the Colonial experience – are all part of America’s rich musical tradition.

Kathy Eaton will sing a program of 18th-century folk songs while accompanying herself on the fretted dulcimer. Forest Eaton will provide additional accompaniment on guitar. Ms. Eaton also will offer background information on many of the songs.

Sunday’s program will include tours of the restored 1740 farmhouse. Additionally, members of the cooking committee will demonstrate the skills utilized in 18th-century open-hearth cooking, using authentic reci-

pes and seasonal foods. Taste samples will be offered to visitors.

The museum gift shop, which carries a variety of Colonial toys, crafts, books and educational materials, will be open. Admission to the museum and its grounds is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for students and free for children under age 4.

The museum is available for tours for school groups during the week, as well as for scout troops after school on weekdays. Volunteers are always welcome, and full training is provided for all positions. For more information, call the museum office weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776 or e-mail millercorymuseum@gmail.com. The museum website is millercoryhouse.org.

Presbyterian Church Slates Blood Drive

WESTFIELD – The Presbyterian Church in Westfield will host a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Sunday, June 6. It will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church’s Assembly Hall, located at 140 Mountain Avenue. Ample free parking is available.

Appointments are preferred and can be made online via the church website: westfieldpc.org. Participants are asked to bring a photo ID, eat a light meal and drink plenty of fluids before donating. For more information about the American Red Cross, including blood donor eligibility guidelines, visit redcross.org.

For more information about this or any other events held at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, call the church office at (908) 233-0301 or visit westfieldpc.org.



MR. AND MRS. MARC CICERO
(She is the former Ms. Annaleah Rizarri)

Ms. Annaleah Rizarri Marries Marc Cicero

Ms. Annaleah Rizarri, daughter of Jose and Leah Rizarri of Cebu, Philippines, was married on Saturday, December 5, to Marc Cicero. He is the son of Russell and Paulette Cicero of Scotch Plains, formerly of Westfield.

The ceremony took place at St. Helen’s Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Monsignor William Harms officiated. A reception followed the ceremony at The Conservatory at the Madison Hotel in Morristown.

The matron of honor was Judhel Cabaluna and the maid of honor was Samantha Almendras, both friends of the bride since high school. Bridesmaids were Sharon Rizarri, sister-in-law of the bride; Kristin Kemp, sister of the groom, and Elaine Cabale and Mabel Devera, friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Brianna Kemp, niece of the groom, and Kristin Fair and Mary Ceniza, cousins of the bride. The flower girls were Mikayla and Madelyn Kemp, nieces of the groom; Emma Samson, cousin of the bride, and Allegra Alvaro, daughter of a family friend.

The best man was James Gunsiorowski, a friend of the groom since high school. Serving as groomsmen were Eugene Kemp, the groom’s brother-in-law; Michael Rizarri, the bride’s brother, and Brian Korner and Joseph Cabale, friends of the groom. The ring bearer was Miguel Rizarri, nephew of the bride; the coin and Bible bearers were Kai Samson and Carter Fair, respectively, both cousins of the bride.

The bride graduated with a business management degree from the University of the Philippines and is employed with Rockdale Capital in Union.

The groom graduated from Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains and from Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Mass. with a marketing degree. He is employed with the State of New Jersey in Trenton.

The couple went to Hawaii for their honeymoon.

CBI to Hold Shabbat For New Members

SCOTCH PLAINS – Congregation Beth Israel (CBI) will honor new and prospective members during Shabbat morning services on Saturday, June 5, beginning at 9:30 a.m. A kiddush luncheon will immediately follow services. Anyone who has been a congregation member for two years or less, or who is considering joining the Conservative synagogue, is invited to participate.

“This special service and luncheon is a great way for new members and their families to get to know one another and to meet our long-time congregants and wonderful clergy,” said Susan Menaker, CBI’s Member Relations chairwoman. “This specially designated Shabbat offers prospective new members a comfortable environment to participate in services and appreciate all that our synagogue has to offer.”

For more information, or to attend, call the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830. The synagogue is located at 18 Shalom Way, at the corner of Martine Avenue, in Scotch Plains.

Fine Art-Photography Event Gets Underway Tomorrow

WESTFIELD – The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church will sponsor the Fourth Annual Fine Art and Photography Exhibit and Sale showcasing American artists of Greek descent.

Beginning with an opening reception tomorrow, Friday, May 21, from 7 to 9 p.m., the event will continue on Saturday, May 22, from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 23, from noon to 3 p.m.

The exhibit and sale will take place at the church’s Bouras Center, located at 250 Gallows Hill Road in Westfield. Maria Halkias of Westfield and Avi Kiriakidis of Kenilworth are chairing the event and also will be among the

featured artists. Admission will be free and open to the public.

The Friday evening reception will include wine and cheese, along with classical and modern music by the Woodland String Quartet, directed by violinist Lubove Schnable of Fanwood.

This year, internationally recognized artist Euripides “Rip” Kastaris of St. Louis, Mo. will join local artists for the event. Mr. Kastaris’ mural entitled “Kyklos-Circle of Glory” is on permanent display inside the Athens Olympic Stadium, and his art can be viewed at museums, stadiums, churches and private collections around the world.

Other featured artists will include Effie Pappas of Summit, Apostolos Tsoris of New York City, Chrysoula Lile of Westwood, Kostas Lymperopoulos of Colonia, Constantine Kiriakidis of Kenilworth and Helen (Nitsa) Bruno of Millburn.

Memory Expert Plans Workshop at Library

GARWOOD – Memory expert Marc Sky will present a workshop on Tuesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the Garwood Public Library, highlighting ways for individuals to “superpower” their memory.

Mr. Sky will help the audience learn techniques for developing a near-photographic memory with very little effort. He will offer ways for people to instantly remember names, faces, lists and where they may have left items such as keys.

Registration is required for this event and may be done by calling (908) 789-1670, in person at the library’s Information Desk or at the interactive calendar page of the Garwood Library’s website: youseemore.com/garwood.

The Garwood Public Library is located at 411 Third Avenue, at the corner of Third Avenue and Walnut Street. Library hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Blue Devil Boys Grab Crown
At UC Track Championships

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Team depth and key victories by Jhakysse Williams, Jon Henry and the 4x400 relay team gave the Westfield High School boys track & field team its second Union County Championship in three years at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 15. The Blue Devils totaled 87 to easily outdo Elizabeth with 61. Scotch Plains-Fanwood finished 10th with 15 points.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
TWENTY-FOUR YEARS IN THE MAKING...Jhakysse Williams, right, crosses first to win the 100-meter dash in 10.99 to become the first Blue Devil in 24 years to win the event.

Senior Jhakysse Williams stunned the field when he crossed the line in a personal-best (PB) 10.99 to win the 100-meter dash. Williams became the first Blue Devil in 24 years to win the event.

"I didn't do so well at the Watchung Conference. I had a slow finish. My main focus this week was finishing strong," Williams said. "I felt really good. I had a strong finish, and I ran through the line."

Jon Henry crossed first in the 400 meters with a time of 48.91 to beat Union's Bayaan Oluyadi, who finished in 49.1. In the final event of the tournament, Williams, Brian Henry, Pat Gray and Jon Henry won the 4x400 with a time of 3:23.12 to beat Union by more than two seconds.

Expecting a huge challenge from Blue Devil Gray, Raider Frank Mellana had a PB toss of 195'10" to win the javelin. Gray finished third with a toss of 173 feet.

"He's approaching that 200 mark. At this point of the season, he's peaking. He's excited to compete at a high level," Raider field coach Ken Hernandez said. "He is looking forward to the sectionals and the groups, and obviously the Meet of Champions is the ultimate goal."

Union Catholic Viking DJ Thornton turned in an excellent time to win the 1,600 in a PB 4:12.73. Blue Devils Zach Lizmi at 4:28.91 and Jack Leahy at 4:29.11 finished 5-6. Governor Livingston's Justin Amezcua cleared 15'2" to set a new meet record in the pole vault. Blue Devils Dave Fishman took second at 13'6" and Justin Butler placed fifth at 12 feet, followed by Raider Zack Carow also at 12 feet.

Summit's Mark Jones cleared 6'9.5" to break the meet record of 6'9.25" set by Plainfield's Ed Kijewski in 1975. Blue Devil Mike

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BIG TIME GREETING AT HOME...Greg Fortino, no. 8, is greeted by his teammates after he slammed a two-run home run in the third inning to give the Blue Devils a 5-0 lead in the Union County Tournament title game in Elizabeth on May 15.

FORTUNO BANGS 3-RUN HR, MURRAY SPARKS RALLY

Cougars Ice Blue Devils, 6-5,
For County Baseball Crown

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Mark Osofsky ripped a two-run single and Nick Cook followed with a three-run home run to tie the score in the bottom of the third inning, and Eric Walano seized the opportunity to dash home with the eventual winning run after a wild pitch in the fifth inning to give the third-seeded Cranford High School baseball team a 6-5 victory over top-seeded Westfield in the Union County Tournament (UCT) championship game at Williams Field in Elizabeth on May 15.

Capitalizing on even the smallest of opportunities has been the theme of the Cougars throughout the UCT. The Cougars took advantage of three wind-assisted dropped balls to score four runs in the fifth inning to defeat Roselle Catholic, 7-5, in the quarterfinals. Then on May 8, they cashed in on three walks and a pair of hit batters to dethrone defending champs, Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 10-7, in the semifinals.

The 16-8 Blue Devils, seeking their

Probitas Versus Honos

13th UCT title, out-hit the 20-5 Cougars, 10-6, and appeared to be on their way to notching another title when designated hitter Greg Fortino lashed a three-run home run over the right-centerfield fence in the top of the third to give his team a seemingly comfortable 5-0 lead.

The Blue Devils grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first inning when leadoff batter Tim Younger (two-for-four) slashed a double to right field, scooted to third on Cougar starting pitcher Pat Gilstrap's wild pitch and scored on Danny Kerr's grounder to short.

The Cougars dodged a bullet in the second inning. After Fortino poked a one-out single to right, centerfielder Nick Pace made a diving snag to rob Kevin Clancy of a hit. Just after the catch, Brett Johnson drilled a double to center, but a groundout to first baseman Cook ended the inning.

In the third inning, Blue Devil AJ Murray (two-for-four) lined a one-out single to left. After Kerr flied out, Robby Anderson (two-for-four) hopped a single to right. Mike Buontempo sailed an RBI single into left, and Fortino slammed his three-banger into the street, causing Blue Devil Head Coach Bob Brewster to

reveal an expression of amazement and to convince the Cougars to bring in freshman reliever Ryan Williamson.

"This was my first one. I was just as stunned as he [Brewster] was," Fortino said. "I caught an outside fast ball. Coach always tells me to go the opposite way. Go with the pitch!"

With Williamson on the mound, things would never be the same for the Blue Devil hitting arsenal. Williamson worked his breaking balls frequently and effectively to keep the Blue Devil sluggers off-balance. In his four and one-third innings, he yielded three singles and a hit batter, while striking out four.

"Their three-four-five hitters are as good as we have seen all year," Cougar Head Coach Dennis McCaffrey said of Westfield. "Ryan was able to keep them off-balance. We are extremely excited about what we are going to get with Ryan. He is

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WENSON SEIZES 3 FIRSTS, BLUE DEVILS TAKE 4X400

Raider Track Girls Capture
Union County Championship

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Senior Kim Wenson took top honors and recorded personal-best (PB) throws in three field events to help the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls track & field team squeeze past Benedictine for the Union County Championship crown at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 15.

The Raiders finished with a 73 total and Benedictine totaled 70, while Cranford tied A.L. Johnson of Clark for third place with a 42 total and Westfield finished eighth with 24 points.

On May 14, the first day of competition, Wenson won the shot put with a shove of 37'9", and teammate Osa Ebose placed fifth with a push of 33'8.75. The next day, Wenson won the discus with a toss of 112 feet, and teammate Danielle Schweizer took third with a toss of 93'1". Wenson then had a huge PB toss of 121'8" to win the javelin, while teammate Samantha Renfree placed sixth with a toss of 97'8."

In the meet's final event, Blue Devils Katie Ponce, Sophia Devita, Amanda Marcattullo and Ashley Edwards crossed first in the 4x400 with a time of 4:02.41. Edwards also finished fourth in the 200 meters with a time of 26.28.

On May 14, Benedictine's Kiana Winston nosed out Cranford Cougar Natalie Englese for first in the 400

meters with respective times of 57.29 and 57.34. Ponce took fourth at 58.44 and Edwards finished fifth at 58.46. Englese had been out of action with a pulled calf muscle since the Blue Devil Relays on April 17, and Cougar Head Coach Pete Kane decided to not enter her in the 4x400 relay.

"It is more important to have her ready for the sectionals and the group championships," coach Kane said.

Cranford Cougar Kelly Burke broke a meet record and her own Union County record of 39'7.75" in the triple jump with a distance of 39'8."

"The triple jump gods only want me to PR by an inch or less every week," Burke chuckled. "The past two weeks I haven't been jumping that well, so it's time I get back up."

She also broke her own meet record of 10'6" set in 2008 in the pole vault with a height of 12 feet. Burke also just missed on attempts to clear 12'7."

"I have the height. I'm seeing the bar, and I am going over too early instead of going up," Burke said.

Blue Devil Claire Stevens-Haas placed fifth with a height of 9'6" and Cougar Brianna Grant took sixth at eight feet. Burke also finished second in the 100-hurdles with a time of 15.74 and fifth in the long jump with a leap of 15'9.25" behind Raider Sarah Canfield who had a leap of 15'10.25". Raider Camille Handy had a PB in the triple jump with a distance of 36'4.5" to place fourth, and Canfield placed

fifth with a distance of 35'3.25".

"She didn't even hit the board, so she can do better," Raider coach Rich McGriff said after Handy's jump.

"I have been wanting to hit 36'4" for a very long time, and I am glad I finally did it. Her [Burke] hitting 39 really pushes me to want to get up to

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Cougars Ice Blue Devils, 6-5, For County Baseball Crown

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a very competitive kid, who keeps his composure. He's a gamer!"

"Coach [Kevin] Feeley always calls the calls. I just have to stay over it, not lean back and follow through," Williamson explained. "I'm am never nervous. You can't be nervous, because that can affect you. I threw strikes. I kept my team in it."

"He's amazing! A little freshman, he's got a lot more to learn. He is doing very well," Cook added.

"The kid did a great job. He was hitting the spots. His curveball was breaking a lot. We just didn't catch up to it," Fortino said.

"He got the ball in the strike zone. We hit it. We just didn't get it into open space," coach Brewster said. "The strike zone got very different, and that was upsetting to me. We didn't know the strike zone today. It was all over the place. It's the same for both teams. You got to battle with it."

The Cougars' third inning began with Sean Trotter's one-out single to right and a walk to Nick Pace. After Blue Devil pitcher Aiden Scanlon (5-2) struck out the next batter and walked Greg Matlosz, Osofsky ripped the two-run single over first, and Cook launched his three-run blast over the right-centerfield fence.

"It was a fast ball right across the plate. When it went off the bat, I knew it. It was gone. I got a hold of it," Cook said.

"We were fortunate that we were able to get a couple of runners on. Nick had a very good at bat and was able to elevate it and get it out of the park," coach McCaffrey said.

After yielding a double to Sean Feeeny in the fourth, Scanlon kept the inning scoreless with a diving grab of a popped bunt and a snag of a high hopper back to the mound, but the Cougars seized the opportunity in the fifth. Walano hit his second double of the game and advanced to third on a fly out to right. First baseman Kerr made a fine putout, while holding Walano at third, but a wild pitch allowed him his chance to come diving home face first.

"He read the ball. Before the ball passed the catcher, Eric was on stride," coach McCaffrey said. "We have been practicing everyday before school for the last month. It's nice to see hard work pay off."

Murray and Anderson singled in the seventh, but a groundout to second gave the Cougars their sixth UCT title.

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Blue Devils Grab UC Crown

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Deapaola tied for fifth with a height of 5'8". Blue Devils Aswad Turner at 20'6.25", Connor Shields at 20'4.5" and Williams at 20'2.5 placed 3-4-5 in the long jump. Jon Henry also finished fourth in the 200 meters with a time of 22.9 and Williams crossed sixth at 23.07.

Blue Devil Tyler Cusick crossed third in the 800 meters with a time of 1:58.16, followed by Raider Matt Alfano at 1:59.08 and Blue Devil Sam Tooley at 2:00.6. Blue Devils Ryan Scrudato and Andrew Kima were running in a tight pack with

Rahway's Jeremy Antivo and New Providence's Everett Price for seven of the eight laps in the 3,200 meters. Antivo and Everett put on strong kicks to finish 1-2 with respective times of 9:24.61 and 9:39.08, while Scrudato crossed third at 9:48.33 with Kima close behind at 9:49.53.

"Jeremy and Everett took it. We were going back-and-forth with a mile to go, but I felt a little tired. Andrew was right up there with me, which is good. We are doing well in team competition, practicing hard," Scrudato said.

It's Never Too Early To Think About 'Hall'

By BRUCE JOHNSON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times



Before the Devil's Den ends its sixth season (sometime in June) and takes its summer hiatus, this is probably a good time to remind everyone about the ninth Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame induction. The gala affair will take place Monday, Nov. 22, at the Westwood, on North Avenue in Garwood.

Mark it on your calendar of must-see events. In addition to the return to town of many Hall of Famers, the biennial celebration of WHS sports will include the ninth class of inductees, which will bring the total to 80 athletes, 10 coaches, 12 teams and 3 honorees enshrined.

The Class of 2010 includes (alphabetically):

Greg Chlan ('65): The term "quality starts" – meaning a pitcher goes six innings and allows three or less runs – hadn't been invented when Chlan pitched for Norm Koury. But Chlan started as often as Koury could write his name into the lineup, and often relieved in between starts. He pitched more innings (185 1-3) and struck out more batters (246) than anybody in school history, finishing with a 20-5 career mark. Chlan also spent eight years pitching professional ball, the last three at Triple-A Omaha.

Bob Felter ('65): With his Elvis pompadour hair-do, Felter looked more like he was auditioning for a role in "Grease." But on the basketball court, the 6-foot-5 gunner was a defender's nightmare. He graduated as the No. 2 scorer (1,094) and rebounder (704) in school history. His 35-point, 24-rebound effort against SP-F in the '65 UCT semifinals remains arguably the greatest basketball performance in school history. Felter, who passed away a couple years ago, played collegiately at South Carolina.

Chris Jordan ('90): The second-winningest wrestler in school history (behind Hall of Famer Cory Posey), Jordan notched 99 during a four-year career that saw him win two district and one region title. He also was the second WHS wrestler to win 30 matches in a season; Dave Tinnesz at 31-1-1 in 1977 was the first. Jordan did it as a junior (30-5) and senior (33-4). The 33 wins

remains a school mark. He was tri-captain of the last WHS team to win a sectional title.

Jim Kane ('41): Football? Check, co-captain and starting end (opposite Hall of Famer Jack Rogers) on Bob Duncan's last team. Basketball? Check, captain of the '41 basketball, he scored a school record 35 vs. Union (breaking his old record of 29) and had 323 points that year, a school record at the time. Track? Check, he was state champ in both the high and low hurdles as a junior and senior, helping the team win its first state title in '40.

K.C. Knobloch ('78): Arguably the best place kicker in WHS history (89 PATs, 8 field goals), he was also co-captain of the legendary '77 football team, starring as an offensive end and defensive back. And as a senior he hit .459 and pitched the Blue Devils to the Union County Tournament baseball title in a 3-2 thriller over Cranford. He had a 17-6 career pitching record. He's also a member of the University of Delaware Hall of Fame.

Bob List ('55): The hard-throwing left-hander set a school record with 147 strikeouts in his senior year. His 239 career K's are second to Chlan. He was 4-8 his first two years before closing out with a 9-3 record in '55. In three consecutive games he fanned 16 (SP-F), 15 (North Plainfield) and 16 (Rahway), and later 18 in a nine-inning win over Roselle Park. He pitched at Cornell and for several years in the St. Louis Cardinals' organization.

Don Mutz ('67): The second three-time state diving champion in WHS history – Olympic gold medalist Bob Clotworthy ('49) was the first – Mutz also won a state title as a swimmer, anchoring '68 medley relay. As a junior he won the prestigious Eastern Interscholastics diving title (second as a senior). He went on to fame as a tower diver at Great Adventure and a cliff diver in Mexico, where he was interviewed by a young Al Michaels during a segment of "Wide World of Sports."

Jen Schwarzenbek ('95): The all-time leading goal scorer (40) and scorer

(54) in school field hockey history. Schwarzenbek played three years varsity and the team was 31-15-10, reaching both the county and state Group 4 finals during her sophomore year. Co-captain of field hockey and softball teams as a senior. She played second base on a softball team that went 16-9 and reached the county championship game. Currently she's the field hockey coach at Summit.

Kurt Stiefken ('72): A true tough-guy three-sport athlete. Injuries slowed down the two-way halfback in football, but he was a state runnerup in wrestling as a junior and a state champion at 157 pounds as a senior, posting a 43-5-2 career record (three of those losses coming to Seton Hall's rugged Dante Caprio in '71). A tough-as-nails catcher, he played for and later became player-coach for the Westfield Merchants semi-pro team.

Janney Zonneville ('82): How good was Zonneville? Her school record 1:07.74 in the 100 breaststroke, set in 1981, is still the school record! Every girls swimming record has been broken over the past three years, except that one; in fact, current coach Brooke Smith ('99) is second fastest at 1:08.03. And Zonneville's record in the 200 individual medley lasted until this past winter! She will join older sister Dana ('79) in the Hall of Fame.

The 1976 girls tennis team: Coach Kathy Luckey's team went 17-0, in the first season of girls tennis in the fall. The team won the county, sectional and state Group 4 titles. More impressively, they won their last 16 matches by 5-0 scores. The only blemish was at second doubles in the season opener against Millburn, when Barb Quackenbos and Janie Taylor lost 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. The lineup: Kim Schmidt, Marion Dieme and Oak Knoll transfer Beth Daaleman at singles (Yvette Wagonsommer until Daaleman became eligible), with Terri Moore and Pam Stites at first dubs. Beth Gilligan and Liz McManigal were another solid doubles team.

The 1985 softball team: Led by Hall of Famers Sally Parizeau, Nancy Kasko and coach Carol Donner, this squad became the first WHS team (and is believed the state's first team in any sport) to win 30 games in a season, finishing 30-3. The team won county and sectional honors before falling to Washington Township 1-0 in eight innings in the state Group 4 final. The lineup: Sue Williams 1b, captain Kim Canata 2b, Chris Brown 3b, Elise Finelli ss, Tara Vitale lf, Parizeau cf, Sharon Johnson rf, Jen McCoy c, Kasko p and Sarah Cozewith dh. Outfielder Jo Avis and infielder Robyn Brown also contributed.

Bruce Johnson ('63): The winningest swim coach in school history, WHS teams won 161 meets in his 13 years, including 12 county, 10 sectional and six state titles. A two-time state Coach of the Year (1996, 2000), the former WHS swimmer also was the first freshman to play varsity basketball at

Devil of the Week
James O'Rourke
Baseball

Fairleigh Dickinson-Madison, under Bill Raftery. He also wrote a book on the first 100 years of WHS football, and spent 15 years coaching football, basketball and baseball in the town's little leagues.

Tickets (\$50 each) will be available in the fall at the WHS athletic office and from Roger Love or Bill Jordan at Taylor-Love Realtors.

There are 97 athletes, 14 coaches and 28 teams under consideration for future Hall of Fame induction classes. If you want to nominate somebody, or check to see if they've already been nominated, or possibly need more biographical material, contact me at bj1019@aol.com.

THIS AND THAT

Baseball: Coach Bob Brewster is now 64-20 in UCT games following Saturday's 6-5 title tilt loss to Cranford. It was the 12th time the teams have met in the UCT, with WHS having won seven times, including the previous three meetings (2006, 2008, 2009). Brewster is 1-0 as a player and 5-2 as a coach against Cranford in the UCT. The only previous WHS-CHS county final was 1978, when K.C. Knobloch pitched the Devils to a 3-2 victory.

Congrats to Ken Miller, whose team advanced to the county jayvee tournament final with an 8-4 upset of previously unbeaten SP-F. They'll play Gov. Livingston Saturday, 1 p.m., in the title game at A.L. Johnson. GL won 3-2 in an earlier game.

Track: Fresh from their second county title in three years, the boys will be looking for their first sectional title in 32 years this weekend at Ridge.

Boys lacrosse: After beating Pingry to regain the Bristol Cup after a two-year absence, WHS fell to top-ranked Summit in the UCT final. But the Devils bounced back less than 18 hours later to down Mainland in their state opener before falling to West Morris on Tuesday.

TORBORG IN TOWN

Former WHS ('59) and major league baseballer Jeff Torborg will be among the five new inductees into the Westfield Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Westfield Historical Society, at its annual meeting next Wednesday, May 26, at Echo Lake Country Club. Torborg will also be in town on June 3, 7:30 p.m., when he will give a speech at the Community Room, Town Hall, for the Friends of the Westfield Library.

DEVIL OF THE WEEK

This week's winner of a free sub from Westfield Subs (261 South Avenue East) is James O'Rourke. The sophomore was 3-for-4 with three RBI and got the final four outs in relief as WHS handed previously unbeaten SP-F an 8-4 loss in the UCT jayvee semifinals.

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WORKING HIS WAY AROUND A CRUSADER...Blue Devil senior John Bohlinger, no. 3, worked his way around several Crusaders to score three goals and add two assists. Westfield defeated A.L. Johnson, 9-5, in the Union County semifinals on May 12 before losing 7-2 in the title game to top-ranked Summit on May 14. See photo on page 13.

BOHLINGER, SCRUDATO, HELFAND, BOHROD SCORE

Blue Devil Boy Laxers Repel Crusaders, 9-5, in UCT Semis

By **DAVID B. CORBIN**
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Dexterity, groundball dominance and key saves from goalie junior Jeff LaForge prevailed in the Westfield High School boys lacrosse team's 9-5, victory over A.L. Johnson of Clark in a semifinal game of the Union County Tournament (UCT) in Westfield on May 12.

Mr. Dexterity, senior attacker John Bohlinger, slammed in three goals and added a pair of assists, but senior midfielder Sean Scrudato, a right-hander, also demonstrated his dexterity by notching a pair of left-handed goals, while adding three assists.

"They were forcing me righty and giving me my left. I work at it in practice all week, so I thought I would take shots, and they went in," Scrudato explained.

Scudato's second goal, which came in the fourth quarter, fooled the Crusader defense when he was faking like he was looking for an open teammate, but instead fired in a one-hopper.

"We called that play at halftime. We were looking for that play all half then the guy covering me was looking for me to pass. He started slacking off on me, [so]I took a shot," Scrudato said.

"Sean has been working very, very hard in practice on his shooting and dodging. It's paid off immensely. Our team is much better when Sean is shooting the ball at least 10 times a game," Blue Devil Head Coach Marc Silbergeld said.

Two of Scrudato's assists were to Bohlinger and the other was to senior midfielder Zach Helfand, who finished with two goals.

"John Bohlinger was making acrobatic catches. I saw him. I was just putting it to him, and he was making the goals," Scrudato said modestly.

In a four-goal game against Cranford on May 1, Bohlinger showed his versatility by hitting a sidearm shot, a left-handed shot, a right-handed shot and a shuffle shot. Against the 6-11 Crusaders, he took a different approach with two overhead, one-hop shots. The other was a nifty short, shuffle shot.

"My coach wanted me to mix up my shots, because the goalies know I was shooting low to high, so I mixed it up and shot high bouncers. The wet turf skips really high, so I got nice bounces and hit those corners," Bohlinger said.

The 11-6 Blue Devils led the Crusaders, 36-20, in groundballs, and a

major reason for that was sophomore midfielder Ryan Rittendale, who scooped eight in the first half alone.

"He dominated the face-offs. The only three face-offs he lost all day were procedure calls. All those extra possessions add up to a lot," coach Silbergeld said.

Helfand scored the first goal four minutes into the game, but Crusader Nick Mollery, assisted by Nick Villaverde, tied the score less than two minutes later. Scrudato assisted Bohlinger on the next goal, but Villaverde (CJ Francesco assist) made the score, 2-2. Scrudato assisted Helfand and Bohlinger on the next two goals to end the quarter, 4-2.

In the second quarter, Bohlinger assisted midfielder Ryan Bohrod on his first goal then assisted Scrudato two minutes later. Crusader Vinny Manasia (Villaverde assist) scored, making the score, 6-3. Next, the Blue Devils bounced a pair of vicious shots off the Crusaders' post. After a scramble near the goal, the ball rolled left and Bohlinger was there to shuffle it in. Crusader Gerard Ziobro scored to make the score, 7-4, at the half.

The third quarter was scoreless,

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PETERSON RAPS 2-RBI TRIPLE; MONROY 3 HITS, 2 RBI

Rahway Softballers Hold Off Raiders in Seventh, Win, 7-6

By **FRED LECOMTE**
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Lara Natalie provided a two-run double in the top of the seventh inning to guide Rahway past the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School softball team, 7-6, in Scotch Plains on May 13.

Raider junior pitcher Amanda White permitted 13 hits, finished with two strikeouts and walked two. Christy Monroy went three-for-three and scored two runs to lead the Raiders. Aysia Peterson rapped a two-run triple in the fifth, and Olivia Brokaw went two-for-three and scored a run. Andrea Barone scored once and singled, and Cassie Zito singled.

"We did get a few runners on base, moved them up nicely, passed up opportunities in the first and second innings. It's one of the toughest things to do; sometimes the ball gets solid contact and sometimes it doesn't. A couple of mistakes in some places today; we needed to be a little bit sharper to come out on the other side," said Raider Head Coach Jessica Hulnik.

Rahway pitcher Cindy Rivera scattered 10 hits, struck out six and walked eight. Mariela Ferrer went three-for-five, including a double and two RBI, Adriane McClary and Cevin Pena each went two-for-three with an RBI, and Lenny Zapata (RBI) scored a run.

Defensively, Brokaw scooped up a heater and relayed to first in time in the third inning. Monroy made three fabulous plays at third, including a fine scoop and tag-out on a runner in the fifth, and catcher Courtney Zyla threw out the runner heading to third in the sixth inning.

The 7-12 Indians scored once in the top of the third inning when Ferrer slapped an RBI single, then widened the margin to 3-0 in the fourth, highlighted by McClay's RBI single and Pena's sacrifice fly ball to center. The 8-13 Raiders plated a run in the bottom of the fourth on a bases-loaded walk and added three runs in the fifth to take a 4-3 lead. Monroy and Zyla tapped back-to-back singles and Peterson ripped her two-run triple to left. Brokaw added an RBI single to center.

"We did start late with our hitting, but once our first person actually started with a hit, it got everybody else on board, and it made us realize

we are playing a game. As to my hit, I had a full count, I knew I had to hit it or coach would let me have it, so I stepped and drove the ball," said Peterson.

Pena singled in the sixth with a single, advanced to second and scored on a run-away ball. Ferrer scored the

go-ahead run on a bloop single to left. In the bottom of the inning, Zito singled, and Kelly Lapham worked a walk and stole a base. Monroy rifled an RBI single. Lapham scored on an infield miscue to give the Raiders a 6-5 lead.

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FIRING THE BALL ACROSS THE PLATE...Raider junior pitcher Amanda White permitted 13 hits, finished with two strikeouts and walked two against Rahway on May 13.

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Mary is a repeat recipient of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence Sales Award (1997-2007); she's also won the Circle of Excellence Gold award during every year of the same period. She always ranks among the Top Producers in the Westfield office, which has been the #1 Coldwell Banker office in the New York Metro area for more than 20 years. She holds various designations and is a Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES), Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), a Graduate of the Real Estate Institute (GRI) and a Previews Specialist. She is also a graduate of Fordham University in New York City, where she earned a master's degree.

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She also wants them to feel at home in town, just as she does.

For more than 35 years, she and her husband, John, have lived in Westfield and have been active members of the community. Mary has worked with various organizations including helping out in the thrift and consignment shop at the Westfield Service League, delivering meals to senior citizens with Mobile Meals, serving as a Friend of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, and volunteering as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Helen's Church. Most importantly, Mary and John have also raised their two daughters, now adults, in Westfield.

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ON THEIR WAY TO PERSONAL BESTS... Raiders Kathleen Leeper, left, and Erin Pierce, center, recorded personal-best times in the 3,200 meters. Leeper finished second in 11:26.18 and Pierce placed fourth at 11:38.21.

Raider Girls Capture Union County Track Crown

her level,” Handy said. “At the end of the season, I really want to hit 37 to 38 and try to make it to the board.” Canfield’s PB in the triple jump is 35’7”, “So I’m getting close to it. I really want to get a 36,” she said. Canfield placed third in the high jump with a height of 4’10”, and Grant tied for fifth with a height of 4’8”. Raider Kathleen Leeper kicked it down the stretch to beat out Summit’s Kearsley Olcott for second in the 3,200 meters with respective times of 11:26.18 and 11:27.18. Leeper

knocked 24 seconds off her PB. “She beat me at the Meet of Champs. I want to beat her. I like winning,” said Leeper, whose goal is a time of 11:20. Raider Erin Pierce crossed fourth in the 3,200 at 11:38.21. Pierce also finished third in the 1,600 with a time of 5:20.81. Cougar Rebecca Shimonov has literally been making PB leaps-and-bounds in all of her events. Although not placing in the top-six, she had a PB distance of 33’8” in the triple jump.

She also placed fifth in the 400-hurdles with a PB time of 1:08.71. Last week at the Union County Conference meet, she shattered her previous PB by soaring 16’7.5” in the long jump. “The long jump was amazing. That’s like a whole foot over my personal best. The weather was perfect. There was no wind. I saw a girl on our team (Megan Schetlich) jump 16 feet. That’s her PR, so I could PR as well,” Shimonov said. In the triple jump, “I had a personal best by about a foot. It was a great meet.”

Devil Laxers Repel Crusaders in UCT Semis, 9-5

but the Blue Devils worked the ball around at first but ended up taking five shots. “We wanted to settle the ball, and they started seeing our cutters and our picks. We were looking for the cutters, but they were covering them,” said Bohlinger, who added, “Their goalie played well today.” During that time, Villaverde took a point-blank shot that LaForge stopped to prevent a possible momentum shift. The Crusaders took a few more wicked

shots but LaForge rejected them. “Jeff always has those great shots that makes the momentum go towards our team instead of the other team,” Bohlinger said. “He’s done that all season. Jeff makes timely saves. He is a tremendous goalkeeper. He’s kept us in a lot of games,” coach Silbergeld added. Scrudado netted his unassisted goal early in the fourth quarter, and Bohrod on Andrew Sauerwein’s assist, scored his second goal. Manasia scored the

final goal. The win advanced the Blue Devils to play No. 1 ranked, 16-0 Summit for the UCT championship on May 14. “We are excited! We played, probably, our best game the first time we saw them,” said coach Silbergeld. “This is why you play the game; for an opportunity to challenge yourself and play at the highest possible level. I hope our team brings it on Friday.”

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LAURICELLA WHACKS 3-RUN HOMER, RBI DOUBLE

SPF Baseball Raiders Cage Linden Tigers in Five, 15-1

By FRED LECOMTE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

No mercy, with the exception of the five-inning rule, was offered by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood baseball team in its 15-1, thrashing of visiting Linden on May 14. Raider Mike Lauricella led the 13-hit assault, with a three-run home run and an RBI double.

Senior pitcher Gary Binkiewicz, who notched two strikeouts, yielded two singles an RBI triple and three walks, also scored a run. Ricky Shevlin slashed three doubles and had an RBI. Marcus Rivera (2 RBI, run scored) had three hits and stole a base. Joe D’Annunzio rapped a two-run triple and scored once. Lou Mazzella singled twice and had two RBI, and Brian Dempsey scored a run.

“We wanted to get Gary on the mound after last Saturday’s loss, get him back going, get his confidence going again, because we are looking to need him to go far in the state tournament,” Raider Head Coach Tom Baylock said. “He did a great job keeping them off-balance. Our defense played well, making the plays we have to make. Our biggest asset is our bats. We hit the ball well, moved runners along and got runs when we needed to give Gary a cushion. If we keep that going for another two or three weeks, we’ll have a big impact in the state tournament. One game at a time and see what we can do.” First baseman John Maxwell displayed four fine fielding plays, including a first-to-second (Travis Whitney) double play, and speedster Taylor Schnag made a great running and diving snag in right field. “It was more reaction than anything. I just snagged it. [The] runner on first, obviously not expecting anyone to catch that ball. Tag on first, and you get your double play,” Maxwell said. “I try to be as well rounded of a player as I can be. Definitely feel like I improved a lot through my four years as a Raider.”

The Raiders took a 6-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, highlighted by Shevlin’s leadoff triple, Rivera’s RBI sacrifice fly, Mazzella’s two-run single and Lauricella’s three-run blast over the centerfield fence. In the second, six more Raiders plundered home plate. Shevlin doubled off the

centerfield fence and scored on Rivera’s single. Maxwell reached on an infield bobbie, D’Annunzio whacked his two-run triple and scored on Binkiewicz’s sac fly. Mazzella and Schon each singled and scored on Lauricella’s double and Dempsey’s sac fly, respectively. In the third, the Raiders produced a run on D’Annunzio’s sac fly then added a two-run coating in the fourth. Connor Thompson walked and Ryan Dempsey singled. Shevlin slapped an RBI double and Rivera added an RBI single. The lone Tiger run came in the fifth with two outs, when E.J. Santiago worked a walk and scored on a triple

by Dan Gomez. “My stuff is getting back to where it was. I was hitting spots, getting squeezed a little bit, but it happens. Otherwise, my curve ball worked well and the fastball hit the spots, so it felt good,” Binkiewicz said. “Looking ahead, our offense puts a lot of runs on the board. We have a good pitching staff. Jordan (Bayroff) is good. I am going to come in with my best every time. We have kids like D’Angelo, a freshman who is really good. If we make plays then there is no reason why we should not win.”

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THREE IS A CHARM...Raider Ricky Shevlin, right, slips into second base with his third double against Linden on May 14.

Rahway Holds Off Raiders, 7-6

The Indians tied the game in the seventh on a wild throw at the plate, then scored the winning run on Natalie’s double. “I always try to get the first strike, then the second one followed by curve balls, screwballs and things like that,” White said. “We need to put together a few more pieces in the outfield, and I need to be a little more consistent in

hitting my spots. Once we put those things together, I think we will be a solid team.” “We strung together some real nice hits. We just need a few more times to be able to do this, and it would have been a different game. Just one of these days,” concluded Hulnik

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LAURICELLA BLASTS PAIR OF HOMERS, MISSES 3RD

Raider Baseballers Bombard Indians, 18-6, in Five Innings

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Designated hitter Mike Lauricella blasted a pair of home runs and nearly added a third when the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team bombarded Rahway, 18-6, in five innings in Scotch Plains on May 13.

Lauricella, who has four home runs on the season, whacked a leadoff solo blast in the second inning.

“On the first home run, the pitch was high middle-in fastball, and I put a good swing on it and took it out,” Lauricella said.

His second homer was a two-run shot in the third inning.

“Same pitch actually! High middle-in,” he said. “The first one went over the Conference Championship sign, and the second one went over ‘Home of the Raiders.’”

In the fourth inning, he just missed a third homer with a long drive that Rahway centerfielder Joe Romeo caught at the fence.

“Actually, that was the best one I hit. It was right over, but it wasn’t high enough, and I didn’t pull it,” Lauricella, who also walked and scored a third time, explained.

Half of the 19-5 Raiders’ 16 hits were for extra bases. Joe D’Annunzio thumped a pair of triples, scored twice, walked twice and had three RBI. John Maxwell had an RBI triple, a pair of

singles and scored three times. Gary Binkiewicz drilled a two-run double and RBI single, and scored once. Lou Mazzella ripped an RBI single and doubled. Ricky Shevlin had an RBI triple, an RBI sacrifice fly and scored twice. Marcus Rivera (three runs scored, RBI) doubled and singled. Brian Dempsey singled and scored twice, Taylor Schon singled and scored, and Connor Thompson walked and scored.

Raider starting pitcher Sean Reilly was tapped for seven hits and all of the Indians’ runs; however, because of a multitude of errors, only one was earned. Maxwell relieved to get the third out in the third inning and slammed the door the rest of the way, allowing only one single.

“We are much better than we played today,” Raider Head Coach Tom Baylock said. “For some reason, we scored some runs, and we sat back a little bit. On defense, we let the ball play us a couple of times. We didn’t make some routine plays. We know we are much better than that, and we know we will come out tomorrow and make those plays

“We didn’t get better today. That’s for sure in the field, at least! We are going to face stiffer opposition in the second and third rounds (sectionals), so we need to step it up and play harder in the field,” Lauricella said.

Binkiewicz’s two-run double and

Mazzella’s RBI single gave the Raiders, acting as the visiting team, a 3-0 lead in the top of the first. The Indians tied it in the bottom of the inning. The Raiders added four runs in the second. Lauricella homered; Maxwell and D’Annunzio had RBI triples, and Binkiewicz had an RBI single.

Lauricella’s two-run blast sparked a five-run third, but the Indians responded with three runs to make the score, 12-6. D’Annunzio’s two-run triple capped a four-run fourth then Dempsey tapped an RBI single, and Shevlin followed with his RBI sac fly in the fifth.

The Raiders received the No. 2 seed for the upcoming North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 tournament, which began on May 17. (They hosted Newark West Side). South Plainfield, ranked No. 1 in the state by *The Star-Ledger*, received the top seed. Morristown received the fourth seed and the Cranford Cougars, who defeated the Raiders, 10-7, in the county semifinals, received the third seed.

“That’s what we talked about after Saturday’s loss (Cranford). We [have] got to look ahead,” coach Baylock said. “We have other goals in mind. One is to win the conference. The other goal is to win a state tournament. It’s a good section. It’s very, very tough!”

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BANGUP PLAY AT HOME...Rahway’s Mike Pierre collides with Raider catcher Lou Mazzella while attempting to score in the first inning. Pierre was safe, but the Raiders won, 18-6, in Scotch Plains on May 13.



Courtesy of Bill Howard for The Westfield Leader and The Times

DOWN AND UP... Westfield Blue Devil lacrosse midfielder Patrick Dyer tumbles hard to the turf after scoring on a pass from Will Gretskey, then bounces back with a reminder of who’s no. 1 in Saturday’s NJSIAA Group 3 opening round game against Mainland at Kehler Stadium. Eighth-seeded Westfield (12-7) won, 15-8, behind four goals and five assists by John Bohlinger.

Highlanders Defeat Raider Netmen, 3-2

The Governor Livingston High School boys tennis team defeated Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 3-2, in a regular-season game on May 17.

First singles: Blake Anderson (G) d Dan Nizri, 6-2, 6-0

Second singles: Steve Bello (S) d Dave Lander, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4

Third singles: Ezra Klemow (S) d Tim Gorzelnik, 7-6 (7-0), 7-6 (7-5)

First doubles: Max Kraan and Joe DiRienzo (G) d Kyle Douglas and Mike Riesenber, 6-1, 6-1

Second doubles: Rob Milman and Alex Liu (G) d Eric Leyden and Charles Cummings, 6-7 (3-7), 6-1, 7-5

Lady Vikings Silence Softball Raiders, 5-1

The 14-6 hosting Union Catholic High School softball team received a two-hit performance from Colleen Dow, who struck out seven, while allowing just one walk, in a 5-1 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood on May 17. Courtney Zyla tripled and scored the lone run for the 9-15 Raiders.

H.S. Sport Shorts:

Blue Devil Nine Top Minutemen, 8-4

The third-seeded Westfield High School baseball team defeated Elizabeth, 8-4, in the first round of the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 tournament in Westfield on May 17. Senior pitcher Robbie Anderson allowed just one hit and walked three, while shutting out the 12-13 Minutemen in five innings.

The 17-8 Blue Devils plated all eight of their runs in the fourth inning, beginning with Anderson’s infield single. Anderson later scored on a wild pitch. Brett Johnson and Max Fusaro each added two-run doubles. AJ Murray had an RBI single, and Danny Kerr crushed a two-run homer.

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Baseball Raiders Rip Warren Hills, 12-2

Tyler Schon rapped a pair of doubles, a single and had an RBI, and Lou Mazzella went three-for-three to lead the second-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team to a 12-2 victory over Warren Hills in the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 tournament in Scotch Plains on May 17. Ricky Shevlin blasted a solo homer.

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THE STUDENT VIEW

The weekly column written by local high school students

Your E-mails Speak for You

By Abigail Rogers
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

E-mail communication has become excessively informal. While it is good to feel comfortable contacting teachers, many students write to teachers with complete disregard for simple English standards and grammar.

Although this type of disrespect would have been frowned upon in past years, there is no attempt to enforce a standard by which teachers should be e-mailed. Roughly 87 percent of all teens engage in electronic messaging, but 60 percent of them do not consider it "writing."

It is important for teens to think about how to compose their communication with proper English and punctuation.

I have a simple solution to the lack of respect expressed in many student e-mails. It is not much harder to type, "Are you available to meet with me this week to discuss my paper on the Spanish Revolution? Thanks!" than it is to type, "i want ot meat for my spanish rev paper...k? :D"

However, students seem to have lost all ability to type in proper English, as opposed to the instant-mes-

saging lingo that is used with friends. Perhaps we have not realized that there is a need for careful electronic communication that is a reflection of our manners and ability to write well.

If students are not taught to act in a way appropriate to the situation, they will not use that skill later in life. For example, a young person must understand that attire for a work setting and an outfit for a party should be very different.

In a similar way, a communication to a prospective employer should be different than a text to a friend. These mistakes could be major social blunders, putting a person's job or reputation in jeopardy.

While informal language and style may be acceptable towards friends in e-mails, instant messages or text messages, teachers should be treated as adults that we respect, and this should be conveyed by proper e-mail communication. By learning to write with some formality, a teen-ager will be able to use it as a skill for life-long communication.

Abigail Rogers is a Plainfield resident and a sophomore at Wardlaw-Hartridge.



DOO-WAH DIDDY...The Doo-Wah Riders recently had Franklin students cheering during their performance at the elementary school in Westfield. The band defined its sound as "high-energy country with a Cajun twist" and provided powerful arrangements of both classic and original songs. The Franklin PTO Cultural Arts Committee sponsored the event.

Relay For Life to Return To SPFHS This Weekend

SCOTCH PLAINS – On May 21 and 22, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's (SPFHS) Student Movement Against Cancer (SMAC) will hold its ninth annual Relay For Life. The overnight event will take place at the school beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 7 a.m.

This event invites members of the Scotch Plains and Fanwood communities to learn how their participation in this nationwide movement benefits lifesaving American Cancer Society research, programs and services.

The SMAC club was founded 10 years ago, when a student at SPFHS was diagnosed with cancer, and he and his friends decided to do something about it. They formed SMAC and put on SPFHS's first-ever Relay For Life.

This year, the club has done a myriad of different fundraisers for various cancer organizations; it participated with a team in the Light the Night Walk in Westfield, held a mini-cure fundraiser for Operation Bling and has volunteered its assistance with other groups.

Relay For Life is always the largest fundraiser of the year, and this year's Woodstock theme for the event spawned the name SMACstock. SMAC is trying to get more community involvement than in years past at the event.

"Our hope," said Amelia Brause, event chairwoman and SMAC president, "is that as many people as possible will come out to learn about this event and, more importantly, that our guests will leave this event energized and empowered to move forward and

start a team or generate a sponsorship that will help us raise these much-needed funds."

In the past four years alone, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood communities have raised more than \$400,000, which has provided research, education and services to those living with cancer.

"Last year's Relay was wonderful, and we want to grow this year. We want more teams of friends, families, houses of worship, organizations, schools, neighborhoods, businesses and co-workers to join the fight," said Ms. Brause. "We encourage everyone to visit our website now and start fundraising to help us get closer to our 2010 goal of \$110,000."

A festive atmosphere always develops at Relay For Life, with music, food, contests, awards and prizes. The event sets the stage for honoring the spirit of those battling cancer and remembering those for whom a cure did not come soon enough.

For more information on this year's event, forming a team or becoming a sponsor at this year's Relay For Life, call Allison Lopreato, manager of Relay For Life, at the American Cancer Society at (908) 629-0386, extension no. 241, or e-mail allison.lopreato@cancer.org.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Last Will and Testament of Eleanor M. Butler, late of Union county and State of New Jersey, was probated by the Surrogate of Union County on the 23rd day of April, 2010 in Elizabeth, New Jersey in the county of Union. The executor of the estate is Barbara Sager who resides at 400 Madison Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey 07065. Any and all inquiries should be directed to the attorney for the executor noted below:

Mary Jean Barnes, Esq.
Coughlin Duffy LLP
350 Mount Kemble Avenue
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Morristown, New Jersey 07962
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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 10-06-R AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on May 11, 2010. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This ordinance establishes the appointment and terms of office of certain employees.

This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on June 7, 2010, at 7:30 P.M., Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 5/20/10, The Times Fee: \$21.42



AN HONOR...Jefferson Principal Jeanette Munoz, center, and Westfield Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan, right, congratulate Diana Collins, a fourth-grade teacher at Jefferson School, on receiving the 2010 Philhower Fellowship for Elementary Teachers, sponsored by the Westfield Rotary Club.

Diana Collins Awarded Philhower Fellowship

WESTFIELD – Diana Collins, a fourth-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield, is the 2010 recipient of the Westfield Rotary Club's Philhower Fellowship, given in recognition of outstanding teaching at the elementary school level.

She was presented with the award and was the guest of honor at the Rotary Club luncheon on May 4. Later that evening, she was honored at a reception at Jefferson School at 7:30 p.m. prior to the board of education meeting, both held in the school's auditorium.

Mrs. Collins began her teaching career in the 1970s in Jersey City and for a short time in North Carolina. She joined the Westfield Public Schools as a full-time teacher in 1989, following three years working as a substitute teacher.

She has been a fourth-grade teacher in Jefferson School ever since. Prior to returning to full-time teaching, she raised two sons, was active in the Junior League of Elizabeth/Plainfield and as a docent at the Miller-Cory House Museum, conducting school tours; served on the board of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA for six years and was active on the PTO of Deerfield School in Mountainside, which her sons attended.

A graduate of New Jersey City University, with a degree in elementary education, she received a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, with a concentration in Technology, from the College of Saint Elizabeth.



OPERA IN THE HOUSE...The kindergarten students at Holy Trinity Interparochial School, Mountainside campus, were honored to have a visit from Maureen Francis Scanlan, a professional opera singer who has sung with the Los Angeles Opera, the Lincoln Center Festival and, most recently, at Opera Omaha in The Marriage of Figaro. She performed and taught the students about opera, and created a children's opera in which they were the stars. St. Helen's Church in Westfield also is honored to have her as a cantor. Pictured with Ms. Scanlan is Holy Trinity student Gianluca Carnevale.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on June 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at its offices at 36 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey to discuss and take action with respect to various applications for private activity bond financing, including, but not limited to, the following application:

APPLICATION NO.: P30553
Project Applicant (& Address): New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. 131 Woodcrest Road Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003
Operators of Project (& Address): Same as above.

Project Address: Various counties and municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey, including, but not limited to: Township of Absecon, Township of Egg Harbor, Township of Galloway, City of Northfield in Atlantic County; Township of Cinnaminson, Township of Delran, Township of Moorestown, Township of Mt. Laurel in Burlington County; Township of Cherry Hill, Township of Haddon Heights, Township of Magnolia, Borough of Somerdale, Township of Voorhees in Camden County; Township of Middle, City of Ocean City, Township of Upper in Cape May County; Township of Millburn in Essex County; Township of Deptford, Township of West Deptford, City of Woodbury in Gloucester County; Borough of Frenchtown in Hunterdon County; Township of Aberdeen, Borough of Allenhurst, City of Asbury Park, Township of Colts Neck, Township of Middletown, Township of Neptune, Borough of Neptune City, City of Oceanport, Borough of Tinton Falls, Township of Wall in Monmouth County; Township of Long Hill, Borough of Mendham in Morris County; Township of Bay Head, Township of Brick, Township of Lakewood, Township of Toms River, Township of Howell in Ocean County; Township of Bedminster in Somerset County; Township of Scotch Plains, Township of Springfield, City of Summit in Union County; Town of Belvedere, Township of Washington, Township of White in Warren County.

Maximum Amount of Issue Requested: Not exceeding \$325,000,000
Description of Project: Financing is sought for the refunding of the Authority's existing (i) Water Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds (New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. Project) Series 1993-A, (ii) Water Facilities Revenue Bonds (New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. Project) Series 1993-B, (iii) Series 1994-A, (iv) Series 1994-B, (v) Series 1995, (vi) Series 1996, (vii) Series 1997B, and (viii) Series 1998-A, which were used to finance improvements to both sources of water supply and water distribution pipeline networks and for construction of water treatment facilities located in various counties and municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey.

At the meeting, members of the public may appear in person or by attorney to express their views, which may either be provided orally or may be submitted in writing at the Authority's address above, concerning the proposed issuance of bonds and the location and nature of the Project to be financed thereby.

PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND FINANCINGS OF THE NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ARE NOT OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, NOR ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THEREOF.

Funding for such financings are secured privately through conventional lending sources.

This notice is published in accordance with the public notice requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
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Mrs. Collins said, "Having returned to graduate school in the 1990s gave me the confidence to be the teacher I am today."

Included in the Philhower nominations received on her behalf were comments that praised Mrs. Collins' ability to motivate and engage students each and every day.

One of the letters of nomination stated, "She has been a leader in integrating hands-on science with her students by making it an exploratory learning experience and most of all fun. She continues to utilize technology in meaningful ways...and keenly aware of her students' interests and learning styles, she differentiates instruction regularly to meet the needs of all learners."

Mrs. Collins has volunteered her time for many years on Westfield's Scholarship Committee, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest and Jefferson School's Early Act program. Mrs. Collins has stated that her career's greatest reward is seeing how her former students have grown into successful young adults who will someday lead the world.

Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan congratulated Mrs. Collins on becoming the 18th recipient of the Philhower Fellowship. She also thanked the Rotary for "its recognition of this meaningful profession."

The Philhower Fellowship was established in 1993 by the Rotary Club to honor former Westfield educator and Rotarian Charles Philhower and to recognize the importance of teaching in the elementary grades.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services to provide actuarial services to the Township in planning for post-retirement benefits for its municipal workers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, permits the award of professional services without public advertisement as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7 or competitive bidding, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Township Council believe it to be in the best interest of the Township to enter into a Professional Services Contract with UHY Advisors to perform the aforesaid services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Contract for Professional Services with UHY Advisors in the amount of \$3,500.00 to provide actuarial services to the Township in planning for the post retirement benefits for its municipal workers and their families.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, more specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, which permits such work to be performed without advertising for bids.
3. A Certificate showing the availability of funds for the Contract authorized hereby shall be provided by the Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof, indicating that the appropriation for the within expenditure is charged to Account No. 01-201-23-220-097.

4. A notice of this action shall be printed in the official newspapers required by law within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

Dated: May 19, 2010
TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
BARBARA RIEPE
TOWNSHIP CLERK
1 T - 5/20/10, The Times Fee: \$46.41

ROOSEVELT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL Third Marking Period

WESTFIELD – Roosevelt Intermediate School Principal Stewart Carey has announced the school's third marking period honor roll.

7th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Marissa Alvarez, Lauren Andronis, Carl Arena, Sameena Asija, Jennifer Bagger, Meredith Bagger, Elise Ballan, Megan Bluffield, Stephen Bonnell, Victoria Breza, Stephanie Brown, Jill Burke, Nicholas Cannone, Madeline Capodanno, William Chandler, Bryan Chou, William Crenshaw, Michael Dazzo, Kayleigh Denner, Nicole Di Giorgio, Katherine Duffy, Colin Dursee, Lauren Echausse, Kristianna Elbert, Adam Federbusch, Zoe Federbusch, Max Flysch, Jane Franks, Rebecca Freer, Jennifer Frega, Chloe Genakos, Jared Geoghan, Cindy Gong, Aidan Hamilton, Eric Herber, Austin Hinel, Benjamin Howell, Alexandru Ionescu, Kayla Jackson, Kyle Jason, Amanda Jennings, Amber Johnson, Brian Johnson, Carly Kalis, Devin Kiernan, Kelly Ann Kristiansen, Corinne Kuntz, Alessandra Leong, Andrew Malacra, Sara McCutcheon, Judy McDonald, Aimee Mayo, Mary Mayo, Kevin Miller, Helen Mizrach, Kelly Morrison, Nicholas Moynihan, Samantha Nigro, Anna O'Brian, Charlie O'Brien, Alyson Palia, Samantha Paoletti, Christopher Pettit, Meghan Pettit, Emma Phillips, Anthony Pirrone, Jordan Robertson, Claudia Romeo, Morgan Sandford, Victoria Scognamiglio, Lillian Scott, Georgia Slater, Evan Steinfield, Jillian Stock, Caroline Stocking, Andrew Ukrainskyj, Layla Varkey, Kathryn Vera, Aidan Ward, Elli Warsh, Christopher Why, Olivia Windorf

7th Grade Honor Roll

Phoebe Aronds, Andrew Baker, Jessica Bebel, Margaret Blatz, Kerry Boll, Nathan Budashevitz, John Bunting, Zoe Capaldo, Belle Carroll, Fiona Castorina, Elena Chermak, Amanda Christian, Carson Clarke-Magrab, Nicholas Costa, Katherine Crowley, Patrick Culhane, Jacqueline Daeleam, Courtney Day, Thomas Dazzo, Elizabeth Dee, Lauren Deluca, Mae Devin, Neilan Dolan, Molly Dombroski, Kevin Echausse, Elizabeth Fox, Erin Fox, Erin Frankel, Andrew Frantz, Jackson Frontero, Jacob Givelber, Clarence Go, Andrew Gorczyca, Nicole Graf, Aisling Greene, Christina Griesmer, Matthew Handzy, Ryan Harrington, Erin Hart, Molly Hart, Rachel Hayden, Christopher Hendrix, Patrick Higgins, Stephen Husch, Joseph Johnston, Caroline Kacmarsky, Ian Knapp, Jacqueline Knapp, Jessica Koenigsberg, Timothy Korth, Austin Kronick, Sabrina Ladj, Matthew Lamar, Amanda Lambert, Michael Lapolla, Kaitlyn Larkin, David Lavelle, Olivia Lavelle, Christopher Lee, Katherine Lee, William Liddy, Alexandra Little, Kiera Loftus, Joseph Manganello, Andrew Marino, Carlie Mayer, Collin McDonald, John McKinley, Evan McElheny, Mia Miller, Samantha Moore, Elise Morano, Jacquelin Napolitano, Briana O'Brien, Rajan Olson, David Parker, Corinne Petersen, Emily Posyton, Jason Previlon, Luke Prybylski, Jennifer Raba, Jacob Rabinowitz, Chelsea Rader, Anna Reid, Jack Reinhard, Annie Resnikoff, David Reverendo, Thomas Rohwetter, Alexandra Rood, Amy Rosenzweig, Courtney Ryan, Julianne Salemy, Nicholas Sanders, Richard Santiamo, Amer Sawan, Nelson Schildge, Emily Schuman, Russell Seeger, Dana Seigelstein, Natasha Sharma, Ellie Shirk, Maren Siegel, Jackson Simcox, Amanda Spiezio, Amanda Stein, Emily Sullivan, Meghan Summers, Allison Talker, Elinor Walker, Julia Wanfried, Jason Wang, Mallory Weisse, Bradley Whitman, Patrick Woods, Emily Zimmerman, Alexander Zornitsky

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on **JUNE 3, 2010, at 7:30 pm** in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, the Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the first floor Council Chambers to consider the following appeal:

1801 Front Street, LLC, for a Use Variance for permission to convert a single-family dwelling into a two-family dwelling; a one bedroom unit and a two bedroom unit, at property located at 1801 Front Street, Block 1001, Lot 62 and located in the B-1 Zone contrary to the following sections of the Township Zoning Ordinance:

Section 23-3.9 B-1 Office and Multi-Family Zone, Permitted Uses:

4. Townhouse developments at a density of not over 12 bedrooms per acre...
5. Garden apartments at a density of not over 12 bedrooms per acre...

Section 23-3.4A, Para. 1, B-1 Zone:

Col. 3- Lot Area: Minimum required: 7,500 square feet; Existing: 12,964 square feet.

Col. 4- Lot Width: Minimum required: 75 feet; Existing: 45 feet

Col. 7- Front Setback: Minimum required: 15 feet; Existing: 65.01 feet.

Col. 8- Side Yard: Minimum required: 10 feet; Existing: 2.35 feet.

Col. 9- Total Sideyard: Minimum required: 25 feet; Existing: 10.1 feet.

The Applicant is requesting all other variances and waivers that are deemed required:

The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains and available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Barbara Horev, Secretary
Zoning Board of Adjustment
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8th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Kaitlin Abrams, Grace Aronds, Christopher Aslanian, Caroline Baldwin, Audrey Bangs, Kathleen Bond, Connor Brennan, Natalie Brennan, Gabrielle Buckman, Anna Centrella, Sandy Choi, Julia Criscuolo, Alexa Derman, Nicole Deroux, Leia Descalzi, Sarah Drummond, Benjamin Eisenberg, Vikranth Eleswarapu, Shea Fitzpatrick, Mara Friedman, Ethan Frisch, Evan Garfinkel, Melanie Grycan, Patrick Harris, Belle Hutchins, Helen Forrest Keating, Jack Kessler, Daniel Kuhn, David Kushner, Julia Kuzman, Kenneth Lamar, Brendan Lau, Olivia Le Warn, Kaitlyn Lutz, Claire Lynch, Kelly Mazzucco, Thomas McDonald, Luke McGrory, Sarah McIntyre, Emily McLane, Nicholas Mennona, William Murishaw, Nicole Myers, Matthew Nuzzo, Kelly O'Connor, Sophia Palia, Natasha Peregrin, Rebecca Plotkin, Thomas Pyle, Kristin Ragoza, Erica Ripberger, Jill Rosenfeld, Kristen Ryan, Joseph Santry, Jonathan Savorgiannakis, Olivia Schiffer, Nicholas Serratielli, Sophia Shiffman, Andrea Silva, Gregory Stepanioui, Andrew Stockwell, Sanjay Sujanthakumar, Anna Tanji, Alyssa Teese, Sean Tracey, Kristen Villane, Morgann Wilcox, Charlotte Zee

8th Grade Honor Roll

Julia Abbattista, Christopher Algarin, PJ Allen, William Allen, Michael Andronis, Christopher Arena, Elena Arida, Jane Aronds, Nora Aronds, Robert Ball, Aram Barkmakian, Sean Beattie, Alexandra Berry, Zachary Birkenthal, Sean Bohrod, Tyler Bowman, Jacob Boyle, Harry Brafman, Brittany Bryant, Dylan Burslem, Russell Cain, Christopher Callahan, Nicolas Carayannopoulos, Nicole Carpetto, Virginie Caspard, Andrew Castellone, Douglas Clarkson, Kaitlyn Collett, Brendan Currie, Michael Darchi, Christopher Dattilo, Sarah Davidson, Bradley Demartino, Olivia Dembiec, Brandon Eget, Catherine Eliades, Jared Ellner, Gabrielle Enlicherio, Michael Fasciale, Catherine Felix, Connor Finn, Matthew Fitzgerald, Jack Foley, Carly Friedman, Edwin Gee, Connor Gelson, Geneva Gleason, Alexander Gold, Sophia Gleoschmidt, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Peter Greeley, Connor Hagan, Oona Harrigan, Austin Hatch, Lucas Helander, Justin Hertzberg, Casey Hewett, Sara Hoerner, Ian Hutchinson, David Kane, Alexis Kardias, Christopher Kattak, Jake Katz, Madeline Katz, Rachel Kaufman, Rebecca Kaufman, Alexander Kay, Caroline King, Suzanna Kozlowski, Samuel Krause, Kyle Kristiansen, Kathleen Lafemina, Danielle Lamchek, Mate Landeka, Christopher Lazzarotti, Mark Lazzarotti, Matthew Lazzarotti, Allison Lee, Alexander Lopez, Marc Luino, Hannah Mackenzie, Shannon Malley, Jake Mastronardi, Morgan Mc Alister, Elizabeth Mc Cabe, Kathleen Mc Cutcheon, Mary Grace McDonald, Caroline McNamara, Hannah Moloshok, John Monihan, Lena Morello, Nora Moriarty, Brian Moun, Madison Mueller, Michael Murray, Julia Napolitano, Megan Newhard, Elisabeth Neylan, Shannon O'Brien, Jaclyn O'Connor, Lauren Oates, Joseph Ohaus, Brianna Parkinson, Alexander Penn, Katherine Piscitelli, Michael Reddy, Nicholas Retcho, Mary Rippe, Calvin Robertshaw, Michael Rogenberg, Deirdre Romer, Kimberly Roth, Claire Rothfelder, Sarah Russo, Sarah Sarkos, Benjamin Schuman, Lydia Anne Seaman, Katherine Seery, Connor Sheridan, Emily Sickles, Jocelyn Summers, Caroline Tanis, Caitlyn Tierney, Sabrina Vanness, Jacob Wasserman, Scott Wiesinger, Amanda Womelsdorf, Matthew Womow

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains held on May 6, 2010, the Board adopted the following resolution:

Denied – Mark Roshanski, for a Variance to construct a dwelling at 1551 Wright Street, Block 16303, Lots 1 and 2 which fronts on an unimproved street.

The file pertaining to these applications are in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains and available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Barbara Horev, Secretary
Zoning Board of Adjustment
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on **June 3, 2010 at 7:30 pm** in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, the Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the first floor Council Chambers to consider the following appeal:

Gary Anderson, for a variance to construct a handicap ramp and deck at property located at 233 Westfield Road, Block 2903, Lot 2, R-3A Zone contrary to the following sections of the Township Zoning Ordinance:
Section 23-3.4A, Para H, Col. 10- Rear Yard Setback: Minimum Required: 30 feet; Proposed: 16.8 feet.

All interested persons may be present and be heard.

The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

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CRANFORD COUGAR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

BURKE BREAKS RECORD IN TRIPLE JUMP, POLE VAULT

Lady Cougars Tie for Third At U.C. Track Championship

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Senior Kim Wenson took top honors and recorded personal-best (PB) throws in three field events to help the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls track & field team squeeze past Benedictine for the Union County Championship crown at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 15.

The Raiders finished with a 73 total and Benedictine totaled 70, while Cranford tied A.L. Johnson for third place with a 42 total and Westfield finished eighth with 24 points.

On May 14, the first day of competition, Wenson won the shot put with a shove of 37'9", and teammate Osa Ebose placed fifth with a push of 33'8.75. The next day, Wenson won the discus with a toss of 112 feet, and teammate Danielle Schweizer took third with a toss of 93'1". Wenson then had a huge PB toss of 121'8" to win the javelin, while teammate

Samantha Renfree placed sixth with a toss of 97'8".

In the meet's final event, Blue Devils Katie Ponce, Sophia Devita, Amanda Marcatullo and Ashley Edwards crossed first in the 4x400 with a time of 4:02.41. Edwards also finished fourth in the 200 meters with a time of 26.28.

On May 14, Benedictine's Kiana

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Winston nosed out Cranford Cougar Natalie Englese for first in the 400 meters with respective times of 57.29 and 57.34. Ponce took fourth at 58.44 and Edwards finished fifth at 58.46. Englese had been out of action with a pulled calf muscle since the Blue Devil Relays on April 17, and Cougar Head Coach Pete Kane decided to not enter her in the 4x400 relay.

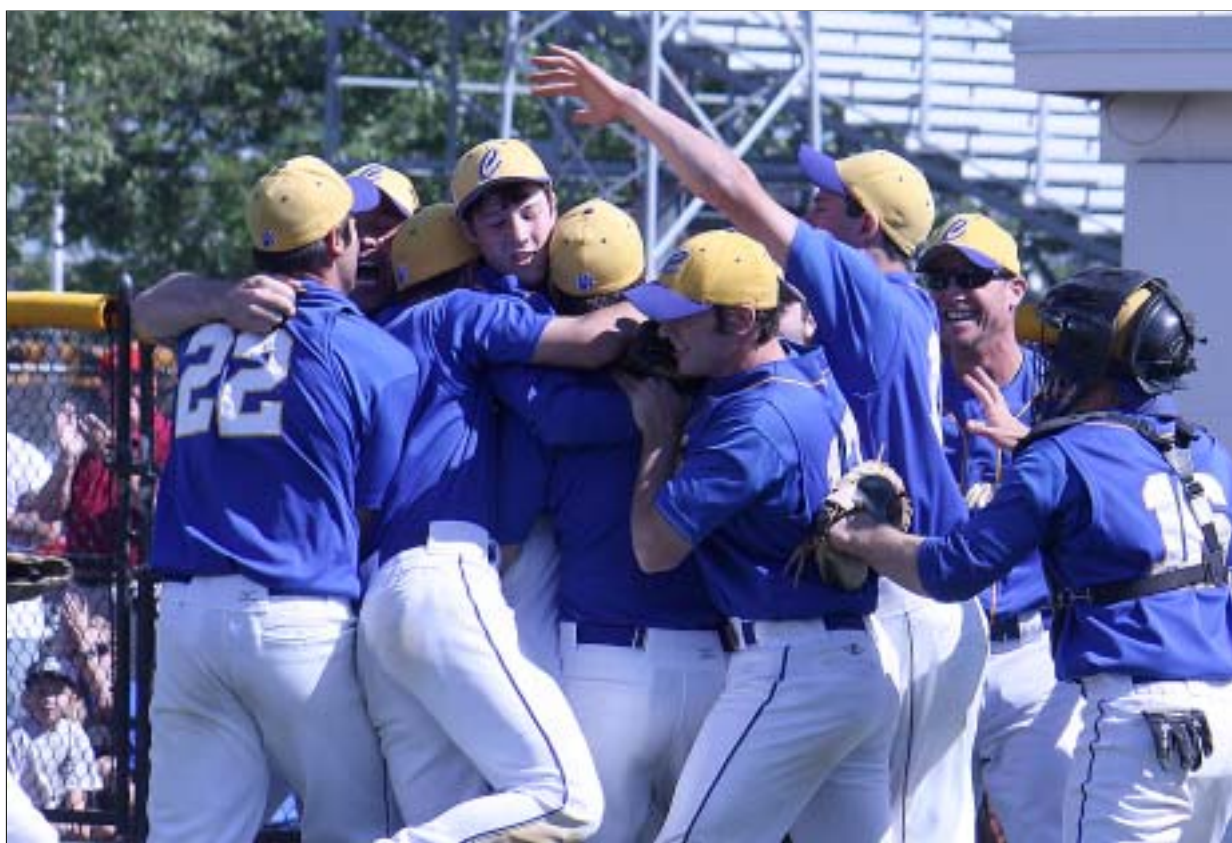
"It is more important to have her ready for the sectionals and the group championships," coach Kane said.

Cranford Cougar Kelly Burke broke a meet record and her own Union County record of 39'7.75" in the triple jump with a distance of 39'8".

"The triple jump gods only want me to PR by an inch or less every week," Burke chuckled. "The past two weeks I haven't been jumping that well, so it's time I get back up."

She also broke her own meet record of 10'6" set in 2008 in the pole vault

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
COUGARS POUNCING ON COUGARS...The Cranford Cougar baseball team celebrates after defeating Westfield, 6-5, for the Union County Tournament championship at Williams Field in Elizabeth on May 15.

WILLIAMSON SLAMS DOOR, COOK CRACKS 3-RUN HR

Cougars Ice Blue Devils, 6-5, For County Baseball Crown

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Mark Osofsky ripped a two-run single and Nick Cook followed with a three-run home run to tie the score in the bottom of the third inning, and Eric Walano seized the opportunity to dash home with the eventual winning run after a wild pitch in the fifth inning to give the third-seeded Cranford High School baseball team a 6-5 victory over top-seeded Westfield in the Union County Tournament (UCT) championship game at Williams Field in Elizabeth on May 15.

Capitalizing on even the smallest of opportunities has been the theme of the Cougars throughout the UCT. The Cougars took advantage of three

wind-assisted dropped balls to score four runs in the fifth inning to defeat Roselle Catholic, 7-5, in the quarterfinals. Then on May 8, they cashed in on three walks and a pair of hit batters to dethrone defending champs, Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 10-7, in the semifinals.

The 16-8 Blue Devils, seeking their 13th UCT title, out-hit the 20-5 Cougars, 10-6, and appeared to be on their way to notching another title when designated hitter Greg Fortino lashed a three-run home run over the

right-centerfield fence in the top of the third to give his team a seemingly comfortable, 5-0, lead.

The Blue Devils grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first inning when leadoff batter Tim Younger (2-for-4) slashed a double to right field, scooted to third on Cougar starting pitcher Pat Gilstrap's wild pitch and scored on Danny Kerr's grounder to short.

The Cougars dodged a bullet in the second inning. After Fortino poked a one-out single to right, centerfielder Nick Pace made a diving snag to rob Kevin Clancy of a hit. Just after the catch, Brett Johnson drilled a double

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NEARLY A PHOTO FINISH...Kiana Winston of Benedictine, right, gets her toe over the finish line just before Cougar Natalie Englese, center, to win the 400 meters at the Union County Championships on May 14.

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by Kenneth W. Arida, D.D.S.
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KEEPING WITH THE PACK IN THE 1,600...Cougar Bridget Miller, center, and Westfield Blue Devil Lisa Nehring, right, stay with the pack in the 1,600. Miller finished eighth with a time of 5:31.48 and Nehring finished 11th at 5:35.23.

Lady Cougars Tie for 3rd at UC Championship

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with a height of 12 feet. Burke also just missed on attempts to clear 12'7".

"I have the height. I'm seeing the bar, and I am going over too early instead of going up," Burke said.

Blue Devil Claire Stevens-Haas placed fifth with a height of 9'6" and Cougar Brianna Grant took sixth at eight feet. Burke also finished second in the 100-hurdles with a time of 15.74 and fifth in the long jump with a leap of 15'9.25" behind Raider Sarah Canfield who had a leap of 15'10.25". Raider Camille Handy had a PB in the triple jump with a distance of 36'4.5" to place fourth, and Canfield placed fifth with a distance of 35'3.25".

"She didn't even hit the board, so she can do better," Raider coach Rich McGriff said after Handy's jump.

"I have been wanting to hit 36'4" for a very long time, and I am glad I finally did it. Her [Burke] hitting 39 really pushes me to want to get up to her level," Handy said. "At the end of the season, I really want to hit 37 to 38 and try to make it to the board."

Canfield's PB in the triple jump is 35'7", "So I'm getting close to it. I really want to get a 36," she said.

Canfield placed third in the high jump with a height of 4'10", and Grant tied for fifth with a height of 4'8". Raider Kathleen Leeper kicked it down the stretch to beat out Summit's Kearsley Olcott for second in the 3,200 meters with respective times of 11:26.18 and 11:27.18. Leeper knocked 24 seconds off her PB.

"She beat me at the Meet of Champs. I want to beat her. I like winning," said Leeper, whose goal is a time of 11:20.

Raider Erin Pierce crossed fourth in the 3,200 at 11:38.21. Pierce also finished third in the 1,600 with a time of 5:20.81.

Cougar Rebecca Shimonov has literally been making PB leaps-and-bounds in all of her events. Although not placing in the top-six, she had a PB distance of 33'8" in the triple jump. She also placed fifth in the 400-hurdles with a PB time of 1:08.71. Last week at the Union County Con-

ference meet, she shattered her previous PB by soaring 16'7.5" in the long jump.

"The long jump was amazing. That's like a whole foot over my personal best. The weather was perfect. There was no wind. I saw a girl on our team (Megan Schetlich) jump 16 feet. That's her PR, so I could PR as well," Shimonov said. In the triple jump, "I had a personal best by about a foot. It was a great meet."

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SETTING ANOTHER COUNTY RECORD...Cougar Kelly Burke soars 39'8" to break her previous Union County and meet record of 39'7.75" in the triple jump. Burke also cleared 12 feet in the pole vault for another meet record.

Cougars Ice Blue Devils, 6-5, for County Crown

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man reliever Ryan Williamson.

"This was my first one. I was just as stunned as he [Brewster] was," Fortino said. "I caught an outside fast ball. Coach always tells me to go the opposite way. Go with the pitch!"

With Williamson on the mound, things would never be the same for the Blue Devil hitting arsenal. Williamson worked his breaking balls frequently and effectively to keep the Blue Devil sluggers off-balance. In his four and one-third innings, he

yielded three singles and a hit batter, while striking out four.

"Their 3-4-5 hitters are as good as we have seen all year," Cougar Head Coach Dennis McCaffrey said of Westfield. "Ryan was able to keep them off-balance. We are extremely excited about what we are going to get with Ryan. He is a very competitive kid, who keeps his composure. He's a gamer!"

"Coach [Kevin] Feeley always calls

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CHANGING THE COURSE OF THE GAME...Cougar coach Brian Chapman congratulates Nick Cook after he blasted a three-run homer in the third inning to tie the Blue Devils. Cranford went on to win, 6-5.

Cougar Snacks:

Baseball Cougars Tap Voorhees H.S., 6-0

The third-seeded Cranford High School baseball team got a six-hit pitching performance from Kurt Rutmeyer (5-1), en route to a 6-0 shutout of Voorhees in the first round of the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 tournament in Cranford on May 17. Greg Matlosz had a pair of hits, two RBI and a run scored. The Cougars will host JFK Iselin in the quarterfinals on Friday, May 21.

Softball Cougars Top Raiders in UCT, 16-1

Senior Kelly Hardman tossed a five-inning one-hitter in improve to 10-2 as the top-seeded Cranford High School softball team defeated Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 16-1, in the quarterfinals of the Union County Tournament in Linden. Nicole Ravetier rapped a pair of doubles, singled, had four RBI and scored three times. Julie Siragusa, Melissa Moreno and Olivia Salinaro had one RBI each.

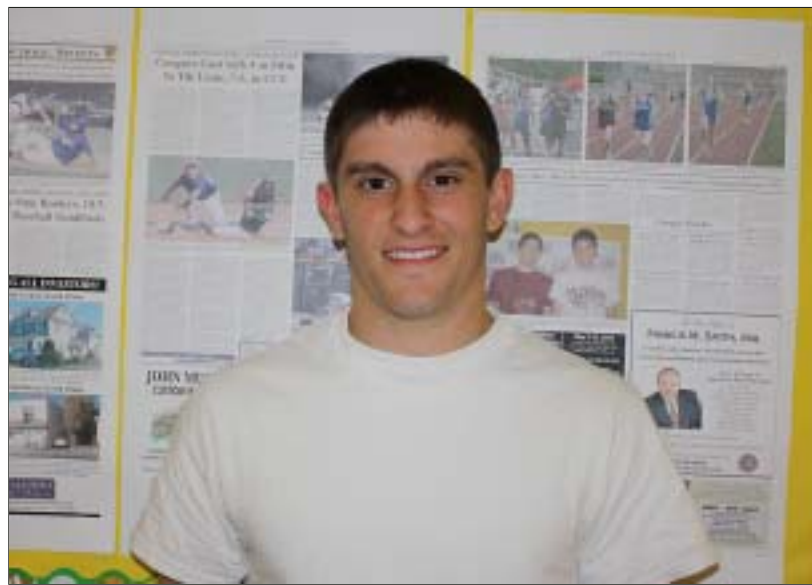
Cougar Laxers Stop Lady Vikings, 17-5

Mai-Lin Choy-Shan fired in seven goals and added three assists to lead the Cranford High School girls lacrosse team to a 17-5 victory over the Union Catholic Vikings in Cranford on May 17. Nicole Kleiman notched five goals and two assists for the 10-9 Lady Cougars.

Crusader Netmen Tip Cougar Boys, 3-2

The Bound Brook High School Crusaders boys tennis team tipped the Cranford Cougars, 3-2, on Friday, May 14.

First singles: Juan Suarez (B) d Alex Heucke, 6-1, 6-4
Second singles: Alex Perez (B) d Andrew Miller, 6-1, 6-0
Third singles: Christian Wu (C) d Tim Chau, 7-5, 6-4
First doubles: Andrew Specian and Anthony Specian (B) d Derrick Decagna and Dan Buono, 6-2, 6-4
Second doubles: Will Allen and Russell Hathaway (C) d Alex Perez and Matt Wood, 6-3, 6-3



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COUGAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK...Rob Ghiretti, a senior on the varsity baseball team, is hitting .382 for the season with a .978 fielding percentage. He was outstanding on defense in the Cougars' win this weekend against Westfield to capture the Union County Championship.

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RIISING TO THE OCCASION...Cougar freshman Ryan Williamson pitched like a veteran against the Blue Devils. In four and one-third innings, he yielded three singles and a hit batter, while striking out four.



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PREPARING TO ADVANCE THE RUNNER ON FIRST...Cougar Sean Feeney lays down a bunt to advance Rob Ghiretti to second base in the sixth inning. Feeney also drilled a double in the fourth inning.

Cranford Cougars Ice Westfield Blue Devils, 6-5, for Union County Baseball Championship

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the calls. I just have to stay over it, not lean back and follow through," Williamson explained. "I'm never nervous. You can't be nervous, because that can affect you. I threw

strikes. I kept my team in it." "He's amazing! A little freshman, he's got a lot more to learn. He is doing very well," Cook added. "The kid did a great job. He was

PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS	
ORDINANCE: NO. 705-2010	
FIRST READING: 5/13/2010	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 13TH day of May, 2010, and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Board of Chosen Freeholders to be held at its meeting room in the County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on the 10TH day of June, 2010, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested there i will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Administration Building of the County, and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the County who shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk of the Board in said County Administration Building

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE CONSENT OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION TO THE ISSUANCE BY THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS TAX-EXEMPT BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,360,000 AS FINANCING FOR THE UNION COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Board of Freeholders") of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized under the provisions of the Act to acquire real estate within the County by lease or purchase and to construct, reconstruct and rehabilitate improvements thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and the County are in the process of entering into a shared Services Agreement whereby the Authority has assumed a number of responsibilities relating to and in support of the proposed renovations and/or construction in connection with the Union County Child Advocacy Center Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by the Act, including without limitation Section 11 thereof (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-54(a)), to provide (i) public facilities for use by the County, including, without limitation, the provision for the acquisition of land (the "Property") for and/or the demolition, construction and renovation, as applicable, of the proposed Union County Child Advocacy Center Project located in the City of Elizabeth, and the acquisition of equipment and fixtures therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Authority had determined that in order to under take the Project the Authority will issue not to exceed \$3,360,000 of its "Revenue Bonds, Series 2010" (Union County Child Advocacy Center Project) (the "2010 Bonds"), to be secured by the Union County Child Advocacy Center Project Loan and Security Agreement ("Loan Agreement"), and to further induce the prospective purchasers of the 2010 Bonds to purchase the same, it will be necessary that payment of the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the herein defined 2010 Bonds be secured by a full faith and credit, unconditional and irrevocable guaranty of the County in accordance with this guaranty ordinance to be finally adopted by the governing body of the County and a guaranty certificate executed on the face of each Bond upon the issuance thereof by an authorized officer of the County (the "Guaranty"), all in accordance with Section 37 ("Section 37") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the 2010 Bonds will be applied to, inter alia, the payment of (a) the costs of the demolition, construction and reconstruction, as applicable, of the Union County Child Advocacy Project (b) the costs of the acquisition of equipment and fixtures for the Project, (c) costs of issuing the 2010 Bonds, (d) capitalized interest on the 2010 Bonds, if any, and (e) any other costs set forth in the Bond Resolution (hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, the County has determined to adopt a guaranty ordinance securing the timely payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and the interest on the 2010 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Bonds have such other terms as shall be set forth in that certain Resolution authorizing the issuance of the "Union County Improvement Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 (Union County Child Advocacy Center Project) of the Union County Improvement Authority and any Additional Bonds or Notes of the Union County Improvement Authority" adopted by the Authority prior to the issuance of the Bond (the "Initial Bond Resolution" and any amendments or supplements thereto in accordance with the terms thereof may be collectively referred to as the "Bond Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the payment of the principal of and interests on the 2010 Bonds are secured by a Deficiency Agreement by and among the County, the Trustee for the 2010 Bonds and the Authority (the "Union County Child Advocacy Center Project, Series 2010 Bonds Deficiency Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has made application, on behalf of the County, to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the "Local Finance Board") for the Local Finance Board's review of the financing, including, *inter alia*, the Loan Agreement, the Union County Child Advocacy Center Project Deficiency Agreement and the Guaranty; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and the Guaranty, the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount to make the timely payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the 2010 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, in order to market and sell the 2010 Bonds , (i) the Authority shall issue a Preliminary Official Statement (the "POS") and a final Official Statement (the "OS") , (ii) the Authority shall enter into a negotiated sale of the 2010 Bonds with one or more underwriters (collectively, the "Underwriter") pursuant to the terms of a bond purchase agreement (the "BPA"), (iii) the Authority, the County and the trustee for the 2010 Bonds, or any successor thereto in accordance with the terms of the Bond Resolution (the "Trustee") shall enter into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement") upon the issuance of the 2010 Bonds if necessary, convenient, useful or desirable in connection with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor rule or regulation thereto ("Rule 15c2-12"), and (iv) the County and the Authority shall take such actions and shall authorize, execute or acknowledge, as the case may be, and deliver such other documents, instruments or certificates as Bond Counsel to the Authority and to the County deem necessary, convenient, useful or desirable in order to issue the 2010 Bonds (collectively, the "Certificate"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the County and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Authority or the Participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with Section 13 and all other applicable law, the Board of Freeholders hereby consents to (i) the Project and the financing of same, (ii) the execution and delivery by the Authority of the Bond Resolution, the Bond Documents, the Loan Agreement, the Union County Child Advocacy Center Project Deficiency Agreement, Continuing Disclosure Agreements, and such other documents as necessary and reasonable for the transaction (the "Financing Documents"), which documents shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board prior to the issuance of any Bonds, (iii) the adoption by the Authority of the Bond Resolution, and (iv) the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds to effect such purpose. The consent hereto given to the Financing Documents contemplates the insertion of the final financing terms.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, County Counsel, Executive Director of the Authority, and the Law Office of John G. Hudak, Esq., LLC, Bond Counsel to the Authority.

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hitting the spots. His curveball was breaking a lot. We just didn't catch up to it," Fortino said.

"He got the ball in the strike zone. We hit it. We just didn't get it into open space," coach Brewster said. "The strike zone got very different, and that was upsetting to me. We didn't know the strike zone today. It was all over the place. It's the same for both

teams. You got to battle with it."

The Cougar third inning began with Sean Trotter's one-out single to right and a walk to Nick Pace. After Blue Devil pitcher Aiden Scanlon (5-2) struck out the next batter and walked Greg Matlosz, Osofsky ripped his

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A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Administration Building of the County, and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the County who shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk of the Board in said County Administration Building

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OR ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND DELIVERY BY THE COUNTY OF UNION OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY'S REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2010 (UNION COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER PROJECT) IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$3,360,000.

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Board of Freeholders") of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized under the provisions of the Act to acquire real estate within the County by lease or purchase and to construct, reconstruct and rehabilitate improvements thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and the County are in the process of entering into a shared Services Agreement whereby the Authority has assumed a number of responsibilities relating to and in support of the proposed renovations and/or construction in connection with the Union County Child Advocacy Center Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by the Act, including without limitation Section 11 thereof (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-54(a)), to provide (i) public facilities for use by the County, including, without limitation, the provision for the acquisition of land (the "Property") for and/or the demolition, construction and renovation, as applicable, of the proposed Union County Child Advocacy Center Project located in the City of Elizabeth, and the acquisition of equipment and fixtures therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Authority had determined that in order to under take the Project the Authority will issue not to exceed \$3,360,000 of its "Revenue Bonds, Series 2010" (Union County Child Advocacy Center Project) (the "2010 Bonds"), to be secured by the Union County Child Advocacy Center Project Loan and Security Agreement, and to further induce the prospective purchasers of the 2010 Bonds to purchase the same, it will be necessary that payment of the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the herein defined 2010 Bonds be secured by a full faith and credit, unconditional and irrevocable guaranty of the County in accordance with this guaranty ordinance to be finally adopted by the governing body of the County and a guaranty certificate executed on the face of each Bond upon the issuance thereof by an authorized officer of the County (the "Guaranty"), all in accordance with Section 37 ("Section 37") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the 2010 Bonds will be applied to, inter alia, the payment of (a) the costs of the demolition, construction and reconstruction, as applicable, of the Union County Child Advocacy Project (b) the costs of the acquisition of equipment and fixtures for the Project, (c) costs of issuing the 2010 Bonds, (d) capitalized interest on the 2010 Bonds, if any, and (e) any other costs set forth in the Bond Resolution (hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, the County has determined to adopt a guaranty ordinance securing the timely payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and the interest on the 2010 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Bonds have such other terms as shall be set forth in that certain Resolution authorizing the issuance of the "Union County Improvement Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 (Union County Child Advocacy Center Project) of the Union County Improvement Authority and any Additional Bonds or Notes of the Union County Improvement Authority" adopted by the Authority prior to the issuance of the Bond (the "Initial Bond Resolution" and any amendments or supplements thereto in accordance with the terms thereof may be collectively referred to as the "Bond Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the payment of the principal of and interests on the 2010 Bonds will be secured by a Deficiency Agreement by and among the County, the Trustee for the 2010 Bonds and the Authority (the "Union County Child Advocacy Center Project, Series 2010 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has made application, on behalf of the County, to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the "Local Finance Board") for the Local Finance Board's review of the financing, including, *inter alia*, the Union County Child Advocacy Center Project Deficiency Agreement and the Guaranty; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and the Guaranty, the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount to make the timely payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the 2010 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, in order to market and sell the 2010 Bonds , (i) the Authority shall issue a Preliminary Official Statement (the "POS") and a final Official Statement (the "OS") , (ii) the Authority shall enter into a negotiated sale of the 2010 Bonds with one or more underwriters (collectively, the "Underwriter") pursuant to the terms of a bond purchase agreement (the "BPA"), (iii) the Authority, the County and the trustee for the 2010 Bonds, or any successor thereto in accordance with the terms of the Bond Resolution (the "Trustee") shall enter into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement") upon the issuance of the 2010 Bonds if necessary, convenient, useful or desirable in connection with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor rule or regulation thereto ("Rule 15c2-12"), and (iv) the County and the Authority shall take such actions and shall authorize, execute or acknowledge, as the case may be, and deliver such other

two-run single over first, and Cook launched his three-run blast over the right-centerfield fence.

"It was a fast ball right across the plate. When it went off the bat, I knew it. It was gone. I got a hold of it," Cook said.

"We were fortunate that we were able to get a couple of runners on. Nick had a very good at bat and was

able to elevate it and get it out of the park," coach McCaffrey said.

After yielding a double to Sean Feeney in the fourth, Scanlon kept the inning scoreless with a diving grab of a popped bunt and a snag of a high hopper back to the mound, but the Cougars seized the opportunity in the fifth. Walano hit his second double of the game and advanced to third on a fly out to right. First baseman Kerr made a fine putout, while holding Walano at third, but a wild pitch to the next batter allowed him his chance to come diving home face first.

"He read the ball. Before the ball passed the catcher, Eric was on stride," coach McCaffrey said. "We have been practicing everyday before school for the last month. It's nice to see hard work pay off."

Murray and Anderson singled in the seventh, but a groundout to second gave the Cougars their sixth UCT title.

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documents, instruments or certificates as Bond Counsel to the Authority and to the County deem necessary, convenient, useful or desirable in order to issue the 2010 Bonds (collectively, the "Certificate"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the County and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Authority or the Participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. The Project and the financing of the Project through the Financing Documents (hereinafter defined) is hereby approved.

Section 2. The County Manager, Chief Financial Officer, County Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer or such other authorized officer of the County (each an "Authorized Officer") are hereby each severally authorized and directed, upon the satisfaction of all the legal conditions precedent to the execution or acknowledgment and delivery by the County, of the Union County Child Advocacy Center Project Deficiency Agreement, Series 2010 Bonds, the Union County Child Advocacy Center Project Loan and Security Agreement, the County Guaranty and the Continuing Disclosure Agreement and all other financing documents (collectively the "Financing Documents") to be so executed or acknowledged by the County, to execute or acknowledge and deliver such documents in substantially the forms presented hereto, with such changes thereto as the Authorized Officer, after consultation with counsel to the County, and other professional advisors to the County and the Authority (the "Consultants"), deems their sole discretion to be necessary, desirable or convenient for the execution thereof and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, which execution thereof shall conclusively evidence the Authorized Officer's approval of any changes to the forms thereof that will result from the sale of the Bonds, which financing terms shall be limited only by those financing term parameters set forth in the application of the Authority filed with the State Local Finance Board relating to the Bonds and the parameters set forth herein.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Freeholder Board (the "Clerk of the Board") is hereby authorized and directed, upon the execution or acknowledgment of the documents set forth in Section 2 hereof in accordance with the terms of Section 2 hereof, to attest to the Authorized Officer's execution or acknowledgment of such documents and is hereby further authorized and directed to thereupon affix the seal of the County to such documents.

Section 4. Upon the execution or acknowledgment and attestation of and, if required, the affixing of the seal on the documents set forth in Section 2 hereof as contemplated by Sections 2 and 3 hereof, the Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to (i) deliver the fully executed or acknowledged, attested and sealed documents to the other parties thereto and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officer deems necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

Section 5. The Freeholder Board hereby authorizes the preparation and the distribution of financial statements and demographic and other information concerning the County, the Project, the Financing Documents and the transactions contemplated thereby contained in the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement to be issued in connection with the marketing of the Bonds. In furtherance of such authorization, the Freeholder Board hereby directs the Authorized Officer to take such action and execute such certificates, documents or instruments as the Authorized Officer, after consultation with the Consultants deems in their discretion to be necessary, desirable or convenient in connection with the preparation and distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement to market the Bonds at the most efficient economical cost to the County, including without limitation, the execution and delivery of the County Letter in such form as is required by the Authority, the Underwriter and the Consultants to market the Bonds.

Section 6. The Freeholder Board hereby authorizes the performance of any act, the execution or acknowledgment and delivery of any other document, instrument or closing certificate, including without limitation, bring down certificates concerning the County Letter, which the Authorized Officer, after consultation with the Consultants, deems necessary, desirable or convenient in connection with this contemplated transaction, and the Board of Freeholders hereby directs the Authorized Officer to execute or acknowledge, attest and affix the seal to any such documents, instruments or closing certificates, the authorization of which actions shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution or acknowledgment, attestation, affixation and delivery, as the case may be, thereof by such persons. Such closing certificates shall include, without limitation, (a) a determination that any information provided by the County in connection with the preparation and distribution of the (i) Preliminary Official Statement is "deemed final" for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 and (ii) Official Statement constitutes a final Official Statement for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12, (b) a determination that the Continuing Disclosure Agreement complies with Rule 15c2-12, (c) a determination that any information provided by or on behalf of the County or relating to the County, the Project, the Financing Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby in connection with the preparation and distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement complies with Section 10 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and (d) any representations, warranties, covenants, certificates or instruments required by any issuer of a municipal bond insurance policy or any other form of credit enhancement securing all or a portion of the Bonds or the issuer of a rating on all or a portion thereof.

Section 7. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, it is expressly agreed and understood that the Authority may issue the Bonds in one or several series, accordance with one or more Preliminary Official Statement(s) and Official Statement(s), Continuing Disclosure Agreement(s), Guaranty(s), County Letter(s), Acquisition of 10 Cherry Street Deficiency Agreement, Series 2007 Bonds and Financing Document(s) and in accordance with one or more plans of financing.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 9. A public hearing shall be held on this ordinance on _____, 2010 at 7 P.M. at the Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Section 10. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to publish and post notice of this ordinance as required by law.

Section 11 Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, County Counsel, Executive Director of the Authority, and the Law Office of John G. Hudak, Esq., LLC, Bond Counsel to the Authority.

FORM OF ACQUISITION OF 10 CHERRY STREET DEFICIENCY AGREEMENT, SERIES 2007 BONDS

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

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UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY
ORDINANCE 703-2010
FIRST READING 5/13/2010

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey on May 13, 2010 and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders' office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4.0 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 687-2009) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$43,371,808 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED ON JULY 30, 2009, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 699-2010 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 11, 2010.

Purpose(s): Amend Section 4.O. of Bond Ordinance No. 687-2009 adopted on July 30, 2009 (as previously amended by Ord. No. 699-2010 adopted on February 11, 2010) to add the design and construction of the Galloping Hill Learning Center and various improvements to Galloping Hill and Ash Brook Golf Courses to the County golf course improvements authorized.

Clerk of the Board of
Chosen Freeholders
County of Union
State of New Jersey

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UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
ORDINANCE: NO. 704-2010
FIRST READING: 5/13/2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 13th day of May, 2010, and that said ordinance will be taken up for further

consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Board of Chosen Freeholders to be held at its meeting room in the County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on the 10th day of June, 2010, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested there i will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Administration Building of the County, and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the County who shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk of the Board in said County Administration Building.

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholder

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION OF THE LAW, ORDINANCES, POLICIES AND RESOLUTIONS OF UNION COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN LEGISLATION NOT INCLUDED THEREIN", ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION ON AUGUST 19, 1993

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE "LAWS OF UNION COUNTY"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that the "Laws of Union County" are hereby amended as outlined in the attached Schedule A: CONTINUED... (See attached)

Note: All text that is underlined is inserted/new language.
All text that is ~~struck through~~ is deleted language.

SCHEDULE A

**PART I -
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

ARTICLE XVIII, Department of Parks & Community Renewal
[Adopted 6-26-1997 by Ord. No. 452; Amended 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664]
§ 1-100. Department established; purpose; organization.
[Amended 6-20-2002 by Ord. No. 553; 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664; 6-25-09 by Ord. No. 686]

A. General Purpose: Departmental Organization. There shall be a Department of Parks and Community Renewal for the purpose of promoting and developing the planning, development and growth of the County of Union, coordinating all aspects of such through the efficient and effective use of financial, operational and administrative resources and to proactively address the needs of County residents. The Director shall be fully responsible for the Department's operation.

B. There may be a Deputy Director who shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Parks and Community Renewal and shall be responsible for developing plans and coordinating the implementation of plans for renovating existing park facilities and constructing new facilities.

C. The Department shall have a Bureau of Recreation and a Bureau of Administrative Support. The Chief of each Bureau shall be the head of the Bureau and shall report to the Deputy Director of Parks and Community Renewal.

* The functions of the Bureau of Recreation is to develop and administer programs to facilitate the public use and enjoyment of County parks, playgrounds, the Watchung

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UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
ORDINANCE: NO. 706-2010
FIRST READING: 5/13/2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 13th day of May, 2010, and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Board of Chosen Freeholders to be held at its meeting room in the County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on the 10th day of June, 2010, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested there i will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Administration Building of the County, and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the County who shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk of the Board in said County Administration Building.

Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

GUARANTY ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON CERTAIN REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2010 (UNION COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER PROJECT) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$3,360,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Board of Freeholders") of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized under the provisions of the Act to acquire real estate within the County by lease or purchase and to construct, reconstruct and rehabilitate improvements thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and the County are in the process of entering into a shared Services Agreement whereby the Authority has assumed a number of responsibilities relating to and in support of the proposed renovations and/or construction in connection with the Union County Child Advocacy Center Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by the Act, including without limitation Section 11 thereof (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-54(a)), to provide public facilities for use by the County, including, without limitation, the provision for the demolition, construction and renovation, as applicable, of the proposed Union County Child Advocacy Center Project located in the City of Elizabeth, and the acquisition of equipment and fixtures thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Authority had determined that in order to under take the Project the Authority will issue not to exceed \$3,360,000 of its "Revenue Bonds, Series 2010" (Union County Child Advocacy Center Project) (the "2010 Bonds"), to be secured by the Union County Child Advocacy Center Project Loan and Security Agreement ("Loan Agreement"), and to further induce the prospective purchasers of the 2010 Bonds to purchase the same, it will be necessary that payment of the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the herein defined 2010 Bonds be secured by a full faith and credit, unconditional and irrevocably guaranty of the County in accordance with this guaranty ordinance to be finally adopted by the governing body of the County and a guaranty certificate executed on the face of each Bond upon the issuance thereof by an authorized officer of the County (the "Guaranty"), all in accordance with Section 37 ("Section 37") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the 2010 Bonds will be applied to, inter alia, the payment of (a) the costs of the demolition, construction and reconstruction, as applicable, of the Union County Child Advocacy Project (b) the costs of the acquisition of equipment and fixtures for the Project, (c) costs of issuing the 2010 Bonds, (d) capitalized interest on the 2010 Bonds, if any, and (e) any other costs set forth in the Bond Resolution (hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, the County has determined to adopt a guaranty ordinance securing the timely payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and the interest on the 2010 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Bonds have such other terms as shall be set forth in that certain Resolution authorizing the issuance of the "Union County Improvement Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 (Union County Child Advocacy Center Project) of the Union County Improvement Authority and any Additional Bonds or Notes of the Union County Improvement Authority" adopted by the Authority prior to the issuance of the Bond (the "Initial Bond Resolution" and any amendments or supplements thereto in accordance with the terms thereof may be collectively referred to as the "Bond Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the payment of the principal of and interests on the 2010 Bonds are secured by a Deficiency Agreement by and among the County, the Trustee for the 2010 Bonds and the Authority (the "Union County Child Advocacy Center Project, Series 2010 Bonds Deficiency Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has made application, on behalf of the County, to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the "Local Finance Board") for the Local Finance Board's review of the financing, including, *inter alia*, the Loan Agreement, the Union County Child Advocacy Center Project Deficiency Agreement and the Guaranty; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and the Guaranty, the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount to make the timely payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the 2010 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, in order to market and sell the 2010 Bonds, (i) the Authority shall issue a Preliminary Official Statement (the "POS") and a final Official Statement (the "OS"), (ii) the Authority shall enter into a negotiated sale of the 2010 Bonds with one or more underwriters (collectively, the "Underwriters") pursuant to the terms of a bond purchase agreement (the "BPA"), (iii) the Authority, the County and the trustee for the 2010 Bonds, or any successor thereto in accordance with the terms of the Bond Resolution (the "Trustee") shall enter into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement") upon the issuance of the 2010 Bonds if necessary, convenient, useful or desirable in connection with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor rule or regulation thereto ("Rule 15c2-12"), and (iv) the County and the Authority shall take such actions and shall authorize, execute or acknowledge, as the case may be, and deliver such other documents, instruments or certificates as Bond Counsel to the Authority and to the County deem necessary, convenient, useful or desirable in order to issue the 2010

Reservation, open spaces and places of recreation; operating all County recreation facilities; and, coordinating park and recreational facilities, programs and special events of the County with other public and private recreational facilities within the County.

* The functions of the Bureau of Administrative Support is to establish and maintain essential records and files relative to the programs offered by the Department, ensure payroll conformity, prepare and reconcile contract bids and bills, and maintain construction progress schedules and reports.

D. The Department shall have a Bureau of Environmental Conservation. The Chief of the Bureau shall be the head of the Bureau and shall report to the Deputy Director of Parks and Community Renewal. The functions of the Bureau of Environmental Conservation will be as follows:

* Implementing and coordinating Household Special Waste, Computer and Electronics, and Battery/Motor Oil/Filters recycling events funded through the Solid Waste Services Tax

* Implementing and coordinating the Scrap Tire Management Program to fund cleanup and disposal of scrap tires found on public lands.

* Providing administrative and coordination assistance to municipalities in implementing the Clean Communities Program.

* Performing such other duties as may be required by the Director of the Division of Park Planning and Maintenance.

* Preparing and Disseminating all mandated statistical programmatic reports to appropriate agencies and officials.

* The Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Planning and Environmental Conservation shall also serve as the District Recycling Coordinator.

E. The Department shall have a Bureau of Governmental Relations and Community Outreach. The Bureau Chief shall report to the Director of Parks and Community Renewal. The function of the Bureau of Governmental Relations and Community Outreach is to develop and administer programs to facilitate the public use and enjoyment of County parks and recreational facilities in consolidation of County grant programs for maximum effectiveness. The Bureau shall include the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

F. The Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs functions and responsibilities shall include:

(1) Create, support and encourage programs promoting public interest and participation in local arts, history and culture.

(2) Maintain an annual preservation awards program commending noteworthy historic preservation.

(3) Educate the public on local, state and municipal efforts to preserve historical sites.

(4) Maintain an historic inventory as a resource for federal and state agencies and local planners.

[Amended 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 664]

G. The Department of Parks & Community Renewal shall consist of the following Divisions:

(1) Division of Planning and Community Development.

(2) Division of Information Technologies. [Added 7-22-1999 by Ord. No. 503]

(3) Division of Golf Operations. [Added 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664]

(4) Division of Parks Planning and Horticultural Services [Amended 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664]

§ 1-113. Division of Parks Planning and Horticultural Services

A. Division head. The Director of the Division of Park Planning and Horticultural Services shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Deputy Director of the Department of Parks and Community Renewal for its operation.

B. Division organization.

(1) Within the Division, there shall be the following subdivision:

a) The Bureau of Horticulture.

(2) The Division of Park Planning and Horticulture Services' functions and responsibilities shall include:

a) Responsible for developing plans and coordinating the implementation of



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Bonds (collectively, the "Certificate"); and
WHEREAS, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the County and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Authority or the Participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) **as follows:**

Section 1. Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 (Union County Child Advocacy Center Project) are sometimes collectively referred to herein as the "2010 Bonds".

Section 2. This guaranty ordinance shall be adopted by the governing body of the County in the manner provided for adoption of a bond ordinance as provided in the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended (the "Local Bond Law"), codified as N.J.S.A. 40A-2-1, et seq.

Section 3. Pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Act, specifically Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80), the County is hereby authorized to and hereby shall unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee the punctual payment of the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bond in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$3,360,000, which Series 2010 Bonds are to be issued to finance the Project as described in the preamble hereof, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by and between the County and the Authority. Upon the endorsement of the 2010 Bonds referred to in Section 3 below, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the 2010 Bonds, when due, in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of bond issued by the County and accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment thereof without limitation as to rate or amount when required under the provisions of applicable law.

Section 4. The County Manager and/or Chief Financial Officer of the County (each an "Authorized Officer") shall, by manual or facsimile signature, execute an endorsement on each of the 2010 Bonds evidencing this guaranty by the County as to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest thereon. The endorsement on each 2010 Bonds shall be in substantially the following form, and absent the fully executed endorsement in such following form on any such 2010 Bond, such 2010 Bond shall not be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance:

GUARANTY OF THE COUNTY OF UNION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

The payment of the principal of and interest on the within Bond is hereby fully, unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the County of Union of the State of New Jersey (the "County"), and the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on this Bond, when due, in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of bond issued by the County and accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment hereof without limitation as to rate or amount when required under the provisions of applicable law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Union of the State of New Jersey, has caused this Guaranty to be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of an Authorized Officer

COUNTY OF UNION
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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Section 5. It is hereby found, determined and declared by the governing body of the County that:

(a) This guaranty ordinance may be adopted notwithstanding any statutory debt or other limitations, including particularly any limitation or requirement under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law, but the aggregate principal amount of the Bond which shall be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance, being an amount not to exceed \$3,360,000, shall, after their issuance, be included in the gross debt of the County for the purpose of determining the indebtedness of the County under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

(b) The principal amount of the 2010 Bond entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance and included in the gross debt of the County shall be deducted and is hereby declared to be and to constitute a deduction from such gross debt under and for all the purposes of the Local Bond Law (i) from and after the time of issuance of the 2010 Bonds until the end of the fiscal year beginning next after the completion of the Project, and (ii) in any annual debt statement filed pursuant to the Local Bond Law as of the end of said fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year if the revenues or other receipts or moneys of the Authority in such year are sufficient to pay its expenses of operation and maintenance in such year and all amounts payable in such year on account of the principal of and interest on all such guaranteed 2010 Bonds, all bonds of the County issued as provided in Section 36 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-79) and all bond of the Authority issued under the Act.

Section 6. The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated: (a) The maximum principal amount of 2010 Bond of the Authority which are hereby and hereunder guaranteed as to the punctual payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon is and the maximum estimated cost the Project to be financed in accordance with the transaction contemplated hereby is \$3,360,000.

(b) The purpose described in this guaranty ordinance is not a current expense of the County and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(c) A supplemental debt statement of the County has been duly made and filed in the office of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State, and such debt statement shows that while the gross debt of the County, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by this guaranty ordinance by \$3,360,000 in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the net debt of the County is not increased, and the obligation of the County authorized by or incurred pursuant to the terms of this guaranty ordinance is permitted by an exception to the debt limitations of the Local Bond Law which exception is contained in the Act.

(d) All other items to be contained in a bond ordinance adopted pursuant to the Local Bond Law are hereby determined to be inapplicable to the County's guaranty of the 2010 Bond hereby.

Section 7. This guaranty ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law, but in any event no later than upon the issuance of the 2010 Bond.

Section 8. Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, County Counsel, Executive Director of the Authority, and the Law Office of John G. Hudak, Esq., LLC, Bond Counsel to the Authority.

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plans for renovating existing Park facilities, constructing new facilities, and environmental park programs.

(3) The Bureau of Horticulture's functions and responsibilities shall include:

a) Providing for the care, cultivation, planting and replanting of all lawns on County property.

b) Providing for the care, cultivation, planting and replanting of flowers and shrubs on County property.

Chapter 128. SMOKING POLICY

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union 9-23-1993 as Ord. No. 385. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 128- 1. Smoking defined.

For purposes of this policy, "smoking" means the burning of, inhaling from, exhaling the smoke from, or the possession of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other matter of substance which contains tobacco or any other matter that can be smoked.

§ 128- 2. SMOKING PROHIBITED.

A. (1) Smoking is prohibited in all areas of County buildings or structures. This includes but is not limited to all work areas, offices, conference rooms, hallways/ vestibules, stairwells, rest rooms, elevators, cafeterias, lounges and County-operated vehicles. [Amended 4-10-2003 by Ord. No. 569]

(2) Smoking shall not be permitted within 25 feet of ingress or egress to any County-owned or leased buildings.

(3) Appropriate signage shall be created and displayed to effectuate this requisite.

B. (1) Smoking is prohibited in all County owned recreational areas/facilities including boating facilities (docks and structures), ice-skating facilities, playgrounds, running tracks, all snack bars, swimming pools, ball fields, tennis courts, Watchung Stables and restrooms which support County-owned recreational areas/facilities.

(2) Smoking shall not be permitted within 50 feet of all recreational areas/facilities including boating facilities (docks and structures), ice-skating facilities, playgrounds, running tracks, snack bars, swimming pools, ball fields, tennis courts, Watchung Stables and restrooms which support County-owned recreational areas/facilities.

(3) Appropriate signage will be created and displayed at all affected recreational areas/facilities.

C. (1) The County may prohibit smoking at County sponsored events, including concerts, fairs, festivals, movies and other such events, at the discretion of the County Manager and with the advise and consent of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

(2) Appropriate signage will be created and displayed at all such events.

§ 128-3. Smoking outside of County buildings.

The time away from work for the purpose of smoking outside of County buildings and structures shall be limited to the scheduled and/or permitted break periods and meal breaks.

§ 128-4. Disposal of smoking products.

Employees and visitors/patrons shall make use of receptacles for the disposal of cigar or cigarette butts, or tobacco by-products and waste.

§ 128-5. Implementation of policy.

Department, Division Heads and Supervisors shall be directly responsible for the implementation of the policy and its enforcement within their areas of supervision and control.

§ 128-6. Policy questions.

Questions of interpretation or application of the policy shall be referred to the Office of the County Manager for response.

§ 128-7. Violations and penalties.

A. Members of the public who violate this policy shall first be ordered to comply with the policy. If the person continues to smoke in violation of the policy, then a fine shall be imposed upon the person in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 26:3D-56 et seq.*

B. A person, after being so ordered, who smokes in violation of this Ordinance is subject to a fine of not less than \$250.00 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense. A penalty shall be recovered in accordance with the provisions of subsections c. and d. of N.J.S.A. 26:3D-62.

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Torin P. Kelly, 54, Was WHS Graduate; Attained Prestigious Eagle Scout Rank

Torin Parr Kelly, 54, passed away on Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

Born on October 19, 1955 in Plainfield, N.J., Torin was the youngest of four sons born to Jack and Lois Kelly. He graduated from Westfield High School.

Torin was active in Boy Scouts from an early age, in BSA Troop No. 276. In 1979 he attained the rank of Eagle Scout, earning a total of 36 merit badges. Torin received a letter of congratulations from President Gerald Ford (the only president to have earned the Eagle Scout Award).

In 1979, Torin and his parents moved to Stuart, Fla., where he lived in a group home with other handicapped men. Torin enjoyed bowling, swimming, Special Olympics and

especially dancing.

After the deaths of both parents, Torin moved to Oklahoma to be close to his oldest brother, Brian. It was in Oklahoma City that Torin became a cherished part of the large, extended family of Brian's wife, Martha. Torin had a gentleness and kindness that was contagious, and everyone who knew him loved him dearly. He will be greatly missed.

Torin is survived by his brothers, Brian and his wife, Martha, Kevin, and Alan and his wife, Johanne; his nephews, Lance Kelly and Antoine Paré-Kelly, and his nieces, Tara Maher, Cate Kelly, Susanne Kelly and Terri Lynn Knight.

Torin's ashes will be interred at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, in the Garth of St Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield.



Torin P. Kelly

Warren J. Bowers, 85, Navy Veteran; Senior Project Electrical Engineer

Warren J. Bowers, 85, of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, May 18, at Atlantic Hospice of Overlook Hospital.

Born in Jersey City, he moved to Scotch Plains in 1950.

Mr. Bowers received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers University, graduating in 1949. After proudly serving in the United States Navy for three years during World War II aboard a destroyer in the Pacific, he worked as the senior project electrical engineer for MAN-Roland Inc. of Middlesex, retiring in 1990.

Mr. Bowers also served as an Elder in the Reformed Church of America and was active in the Scotch Plains recreation baseball league.

His wife, Jean, predeceased him

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10002777
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-20211-08

Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS BANKER'S TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN FOR MORGAN STANLEY MSAC 2007-HE1 BY: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. F/K/A MERITECH MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

VS.

Defendant: KEVIN SMITHWRICK; PAULETTE SMITHWRICK

Sale Date: 06/02/2010

Writ of Execution: 03/22/2010

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: ***Three Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Two Hundred Four and 73/100*** \$386,204.73

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Scotch Plains in the County of Union, State of New Jersey

Commonly known as: 215 Haven Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

tax Lot No. 19 in Block 801

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 50 feet x 90 feet

Nearest Cross Street: New Jersey State Highway, US Route 22

Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available - You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.

Title Number - 103484

Block 801, Lot 19

The total amount due for past due taxes is \$0

The total amount due for Sewer is \$259.17 as of 5/5/2010

Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): None

Total Upset: ***Four Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Seven and 74/100*** \$438,867.74 together with lawful interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

Ralph Froehlich
Sheriff

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Fee: \$206.04

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— Obituaries —

Salvatore Giaimo, 85, Military Veteran; Avid Cyclist For Charitable Endeavors

Salvatore T. Giaimo, 85, of Scotch Plains, N.J. died on Monday, May 10, at his daughter's home in Dunedin, Fla.

Born August 2, 1924 in Jersey City, N.J., he was the son of the late Anthony and Matilda Giaimo. He moved to Westfield, N.J. in 1959 and spent 30 years there before retiring to Scotch Plains in 1989.

Two brothers, Frank and Sam, predeceased him.

He is survived by his former wife, Gloria, of Dunedin, Fla.; his sons, Joseph and his wife, Sally, of Vernon, N.J., James and his wife, Sybil, of Plainfield, N.J., Jeffrey and his partner, James, of Basking Ridge, N.J., and Jason and his wife, Hetal, of Pleasanton, Calif.; his daughters, Joan Giaimo and Judy Giaimo, of Dunedin, Fla., and a brother, Basil



Salvatore T. Giaimo

Giaimo of Dixon, Ill. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Jamie Boyle, Douglas Kimball, Jainam Giaimo, Ashni Giaimo, Justin Giaimo and Jayden Giaimo, and two great-granddaughters.

Mr. Giaimo graduated from Dickinson High School in Jersey City in 1942, and later attended Jersey City State College, where he majored in education.

He worked for 40 years at the Bayonne Navy Yard as a refrigeration mechanic and was a United States Army veteran who served his country in the 51st Constabulary Squadron in Germany during the Berlin Airlift. Mr. Giaimo also was a United States Navy veteran, serving alongside his older brother, Frank, in the Navy's Construction Battalion – the Seabees.

He was an avid bicycle rider and raised thousands of dollars for Muscular Dystrophy and March of Dimes by competing in long-distance road races throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida. At the age of 65, he completed a 125-mile race in Florida from Key Largo to Key West. Mr. Giaimo supported the New York Blood Center by donating more than 12 gallons of blood and was given a lifetime achievement award for his efforts.

He enjoyed life fully, was always the talkative one, was curious about life and the future, loved construction and visiting houses under construction, and had hundreds of war stories that he liked to tell.

A private memorial service will be held on Monday, May 24, at 10 a.m. at the Mease Dunedin Hospital Chapel, 601 Main Street, Dunedin, Fla. 34698.

Flowers may be sent to the chapel to arrive the day of the service. Letters of condolence may be sent to Joe and Sally Giaimo at 3 Glenview Lane, Sussex, N.J. 07461.

May 20, 2010

Carl E. Hoffman, 54

Carl Edward Hoffman, 54, died on Monday, May 17, in Westfield as a result of cancer.

Born in Plainfield, Carl grew up in Scotch Plains and attended boarding schools in Haddonfield and New Lisbon. He had lived in Westfield for nearly 15 years in a group home run by The Arc of Union County.

Carl is survived by his mother, Dorothea Hoffman, and his sister and brother-in-law, Edith and John Konopka, all of Westfield.

He was predeceased by his father, Carl H. Hoffman.

Burial will be private.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts to The Arc of Union County, 52 Fadern Road, Springfield, N.J. 07081.

May 20, 2010

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SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-09002030
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-1735-08

Plaintiff: RESIDENTIAL CREDIT SOLUTIONS, INC.

VS.

Defendant: RUSSELL J. YEAGER, DEBORAH M. YEAGER, HIS WIFE

Sale Date: 06/02/2010

Writ of Execution: 03/24/2009

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: ***Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six and 50/100*** \$275,836.50

The property to be sold is located in the Borough of Fanwood, County of Union and State of New Jersey

Commonly known as: 41 Ariene Court, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023

Tax Lot No. 13 in Block No. 41

Dimensions of Lot Approximately: 65 x 157

Nearest Cross Street: Pleasant Avenue

BEGINNING at a point on the northwesterly side line of Ariene Court, distant therein as measured along said side line of Ariene Court on course of North 46 degrees 57 minutes 10 seconds East 407.89 feet from a point by the intersection of the said side line of Ariene Court if extended in a southeasterly direction with the northeasterly side line of Pleasant Avenue if the same were extended in a southeasterly direction and running thence.

Prior Liens/encumbrances

Total as of April 1, 2010 \$0.00

Total Upset: ***Three Hundred Twenty Six thousand Two Hundred Eighty Five and 39/100*** \$26,285.39 together with lawful interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

Ralph Froehlich
Sheriff

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& 5/27/10

Fee: \$185.64

Seniors to Be Given Lessons In Operating Cell Phones

AREA – The Union County Senior Citizens Council, in partnership with AT&T, will offer free, one-on-one sessions on Thursday, June 3, to assist seniors who have cell phones but are not always sure how to use them. Seniors who currently do not have cell phones also will be welcome.

This private training will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Union Township Senior Center, located at 968 Bonnel Court in Union.

Participants should bring their own mobile phones regardless of their wireless carrier. Sample phones and prepaid units will be available for those who do not own a cell phone, but who want to learn how to use one.

Each participant will have a 20-minute private session with an AT&T trainer, who will explain how to operate a cell phone with ease and how to make the most of today's technology.

‘Dog Whisperer’ to Present Program at Local Library

WESTFIELD – Jamie Casale, known as “The Dog Whisperer,” will present a program at the Westfield Memorial Library on Wednesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. to help dog owners understand the way dogs think, the way a dog views human behavior and how improved communication can help with behavioral issues. A question-and-answer session will follow.

Ms. Casale teaches owners how to establish a bond of trust and respect with their dog that enhances communication with their pet. “I help people understand how social and pack relationships are a critical part of dogs’ behavior and communication, which in turn gives us methods to deal with their behaviors in a way that the dog will un-

derstand,” said Ms. Casale. “We all need to speak the same language.” Ms. Casale is an experienced professional dog trainer/behavioral counselor who provides private one-on-one training and offers a “Doggie Boot Camp” for clients throughout New Jersey and New York.

This program is open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street. To register, access the library's website, wmlnj.org, and click on the Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, extension no. 4140.

The registration fee for individuals is \$20 by Tuesday, May 25, and \$25 after that date. To register, visit therunningcompany.net. Entry forms may be mailed or dropped off at the Westfield Running Company, located at 17 Elm Street in Westfield. Packets may be picked up at Westfield Running Company from June 8 to June 12.

All proceeds will benefit the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care. To donate online, access centerforhope.com.

For further information about the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care or the 5K Run/Walk for Hope, call the Center for Hope at (908) 889-7780 or e-mail rcoloney@centerforhope.com.

Lois Ann Roesel, 68, Former Secretary For Westfield and F-SP School Districts

Mrs. Lois Ann Hallenbeck Roesel, 68, of Mocksville, N.C. died on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at Duke University Hospital in Durham, N.C.

She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on June 16, 1941 to the late Millard O. and Marion Newton Hallenbeck. Mrs. Roesel grew up in Cranford, N.J. and graduated from Cranford High School and The Katharine Gibbs Business School.

Mrs. Roesel had worked primarily as an executive secretary for the Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood, N.J. school systems. While she and her husband, Bill, raised their four children in Fanwood, she was active in her church and its Young Life and Marriage Enrichment program.

She and Bill retired to Mocksville in 1997. Mrs. Roesel was a member of the Smith Grove United Methodist Church, the Mocksville Garden Club, the Senior Center and Friends of the Library, and had served on the board



Lois Ann Roesel

of the Davie County Arts Council. She gave God the glory for her family, her blessed life and many friends.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, William “Bill” C. Roesel; her sons, Gary, David and Steven; a daughter, Bonnie Lawrence; nine grandchildren; a sister, Claire “Ginger” McCulloch; a nephew, John, and a niece, Kristen.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, at the Smith Grove United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 21, at Eaton Funeral Home in Mocksville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be considered for the Smith Grove UMC Endowment Fund, c/o the Davie Community Foundation, P.O. Box 546, Mocksville, N.C. 27028.

Online condolences may be made at www.eatonfuneralservice.com.

May 20, 2010

William A. Ellis, 84, Chemical Engineer; Had Worked at GAF and C.F. Braun

William Albert Ellis, 84, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, April 23, 2010, at the Woodlands in Plainfield.

Born in Elizabeth, he was brought up in Roselle Park. He moved to Scotch Plains in 1955.

Mr. Ellis was a veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Navy.

He was a graduate of Bucknell University and received his master's degrees from New York University and Stevens Institute of Technology.

Mr. Ellis had been employed as a chemical engineer with C.F. Braun in Murray Hill before retiring in 1983. He also was employed at GAF in Linden for 21 years.

He was a member of Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity at Bucknell and a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers since 1957.

Additionally, Mr. Ellis was the former treasurer for St. Paul's

Lutheran Church in Elizabeth and was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford.

He was predeceased by his wife, Patricia Portman Ellis, in 1988, and his sister, Dorothy McKelvie, in 2009.

Surviving are three sons, retired Scotch Plains Police Lieutenant Jeffrey Ellis, Scotch Plains Fire Chief Jonathan Ellis and Andrew Ellis; his daughter, Linda Szegeti and her husband, Robert, and six grandchildren, Christina, Nicole and Spc. Joseph Ellis, U.S. Army, currently serving in Afghanistan, and Alyssa, Cassandra and Adam Szegeti.

Services were held on Saturday, May 1, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

May 20, 2010

St. Paul's Choir to Perform Rutter's Requiem Sunday

WESTFIELD – The St. Paul's Episcopal Church Choir will perform a rarely-heard symphonic version of *Requiem* (1985) for chorus and orchestra by British composer John Rutter this Sunday, May 23. Members of the Grammy Award-winning New Jersey Symphony will accompany the choir. St. Paul's Director of Music, Charles Banks, will conduct.

The concert will begin with a performance of the “Concerto No. 1 for Organ and Orchestra in F Major, (Opus 137)” by German composer Josef Rheinberger. Eric Plutz, principal university organist at Princeton University, will be the concerto soloist. Formerly organist and director of music at the Church of the Epiphany in Washington, D.C., he has performed throughout the United States and abroad.

Rutter's featured *Requiem* is in seven movements: Requiem aeternam; Out of the Deep; Pie Jesu; Sanctus; Agnus Dei; The Lord is My Shepherd, and Lux aeterna. Soprano soloist for the Pie Jesu will be Carey Hackett, an accomplished solo artist, choral singer and conductor. As a solo artist, she has performed with the Vorhees Choir in Paris and at the Cathédrale Notre-Dame

AARP Chapter Sets

Date For Luncheon

WESTFIELD – Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will hold its luncheon on Monday, June 7, at noon at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield. For information and reservations, interested persons are asked to call Dominic at (732) 388-4367.

WCW Public Meeting

To Address Towers

WESTFIELD – The Woman's Club of Westfield will host an open meeting on Monday, May 24, at 1 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, located at 1011 Central Avenue in Westfield.

The subject of the meeting will be PSE&G's intention to erect power line towers extending all the way from the Delaware Water Gap to the Highlands in the northwest corner of the state, across intervening communities and counties to Jersey City.

Some of these towers would be as high as a 16-story building. Much lower towers already in existence have been blamed for local outbreaks of cancer. Some scientific studies refute these claims.

Mark DiIunno, the author of an April 23 article in *The Star-Ledger*, will be a speaker. Anne Hoskins of PSE&G also is scheduled to attend. She is vice-president of Public Affairs and Sustainability.

de Chartres, and with the Prospect Presbyterian Church Choir, touring Canada and the United Kingdom.

Her performance experience spans the entire choral repertoire, from early works to baroque and classical masterpieces like Handel's *Messiah* and Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* to contemporary pieces like the *Requiem*.

Soprano Julia Fernandez will be the featured soloist in the *Requiem's* Lux aeterna. Ms. Fernandez has performed throughout Europe and the United States.

The concert will start promptly at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a gala reception. A \$15 donation is suggested. St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 414 East Broad Street in Westfield. For directions, visit stpaulswestfield.org.

MS Scholar to Examine Future in Medicine

MOUNTAINSIDE – After school lets out in June, 16-year-old David Jennings of Mountainside will be going to college. David has been chosen to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine's (NYLF/MED) 10-day program at Babson



Eric Plutz



David Jennings



Courtesy of Nancy Leonard

A REVELATION...This home has been enticing travelers along Westfield's Mountain Avenue for about three years, when its extensive renovations first began. It will finally be revealed on June 5 as part of the Friends of Westfield Symphony Annual Tour of Notable Homes.

Landmark Residence To Be Revealed on Home Tour

WESTFIELD – Of all the houses on the Friends of Westfield Symphony Orchestra Tour of Notable Homes, to be held June 5 for the benefit of the area's acclaimed orchestra, one seems to be getting special buzz.

The home – a Westfield centurion located on Mountain Avenue that was obscured by spruce trees most of its life – has undergone a complete transformation since 2006, when its original stucco sheath was removed. Since then, 70 craftsmen and artisans have created a vibrant arts-and-crafts-style home for 21st Century living.

To enter through the original double chestnut doors with their frosted glazing is to find oneself in a world of fabulous moldings, coffered ceilings, leaded glass transoms, mahogany, herringbone oak and marble flooring, a kitchen with an 11-foot Carrara marble-topped central island and La Cornue Chateau stove said to be one of only a few in the country.

In this world, the sunny master suite is warmed on winter nights by a fireplace, and the couple that lives here enjoys a his-and-hers dressing room and closet with pristine private bath suite.

Men will envy the secluded grand "gentlemen's retreat," completely fitted with accommodations for working

at home or relaxing pastimes, and all will admire the sophisticated pool area surrounded by lush gardens with four seasons of interest.

Home Tour Chair Gretchen Castorina promised that, in addition to the residences, the tour will hold many additional features. There will be a musical interlude, the always-popular plant sale featuring both flowers and herbs, a luxury gift basket raffle, an Oriental rug raffle, a selection of Tibetan decorative home accents and refreshments served in the garden of one of the homes. All proceeds will benefit the Westfield Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets for the 2010 Tour of Notable Homes are \$30 when purchased prior to Saturday, June 5, when they will be sold at \$35. They are available in Westfield at Baron's Drug Store, Coldwell Banker Realtors East and West, Prudential NJ Properties, Two River Community Bank, The Town Bookstore, Weichert Realtors and Westfield Symphony Orchestra office.

In Fanwood, they are available at Irma's Hallmark, in Cranford at Periwinkle's Fine Gifts and in Mountainside at Christoffers Flowers.

Further information is available by calling the Westfield Symphony Orchestra office at (908) 232-9400 or at westfieldsymphony.org.



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By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
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Director Jon Favreau, who tries to top or at least match his *Iron Man* (2008) with *Iron Man 2*, might have benefited from the baseball adage, "Don't show 'em all your pitches in the first three innings." But then, if he had held back, the first film mightn't have been the groundbreaking sensation that it was. It's a Catch 22 worthy of the franchise.

While the aura and splendor of adolescent fantasy that embodies comic books are present here in all their optimistic possibilities, gone is that thrill of first discovery. The making real of a superhero via the synergy of man and machine is now a fait accompli. What we're left with in round 2 are but the nuts and bolts of repercussions.

Six months have passed since weapons mogul Tony Stark (Robert Downey, Jr.) has shed his secret identity. As Iron Man, he has managed to sow peace among the major nations. Of course, that isn't enough in some power grubbing corners. Though you can appreciate their argument, even the U.S. Senate isn't at ease with Stark's proprietary monopoly.

But Garry Shandling's clownish Senator Stern and his resentful Armed Services Committee aren't the self-appointed peacekeeper's most dangerous detractors. Carving a niche among the ranks of villainous personae, Mickey Rourke is properly distasteful as Ivan Vanko, the vengeful offspring of a scientific genius Tony's dad allegedly wronged.

A chip off the old block, Ivan also knows his way around the gizmos, gadgets and theorems of highfalutin technology. In fact, he may be dangerously close to mimicking the synergy of organic and inorganic properties that has literally propelled his golden boy antithesis to global fame. However, Tony's biggest problem may be the enemy within.

Out-rocking the very notion of rock stardom and regularly burning the laser beam at both ends, he incessantly flaunts his success, essentially challenging Achilles for who can exude the most hubris. Continuing the analogy, instead of his heel it's the hole in his chest – the one with the palladium-inserted canister – that symbolizes his fate.

You see, the palladium, while both keeping him alive and empowering him like Popeye's spinach boosted to the nth power, is also poisoning him. Which explains why he's behaving like Bette Davis's Judith Traherne in *Dark Victory* (1939). Snubbing his nose at friend and foe alike, he celebrates his quandary in showy displays called expos.

Rounding out the classic, comic-book elements is Gwyneth Paltrow as Pepper Potts, the sweetly realized, low

key dream gal Stark has yet to realize as such...proving once again that you always hurt the one you love. As his personal assistant, she's concerned not only with Tony's well-being and legacy, but that he might run Stark Industries into the ground.

It's all in there – love, hate, power struggle and the perennial race by competing societies to be one up in the technology department – a veritable microcosm of everything that has occupied civilization since time immemorial. Neatly packaged in glossy tones with light show punctuation, it is a colorful primer, an intro to poli-sci.

As such, younger minds will be gratified to find confirmed many of the truths they had suspected all along. In this respect, director Favreau, inspired by the seminal work of Marvel Comics mainstays Stan Lee, Larry Lieber, Don Heck and Jack Kirby and working from a script by Justin Theroux, successfully transfers the comic book culture to film.

The metaphors are apt and poetically ironic. And though delivered with a tempering of popular, rebellious cynicism, the justice meted out ultimately bears a distinct, American flavor. Adult viewers should enjoy the refresher course in Machiavellian politics whilst recognizing the purely coincidental resemblance between characters fictional and real.

But even if *Iron Man 2* does take a tiny next step up the FX ladder, it can't satiate the electronic monkey Hollywood has insidiously planted on our backs. While things go snap, crackle and pop at regular intervals, filmgoers seeking a multi-media jaunt of the psychedelic kind may prefer to revisit their copy of *2001: A Space Odyssey* (1968).

Still, Mr. Theroux's script is infused with a steady diet of witticisms and barbs delivered by an engaging cast. Robert Downey, Jr., while glibly subtle almost to a fault, is nevertheless a winning title superhero; Gwyneth Paltrow is appropriately winsome as the love interest; and Mickey Rourke amuses as the movie villain version of a junkyard dog.

But if the original was a soaring, cinematic symphony of comic lore, philosophy and kaleidoscopic invention, here those attributes are programmed and perfunctorily churned out with player piano precision. Try as he may to put the artistic palette to the metal, Mr. Favreau's directorial alchemy just can't turn *Iron Man 2* into motion-picture gold.

Iron Man 2, rated PG-13, is a Paramount Pictures release directed by Jon Favreau and stars Robert Downey, Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow and Mickey Rourke. Running time: 124 minutes.

UCPAC Prepares to Jam With Rusted Root in May

RAHWAY – Rusted Root, America's perennial jam band, will headline Union County Performing Arts Center's first-ever "School's Out Jam Band Concert" on Friday, May 21, at 8 p.m. Opening the evening will be the Adam Ezra Group. Tickets are on sale now at ucpac.org or by calling (732) 499-8226.

"We engaged Rusted Root to expose a different audience to the extraordinary setting and acoustics of our magnificently restored theater," said Sandy Erwin, UCPAC executive director. "They are an extremely gifted group that has more than earned its stellar reputation for high-end music that is firmly rooted in laid-back story-telling, instrumental virtuosity and fun."

Rusted Root was formed in Pittsburgh by singer/guitarist Michael Glabicki in the early 90's and rose to worldwide fame with the platinum-selling album "When I Woke," which featured the hit song "Send Me On My Way."

The band has sold more than three million albums worldwide and has emerged as one of the industry's top touring bands, having shared the stage with the likes of Toad the Wet Sprocket, Santana, the Grateful Dead, the Dave Matthews Band, The Allman Brothers Band, and Jimmy Page and Robert Plant.

The band will play songs from its 2009 album, "Stereo Rodeo," as well as old fan favorites.

Tickets, which cost \$37.50 and

\$27.50, may be purchased by calling (732) 499-8226 or online at UCPAC.org. The UCPAC Box Office, located at 1601 Irving Street in Rahway, is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Teen Arts Exhibit Begins Tour in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced that the 2010 Teen Arts Traveling Exhibit will open this year's tour of Union County at the Springfield Public Library, located at 66 Mountain Avenue in Springfield. The artwork will be on display through June 10 during regular library hours.

The exhibit consists of 62 pieces of art selected from more than 700 visual artworks shown at the 2010 Union County Teen Arts Festival held in March at Union County College in Cranford.

The exhibiting students include: In Mountainside, Deerfield Middle School's Jodie Zheng; In Scotch Plains, Union County Vo-Tech's Esha Lezama; In Westfield, Edison Intermediate School's Lucia Liu and Roosevelt Intermediate School's Anna Centrella.

For more information, call (908) 558-2550 or e-mail culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

Madrigal Singers Honor 'Faces of Love'

WESTFIELD – The Madrigal Singers will present "Faces of Love," a program of a cappella music and readings drawn from the riches of six centuries, on Sunday, May 23, at 4 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Westfield (FUMC).

Classical guitarist Christopher Kenniff will join Director Elaine Fiorino and reader Judy Sullivan as they celebrate the mystery, magic and mayhem of this uniquely human emotion.

From the polyphony of Victoria's *Tenebrae facta sunt*, a portrayal of the



Madrigal Singers

Art Show Raises Record Amount for Newmark

PLAINFIELD – The sixth annual Art Show held at Newmark School on Friday, April 23, saw an estimated \$41,000 raised – a record amount in the event's history. Nearly 400 people attended the event, which showcased a range of artwork by students from both the Newmark School, a K-8 facility in Plainfield, and Newmark High School in Carteret.

"The Art Show was a tremendous success thanks to the inspiring creativity of our students and the dedication of our parents, staff and sponsors," said Cynthia Allman, co-founder and co-executive director of both schools. "Raising an estimated \$41,000 speaks to the generosity and support from our sponsors and attendees and we cannot thank them enough."

The event, which serves as a major fundraiser for both schools, showcased a range of student artwork, from sculptures to paintings to computer-generated works.

Newmark School and Newmark

High School serve children from districts throughout the state with learning disabilities and behavioral disorders.

"The money raised from this event will go toward specialized programming for our students. It's this type of programming that makes our schools unique," said Ms. Allman.

The Art Show saw the Newmark School transformed into an art gallery with each piece of artwork skillfully displayed and lit. Throughout the evening, students served hors d'oeuvres, as attendees took in more than 200 pieces of art.

Attendees had the opportunity to show off their own creativity by contributing to a large piece of community art. Children were treated to a room devoted to the making of various art projects.

The evening also included a live auction and a raffle of gift baskets. Artwork reproductions on items such as note cards, mugs and mouse pads were also available for purchase.



Courtesy of Edward Gates

MAKING THE MARK...Newmark School eighth-grader Nick Partenope of Westfield holds a mixed-media piece he created for the annual Art Show hosted by Newmark School and Newmark High School on April 23. Also pictured are, from left, Regina Peter and Cynthia Allman, co-directors of the schools, and event co-chairs Wendy Schmidt of Scotch Plains and Dennis Fleck of Fanwood. Both Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Fleck are parents of Newmark School students.



A TOTAL KNOCKOUT...*Fancy Footwork*, a character study of the politics of the boxing ring, will be performed this weekend at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains. For more, see below at bottom of the page.

Trent Johnson to Play Final Concert on Millburn Organ

MILLBURN – New Jersey organist and composer Trent Johnson will play the final concert on the Beckerath organ, celebrating the 40th season of

Letters.

Mr. Johnson is director of Music and Organist of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bernardsville, where

he leads a program of choirs and instrumentalists, and is also music director and conductor of the Oratorio Singers and Orchestra of Westfield.

An active organ recitalist, Mr. Johnson has performed recitals in many of the major churches, concert halls and cathedrals in the United States, Europe and Japan. He has also performed on "the mighty Wurlitzer" for the 2006 Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular and on occasion has supplied organ accompaniment for the showing of silent films.

A suggested donation of \$10 will be accepted at the door. A reception for the artist follows the recital. For further information, the church can be reached at (973) 376-0688 or consult ststephensmillburn.org.



Trent Johnson

PTC to Host Discussion On Summer Reading

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Parent-Teacher Council Special Education Committee will host a program entitled "Summer Reading and Social Programs to keep the Edge" on Wednesday, May 26, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Edison Intermediate School library, located on the second floor. The school is located at 800 Rahway Avenue.

Marybeth Hertis, a licensed psychologist, will discuss programs available for children who are anxious or struggle in social circumstances to learn, practice or refine their social skills during the summer break. Ms. Hertis has a master's degree in counseling psychology from Seton Hall University and is licensed by the state as a professional counselor. She has over 20 years experience teaching social skills both in the classroom setting and privately. Ms. Hertis maintains a private practice in Westfield, treating individuals, couples and families with an emphasis on anxiety, depression, and parenting effectiveness.

David Katz, a certified Ortho-Gillingham reading specialist, will discuss summer reading and writing programs to brush up or improve a child's skills. Mr. Katz will talk about ways parents can create home-learning environments to build a child's vocabulary and reading comprehension skills over the summer, as well as how to improve their child's writing skills.

Mr. Katz has a MAT and is a fellow candidate for the Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators. He is a special education teacher in private practice in Metuchen, and a resource room teacher for the Linden Public Schools. He frequently presents

SPFHS's Curtains Nominated for Awards

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD – Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Repertory Theatre's spring production of *Curtains* has been nominated for four Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards.

Three Repertory members were nominated for Student Achievement Awards: Devra Traiman for student choreographer, Vangelis Dimopoulos for student musical director and Samantha Mannino for stage manager. Additionally, the entire production was nominated for The Educational Impact Award.

The Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards are modeled after the Tony Awards; Paper Mill's program serves the entire state of New Jersey, with 100 entered productions from public, private and parochial schools. They have ignited the careers of many notable performers, all of whom attended high school in New Jersey, including Academy Award nominee Anne Hathaway and Tony winner Laura Benanti.

The 2010 Rising Star Awards ceremony at The Paper Mill Playhouse is set for June 8.

teacher-training programs, and has been an adjunct professor at several local universities in the tri-state area.

This program is free and open to the public. For further information visit westfieldnj12.org/specialparents.

Bands Gather in GW To Battle Cancer

GARWOOD – On Friday, May 28, bands from all areas in New Jersey will come together and rock to battle blood cancers. The bands are donating their time to help raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS).

One hundred percent of proceeds made will be donated to the LLS in hopes for a cure for this cancer. The Crossroads, located at 78 North Avenue in Garwood, plays host.

The show starts at 8 p.m., and tickets cost \$6. The show is for those over the age of 21.

Bands participating in this benefit show include the Ugly Club, Martian, Young American Artists, Bah Bah Bahrain and The Tattle Tales. All bands can be found on myspace.com

Letter Carriers Slate June 6 MDA Walk

WESTFIELD – The Westfield and Mountainside letter carriers of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 1492, will hold their annual six-mile walk to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy on Sunday, June 6.

The walk will be held at 7 a.m. at Tamaques Park in Westfield. Money raised will help to send local children to the MDA summer camp located in Spring Valley, N.Y. Tax-deductible donations can be made by sending checks made payable to MDA to Branch 1492/MDA, P.O. Box 152, Westfield, N.J. 07091.

Individuals also may give donations to their letter carrier. For more information, call Lenni Brooks at the Westfield Post Office at (908) 233-1168 or Jose Frago at the Mountainside Post Office at (908) 233-1670.

'Footwork' Studies Politics of the Ring

SCOTCH PLAINS – A Mix Productions and All Saints' Episcopal Church will present the New Jersey premiere of the play *Fancy Footwork*. The performance is a benefit for the church, located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Fancy Footwork, by Irish playwright Miriam Gallagher, is a character study of the politics of the boxing ring. The performance, which features a choreographed fight, is appropriate for all ages.

Performance dates are Friday, May 21, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 23, at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. To learn more, call (866) 811-4111. For directions, visit allsaints-spnj.org.



Linda B. Condrillo for The Westfield Leader and The Times
QUICKFIRE COOKING...Larger-than-life fellow “chefestants” watch over Ariane Durate, left, and Ashley Merriman as they show off their knife skills in a makeshift set at the 21-city “Top Chef” traveling road show in Westfield on May 15.

Westfield Savors ‘Top Chef’ TV Promo Tour

By LINDA B. CONDRILLO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD – Fans of the popular reality TV show “Top Chef” were cheering “Bravo!” when Mother Nature refrained from cooking up a storm last Saturday. A big rig large enough to house a complete professional kitchen rolled in to the parking lot opposite Lord & Taylor on May 15, attracting foodies far and wide.

The Emmy Award-winning show’s 21-city traveling tour, produced by Bravo, the NBC cable network, chose the Westfield locale.

Season 5 and 6 Top Chefesants Ariane Durate and Ashley Merriman, respectively, hosted interactive cooking demonstrations from an outdoor

stage set up to resemble the popular program. *Al fresco* dining, with restaurant-style table seating, was set up for the participants, who sampled the fare and picked the chefs’ brains.

Ms. Duarte prepared spot prawns with Parmesan risotto cake and a tomato shrimp sauce. The New Jersey restaurateur currently operates the four-star (but who’s counting) CulinAriane at 33 Walnut Street in Montclair.

Ms. Merriman, who originally hails from Center Sandwich, N.H., treated the audience to eggplant campanota with homemade mozzarella balls. Ms. Merriman told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*, “I’m really excited to meet people from all different parts of the country and to meet fans. They all want the juice on the judges.”

Participants also competed for a chance to win prizes by testing their senses and food knowledge in a series of smell tests, as they attempted to identify the correct scent in cans of spices.

Downtown Westfield Corporation Executive Director Sherry Cronin told the newspaper, “I think it’s wonderful [for the tour] to be in Westfield.”

Out-of-towner Erica Fisher of Pennsylvania was accompanied by her two elementary-school age boys, Aiden and Noah, who both could not

wait to go home to try some of the unique combinations of ingredients demonstrated by the accomplished chefs.

After wowing the audience with food, Ms. Duarte and Ms. Merriman signed a variety of merchandise, including “Top Chef” cookbooks, celebrity headshots and even a leg cast.

The Kapadias family of Westfield

NJMEA Recognizes GW School’s Modero as ‘Master’ Music Teacher

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

GARWOOD – Roselle Park resident and Garwood public school vocal, instrumental and general music teacher Marguerite Modero received a New Jersey Master Music Teacher Award from the New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA) at the NJMEA State Conference held at the Hilton in East Brunswick this past February.

In addition, Mrs. Modero received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Arts Education earlier this month in Trenton.

“It was so exciting to be recognized as Master Music Teacher by the New Jersey Music Educators Association,” Mrs. Modero said. “After more than 30 years, it is very gratifying to have your work validated by your peers.”

Her involvement with music and the performing arts has been a lifelong process, one that began at the age of 4, when she started taking dance lessons.

She then continued with violin, piano, guitar and voice.

Ms. Modero was educated in the Clifton public school system, where she participated in the vocal and instrumental music ensembles.

It was Ms. Modero’s vocal music teacher, Pearl Anderson Micheli, who inspired her to become a music educator.

“She was my mentor then and still is today,” said Ms. Modero.

A Cum Laude graduate of New Jersey City University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education and Voice, Ms. Modero has taught in the Garwood Public Schools for more than 30 years.

“I had to learn all the instruments so that I could teach them, but vio-

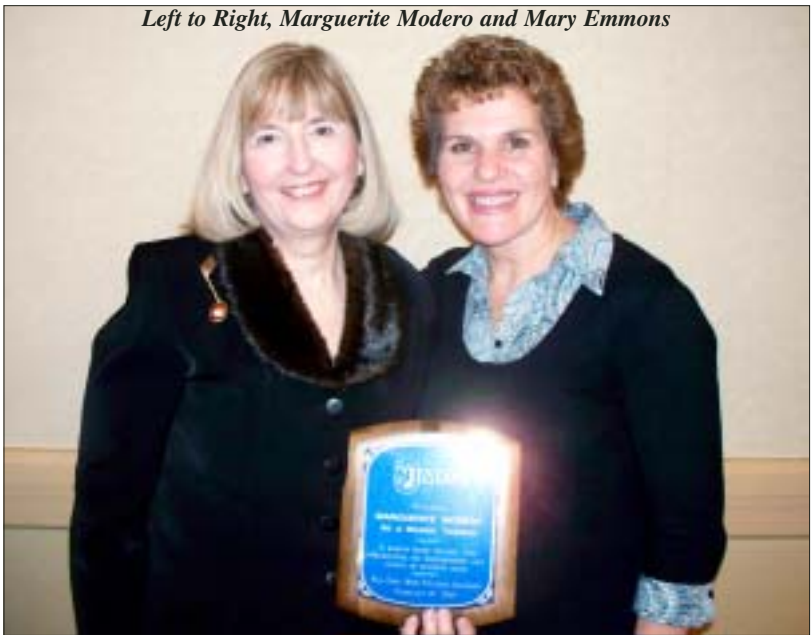
lins, piano and voice are the ones at which I am most proficient,” she said.

One of her many accomplishments is the yearly eighth-grade musical, which she introduced to Garwood Schools in 1980.

“It was to be a project to help unify the students in the eighth-grade class. We started with three lollipop-stand microphones, simplistic costumes and one composite set,” she explained.

Now, three decades and more than 1,000 participating students later, the eighth-grade musical is a tradition, having performed such well-known productions as *Seussical*, *The King and I*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *The Sound of Music* and *Annie*.

“Our level of sophistication [now] is something I never could have imagined then...[We now have] wireless microphones, uplifting, multiple sets, costumes and makeup that rival many high school produc-



tion, he said, will be particularly helpful for the teens who “have the aptitude but perhaps not the resources” to explore further their energies for the arts.

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Paid interns from Kean University will help with costuming, sets and lighting, and on the final day of August 6, there will be a reception with certificates for the participants of the program. The campers will perform scenes written by the Middle School students in Session 1 and will produce their own final showcase at the end of the camp.

For Mr. Wooten, this is a major part of Premiere Stages’ education initiative to encourage playwriting and acting talents in youth. For preteens and teens in the Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood area who have been waiting to explore acting or playwriting, it sounds like an amazing opportunity.

To learn more, call (908) 737-4092, e-mail enagel@kean.edu or download an application at kean.edu/premierestages/camp_forms2010.pdf. If interested in offering philanthropic support to provide scholarships for students to attend the camp, or to simply enhance the program, make donations at keanfoundation.org.

Teens Can ‘Take the Stage’ With Premiere Stages’ Summer Camp

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

UNION – During an economic climate in which schools are laying off teachers, and the arts are seemingly the first classes to go, Premiere Stages at Kean University has an answer to help develop emerging artists and encourage teens to continue their arts education through the summer.

In year’s past, they have offered one summer class for preteens and teens, but because of a grant from the Westfield Foundation, Premiere Stages is offering two camps for young theatre artists this summer.

Erica Nagel, coordinator of the camp, is excited about the playwriting camp for ages 11 – 14 which she will run from July 19 to July 30.

“A generous, collaborative, ensemble building atmosphere is solidified in the first few days of camp so that the children are free to write what is in their heart and mind,” she said. “They are given structure and guidelines, but we also give them freedom to express themselves in writing original plays.”

Then, as a group, they will devise a play and present it physically, she said in a recent phone interview. Even though there is a range of experience in the students who attend the camp, they all can get to see how art and theatre intertwine.

The students will play improvisational theatre games and participate in physical activity as well as be given journals in which to write daily. They get to do the kind of creative writing that the schools cannot accommodate during the year.

“The end result is not the goal, but the process of learning collaboration to create a work is the point of the program,” Ms. Nagel said of the Premiere Stages summer program that was started in 2004.

John Wooten, producing artistic director of Premiere Stages, will oversee the second two-week program, “Taking the Stage,” which will instruct teen campers from ages 15 to 18 in the art of acting.

Mr. Wooten, an acclaimed professional playwright, producer and director, said the classes would include scene work, monologues with professional actors acting as speakers and instructors.

“We’re putting the word out there, especially for Westfield students and the surrounding area, to give them the chance to increase their awareness of the passion we have for this program,” he said.

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SPEAA Takes Trip To Phila. Museum

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association’s first bus trip of the season will be on Thursday, June 24, to the Philadelphia Museum of Art to see the “Late Renoir” exhibition.

It follows the renowned painter through the most fertile and innovative decades of his career. At the height of his creative powers and looking forward to posterity, Renoir created art that was timeless, enticing, and worthy of comparison to the greatest of the old-world masters.

The bus departs from the Scotch Plains Municipal Building Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m. and returns around 5 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$58, which includes the bus, museum admission, the exhibit ticket and audio tour.

For reservations and information, call Anne Gibbons at (908) 232-2631 by May 22, as the museum requires reservations one month in advance.

Did You Know...

For the third time, a Westfield façade was featured in a “Saturday Night Live” skit? Last Saturday, footage of Ferraro’s Restaurant opened a sketch about “The Swim Team Awards,” SweetWaters and the former Jolly Trolley were used in previous episodes. Now you know!

Freeholders Gallery Welcomes CAU Exhibit

ELIZABETH – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will present an art exhibit of paintings and mixed-media pieces created by participants in Community Access Unlimited (CAU).

The artworks can be viewed through June 1 at the Freeholders Gallery on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth. The gallery hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“The arts program, funded in part by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, gives an opportunity to a number of our members to be exposed to different elements of art and dance that allow them to strengthen and diversify important skills, such as personal interaction, decision-making, and self-esteem,” said Joanne Oppelt, CAU Development Director.

“We’re also grateful and honored that our visual arts participants are given the opportunity to share their work through an exhibit at the Freeholders Gallery,” she added.

CAU provides support services for more than 4,000 people with disabilities and at-risk youth each year. Kerry Paone, a professional artist who teaches the arts program, believes that art provides positive reinforcement that CAU members can translate into other areas of their lives.

“The program gives members the opportunity to feel real accomplishment and validate themselves,” said Ms. Paone. “When they are making art, I encourage them to listen to and trust themselves. That reinforces their self-esteem and teaches them that they really have an inner wisdom.”

For further information about CAU and its services, contact (908) 354-3040. Additional information can also be found at caunj.org.

Westfield’s Eisenberg Offers Laughs in Improv Comedy Class

Looking for some laughs? Are you a fan of “Who’s Line Is It Anyway?” Tickle your funny bone by taking New Jersey Youth Theatre’s three-



week “Improv Comedy” class, taught by Aaron Eisenberg, from June 29 to July 15.

Eisenberg, a Westfield native, hosts People.com’s “The Intern Asks” comedy show and coaches an award-winning improv comedy

troupe. A long-time stand-up comic at New York City comedy clubs, Eisenberg will teach the class Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at New Jersey Youth Theatre’s studio, 172 West Westfield Ave., Roselle Park.

The class, open to anyone 15 or older, will feature improv comedy games and scenes, showing students how to react quickly in funny ways and release their inhibitions. Register for the \$100 Improv Comedy class by June 15 by calling New Jersey Youth Theatre (908) 233-3200. Full payment (check or cash) can be sent to New Jersey Youth Theatre, 656 Westfield Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090 or brought to the first class.

More details about the Improv Comedy class appear on the New Jersey Youth Theatre website, www.njyouththeatre.org. New Jersey Youth Theatre (NJYT) offers acting, dance, musical theatre and voice classes to children 5 and older. NJYT will present the musical *Rent* at New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark (www.njpac.org) July 16-25 and Algonquin Arts Theatre (www.algonquinarts.com) in Manasquan July 30-August 8.

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Newark/NJPAC to Host 2010 Dodge Poetry Festival

NEWARK – From Thursday, October 7, through Sunday, October 10, the City of Newark and New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) will host the largest poetry event in North America, the 2010 Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival.

Tickets for the festival went on sale last Friday, April 23.

The Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival, an initiative of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation held biennially in even-numbered years since 1986, is a celebration of poetry that immerses participants in four days of readings, conversations and performances.

Eleven of the previous 12 festivals have been held at Waterloo Village in Stanhope. When it was announced by the Dodge Foundation that the 2010 festival would be canceled due to financial restrictions, the City of Newark and NJPAC stepped forward to partner with the foundation to ensure the event’s continuation.

The festival’s debut in Newark is expected to attract audiences upwards of 20,000.

“The festival’s rebirth in New Jersey’s largest city is rich with possibilities,” said David Grant, president and CEO of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. “With our main partners – the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the City of Newark itself—we share a vision for a ‘Poetry Village’ in the heart of the city’s vibrant Downtown Arts district.

“We hope those who were unable to find transportation to the festival at our previous location will take advantage of multiple opportunities to reach Newark by mass transportation,” he continued, “and I believe they will be excited and moved by what they experience.”

“This is simply momentous in the evolution of Newark as one of the region’s leading cultural destinations,” said Lawrence P. Goldman, President and CEO of NJPAC.

More than three dozen leading poets will participate in the 2010 Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival, beginning with an opening celebration on the evening of Thursday, October 7; the event culminates in a poetry summit on Sunday October 10, featuring four U.S. Poets Laureate: former Poets Laureate Billy Collins, Rita Dove and Mark Strand, as well as the current Laureate, Kay Ryan.

All four days of the festival are open to the general public. In addition, the Festival offers programs for high school students and teachers at all levels, from elementary school through college. More than 4,200 students and 2,000 teachers from throughout the country participated in the most recent Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival.

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